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# The Lifeline

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

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## Musings from the Rector

Jack has interesting sleeping habits. For those of you who haven't met Jack, he's our two-year-old Welsh Terrier. And, I suppose like all Welsh Terriers, when he's awake, he's fully awake, ready to transform any of our movements or gestures into an opportunity to wrestle or play any of a variety of games that Jack loves. And even when he's sleeping, he seems to be in constant motion. It's actually quite funny to observe Jack, crashed out on the sofa in our living room. Sometimes, it's clear that he's chasing something in his dreams. But it gets really funny when Jack starts to bark or growl in his sleep. Sounds which, when he's awake, are piercing and annoying (*Bark! Bark! Bark!*), become quite hilarious to hear when that little dog is snoozing away (*Woo, woo, woo!*). It's all really quite endearing.

But that's not what I mean, when I say that he has some interesting sleeping habits. Let me explain. Jack and I are usually the last ones to retire at night. And the usual practice is for me to carry Jack, who, by the time I'm ready to head off to bed, is sprawled across the sofa, to our bedroom. There, I deposit him in his little doggie bed, which is on the floor next to Peggy's side of the bed. And there Jack spends the rest of the night. Usually. Sometimes Jack will suddenly decide that our bed is more to his liking, and he'll walk around to my side of the bed and ready himself for the big jump up. I'm alerted to this fact when I hear him shaking his ears; I think he's simply trying to clear his head for an ascent which is more than twice his own height. So I get out of bed, pick Jack up again, and deposit him once more into his doggie bed. And that usually takes care of things, and Jack is down for the night.

Until dawn. When Jack hears the world outside our house beginning to stir with the new day, he gets out of his bed, walks around to my side of our bed, jumps up, and goes back to sleep with me. Now, it should be enough for Jack that I allow him to sleep with me on our bed, but it's not. And it's in what Jack does next, where I think he presumes too much. For, if I'm sleeping on my back with my legs together, Jack will actually stand on my legs and push them apart and curl up between my knees. And if I'm sleeping on my side with my legs fairly straight, he'll push against the back of my knees until they're bent enough to provide him a niche into which he can curl up. Usually, I'm too heavy with sleep to resist. But

when I decide it's time to change positions – and this is where things get really interesting – when I try to change positions, Jack *resists* me. And I don't know how he manages, because it's not like he has any ability to grasp the covers and hang on, and he certainly has no weight to use as leverage against me. But somehow he manages, and usually successfully, to resist my attempts to move. What happens next usually depends upon my state of mind. If I'm feeling rested, and therefore, grace-full, I'll let Jack remain where he's ensconced himself. But if I'm still tired and grouchy, I'll "put him in his place"; which is to say, back in his doggie bed, and usually with a distinct lack of grace.

Now it seems to me that there is some sort of an analogy between Jack's sleeping habits and people living together as a community. We go to the same church. We worship together. We go to Sunday school classes together. We enjoy each other's company and fellowship. And in time we become comfortable with each other. Sometimes we become so comfortable with each other that, like Jack with me, we may presume too much. We may forget that, even in a community that shares as much love and mutual affection and respect as we do at St. Luke's, that there are still boundaries that need to be observed and respected. It's sort of like what Robert Frost was trying to say in *Mending Wall*, that "good fences make good neighbors."

Now, don't get me wrong, I have no specific complaint or concern in mind. I really don't. But I think that the members of any healthy community still need to be occasionally reminded of the necessity of boundaries, and of the danger of presuming too much, and of imposing ourselves too much into the lives of those with whom we are the closest. Like any good marriage, we need our time together, and we need our time apart. And finding and maintaining that balance requires constant vigilance. We are so fortunate here at St. Luke's. We are such a diverse community that has managed to keep a balance between our independence from each other and our interdependence upon each other. It's really a beautiful thing to see. And I want that to continue; forever if possible.

May God's grace and peace be with you all!

*Fr. Jim*

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# Youth Group News!

Hey, y'all,

Hope you had an excellent spring break! This past month was an awesome one and this upcoming month will be just as awesome!

### April 6<sup>th</sup> – Adults/Youth Mentor Dinner! 5PM

Mark your calendars because this is the adult/youth mentor dinner! It is in place of youth group at 5pm until 6:30pm. It's free for the youth and it's important that you be there. If you were not at youth group the night we paired up with mentors but have come to youth group at all this past school year you have been assigned a mentor. If you have not heard anything about this yet, I have more than likely tried to contact you about it! Send me an e-mail youth@stlukes.net for any questions.

### April 20<sup>th</sup> – Dinner and a Movie at The Luke! 5PM

Bring \$3 to youth group because we're ordering pizza and watching the movie Ratatouille! It's an awesome movie and will be lots of fun!

### May 25<sup>th</sup> – Last youth group of the year party! 5PM

This will be awesome! More info to come.

Also, it is not too early to look at the registration forms for camp wood. You can find them at [www.episcopal-ks.org/youth](http://www.episcopal-ks.org/youth).

If you have any questions or do not receive e-mail reminders from me please feel free to e-mail me at youth@stlukes.net

Peace,

*Christina*

Christina Waggoner  
Youth Group Leader

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

## Calling All Graduates!

We will be having a reception for our graduates in May and we want to make sure that we will have included all of our graduates. This is our current list:

Graduating from high school: Laura Cook, Elizabeth Wrede, Michael Knabel, Mike Penny, Tyler Plunkett, Kylie Plunkett, and Steven Mathew.

Graduating from college: Shawn Streepy

Please contact the parish secretary (631-8597 or parish-secretary@stlukes.net) if you know of someone whose name should be included.

Thank you!

*Fr. Jim*

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# Parish News 'n Events

## We're Looking for a Few Gardeners

With spring now upon us, we need some volunteers to help us maintain our Garden of Memories – Columbarium. A sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the narthex. One hour of your time ... one day per month ... will help keep the garden looking beautiful. **The things that need to be done right away include:** (1.) Carefully rake and bag leaves; (2.) Remove weeds; (3.) Spread one 15-pound bag of "Treflan" (weed preventer) throughout the entire garden; (4.) Apply "Gard'n Wise" Choice Cotton Boll Compost – 30 (thirty) 3 cu. ft. bags. Our need for help is especially acute this year since Dan Wheatcroft recently had knee replacement surgery and isn't quite back to 100% yet. For more information, contact Dan & Ginny Wheatcroft, or Norm & Ginger Waters.

## Help Wanted at Food Pantry

St. Paul's Episcopal Church needs help in their community food pantry every Saturday, 11:00 am to 2:00 pm to stock shelves, register clients, and pass out food. However, they are asking if the members of St. Luke's would be willing to commit to staffing the pantry every fifth Saturday (which averages to about three to five times per year). The start date for us, if we were to elect to do this, is May 31. If you have any questions, or want to volunteer, please contact Fr. Jim.

## St. Paul's Volunteer Appreciation

Everyone who has helped with Breakfast at St. Paul's is invited for Hors d'Oeuvres on Saturday, April 12, at 6:00 PM. Soft drinks will be provided; B.Y.O.B. Please r.s.v.p. to Ann Hill at 913-621-4547 or ahill52@kc.rr.com

## Vacation Bible School

A Rainforest Adventure is tentatively set (with no more snow days) June 2 - 6. Mark your calendars and plan to be there!! For more information, or to volunteer, please contact Pat Jones at 268-4787. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex.

## Youth Service

The next youth-led worship service is scheduled for April 20, at the 10:15 AM service. If you want to participate in any way, or help out, please contact Peggy Cook

## Dinner Club

You're invited to join us at *Fronteras Mexican Restaurant and Cantina* (7779 Quivira Rd, Lenexa, 962-1369) on Monday, April 21 at 6:30 PM. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex, or contact the parish office. Your hosts this month are Jim Darnell and Deb Callaway.

## Acolyte Training

Anyone interested in becoming an acolyte should contact Fr. Jim. As soon as I have a roster of names, we'll settle on a day and time for the training.

## Shawn is Graduating!

Shawn Streepy will be graduating from St. Paul School of Theology with his Master in Divinity degree. Commencement exercises will be held Friday, May 16, 4:00-5:30 PM at the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection, 13720 Roe Avenue, Leawood. Mark your calendars because everyone is invited!

## Book Club

Everyone is invited to join us at the home of Wayne and Debbie Fowler (14611 W. 49<sup>th</sup> Street, Shawnee, 268-4916) on Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, starting at 7:00 PM. The book we're talking about is *Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Mission to Promote Peace ... One School at a Time*, by Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin. The book is "one of the most remarkable adventure stories of our time. Greg Mortenson's dangerous and difficult quest to build schools in the wildest parts of Pakistan and Afghanistan is not only a thrilling read, it's proof that one ordinary person, with the right combination of character and determination, really can change the world."

## Designer Show House

St. Mary's Episcopal Church will sponsor the Designer Show House party preview on April 20, 2-4PM. It's the very first "preview" tour of the house. The house doesn't open to the public until a week later. Tickets are \$22 single/\$40 pair & include refreshments after the tour. Proceeds help St. Mary's. To buy tickets online go to [stmaryskc.org](http://stmaryskc.org) and click "events" or call the church at 816-842-0975. They can take credit card orders.

## Happy Birthday to You!

On the second Sunday of April, we would like to honor all parishioners having birthdays during the month with a special reception following the second service. A cake is provided by the church. Please contact Brenda Carl for more information.

## Young at Heart Resumes!

After a brief hiatus, the Young at Heart group will meet on Wednesday, April 16, from Noon 'til 2:00 PM. Bring your own lunch, and plan to enjoy the conversation, fellowship, and a lively game of Pokeno. Everyone is invited, regardless of your age; you only need be young at heart.

## Wednesday Refresher

Young at Heart may meet on the third Wednesday of each month, but on every other Wednesday you can come to the church for a mid-week refresher. We gather in the parish hall, 12-1 PM in the parish hall for a brown-bag lunch, conversation, lesson and prayers. Each week's lesson is a new topic – it's not a series – so join us for one or all! If you have questions, please see Fr. Jim.

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# Remember in Your Prayers ...

## For Health & Strength

Our Agape Family; Alan; Bill Allen; Don & Blanche Anderson; Larry Andrews; Rob Arend; Kathy Bagby; Ted Barrett; The Thomas Bickle Family; Joan Boyd; Donna Branton; Bob Brownell; Amanda & Jason Coleman; Andrew Coleman; Russell Crump; Charlotte Davis; Pat DeLong; Mike Dishman; Joseph Eaton; Jean Famuliner; Todd Gregg; Marsha Gribble; Brad & Tammy Gridley family; Christie Gutierrez; John Habley; June Harlow; Tom Hayselden; Charles & Catherine Hinchey; Ricky & Sherry Holtman, Lisa Houghton; Kathy & Zach Hudon; Colleen Hurley; Tim Janicke; Katelyn, Shane Karr, Gail Kent; the Kurtz family; Anne Liebst; Vic Lenoir; Steve Lynch family; Alan McDonald; Tasha McDonald; the McElwer family; Elizabeth McGranahan; Charles McGuinn; Niki McKechnie; Chris Mueller; John Owen; Nicki Papanton; Lauren Perry; Katie Pejril, Liz Pfeiffer, Frank Rowan, ; Jimmy Shelton; Krista Sherman; Jason & Autumn Smart; The Speicher family; Pat Smith; Bill Super, John Urnes; Molly Weaver; Dan Wheatcroft; Bud & Evelyn Wrede; **and especially Gene Amos, Laura Tindel, Joanna Diviney; Barb Parkhurst; Amy Pfannensteil; Julie Pink, A. J. Kennedy, Karlee McQueen, Ricky Holtman, Sarah Reese .**

*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; in Jesus' name. Amen.*

## April Birthdays

Bonnie Howard	1
Jim Gray	3
Heather Hayselden	4
Henry Kniggendorf	4
Barbara Weaver	5
Dorothy Shockley	7
David Speicher	8
Sheeba Mathew	8
Shara Crawford	10
Mark Schrempp	10
Megan Jones	12
Rose Wrede	13
Stephanie Hoffman	16
Stephen Mathew	18
Michael Penny	19
Norm Waters	21
Ellie Holmberg	23
Cheryl Ball	23
Niki McKechnie	30

*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.*

## April Anniversaries

Steve & Dawn Sullivan	8
Bob & Rose Wrede	22
Shawn & Marcia Streepy	24
Swede & Ellie Holmberg	26
Fr. Jim & Peggy Cook	28

*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

Sally Wyatt, Marjorie Demaree, Robert Tindel, Sissy Chalmers, John Farmer

*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; Nathan Craft; Peter & Nathan Durand; Ben Dible; Amity Feliz; Brian Fiffer; Wayne Fuller; Charles Garcia; Harvey Hayselden; Robert Heraldez; ; 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.*

- To add or remove names from the prayer list, please contact the parish secretary at 631-8597 or 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: April 2008

	April 6	April 13	April 20	April 27
<b>Altar Guild 8:00</b>	D Fowler	P Jones	B Carl	D Wallower
<b>Altar Guild 10:15</b>	B Carl	R Cantwell	C Uhrmacher	B Carl
<b>Acolytes 10:15</b>	G Rohrer	L Riddle	E Wrede	E Cook
<b>Ushers 8:00</b>	S Holmberg	S Holmberg	S Holmberg	S Holmberg
<b>Ushers 10:15</b>	M Jones J Darnell	S & B Jarvis	C Keller V Clarke	A & E Mathew
<b>Greeters 8:00</b>	S Holmberg	S Holmberg	S Holmberg	S Holmberg
<b>Greeters 10:15</b>	D Breidenthal	D Kissane & N Long	S & C Jarvis	D Fowler
<b>Lay Ministers 8:00</b>	S Streepy ..... D V Clarke ..... L/Ch	S Streepy ..... D N Hayselden... L/Ch	S Streepy ..... D C Werly ..... L/Ch	S Streepy ..... D B Carl ..... L/Ch
<b>Lay Ministers 10:15</b>	S Streepy ..... D R Wrede ..... Ps/Ch J Carl ..... Cr/Ch P Jones ..... L/I	S Streepy ..... D C Burris ..... Ps/Ch B Carl ..... Cr/Ch C Speicher ..... L/I	S Streepy ..... D T Gordon ..... Ps/Ch T Hayselden ... Cr/Ch K Wymer ..... L/I	S Streepy ..... D M Neufeld .... Ps/Ch T Jones ..... Cr/Ch B McGuinn ..... L/I
<b>Lay Eucharistic Visitor</b>	S Mann C Werly	T & N Hayselden	J & B Carl	R & P Jones
<b>Counters</b>	J & C Speicher C Burris	J Darnell, D Callaway, M Lyon	D Kahn, R Knabel, S Sullivan	J & B Carl, D Wallower
<b>Godly Play</b>	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
<b>Coffee Hosts</b>	Zones 2 & 3	Zones 2 & 3	Zones 2 & 3	Zones 2 & 3

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 that you are scheduled. We appreciate it very much!

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## Organ Dedicatory Concert

Ladies and gentlemen, you will want to mark your calendars and plan to attend this singular event. I am very pleased to announce that **Hector Olivera**, the world-renown organist will be performing at St. Luke's at 7:00 PM, the evenings of Sunday, June 1 and Monday, June 2.

"Hector is a passionate, gifted, and unique musician, whose interpretations of classical and popular music have amazed and delighted people around the world. Although he is most famous for his prodigious technical proficiency, Hector's amazing affect on audiences has made many of the most sophisticated and demanding organ aficionados claim that he is one of the best organists in the world today."

This concert is not only your opportunity to watch and listen to a truly world-class musician, but it will also be a good time to witness our new state-of-the-art Rogers digital organ being put through its paces. I believe you will be amazed and delighted at what you are going to hear.

The cost to attend this event will be \$20 per person, and tickets will go on sale soon. The event will be open to the public, and seating will be limited by the size of our sanctuary, so you'll want to get your tickets early.

If you would like a preview of what this concert will provide, you can go to Hector's website, [www.hectorolivera.com/](http://www.hectorolivera.com/).

If you have any questions, please contact Fr. Jim, Wayne Fowler, or the Parish Secretary.

