
The Lifeline

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

June 2008

Musings from the Rector

Here's something interesting that I stumbled across just the other day. The Synod of Bishops (an assembly of Roman Catholic bishops, created in 1965 by Pope Paul VI, to give the bishops of the world a voice in the governance of the world-wide Catholic Church) recently commissioned a sociological survey of attitudes towards the Bible in various nations. And what was interesting to me, are some of the findings of the survey. For example:

- The United States has by far the highest level of its adult population that claims to have read at least one passage from the Bible in the last year (75%) and to have a Bible at home (93%), **but it doesn't score better than anyone else on tests of basic Biblical literacy.** For example, large numbers of Americans ... mistakenly thought that Jesus had authored a book of the Bible, and couldn't correctly distinguish between Paul and Moses in terms of which figure belongs to the Old Testament.
- Even within highly secularized nations ... broad majorities report a positive attitude towards the Bible, describing it as "interesting" and expressing a desire to know more about it.
- Broad majorities also describe the Bible as "difficult" and express a need for help in understanding it.
- Fundamentalists, described here as those who take a literal view of Scripture, do not know more about the Bible than anyone else. In fact, researchers said, readers of the Bible whose attitudes they described as "critical" (*i.e.*, people who see the Bible as the word of God but in need of interpretation) are over-represented at the highest levels of Biblical literacy. In other words, fundamentalists actually score lower on basic Biblical awareness.
- In virtually every country surveyed, those who take a "critical" view of the Bible represent a larger share of the population than either "fundamentalists" or "reductionists" (*i.e.*, those who see the Bible simply as literature or a collection of myths and legends). In the United States, "fundamentalists" are 27% of the population, "critics" 51% and "reductionists" 20%.
- There is no apparent correlation between reading the Bible and any particular political orientation. In other words, it's

not the case that the more someone reads the Bible, the more likely they are to be a political conservative or liberal.

- Aside from the United States, there's broad support in most nations for teaching the Bible in public schools, suggesting that large numbers of people attach cultural importance to the Bible even if it's not part of their personal belief system. (The different result in the United States, according to researchers, flows from America's unique tradition of church/state separation, in which families and churches rather than public schools have been the primary carriers of religious instruction).
- There no longer appear to be major differences in Biblical reading patterns and Biblical familiarity between countries with Catholic majorities and those with Protestant majorities, suggesting that ... the Bible has become "the ecumenical book of all believers."

The bottom line, according to the study, is that the Bible continues to inspire interest and fascination among a broad majority, even in highly secularized cultures. In addition, people also report that they want help making sense of the Bible, suggesting a "church-generating" capacity inherent in Scripture.

In the greater Kansas City metropolitan area, in which we live, it sometimes seems that every other church I drive by describes itself as Bible-based or as a "Bible Church." But we at St. Luke's simply describe ourselves as "episcopalians." It should please you to know that the Episcopal Church has been a "Bible Church" for over 450 years! The prayers we use are Bible-based. We hear scripture being read at every worship service. Our hymnody draws its themes from scripture. The weekly sermons focus on scripture. And, in addition to all of this, we offer Bible study each week. And so, if you find yourself wanting to know more about scripture and the Bible, this is my advice: Come to church!

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

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Youth Group News!

Can you believe that it is already summer? I feel like time is really flying by! Well, we have got a great line-up of activities to keep you having fun in the sun!

Here are the upcoming events:

June 1 -7	Senior High Camp
June 8 - 14	Junior High Camp
June 27	World of Fun
July 4	Celebrate with your family! No "Friday of Fun"
July 11	KC Zoo(rain out date is August 8)
July 18	Bowling
July 25	MissionPalooza No "Friday of Fun"
Aug 1	HAPPENING! No "Friday of Fun"
Aug 8	Nelson Art Museum Visit
Aug 15	Cook out/Arts/Crafts/Games at the Lake
Aug 22	Regular youth group resumes

OTHER AWESOME NEWS ABOUT OUR YOUTH!

We have a large number of graduates this year. I have really enjoyed getting to know all of you and wish you the best with your post high school careers! Congratulations to: Laura Cook, Michael Knabel, Steven Mathew, Michael Penny, Kylie Plunkett, and Elizabeth Wrede.

Also, Congratulations to:

Emily Cook for making drum line

Tori Wrede for being inducted into the Thespians

Eisha McCallum for being summer youth intern for the diocese

I hope I have not leave anyone out; however every single one of our youth has awesome talent and that is something our church is proud of! 😊

Keep it up guys!

Peace,

Christina

Christina Waggoner

Youth Group Leader

***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!

Parish News 'n Events

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 2nd Monday (June 9) or Ginny & Dan Wheatcroft on the 4th Saturday (June 28) of each month 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.

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 next date is August 30 and then November 30. If you have any questions, or want to volunteer, please contact Fr. Jim.

Vacation Bible School

A Rainforest Adventure for ages 3 through 5th 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, please contact Pat Jones at 268-4787 or Dawn Sullivan 745-4160.

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.

Happy Birthday to You!

After the second service on June 8, we will honor these parishioners who have birthdays in June: Amanda Lero, Todd Gordon, Krista Sherman, Ardis O'Brien, Ginger Waters, Mary Hayselden, Katie Speicher, John Burris, Marcia Streepy, Steven Smith, Matthew Knabel, Luke Grandgenett, Eli Taylor, Shannon Hoffman, Linda Bricker, Tom Hayselden, Steve Mann, June Harlow, & Kate Wood Please contact Brenda Carl for more information. *(Please check the birthday list on the back page of the Lifeline each month to make sure yours is included and let the parish office know if you need to be added).*

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.

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 (40th & Main). *The members of St. Luke's will be providing breakfast for 80-90 persons on Thursday (July 24) morning. Jim Carl has taken a leadership position over this effort; please contact him if you can help.*

Current Outreach Efforts

- **Community Food Pantry.** In June, we are asked for veggies, treats, and "extras". And, Best Choice labels with the bar code included can be redeemed by the pantry for 3¢ each.
- **Breakfast at St. Paul's.** Join us June 28 as we prepare and serve breakfast to the poor and homeless. Meet us at St. Luke's at 8AM, or at St. Paul's (18th & 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 racks are small manilla envelopes; all we ask is \$1 per family per week.

What You Might Not Know

about St. Luke's Church's Columbarium

- When a member of St Luke's Episcopal Church decides to have a member of their family interred in the COLUMBARIUM (named "Garden of Memories") they enter into an "Interment License Agreement" with the Church.
 - The Church provides, on a separate Bronze Plaque, the name of the deceased, year of birth and year of death. The plaque is attached to a large Bronze Plaque mounted on a large boulder located in the Columbarium.
 - The exact location of the remains of each individual interred in the garden is recorded in the "Garden of Memories Record Book". (this book is kept in the Church Office)
 - The cost of maintaining the Garden of Memories is not part of the annual church budget
 - Funds for the perpetual care and maintenance of the garden come from donations to the Garden of Memories Memorial Tribute Fund and the \$400 Interment Fee.
 - The Garden is cared for and maintained by volunteer members of the Church.
 - All landscaping and permanent decorations in the columbarium area are under the control of the Vestry of the Church. In no event shall any artificial flowers, potted plants or similar decorations of any kind be permitted in the columbarium area
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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 Rev. Donald W. Beers • The Thomas Bickle Family • Joan Boyd • Bob Brownell • Amanda & Jason Coleman • Russell Crump • Charlotte Davis • Pat DeLong • Mike Dishman • Joanna Diviney • Joseph Eaton • Jean Famuliner • Marsha Gribble • The Brad & Tammy Gridley Family • Christie Gutierrez • John Habley • June Harlow • Tom Hayselden • Toni Hernandez • Charles & Catherine Hinchey • Sherry Holtman • Lisa Houghton • Kathy & Zach Hudon • the Hoffman family • Colleen Hurley • Tim Janicke • Katelyn • Shane Karr • AJ Kennedy • Gail Kent • Bob Kuemmerlein • The Kurtz family • Betty Lou Lassiter • Anne Liebst • Vic Lenoir • Steve Lynch Family • Alan McDonald • Tasha McDonald • the McElwer family • Elizabeth McGranahan • Charles McGuinn • Niki McKechnie • Karlee McQueen • Marcheschi family • Beaux Minx • Chris Mueller • John Owen • Nicki Papanton • Barb Parkhurst • Lauren Perry • Katie Pejril • Amy Pfannensteil • Liz Pfeiffer • Jerre Plunkett • Frank Rowan, Jimmy Shelton • Krista Sherman • Jason & Autumn Smart • The Speicher family • Pat Smith • Helen Stambaugh • Betty Steely • Bill Super, Laura Tindel • John Urnes • Christina Waggoner • Molly Weaver • Dan Wheatcroft • Bud & Evelyn Wrede

AND ESPECIALLY

Amy Pfannensteil • Bob • Julie Ball • Ricky Holtman • Sarah Reese • Sid Morris • The Rev. Donald W. Beers

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.

June Birthdays

Amanda Lero	2
Todd Gordon	5
Krista Sherman	5
Ardis O'Brien	7
Ginger Waters	7
Mary Hayselden	13
Katie Speicher	13
Marcia Streepy	15
Steven Smith	15
Matthew Knabel	16
Luke Grandgenett	16
Eli Taylor	18
Shannon Hoffman	19
Linda Bricker	21
Tom Hayselden	21
Steve Mann	28
June Harlow	28
Kate Wood	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.

June Anniversaries

Alan & Vicki Penny	3
Matt & Kate Wood	4
Russ & Pat Jones	11
Dan & Ginny Wheatcroft	11
Jim Darnell & Debra Callaway	24
David Kissane & Nancy Long	27
Rev. Arleigh & Betty Lassiter	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

Shirley Trotman

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 • **Chris Still** • 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.

Ministry Schedule: June 2008

	June 1	June 8	June 15	June 22	June 29
Altar Guild 8:00	B Carl	V Clarke	D Wallower	D Fowler	V Clarke
Altar Guild 10:15	C Uhrmacher	B Carl	R Cantwell	R Cantwell P Jones	C Uhrmacher
Acolytes 10:15	E Cook	T Wrede	G Rohrer	L Riddle	E Wrede
Ushers 8:00	L Still	S Holmberg	L Still	S Holmberg	L Still
Ushers 10:15	J Darnell M Jones	A Mathew E Mathew	S Jarvis B Jarvis	C Keller C Burris	V Clarke J Carl
Greeters 8:00	S Holmberg	S Holmberg	S Holmberg	S Holmberg	S Holmberg
Greeters 10:15	D Breidenthal	D Fowler	M Jones	D Kissane	S & B Jarvis
Lay Ministers 8:00	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	S Streepy D U Prescott . . L/Ch
Lay Ministers 10:15	S Streepy D M Neufeld Ps/Ch B Carl Cr/Ch P Jones L/I	S Streepy D C Burris . . Ps/Ch J 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	S Streepy D K Wood . . Ps/Ch R Wrede . . Cr/Ch J Darnell L/I
Lay Eucharistic Visitor	C Werly B McGuinn	T & N Hayselden	J & B Carl	R & P Jones	M Neufeld S Mann
Counters	D Kahn R Knabel S Sullivan	C Burris C Werly	J & C Speicher C Burris	J Darnell D Callaway M Lyon	J & B Carl D Wallower
Godly Play	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
Coffee Hosts	Zones 5 & 6				
Lawn Mowers*	J McCain	M & T McCallum	C Speicher	D Uhrmacher	G Avery

Legend: D = Deacon

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

Ps/Ch = Psalm, Chalice

Cr/Ch = Creed, Chalice

L/I = Lector, Intercissors

* 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!

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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.

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 know you will be amazed and delighted at what you are going to hear. This won't be your ordinary, boring organ recital. I guarantee it.***

Admission is \$20 per person, and tickets may be purchased in advance on Sunday morning, or at the door.

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

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

