

The Lifeline

The Monthly Newsletter of St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Shawnee, Kansas

February 2008

From the Rector

ON THE LAST PAGE of this *Lifeline* is a reproduction of a banner that we are having printed to advertise worship services here at St. Luke's, with special hope that the people in our neighborhood notice the fact that we now have an evening service on Sundays. I was persuaded to go this route because I am not finding that newspapers ads generate all that much interest. In fact, in an informal poll of visitors and newcomers during the past year, we've learned that most of them learned about us from our website. Therefore, a lot of time and effort has been put into making our website attractive and easy to navigate. However, in order to raise our profile among our most immediate neighbors, I am hoping that a banner will remind them that we are here and "open for business."

BY THE WAY, if you haven't yet checked out the Sunday evening worship service, I really encourage you to do so. Shawn Streepy and Steve Paddock have really done a nice job designing a worship experience is different from what you'll experience here on Sunday mornings. And since attendance is still fairly light, it is a very intimate and informal affair. I try to get to the Sunday evening worship service every other week on average, and find that it is very relaxing. In fact, I would recommend that each of you, as part of your Lenten discipline, make the effort to attend at least one of our Sunday evening worship services, and bring a friend along with you.

THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING came off without a hitch. There were a lot of people in attendance; thank you all for taking the time to be there. Congratulations to Carol Garton, Todd Gordon, and Mary Hayselden for their election to the vestry, and to Marcia Streepy and Kate Wood for their election as parish delegate and alternate delegate. But special thanks to John Hoffman, Melissa Neufeld, and Cindy Speicher who also stood for election to the vestry but were not chosen; I really appreciate your willingness to take on this task, and encourage you to keep on trying. At a very brief vestry meeting after the annual parish meeting, Pat Gray was elected Clerk of the Vestry, and Victor Clarke was elected Junior Warden of the Parish. I was also pleased to announce, at the annual parish meeting, that Russell Jones has agreed to be Senior Warden of the Parish in 2008. I believe it's shaping up to be a very good year, indeed!

FINALLY, EVERYONE IS INVITED to the First Annual Sunday Evening Service Super Bowl Party. We are moving the start of the Sunday Evening Service up to 4:30 on Sunday, February 3, so we can meet in the Parish Hall at 5:17 for the kick-off of the Super Bowl. Please join us for a meal of soup, salad and bread. If you'd like to come, please contact Shawn Streepy by e-mail at shawn@stlukes.net (please do not call – Shawn is notoriously bad at checking his phone messages) before Sunday.

May God bless you all.

Fr. Jim

On the Parish Calendar

February

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| 2 | 4:30pm | 1 st Annual Sunday Evening Service Super Bowl Party. |
| 5 | 6:00pm | Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper |
| 6 | 12noon | Ash Wednesday Worship |
| 6 | 7:00pm | Ash Wednesday Worship |
| 12 | 6:00pm | Tuesday Evenings in Lent: "Earl" |
| 13 | 12noon | Lenten Midweek Refresher |
| 18 | 6:30pm | Dinner Club: Trolley's Downtown Bar & Grill |
| 19 | 6:00pm | Tuesday Evenings in Lent: "Earl" |
| 20 | 12noon | Lenten Midweek Refresher |
| 22-23 | | Youth Group: 30-Hour Famine |
| 26 | 6:00pm | Tuesday Evenings in Lent: "Earl" |
| 27 | 12noon | Lenten Midweek Refresher |
| 29 | 7:00pm | Book Club: "River of Doubt" (Tentative date) |

March

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| 4 | 6:00pm | Tuesday Evenings in Lent: "Earl" |
| 5 | 12noon | Lenten Midweek Refresher |
| 12 | 12noon | Lenten Midweek Refresher |
| 16 | | Palm Sunday |
| 20 | 7:00pm | Maundy Thursday worship |
| 21 | 12noon | Good Friday Worship & Meditations |
| 21 | 7:00pm | Good Friday Worship & Stations of the Cross |
| 23 | | Easter Sunday! |

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Parish News 'n Events

Earl is Coming!

Join us for our annual Lenten Series as we watch and discuss the television program “My Name is Earl.” If you haven’t met Earl, you’re in for a treat as Earl tries to undo his life of selfishness by doing something good for every person he has ever harmed. We’ll discuss the issues of penitence, redemption, grace, and all other topics that are raised by the program.

The Lenten Series starts Tuesday, February 12, and will meet at 6:00 PM on that Tuesday, and the next three successive Tuesday evenings. We will share a light meal of soup and salad first, and then watch and discuss the program. Please sign up in the narthex if you’d like to help out.

Lenten Midweek Refresher

Wednesdays at Noon, February 13, 20 & 27; March 5 & 12

Bring your sack lunch to church on Wednesdays during Lent and join us for fellowship, prayers, and a brief lesson.

Ash Wednesday

The season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 6. We will gather in the sanctuary at 12 Noon and 7 PM for Holy Eucharist and the Imposition of Ashes.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

The youth group (with the expert help of Charlie Smith) will once again be hosting the Shrove Tuesday pancake supper on February 5. Final details have yet to be ironed out, but look for us to start serving at about 6 PM. Tickets will be available in advance on Sunday, February 2, or at the door. Mark your calendars, and come hungry!

Lenten Meditations

Fr. Jim has compiled a booklet of Bible readings, meditations, and prayers to take you through the season of Lent. This is intended to be used in conjunction with the United Thank Offering “Blue Boxes” which we will also be distributing. As you work your way through Lent using Fr. Jim’s booklet, express your thanks by putting your spare change into the Blue Box.

Sunday School News

8th – 12th Grade: Beginning January 27, our students began an exiting series on Spiritual Gifts. During this course, we are looking at what are spiritual gifts, and what gifts God gives each of us, and how we can share them in our church, community and at home. Students are taken through a process to help them identify their specific gifts. This should be an exciting experience for us to share. Hopefully we can all gain some insight into how we might serve the community and put our faith into practice. **BUT WE NEED YOU BACK!** Because the more of you that come to our class the better experience we all will have. See you Sunday January 27 at 9:15 downstairs. (There will be donuts!!)

4th – 7th Grade: During Epiphany we will be learning more about the Bible by looking at the book, *How the Bible Came to Us*, by Meryl Doney. We have returned to the ever-popular game, “Devil” (if you know how to play Old Maid, you already know how to play!), to round out the time each week.

During Lent we plan to discuss Lenten disciples and prepare for our part in the Good Friday re-enactment of the Stations of the Cross. Please Join us!

3Yrs thru 3rd Grade (Godly Play): Our Sunday School class celebrates a different Bible story or cultural Christian legend each week. We represent the stories through pictures, cut-outs, collages, paint and clay. If you have old Christmas cards that you would like to give to our class, we would love to have them. We use them often in our projects.

Annual Meeting Election Results

Elected at the annual parish meet to three-year terms on the Vestry are Carol Garton, Todd Gordon, and Mary Hayselden. Elected to serve a three-year term as Parish Delegate and Alternate Delegate were, respectively, Marcia Streepy and Kate Wood.

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Music Notes

As another season begins, we would like to ask folks to consider joining us for Lent/Easter. We have had some new people join us and there is room for more! Bring the gift of song into the next season!

Help Us Care for Our Organ

Parents, please encourage your children to refrain from playing on or around the organ. Even when the console is closed and locked, there are parts that can be accidentally damaged. Vicki is only too happy to “show and tell” to anyone who’s interested.

They’re Going to Mount Rushmore!

Boy Scout Troop 246, which has been located at St. Luke’s for many years, is going to Mount Rushmore. In addition to seeing the sights, they have been given the honor of lowering the American flag at that location; only 120 groups out of the more than 400 who request it are granted this opportunity. The cost per Scout for this trip is about \$185, for which they are trying to raise the funds. If you would like to make a donation to help offset the costs, please talk to Fr. Jim or Larry Still. Thank you.

Congratulations

Beth Butler, daughter of Ellie and Swede Holmberg, received her Master’s degree in Special Education from Mid America Nazarene College. Beth is a Behavior Disorder teacher at Olathe North HS.

Dinner Club

The February dinner club will be held at Trolleys Downtown Bar and Grill, 9100 W. 135th St. (A little west of Antioch, on the north side of the street) on Monday, February 18, starting at 6:30 PM. Your hosts are Mike and Maxine Jones. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex. Check online for more information at www.op.trolleysgrill.com/index.php.

Prom Dresses, Suits, etc.

Cross-Lines is for the fourth year collecting prom dresses, suits, and jackets for area teens who cannot afford these luxuries to attend school proms. St Luke’s is for the second year helping them. Please bring any current style prom dresses, suits, or jackets to church and hang on the coat rack in the narthex. Jim and I will pick them up and deliver them to Cross-Lines. Clothing should be clean and in excellent condition. Thank you so much for your help.

– Deb Callaway

2007 Contribution Statements

Contributions statements are now available for you to pick up. Please, if you find any errors in your statement, contact the parish office so that we can correct it and issue you another statement.

Please Support Thirty-hour Famine

30-Hour Famine is an international youth movement to fight hunger. Before the “famine date” (February 22-23), members of our youth group raise money through donors and sponsors to help the millions of starving and hurting children in some of the world’s poorest countries. The youth group then goes 30 hours without food, so that they can have a real taste of what hunger is like. During this time, they will engage in a variety of activities. Afterwards, the money they raise will be sent to World Vision, where it will be put to work in areas like Malawi, Peru, North Korea, and even here in the United States. Thirty-hour famine will bring our group closer together and to God, feed hungry children, and change our world forever. Please support the members of our youth group in thirty-hour famine.

Adult Sunday Class

Each Sunday morning, you are invited to a Bible study program in the parish hall, 9:15-10:00 am. This is a really good class and I highly recommend it. The content is good, the discussion is good, and everyone will gain by it. Please don’t forget to bring your Bibles.

Book Club

The book club is tentatively scheduled to meet on Friday, February 29, at the home of David & Nancy Kahn (14512 W. 69th Terr, Shawnee; 631-7488) to discuss the book *River of Doubt* by Candice Millard. Please check the Sunday bulletin inserts, or the online parish news page, later in the month for confirmation of this information.

Current Outreach Efforts

• Community Food Pantry. In February, the food pantry is asking for donations of chile, stew, and crackers. In addition, they are accepting your donations of warm winter wear. And, as always, Best Choice labels with the bar code included can be redeemed by the pantry for 3¢ each.

• Breakfast at St. Paul’s. Join us the fourth Saturday as we serve breakfast to the poor and homeless. If you’d like to car-pool, be at St. Luke’s at 8AM, or meet us at St. Paul’s (18th & Washington) at 8:30.

• The Rector’s Discretionary Fund. These monies are at the disposal of Fr. Jim to use on short notice to provide assistance for people in need. As this is the first Sunday of the month, all loose and undesignated income will go into this fund. You can also contribute to this fund by making your check payable to “St. Luke’s”, and designating it for the “Rector’s Fund”.

• Cross-Line. Cross-Lines is for the fourth year collecting prom dresses, suits, and jackets for area teens who cannot afford these luxuries to attend school proms. St Luke’s is for the second year helping them. Please bring any current style prom dresses, suits, or jackets to church and hang on the coat rack in the narthex. Jim and I will pick them up and deliver them to Cross-Lines. Clothing should be clean and in excellent condition. Thank you so much for your help.

• United Thank Offering. We are distributing the UTO Blue Boxes for you to use in Lent. UTO’s vision is to significantly impact the lives of women and children because of Christ’s love. To achieve this vision they focus particularly on projects that implement significant change toward alleviating profound human suffering that the Millennium Development Goals address.

Youth Group!

*Youth Group is from 5-6:30pm Sunday Nights!
Grades 6-12 are welcome and friends are allowed!*

Important Upcoming Dates Include:

February 2nd Bake day @ St. Luke's, 1:00 pm
February 3rd No Youth Group
February 22-23rd 30 HR famine
March 7-9th Happening #80
March 14-15th Bump City Lock-in with St. Thomas

Bake Day!

The youth group will be baking brownies to sell Super Bowl Sunday! If you would like to donate brownie mix send me an e-mail!

The 30-Hour Famine!

What? An overnight/ fundraiser to create hunger awareness
When? Feb. 22-23rd
Where? @ The Luke
Who? Anyone grades 6-12 (friends are welcome!)
Why? To support the community and those in need and to grow closer as a group! (More info. to come!)

Ask youth members about the 30 HR famine. They will be taking donations to fight world hunger. We will be having an overnight to focus on world hunger that will bring us together as a group and with God. Please make a donation!

Happening #80!!!!

What? The MOST AWESOME spiritual retreat ever.
When? March 7-9
Where? St. Michael's and All angels in mission
Who? High school students grades 9-12 (and adults)
Why? Learn more about yourself, others and Jesus.

Laura Cook is one of three rectors in charge of planning and hosting the event happening. This one is my personal favorite! It is open to youth grades 9-12 and adults. This one will be in the KC area and I STRONGLY encourage anyone who has not been through to go to this one. (The next one will more than likely be far away also lets support Laura!!)

Get your registration for this event at:
www.episcopal-ks.org/youth

Bump City!

You asked for it, the Bump City Lock-in. We have been invited to join St. Thomas at Bump City on March 14th! Leave your calendar open to join us for some awesome gymnastic-style fun and games!

Adults!

Adults! If you know of any volunteer activity for the youth group LET ME KNOW! We are continuing our R.O.T.C. program this year (which stands for reaching out to the community) and would love for your input!

Also, we are looking for Adult mentors! If you feel called to ministry at St. Luke's but do not have much time, or do not know what your talents will best help with, then this one is for you! All that we ask is that you: feel mentors are important in the lives of youth, are willing to call one member once a month, and are willing to possibly attend a soccer game/play/hockey game! It will be a blast! I encourage you to stretch yourself and join the ministry of youth mentoring!

Youth Members!

If you do not receive e-mails from me, then I do not have your correct e-mail address. Shoot me an e-mail if you would like to get e-mails about upcoming events!

Shoot me an e-mail, if you have questions or comments, at youth@stlukes.net

See you Sunday night!
- Christina

*It's a great time
to be a youth at
"The Luke!"*



Hey, kids! Color this picture of Jesus and give it to Fr. Jim so he can decorate his office door.

Write your name here.

Remember in Your Prayers ...

For Health & Strength

Our Agape Family; Alan; Bill Allen; Kay Allen; Don & Blanche Anderson; Larry Andrews; Kathy Bagby; Bob Brownell; Amanda & Jason Coleman; Mike Dishman; The Thomas Bickle Family; Andrew Coleman; Charlotte Davis; Pat DeLong; Bruce Evans; Justyn Exman and Family; John Farmer; Marsha Gribble; Christie Gutierrez; June Harlow; Don Harmon; Charles & Catherine Hinchey; Ricky & Sherry Holtman; Lisa Houghton; Kathy & Zach Hudon; Colleen Hurley; Tim Janicke; Gail Kent; family of Cpl. Kessler; the Kurtz family; Rev. Arleigh & Betty Lou Lassiter; Anne Liebst; Vic Lenoir; family of Spc. Libby; Steve Lynch family; the McElwer family; Elizabeth aMcGranahan; Charles McGuinn; Niki McKechnie; Chris Mueller; Ellene Nash; Terri Newby; Chuck Owens; John Owen; Nicki Papanton; Lauren Perry; Katie Pejril; Annette Redler; Jimmy Shelton; Judy & Krista Sherman; Jason & Autumn Smart; The Speicher family; Pat Smith; Bill Super, John Urnes; Molly Weaver; *and especially* **Julie Pink, Joan Boyd, June Harlow, A. J. Kennedy, Ellene Nash, Pat Brown, Karlee McQueen, Ricky Holtman, & Pat Smith.**

O God, the strength of the weak and the comfort of sufferers: Mercifully accept our prayers, and grant to these your servants the help of your power, that their sickness may be turned into health, and our sorrow into joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

February Birthdays

Elizabeth Mathew	1
Rose Schrempp	3
Max Hayselden.	5
Bob Wrede	6
Mallory Paddock	7
Nancy Hayselden	12
Tim Rohrer, Jr.	15
Chris Knabel	18
Blanche Anderson	23
Dee Lispi	24
Tom Hayselden	26
Jason Wymer	27
Clareen Jones	28

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant ___ as s/he begins another year. Grant that s/he may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen his/her trust in your goodness all the days of his/her life. Amen.

February Anniversaries

Todd & Jennifer Gordon	9
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O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send therefore your blessing upon your servants, ___ and ___, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace. Amen.

In Memoriam

[None in our database.]

Father of all, we pray to you for those we love, but see no longer: Grant them your peace; let light perpetual shine upon them; and, in your loving wisdom and almighty power, work in them the good purpose of your perfect will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Homebound & Shut-In

Wanda Kirkham, Annette Redler,
Dorothy Shockley, Catherine Hinchey

Look with mercy, O God, on all whose increasing years bring them weakness, distress, or isolation. Provide for them homes of dignity and peace; give them understanding helpers, and the willingness to accept their help; and, as their strength diminishes, increase their faith and their assurance of your love. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

In the Armed Forces

John Belshe; Jonas Brown; Brett Casey; Brandon Clarke; Sean Connelley; Michael Cook; Peter & Nathan Durand; Ben Dible; Amity Feliz; Brian Fiffer; Wayne Fuller; Charles Garcia; **Harvey Hayselden**; Robert Heraldez; Christopher Jackson; Josh Jonas; Benjamin Karpinski; James LaVine; Kurt Littlejohn; Greg Marsh; Greg McBride; Kyle Nosbisch; Sam Nosbisch; Rodney Martin; Daniel Ohlstein; Barry Palmer; Quentin Peach; David Rodgers; Matt Schiffel; Bill Simiser; Jayson Smith; Andrew Stemm; Bobby Stallings; Rob Sturm; Nathan Tacha; Alan Walker; Kevin Wright.

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces, at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be. Amen.

Prayer List "Housekeeping"

- To add or remove names from the Health & Strength prayer list, please contact the parish office, either by phone at 631-8597, or by e-mail at:
parish-secretary@stlukes.net

- If your birthday or anniversary is not on this list, please contact the parish office so that we can correct this unfortunate error. Our hope and goal is to include everyone.

Ministry Schedule: February 2008

	February 3	February 10	February 17	February 24
Altar Guild 8:00	B Carl	V Clarke	D Wallower	B Carl
Altar Guild 10:15	D Fowler	C Uhrmacher	P Jones, B Carl	C Keller
Acolytes 10:15	L Riddle	E Wrede	E Cook	T Wrede
Ushers 8:00	S Holmberg	S Holmberg	S Holmberg	S Holmberg
Ushers 10:15	M Jones, J Darnell	A & E Mathew	V Clarke, C Keller	S & B Jarvis
Greeters 8:00	S Holmberg	S Holmberg	S Holmberg	S Holmberg
Greeters 10:15	D Breidenthal	S & C Jarvis	D Fowler	N Long, D Kissane
Lay Ministers 8:00	S Streepy D V Clarke L/Ch	S Streepy D C Werly. L/Ch	S Streepy D B Carl L/Ch	S Streepy D J Carl L/Ch
Lay Ministers 10:15	S Streepy D S Mann Ps/Ch K Wood Cr/Ch J Darnell L/I	S Streepy D T Jones Ps/Ch T Gordon ... Cr/Ch K Wymer L/I	S Streepy D T Jones Ps/Ch R Wrede Cr/Ch P Jones L/I	S Streepy D C Burris Ps/Ch D Rohrer Cr/Ch C Speicher L/I
Lay Eucharistic Visitor	R Jones P Jones	C Werly B McGuinn	J Carl B Carl	M Hayselden S Mann
Counters	D Kahn R Knabel, S Sullivan	J Carl B Carl D Wallower	A Penny D Sullivan	J Darnell, D Callaway M Lyon
Godly Play	TBA	TBA	M Hayselden	TBA
Coffee Hosts	<i>Zone 8 & 9</i>	<i>Zone 8 & 9</i>	<i>Zone 8 & 9</i>	<i>Zone 8 & 9</i>

Legend: D = Deacon

L/Ch = Lector, Chalice (usually at 8 A.M. only)

Ps/Ch = Psalm, Chalice

Cr/Ch = Creed, Chalice

L/I = Lector, Intercessors

If you cannot serve when scheduled, please try to find a replacement,
or contact the parish office no later than the Friday before you are scheduled.
We appreciate it very much! — *Fr. Jim*



AT ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, THERE'S ROOM FOR EVERYONE TO SERVE. CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE (631-8597) FOR MORE INFORMATION.

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Did you know growing a church was so easy? Simply invite a friend to come to church with you next Sunday.

Contemporary Worship
5:00 PM Sunday

Nourish your spirit ...

... jumpstart your week

Traditional Worship
8:00 & 10:15 AM Sunday