
The Lifeline

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

February 2009

Lenten Series "Simply Christian"

6:00 PM, March 3 – March 24

Grace and peace: Please join us for food, fellowship, and growth in our knowledge and love of the Lord as we gather together on four successive Tuesday evenings during Lent from March 3 through March 24 for our annual Lenten Series. This year the topic will be "Simply Christian: Why Christianity Makes Sense." This is a series of video programs based upon the book of the same name by N.T. Wright, the Bishop of Durham and a respected New Testament scholar (long-time members may recall the Lenten Series based on his book *The Meaning of Jesus: Two Visions*, co-written with Marcus Borg). In the book and the video programs, Bishop Wright presents a dramatic and persuasive argument in favor of the meaning and integrity of the Christian faith, often by discussing its origins and basics. As followers of Jesus, it is important for all of us to "always be ready to make our defense to anyone who demands from us an accounting for the hope that is in us," ever mindful that we do so "with gentleness and reverence" (I Peter 3:15-16). Bishop Wright also aims his presentations at people who might not be familiar with the Christian faith, which makes this year's Lenten Series an excellent opportunity for evangelism. Invite your friends, your relatives, your neighbors, your co-workers, even your mortal enemies, as we immerse ourselves in Bishop Wright's accessible explanation of what Christianity really is and how it is practiced.

Speaking of evangelism, few people, even if they be heathens, pagans, or infidels, can resist the great food we share whenever we gather for our Lenten Series. We are asking that someone bring soup, another person bring salad and bread, and another person bring dessert (if this person's name is Willie McCallum we won't have to talk about heaven because we'll already be there) for each gathering. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex. Based upon our previous experiences, as many as 30 hungry persons have shown up for each evening of the Lenten Series. We also need helpful volunteers to set up and clean each time we meet; if you are interested, please speak to either Shawn Streepy or Brenda Carl.

The Lenten Series starts at 6:00 each Tuesday evening from March 3 through March 24 in the Parish Hall. We will eat at 6:00, and start the program at 7:00. After we view the programs, we will meet in small groups for reflection and discussion. Photocopies of the "Participant's Guide" for "Simply Christian" will be available for everyone to facilitate our discussion and conversations. We will then conclude our gathering with the Office of Compline at 8:30. We have high hopes for this year's Lenten Series, and hope to see everyone there. If you have any questions, please ask Shawn Streepy at church or call him at 913 631-8548.

– Shawn Streepy



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Youth Group News!

Hey everyone!

There are a lot of events coming up this month that are very exciting!

Upcoming events:

Feb. 1: Movie and pizza night

Feb. 8-: Valentine's Day party

Feb. 20-22: Happening #82- Happening is a weekend retreat put on "by teens for teens." The program is focused on the person and teachings of Jesus Christ and centered on youth sharing their experiences and faith with other youth. Happening participants hear talks from youth and adult leaders on topics such as identity, reality, prayer, faith, piety, and discipleship. Participants also spend time in small groups discussing the talks and engaged in activities. And of course there's lots of time for worship, singing, games, and fun.

Registration for Happening can be found at www.episcopal-ks.org

We will also continue to do the backsnack program, so if you need volunteer hours I can give you an hour each week!

Look forward to seeing you, as always friends are welcome!

Christina

Christina Waggoner, Youth Group Coordinator

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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!

It's a good time to be a youth at The Luke!

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Parish News 'n Events

Results of Annual Parish Meeting

At the Annual Parish Meeting, **Vincy Abraham**, **Melissa Neufeld**, and **Cindy Speicher** were elected to three-year terms on the Vestry; **Charles Werly** was elected to complete the final year of an unexpired term. **Christy Keller** was elected a Parish Delegate, and **Jim Carl** was elected Alternate Parish Delegate. Many thanks to June Cassingham, John Hoffman, Willie McCallum, and JoAnn Sherman for agreeing to stand for election.

At a brief Vestry meeting following the Annual Meeting, **Brenda Carl** was confirmed as Senior Warden, **Todd Gordon** was elected Junior Warden, **Gloria Kelley** was elected Clerk of the Vestry, and **June Cassingham** was confirmed as Parish Treasurer. Many, many thanks to Pat Gray, who retired as Clerk of the Vestry, and to Elizabeth Mathew, who retired as Parish Treasurer. Both of these women have been invaluable members of our parish staff, and we appreciate everything they have done for us.

Dinner Club in February

This month, we are gathering at **Smokehouse Bar-B-Que** (7121 W. 135th Street, Overland Park, 685-1717) for some traditional, hickory-smoked barbeque enjoyed in a nice, family atmosphere. This month's hosts, Fr. Jim & Peggy Cook, hope you'll join them on Monday, February 23rd, at 6:30PM. You will find a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

Happy Birthday to You!

After the second service on February 8, we will honor those parishioners who have birthdays this month: Liz Mathew, Rose Schrempp, Jordan McGuinn, Max Hayselden, Bob Wrede, Nancy Hayselden, Tim Rohrer, Chris Knabel, Dee Lispi, Tom Hayselden, Jason Wymer, Charles Smith, & Claren Jones.

Make a Joyful Noise: Join the Choir!

We meet Sundays, 9-10AM in the church, and we can use your voice. Contact: Vicki Penny at 649-4860 or e-mail at apenny1@mindspring.com.

Season of Lent Begins Ash Wednesday

On Wednesday, February 25, the Liturgy for Ash Wednesday (which includes the Imposition of Ashes) and Holy Eucharist will be offered at Noon and 7:00PM.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

This year's pancake supper will be on Tuesday, February 24, 5:30-7:00PM. Your Vestry will be among those hosting this event. Please mark your calendar: You won't want to miss this!

Inquirers' & Confirmation Class

We have just received word that Bishop Wolfe will be visiting St. Luke's on Sunday, May 17. In anticipation of that, Fr. Jim will be offering a class to prepare people for Confirmation, Reception into the Episcopal Church, or Reaffirmation of their Baptismal Vows. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Narthex. When you sign up, please provide your preference for when this class should meet. Thank you.

Community Food Pantry

In February, we are asked for *chili, stew, & crachers*. And, as always, Best Choice labels with the bar code included can be redeemed by the pantry for 3¢ each. They can also use empty (and cleaned!) 16-32oz water bottles. There are lots of ways you can help our food pantry.

Baby Formula Ingathering

Our Outreach Committee is asking for donations of baby formula during through the month of February. We're collecting Cross-Lines Community Outreach, who "can't keep it on the shelf!" The brand does not matter, but the expiration date does matter, so be sure it is good for at least six months. A "Pack-n-play" is located in the parish hall to receive your donations. Our goal is to collect 10,000 ounces! If you don't want to shop for formula, just make a check out to St. Luke's designated "baby formula" and we'll do the shopping for you.

A Moment of Meditation ...

Submitted by Vincy Abraham

“[Love] bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.”

— 1st Corinthians 13:7

Some reflections from Mother Theresa of Calcutta who left behind a legacy of love:

I feel that we too often focus only on the negative aspect of life – on what is bad. If we were more willing to see the good and the beautiful things that surround us, we would be able to transform our families. From there, we would change our next-door neighbors and then others who live in our neighborhood or city. We would be able to bring peace and love to our world, which hungers so much for these things.

If we really want to conquer the world, we will not be able to do it with bombs or with other weapons of destruction. Let us conquer the world with our love. Let us interweave our lives with bonds of sacrifice and love, and it will be possible for us to conquer the world.

We do not need to carry out grand things in order to show a great love for God and for our neighbor. It is the intensity of love we put into our gestures that makes them into something beautiful for God.

Peace and war start within one’s own home. If we really want peace for the world, let us start by loving one another within our families. Sometimes it is hard for us to smile at one another. It is often difficult for the husband to smile at his wife or for the wife to smile at her husband.

In order for love to be genuine, it has to be above all a love for our neighbor. We must love those who are nearest to us, in our family. From these, love spreads toward whoever may need us.

It is easy to love those who live far away. It is not always easy to love those who live right next to us. It is easier to offer a dish of rice to meet the hunger of a needy person than to comfort the loneliness and the anguish of someone in our own home who does not feel loved.

What we need is to love without getting tired. How does a lamp burn? Through the continuous input of small drops of oil. What are these drops of oil in our lamps? They are the small things of daily life: faithfulness, small words of kindness, a thought for others, our way of being silent, of looking, of speaking, and of acting. Do not look for Jesus away from yourselves. He is not out there; He is in you. Keep your lamp burning, and you will recognize Him.

Excerpts from *No Greater Love* by Mother Theresa of Calcutta

Remember in Your Prayers ...

Our Health & Strength Prayer List

Our Agape Family ■ Linda Ahrens & family ■ **Kay Allen** ■ Alan ■ Vanessa Allen ■ Bill Allen ■ Mika Allison ■ Don & Blanche Anderson ■ Larry Andrews ■ Rob Arend ■ **Julie Ball** ■ **Terry Ball** ■ The Thomas Bickle Family ■ **Bob** ■ Joan Boyd ■ **Amy Breidenthal** ■ **Jeanette Burris** ■ Caydence ■ Paul Chastain ■ Amanda & Jason Coleman ■ Theophilus Cumberbatch ■ Diane Damro ■ Virginia Davis ■ Pat DeLong ■ Christa Devonshire ■ Joanna Diviney ■ Kayla Eddy ■ Angela Evans ■ Theresa Fletchall ■ **Dr. Wayne Fowler, Sr.** ■ Heidi Gentry ■ Marsha Gribble ■ Christie Gutierrez ■ John Habley ■ June Harlow ■ Barbara Hart ■ **Mary Hayselden** ■ **Tom Hayselden** ■ Ona Hein ■ Valeria Henderson ■ Toni Hernandez ■ Sherry Holtman ■ Kathy & Zach Hudon ■ The Hoffman Family ■ Colleen Hurley ■ Tim Janicke ■ Merle Johnson ■ Katelyn ■ Gail Kent ■ Whitney Krebs ■ Bob Kuemmerlein ■ **Elizabeth Laird** ■ **Fr. Arleigh Lassiter** ■ **Betty Lou Lassiter** ■ Anne Liebst ■ Roger Liebst ■ Vic Lenoir ■ Jurie Lindley ■ John Long ■ Harold Luttrell ■ Steve Lynch Family ■ Tom McAnerney ■ Alan McDonald ■ Tasha McDonald ■ The McElwee Family ■ Elizabeth McGranahan ■ Niki McKechnie ■ Karlee McQueen ■ Marcheschi Family ■ Maria & Andrew ■ Maugham Family ■ Leo & Donna Mealman ■ Natalie Miller ■ Sid & Mary Morris ■ Chris Mueller ■ **Ellene Nash** ■ Colten Newman ■ John Owen ■ Barb Parkhurst ■ Lilly Passler's Great-Aunt ■ Ann Perry ■ Lauren Perry ■ **Amy Pfannensteil** ■ Liz Pfeiffer ■ Milly Pfeilsticker ■ Jerre Plunkett ■ Deb Quintero ■ **Sarah Reese** ■ Dwayne Sax ■ **Edith Sheahan** ■ Jimmy Shelton ■ Kirsta Sherman ■ Jason & Autumn Smart ■ Steven Smith ■ **KT Speicher & Family** ■ Pat Smith ■ Helen Stambaugh ■ Ivan Straker ■ Ethel Thomas ■ Laura Tindel ■ Paisley Ann Trickey ■ John Urnes ■ Mary Ann Wagner ■ Nellie Wangari ■ **Kaleena Warrick** ■ **Brad Wright**.

Those in bold need our special prayers.

✠ In Memoriam ✠

None listed.

Homebound & Shut-In

June Harlow ■ Wanda Kirkham ■ Annette Redler,

February Anniversaries

Todd & Jennifer Gordon. 9
Herman & Wanda Holtorf. 14

February Birthdays

Liz Mathew. 1
Rose Schrempp. 3
Jordan McGuinn. 5
Max Hayselden. 5
Bob Wrede. 6
Nancy Hayselden. 12
Tim Rohrer. 15
Chris Knabel. 18
Dee Lispi. 24
Tom Hayselden. 26
Jason Wymer. 27
Charles Smith. 28
Clareen Jones. 28

In the Armed Forces

Beth Behn ■ John Belshe ■ Jonas Brown ■ Brett Casey ■ Sean Connelley ■ Michael Cook ■ Nathan Craft ■ Peter & Nathan Durand ■ Amity Feliz ■ Brian Fiffer ■ Wayne Fuller ■ Charles Garcia ■ **Michael Green** ■ **Harvey Hayselden** ■ Robert Heraldez ■ Josh Jonas ■ **Benjamin Karpinski** ■ James LaVine ■ Kurt Littlejohn ■ Greg Marsh ■ Greg McBride ■ Kelly Morris ■ Kyle Nosbisch ■ Sam Nosbisch ■ Rodney Martin ■ Daniel Ohlstein ■ **Barry Palmer** ■ Quentin Peach ■ David Rodgers ■ Matt Schiffel ■ Bill Simiser ■ Jayson Smith ■ Andrew Stemm ■ Bobby Stallings ■ **Chris Still** ■ Nathan Tacha ■ Alan Walker ■ Kevin Wright.

Those in bold are closely connected to our parish.

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 2009

	February 1	February 8	February 15	February 22
Altar Guild 8:00	V Clarke	D Wallower	B Carl	V Clarke
Altar Guild 10:15	C Uhrmacher	R Cantwell	L Prescott	C Uhrmacher
Acolytes 10:15	A Garton T Wrede	Lexi Riddle E Sullivan	G & J Rohrer	E Cook Lily riddle
Ushers 8:00	S Holmberg	S Holmberg	S Holmberg	S Holmberg
Ushers 10:15	M Jones J Darnell	G & C Keller	J & B Carl	V Clarke C Burris
Greeters 8:00	S Holmberg	S Holmberg	S Holmberg	S Holmberg
Greeters 10:15	D Breidenthal	D Fowler	D Kissane	S Jarvis C Jarvis
Lay Ministers 8:00	V Clarke. L/Ch	C Werly. L/Ch	U Prescott. L/Ch	R Jones. L/Ch
Lay Ministers 10:15	C Burris. Ps/Ch R Wrede. Cr/Ch B McGuinn. L/I	T Jones. Ps/Ch T Gordon. Cr/Ch K Wymerr. L/I	T Jones. Ps/Ch K Wood. Cr/Ch P Jones. L/I	J Carl. Ps/Ch M Neufeld. Cr/Ch C Speicher. L/I
Lay Eucharistic Visitor	R & P Jones	C Werly B McGuinn	J & B Carl	V Clarke S Mann
Counters	R Knabel, S Sullivan	J Darnell, C Ball, D Callaway	J & C Speicher, C Keller	B Carl, C Werly, J Carl
Coffee Hosts	<i>Zones 8 & 9.</i>	<i>Zones 8 & 9</i>	<i>Zones 8 & 9</i>	<i>Zones 8 & 9</i>

Ash Wednesday, February 25

Noon Altar Guild R Cantwell
Ushers J Carl, V Clarke

7:00PM Altar Guild B Carl
Cr/Ch V Clarke
L/I R Knabel
Ushers J & B Carl

Legend: D = Deacon
L/Ch = Lector, Chalice (usually at 8 A.M. only)
Ps/Ch = Psalm, Chalice
Cr/Ch = Creed, Chalice
L/I = Lector, Intcessors

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

Monkey Bread

Use a cake Pan, cookie sheet, Bunt cake pan, or whatever you wish. Use as much Pillsbury biscuits as needed for your pan. Cut each Biscuit in fourths, role in sugar & cinnamon mixture. Put dough in baking pan and bake till brown. (Cooking time varies with height of stack) Remove from pan or leave in pan and Ice while hot. The warmer it is the better it tastes.

– Jim & Brenda Carl

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It has been long known that the most effective way to grow a congregation is simply to invite a friend to come to church with you. So what are you waiting for?

Sesquicentennial Trip to Washington National Cathedral

Bishop Dean E. Wolfe invites you to join him in celebrating our Sesquicentennial at the Washington National Cathedral next summer. We depart from Wichita and Kansas City the morning of July 31, and return Sunday evening, August 2. Friday and Saturday until 1:00 pm is free time for shopping and sightseeing. Beginning at 1:00, we will be in the cathedral for tours, meditations, walking the labyrinth, strolling the gardens, and shopping in the two gift shops. At 4:00 Bishop Wolfe will celebrate a private Eucharist for us in the St. Joseph of Arimathea Chapel. That evening, we will share a fine dinner at the historic Westchester Restaurant. Sunday morning we will have a continental breakfast at Sayre House, and walk across the driveway to attend the cathedral's 11:15 Eucharist, with our bishop celebrating with other priests. After a trip to the seventh level, to enjoy the best view of the city, and a light meal, a coach will take us to the airport. Trip cost: \$799 per person. A \$150 deposit holds your reservation. Make checks payable to The Episcopal Diocese of Kansas, and mail to: Jerry Malone, P.O. Box 21018, Wichita, KS 67208. For more information contact Jerry at (316) 686-1506, (316) 688-1590, or e-mail to jmalone17@cox.net
