
The Lifeline

St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Shawnee

February 2010

From the Rector: "To Paris and Back"

It was such a blessing to be able to go with my family to Paris, France during the last week of January. It was everything we hoped it would be, but also physically demanding ("How much further is it to the Metro stop?") and esthetically mind-numbing ("What? *Another* Van Gogh?"). We saw so many beautiful pieces of artwork, walked through so many beautiful buildings, and met so many genuinely helpful Parisians. We walked so far that we *should* have all been significantly slimmer upon our return if it hadn't been for the fact that we ate so many French pastries ("Yummy!").

I am grateful to all of you who helped to keep things on an even keel during my time away. I'm also grateful to the Revs. Susan Terry and Evan Ash, who filled in for me on the two Sundays that I was gone. Susan wrote me a short note afterwards: "What a great group of folks! Thanks for asking me." And Evan Ash also wrote: "It was good to share with the folks at St. Luke's again." Although I know that the people of St. Luke's are absolutely terrific, it's always nice to hear a positive report from someone who is going to be a bit more objective.

Even though it's time to get back to work, I'm still grateful for you allowing me to take this time off to be with my family on such a special trip.

God's grace and peace be with you all.

Fr. Jim

2010 Lenten Series

Join us for a light dinner at 6:00 pm, to be followed by a program, on the following Tuesdays: February 23; March 2, 9 & 16. You can sign up in the Narthex to help provide a meal.

Community Food Pantry

In February, we we are asked to donate: Chili, stew, & crackers. And, as always, Best Choice labels with the bar code included can be redeemed by the pantry for 3¢ each. They also need empty, cleaned 16 to 32oz water bottles.

Available Flower Dates

The following dates are still open for flower donations and dedications: May 16, 23 30; June 6, 13, 27; July 4, 18, 25; August 1, 8, 15; Oct. 3, 17, 31; Nov. 14. Contact Rosetta Cantwell at 499-7704.

The Book Club

"Water for Elephants" by S. Gruen is our next book club selection. There are many copies available at the library. Jim Darnell & Deb Callaway will host on Friday, February 26, 7:00 pm. Everyone is invited.

Dinner Club

This month, we will sup at Café Augusta (12122 W. 87th Street, Lenexa; 913-859-9556) on Monday, February 22nd at 6:30 pm. Your Hosts are Tom & Rose Schrempp. Please sign up on the bulletin board and indicate your entree preference.

Contemporary Music Group

Join us Wednesday, February 10, 7:00 pm at the home of Tom & Rose Schrempp. All are welcome.

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Choir News

Calling all people interested in singing in the choir! Please consider if it is your gift to “make a joyful noise” and join the choir. You can make a difference.

Choir for Lent/Easter

Lent/Easter is a devotional time at the heart of our faith. Won't you consider giving a gift of your time and talent to sing in the choir for a season? We definitely need voices! Come and sing with us on Sunday mornings at 9:15. Raise your voice in glorious song on Easter Day!

Bell Choir News

We are currently talking with representatives from two bell companies. Pricing for the bells is between \$7100 – \$7500 depending on the company. This total includes all the accessories needed such as tables, foam pads, gloves, etc. Watch for fundraising news in the next two weeks! We will probably send out a special bulletin board dedicated to the bells and how that will work.

Is Your Employer Hiring?

Let us know. GE Money is hiring full-time associates in its Consumer and JCPenney phone banks, as well as part-time opportunities in their work-from-home group. Apply at:

www.gecallcentercareers.com

You may use Mary Hayselden as a reference.

Youth Workshops Dates

February 14 – Lent Workshop held during the second worship service. See Pat Jones.

Happy Birthday to Tom

Tom Hayselden turns 70 this month, and in honor of this Great Milestone (especially in light of the last 14 months), his family is throwing him a great big PARTY!!!! and you are all invited. There will be a Cake & Punch reception on Sunday, February 21st from 1 – 3 pm. No gifts please, your presence is the greatest gift he could receive. If you are not able to attend and would like to send Tom a birthday card, here is the address: Tom Hayselden, 6014 Richards Dr., Shawnee, KS 66216.

A Moment of Meditation ...

Submitted by Vincy Abraham

The People Principle

“My son,” the father said, “you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead, and is alive again; he was lost and is found.” Luke 15:31-32

I didn't mean to break it! In fact, just the night before, as our hosts for the evening were showing my wife Martie and me around their beautiful home, they drew our attention to a gorgeous bowl of alabaster fruit. They talked about how valuable it was to them, not only because of its beauty and rarity, but also because of the memories that were associated with the piece.

Which made my klutzy moment early the next morning all the more distressing. In my pre-coffee fog, I walked by the table and knocked the alabaster banana to the floor, breaking it in half. Immediately, the dark side of my fallen heart began to think how I could get out of this jam. It was a clean break, and perhaps if I put it back into the bowl carefully the two halves would look like their original form. Weeks later when they would discover the broken banana, they would no doubt blame it on their kids, and we would be long gone.

In the end, the bright side of my redeemed heart prevailed and I apologetically admitted, “I hate to tell you this, but I knocked your alabaster banana on the floor and it cracked in half.” I'll never forget my friend's reply. “That's all right, Joe, in our home people are more important than things.” I was spared, but more importantly I was taught a great lesson.

In fact, that is exactly how God feels! With Him, people and their needs have always trumped everything else. Jesus made this very clear in His teachings and actions, but perhaps most profoundly in the familiar story of the prodigal son. When He told the story, He was surrounded by tax collectors, women of ill repute, and various other “sinners.” On the fringes of this crowd of outcasts, the Pharisees and teachers of the law stood muttering and grumbling about Christ's apparent penchant for the unsavory characters of their day. So Jesus proceeded to tell these stories highlighting a lost sheep, a lost coin, and then a lost son. Each parable focuses intently on the passion God

has for people as He actively seeks after us and then rejoices when, at last, we turn to Him and are found.

Pointing directly at the Pharisees with His words, the parable of the lost son concludes with the spotlight turned on a disgruntled older brother who is hung up on the “things” that have been lost—the family reputation, dignity, and most likely a sizable portion of the family inheritance. Viewed from his perspective, the father's expenditures on a wayward son are wasteful and even unfair. But Jesus, reflecting the heart of His Father in the closing words of the parable, points out that in God's household people matter most. Not just “cleaned-up” people. Not just “churchy” people. But people who desperately need to hear that God loves them enough to forgive them of their sin, free them of their addictions, and find them at their point of darkest need. People matter most.

So when we look into the mirror of God's Word, we have to ask ourselves: What matters most in our lives? Our possessions? Our personal preferences? Our perspectives on how people should act and think? Our plans? Our personal pride and reputation? Our rules? Or do the needs and nurture of people matter most? My friend with the alabaster bowl got it right—people matter most. And Jesus has shown us the way!

Your Journey...

- List a few of the priorities in your life (prized possessions, family, friends, schooling, career, church responsibilities, dreams, desires, etc.). Take a few minutes to honestly rank them according to how you have been living.
- Now go back over that list and rank each category in the order it would appear if you lived to make people matter most based on God's Word and His priorities.
- What are some steps you can take today to realign your priorities and reflect the truth that people matter most? Make a plan and pray that God will give you the opportunity to convince someone that he or she matters most to you and to God.

– Excerpt from “Daily Strength”
by Joe Stowell

Ministry Schedule: February 2010

	February 7	February 14	February 21	February 28
Altar Guild 8:00	V Clarke	D Wallower	B Carl	V Clarke
Altar Guild 10:15	C Uhrmacher	R Cantwell B Carl	P Jones	B Carl L Prescott
Acolytes 10:15	C Gordon E Sullivan	L Riddle L Riddle	E Cook S Grandgenett	A Garton C Garton
Ushers 8:00	S Holmberg	S Holmberg	S Holmberg	S Holmberg
Ushers 10:15	M Jones J Darnell	K Keller G Keller	V Clarke L Vipond	J Carl B Carl
Greeters 8:00	S Holmberg	S Holmberg	S Holmberg	S Holmberg
Greeters 10:15	D Breidenthal V Clarke	T Schrempp R Schrempp	M Howard N Howard	S Jarvis C Jarvis
Lay Ministers 8:00	M Neufeld L/Ch	J Carl L/Ch	U Prescott L/Ch	M Neufeld L/Ch
Lay Ministers 10:15	C Burris Ps/Ch B Carl Cr/Ch C Speicher L/I	V Clarke Ps/Ch K Wood Cr/Ch J Darnell L/I	T Gordon Ps/Ch S Mann Cr/Ch C Smith L/I	J Carl Ps/Ch T Jones Cr/Ch C Uhrmacher L/I
Lay Eucharistic Visitor	V Clarke B McGuinn	R Jones P Jones	J Carl B Carl	S Mann M Hayselden
Counters	J Darnell C Ball D Callaway	J Carl B Carl C Keller	R Knabel S Sullivan	B Carl A Verghese J Carl
Coffee Hosts	Zone 8 & 9			

Legend: 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 that you are scheduled. We appreciate it very much!

Remember in Your Prayers

Health & Strength Prayer List

Linda Ahrens, Alan, Bill Allen, Ed Allen, Vanessa Allen, Bill Allen, Mika Allison, Don & Blanche Anderson, Larry Andrews, Rob Arend, Alecia Arnold, Family of Asher Arcand, Kathy Bagby, Donna Ball, Terry Ball, Bob, Terri Brown, Jeanette Burris, Brian Busch, Dolores Callaway, Lou Ann Capp's father, Jim Carl, Caydence, Paul Chastain, Laine Clements, Amanda & Jason Coleman, Pauline Coleman, Darrell Corson, Evelyn DelDebbio, Theophilus Cumberbatch, Diane Damro, Virginia Davis, Jeanette Davison, Pat DeLong, Larry Denny, Christa Devonshire, Lily Dieter, Joanna Diviney, Jack Eldridge, Karen Erny, Angela Evans, Duane Facklam, Jack Francis, Heidi Gentry, Jonathon & Adam Goff, Pat Gray, Marsha Gribble, Erik Grissell, Christie Gutierrez, John Habley, Virgil Hall, Jeff Harper, Carmel Harper, Bill Harper, Barbara Hart, Tom Hayselden, Teddy Hodges, Boo Hodges, John Hoffman, Sherry Holtman, Alex Howard, Marlin Howard, Kathy & Zach Hudon, Colleen Hurley, Tim Janicke, Merle Johnson, Kenny Judnick, Justin & Emily, Katelyn, Gail Kent, Bob Kuemmerlein, Larry, Fr. Arleigh & Betty Lou Lassiter, Anne Liebst, Roger Liebst, Jurie Lindley, John Long, Harold Luttrell, Steve Lynch Family, Steve Mann, Martha Manning, Alan McDonald, Tasha McDonald, Cissy McElwee, Elizabeth McGranahan, James McGranahan, Karlee McQueen, Marcheschi Family, Maugham Family, Michael, Suzy, & family; Bruce Miller, Jeanne Miller, Natalie Miller, Dorothy Minich, Lynn Morgan, Ronald Morgan, Aaron Morris family, Sid & Mary Morris, Nanine Mossman, Chris Mueller, Ellene Nash, Zach Nash, Colten Newman, John Owen, Christie Owens, Barb Parkhurst, Sandy Parsons, Allen Penny, Lilly Passler's Great-Aunt, Lynda Perkins, Lauren Perry, Amy Pfannensteil, Jerre Plunkett, Alan & Paula Price, Deb Quintero, Sarah Reese, Alex Rehkop, Tim Rohrer, Sr., Chris Roesner, Ray Rowie (Roy), Bud Rowan, Sabrina, JJ & Katie, Dwayne Sax, Ann Shaw, Edith Sheahan, Jimmy Shelton, Mary & Steve Smith, KT Speicher, Helen Stambaugh, Jim Stegeman, The Still Family, Ivan Straker, William B. Strickland, Sherry Sullivant & family, Skylar Tatham, Darrell Taylor, Ethel Thomas, Laura Tindel, Harry Trotman, The Trausch family, Kathy Uhrmacher, Carl Van Winkle, Mary Ann Wagner, Reginald Warren, Ginger Waters, Clancy Wiedel, Joanne Wilson, Sherry Wilson, Art Woodman, Bud Wrede, Brad Wright, Wilbur Wright.

✠ In Memoriam ✠

Frank Rowen, The people of Haiti.

Homebound & Shut-In

June Harlow, Wanda Kirkham, Annette Redler, Tom Hayselden, Harry Trotman, Art Woodman, Kathy Bagby.

February Anniversaries

Jennifer & Todd Gordon 9
Wanda & Herman Holtorf 14

February Birthdays

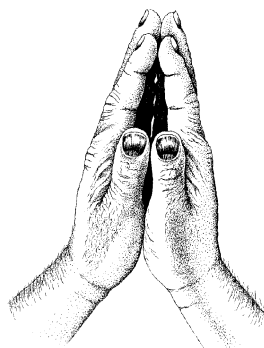
Elizabeth Mathew 1
Rose Schrempp 3
Jordan McGuinn 5
Max Hayselden 5
Bob Wrede 6
Nancy Hayselden 12
Jerome Maendele 12
Tim Rohrer 15
Chris Knabel 18
Jr. Flores 18
Kylie Plunkett 19
Dee Lispi 24
Tom Hayselden 26
Jason Wymer 27
Charles Smith 28
Clareen Jones 28

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**, **Scotty Gumm**, Clemente Gutierrez, Evan Hall, **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, **Kylie Plunkett**, David Rodgers, Matt Schiffel, Bill Simiser, Jayson Smith, Andrew Stemm, Bobby Stallings, Truman Steehn, **Chris Still**, Nathan Tacha, Alan Walker, Kevin Wright

Housekeeping

Help us keep our prayer lists up to date. On occasion, please check to see if the names you put up here are still in need of our prayers. To add or remove names from our prayer lists please contact the parish secretary. Thank you!



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Have you invited a friend to come to church with you? If not, what are you waiting for? The personal invitation is the best way, bar none, to grow a congregation and bless a friend's life.

Youth Group News!

We meet Sundays, after 2nd service, about 11:30.
Here are a few events already planned:

February 14 – meet from 12-1:30 in the basement. Among other things we will be discussing the 30 Hour Famine. That will start on Saturday April 17th at 8:00 in the morning. We will the talk about the time frame. Our 2nd planning meeting for this event will be Sunday, March 14th. Same time and place.

February 19 – “Happening 84” for High school students at St. James, Wichita. The deadline for registration is Feb 8th , the cost is \$45:00. If you need a ride, please contact Jim and Brenda Carl.

We will keep you updated on the specifics of each week via email, text, or phone. If you do not receive email from us and would like to be contacted for future events, e-mail us at youth@stlukes.net. We're having fun at the Luke! Hope to see you there!!

Brenda & Jim Carl, Christy Keller
Youth Coordinators

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