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# The Lifeline

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

May 2008

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## From the Rector

As I write this article, I am only too aware of the fact that summer is virtually upon us. And despite the fact that Olathe was in the path of some sort of meteorological "super cell" last evening, and extremely high winds took down quite a few trees in our neighborhood, this still remains one of my favorite times of the year. Because with chill of winter (I hope) finally behind us, I'm looking forward to several warmer, greener months. And the grounds around St. Luke's never look better than they do at this time of year.

But this is also a time of year when we often find radical transitions taking place in our lives. Some of you have children who are getting ready to graduate from highschool or college. Some of you are making plans for a wedding or baptism. Some of you are looking ahead to vacation and are already finalizing your plans. With all of these transitions – and, without a doubt, each that I've mentioned is *positive* – the amount of stress in our lives can increase dramatically. So, what do we do with all that added stress?

I think an important thing you can do, when circumstances are throwing all kinds of stressful things at you, is to maintain a stable base for your life. And I can think of nothing that can provide you with more stability than your relationship with God, and especially as that relationship finds its expression in and through your parish church. The *last* thing you should do, when your life gets seemingly too busy to manage, is give up on your discipline of attending Sunday worship, because I believe that's when you need it, and can benefit from it, the most. Remember, it was Jesus who said: "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." (Matthew 11:28–30)

Are you feeling weary and burdened? Is the stress of life getting to you? Then figure out a way to work through all of the clutter in your life and discover anew the One who is the stable base for you life, Jesus our Lord.

Grace and peace,

Fr. Jim

## Hector Olivera in Concert

You will definitely want to mark your calendars and plan to attend this singular event. I am very pleased to announce that Hector Olivera, the world-acclaimed organist will be 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 each concert is \$20 per person, and tickets are now on sale. 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.

It's worth noting that each concert will be different, so you may want to purchase a ticket for each night.

If you have any questions, you can talk to Fr. Jim Cook, to Wayne Fowler, or to the Parish Secretary.



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# Youth Group News!

Hey, y'all!

Can you believe that it is almost summer already? There are a lot of cool things coming up this month and over the summer to keep an eye out for:

**May 11<sup>th</sup>** – There will be NO youth group. Enjoy the day with your Mother (or Grandma)!

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

This will be awesome! More info to come but Seniors come to this one! Let me know if you can't make it!!!

**June 1-7<sup>th</sup>** – This is SENIOR HIGH CAMP! If you have finished 9<sup>th</sup> grade - 12<sup>th</sup> grade; this is the camp for you!

**June 8-14<sup>th</sup>** - This is JUNIOR HIGH CAMP!! If you have finished grade 6-8; this one is for you!

You can get your camp registrations form from [www.episcopal-ks.org/youth](http://www.episcopal-ks.org/youth).

Youth group will take a Hiatus until after the camp sessions and will start up Friday's of Fun after Junior High session of our camp is completed. Keep an eye out for the AWESOME line-up of fun activities we'll be doing this summer.

Also, if you have a "facebook" account let me know! There is a St. Luke's group page and I can send you messages, etc. via Facebook!.

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](mailto:youth@stlukes.net)

Peace,

*Christina*

Christina Waggoner  
Youth Group Leader

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

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## Honoring Our Graduates!

We will be having a reception for our highschool graduates on Sunday, May 11, after the 10:15 AM service and we want to make sure that we will have included all of our graduates. This is our current list:

Laura Cook, Michael Knabel, Steven Mathew,  
Mike Penny, Kylie Plunkett, and Elizabeth Wrede.

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

Thank you!

*Fr. Jim*

# Parish News 'n Events

## Happy Birthday to You!

On Sunday, of May 4, we will 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. (*Please check the birthday list in the Lifeline each month to make sure your birthday is included, and let the parish office know if your name needs to be added*).

## Graduation Reception

We will honor the following graduating seniors at a reception after the second service on May 11: Laura Cook, Michael Knabel, Steven Mathew, Michael Penny, Kylie Plunkett, and Elizabeth Wrede. Please keep these folks in your thoughts and prayers as they wrap up the final weeks of their senior year in high school.

## 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! Reception to follow.

## Service “on the Green”

Our second service on May 18 will be on the east parking lot, and follow it with a parish cookout. The church will provide the grilled meats, and refreshments. All y’all should bring side-dishes (salads, vegetables, desserts) to share. Pray for good weather. Anyone wishing to help with the grilling should contact the parish office.

## Vacation Bible School

A Rainforest Adventure for kids 3yrs – 5<sup>th</sup> grade is ready to roar June 2 - 6. Registration forms can be found on the door to the parish office. Volunteers for 1 day or all week are needed! Planning meetings are May 18 and June 1. For more information, contact Pat Jones at 268-4787 or Dawn Sullivan 745-4160.

## From a Parishioner’s Pen

*by Maxine Jones*

Call me crazy but here’s a late-night idea from an expanded mind (or is it “expended”?): As I was figuring what we will receive from the Economic Stimulus Package, it occurred to me that a percentage of that should go back to the Church. What an unexpected gift God is giving us! In talking with Fr. Jim, he suggested we might want to create a fund for Deacon Shawn’s seminary expenses. What a great idea – and it would be a way we could repay our beloved deacon for all he has done for St. Luke’s. So, as soon as your bank balance suddenly becomes electronically “fatter,” give serious thought to “giving back” to further God’s Kingdom through supporting one of his best!

## Book Club

Tom and Rose Schrempp are hosting the next book club on Friday, May 30 at their home (8307 Acuff Lane, Lenexa; 492-0883). The book is “Digging to America” by Anne Tyler. It is an easy read book about two families that become friends when the Korean girls they are adopting arrive on the same flight. There are many copies at JoCo libraries, in print, in large print and on tape. Everyone is invited to join us.

## Wednesday Refresher

Do you need a mid-week break? Join us for our Wednesday Refresher in the parish hall, 12–1 PM. Bring your “brown-bag lunch,” and plan to enjoy some conversation, lesson and prayers. Each week’s lesson covers a different . If you have questions, please see Fr. Jim.

## One Hour ... One Day!!!

Bring a kneeling pad, weed digger, or trowel and spend one hour...one day a month caring for the gardens of the Church. Join Ginger Waters on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday (May 12) or Ginny & Dan Wheatcroft on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday (May 25) of each month May through October. We start at 9:00 AM and you’ll be on your way home before the summer sun sets in! Mark your calendar and join the beautification of the gardens.

## Bishop Wolfe Needs Your Opinion.

Under the direction of Bishop Dean Wolfe, the Episcopal Diocese of Kansas is studying the possibility of a diocesan-wide fundraising effort next year. And we need to know what lots of Episcopalians in the diocese think about it.

From May 8 to 21, you can offer your thoughts through an online survey. All you need is a computer with Internet access and a willingness to read the diocese’s proposal to learn more.

Starting on May 8, visit the diocesan web site – [www.episcopal-ks.org](http://www.episcopal-ks.org) – to read what plans the diocese has for the next five years and to get directions on how to take the survey.

Mark your calendars, and check the web site starting May 8. Be part of the process. Tell us what you think!

## 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. *Note: So far, no one has stepped forward to volunteer.*

## Dinner Club

Because the parish calendar is so full, the Shrimp Boil has been moved to either late summer or early fall.

### **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.

### **MissionPalooza**

MissionPalooza trains teens to be Christ's hands and feet in the world. For five days youth come together in community, mission, fellowship, and worship. Students spend their days in the urban mission field heeding Christ's call to feed the hungry, visit the sick, and comfort those in need. Sponsored by Episcopal Community Services of Kansas City, MissionPalooza will take place **July 22-27** at St. Paul's Church in Kansas City, MO (40<sup>th</sup> & Main). **Members of St. Luke's are asked to provide breakfast for 80-90 persons on Thursday (July 24) morning. Contact Fr. Jim if you are interested in helping or taking a leadership role in this event.** Contact Christina Waggoner (youth@stlukes.net) for information about this or other upcoming events.

### **An Evening of Delicious Food and Music and Fun**

Join your friends for an evening at Wichita, s historic Cowtown, with **all-you-can-eat** delicious traditional food from the cowboy era – smoked beef brisket, smoked chicken, red potato salad, honey cornbread, peach cobbler, and the famous Diamond W Beans. The Prairie Wrangler's, who have performed several times at Carnegie Hall, will put on a great musical show for your entertainment. This event is a fundraiser for the Episcopal Diocese of Kansas, and we promise you an evening of fun and good memories. Guests are welcome, this is a perfect time to repay those who have entertained you.

Cost: \$50.00 per person (\$23.00 tax deductible)

Date: Friday night, July 18, 2008, 6:00 PM  
(Dinner served at 6:30 sharp)

If you need more information call Jerry Malone 316-686-1506. For Reservations, Send Your Check To: Kay Hoffman, 102 S. Oakwood, Wichita, KS 67218

### **Christian England and the World of C. S. Lewis**

*Diocese of Kansas Trip to England  
Sept. 6 – Sept. 15, 2008*

A marvelous 10 day trip to England departs both Kansas City and Wichita Sept. 6, and returns Sept. 15. We will stay in first class hotels with 14 full meals included. This tour includes London, St. Paul's Cathedral, Westminster Abbey, Canterbury Cathedral, Oxford, York, York Minister, Bristol, Epworth, Lincoln Castle, Cambridge, King's College and chapel, Olney, Bedford and much more.

Cost: \$3,273 per person, double occupancy. For more information and a complete itinerary, contact Bobbi at Sunflower Travel, 800-445-0563 or 316-634-1700. E-mail address: bhansen@sunflowertravel.com

### **Current Outreach Efforts**

#### **• Community Food Pantry.**

In May, we are asked for Milk; canned, dry, single serving. 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 help prepare and serve breakfast to the poor and homeless. Meet us at St. Luke's at 8AM, or at St. Paul's (18<sup>th</sup> & Washington) at 8:30AM.

#### **• Agape Outreach.**

Our agape outreach ministry is a way to provide direct assistance (financial and otherwise) to a family that we've adopted for a period of time. Currently, our agape outreach family is Lori Trickey, her daughters and granddaughter. They are experiencing some significant financial problems and need our help. In the pew rack in front of you, you should find a small manilla envelope. All we ask is \$1 from each parish family each week.



# Ministry Schedule: May 2008

	May 4	May 11	May 18	May 25
<b>Altar Guild 8:00</b>	B Carl	B Carl	D Wallower	B Carl
<b>Altar Guild 10:15</b>	D Fowler	V Clarke	R Cantwell	C Keller
<b>Acolytes 10:15</b>	T Wrede	G Rohrer	L Riddle	E Wrede
<b>Ushers 8:00</b>	J Carl	J Carl	J Carl	J Carl
<b>Ushers 10:15</b>	M Jones, J Darnell	S & B Jarvis	A & E Mathew	C Keller, C Burris
<b>Greeters 8:00</b>	S Holmberg	S Holmberg	S Holmberg	S Holmberg
<b>Greeters 10:15</b>	D Breidenthal	D Fowler	D Kissane	S & C Jarvis
<b>Lay Ministers 8:00</b>	S Streepy ..... D C Werly ..... L/Ch	S Streepy ..... D U Prescott.. .... L/Ch	S Streepy ..... D J Carl ..... L/Ch	S Streepy ..... D V Clarke ..... L/Ch
<b>Lay Ministers 10:15</b>	S Streepy ..... D T Gordon ..... Ps/Ch S Mann ..... Cr/Ch P Jones ..... L/I	S Streepy ..... D R Wrede ..... Ps/Ch C Burris ..... Cr/Ch B McGuinn ..... L/I	S Streepy ..... D W Fowler ..... Ps/Ch K Wood ..... Cr/Ch C Speicher ..... L/I	S Streepy ..... D T Jones ..... Ps/Ch M Neufeld .... Cr/Ch J Darnell ..... L/I
<b>Lay Ministers 5:00</b>	V Clarke	R Jones	P Jones	V Clarke
<b>Lay Eucharistic Visitor</b>	J Carl B Carl	R Jones P Jones	T Hayselden N Hayselden	B McGuinn S Mann
<b>Counters</b>	J Darnell, D Callaway, M Lyon	J & B Carl, D Wallower	D Kahn, R Knabel S Sullivan	A Penny, J Speicher C Speicher
<b>Godly Play</b>	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
<b>Lawn Mowers*</b>	J Darnell	T Grandgenett	M Howard, G Ball	D Kahn
<b>Coffee Hosts</b>	<b>Zone 4</b>	<b>Zone 4</b>	<b>Zone 4</b>	<b>Zone 4</b>

Legend: D = Deacon

L/Ch = Lector, Chalice (usually at 8AM only)

Ps/Ch = Psalm, Chalice

Cr/Ch = Creed, Chalice

L/I = Lector, Intercessors

\* **Lawn Mowers** are scheduled to work anytime during the week following the Sunday on which they are scheduled.

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 ...

## For Health & Strength

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

### AND ESPECIALLY

**Amy Pfannensteil • Julie Ball • Ricky Holtman • Sarah Reese • Swede Holmberg**

*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.*

## May Birthdays

Andrew Knabel	2
Michael Knabel	2
Monica Clarke	6
Beth Behn	7
Willie McCallum	9
Melissa Neufeld	11
Luke Wood	16
Ginny Wheatcroft	20
Erik Weaver	23
Russell Jones	25
Brody Hayselden	28
Cheryl Parkhurst	29
Nancy Long	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.*

## May Anniversaries

Tim & Clareen Jones	2
Tom & Heather Hayselden	5
Steve & Alison Paddock	22
Craig & Chris Knabel	30

*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

Scott Allen, Kelvern Bayless, Pat Roberts, Doug Pemberton, Linda Richmond, Sally Wyatt,, Robert Tindel, 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 • 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.*

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★ 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](mailto:parish-secretary@stlukes.net). If your birthday or anniversary isn't on this list, contact the parish office so that we can correct this error.

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*Do you know how easy it is to grow a church?  
Simply invite a friend to come to church with you next Sunday.  
That's how easy it is!*

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## CAMP WOOD AN EPISCOPAL SUMMER CAMP

**Where is Camp Wood?** Camp Wood is a YMCA Camp located in Elmdale, KS in the scenic Flint Hills southwest of Emporia.

**What activities and programs are offered?** The camp features a variety of activities such as horseback riding, challenge course, canoeing, kayaking, swimming, arts and crafts, soccer, basketball, tennis, and fishing. In addition to these Y activities, the Episcopal staff provides further opportunities for recreation and spiritual growth. These include games and competitions, concerts, talent shows, dances, small group discussions, prayer, meditation, and daily worship.

**Who should come to Summer Camp?** The High School session is for students finishing grades 9-12 of the current school year. Junior High is for students finishing grades 6-8 of the current school year. Intermediate is for students finishing grades 3-5 of the current school year. The Summer Camp program is NOT restricted to Episcopalians or regular churchgoers. All are welcome, so invite friends and family.

**How to register?** Registration packets were mailed to parishes in early March, but are also available for download here:

<http://www.episcopal-ks.org/youth/campreg08.pdf>

**What are the dates for summer 2008?**

High School Session: June 1-7

Junior High Session: June 8-14

Intermediate Session: June 15-21

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