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# The Lifeline

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

July 2009

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## A Challenge from the Rector

For quite some time the back page of the Lifeline has sported a quote similar to the following:

*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.*

That statement is absolutely true! But I understand that inviting someone to come to church with you can be a daunting task, so I'm going to try and make a little bit easier for you. On the back page "below the fold" are four cards with essential church information — church address, website, phone number, worship times, and a brief statement describing our parish family.

I would invite you to cut out the cards and keep them with you at all times — either in your wallet or purse. *And I would challenge you* to give them away to four different people or families before the end of the summer.

If word about our parish is to get out, it will be up to you.

*Fr. Jim*

## A Prayer for the 76<sup>th</sup> General Convention

Almighty and everliving God, source of all wisdom and understanding, be present with those who take counsel in Anaheim, California, for the renewal and mission of your Church. Teach us in all things to seek first your honor and glory. Guide us to perceive what is right, and grant us both the courage to pursue it and the grace to accomplish it; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



## A Special Word of Thanks

I would like to thank everyone for making the weekend of June 6 and 7 a special occasion for me and my family. The ordination at the Cathedral in Topeka on Saturday was, in a word, overwhelming, and it was transformed into the sublime by your presence and prayers. Words fail even me to express the nimety of emotions which flooded me as I looked out and saw the faces of people who had encouraged me, counseled me, listened to me, and stood by and for me through the ordination process. God bless all of you who dedicated a beautiful Saturday morning in June to join me at the Cathedral for the ordination.

Then, as if Saturday wasn't enough joy for anyone person to absorb in a lifetime, on Sunday you honored me with my first Eucharists and the reception for me and my family. I was slightly nervous (alright, I was as nervous as Bill Snyder at an IRS tax audit), but your kindness smoothed my path just as it has for the last five years. Marcia and I are truly blessed to have been part of this blessed parish community. If I started singling out people for their contributions, there would be no room for anything else in the Lifeline, but permit me a special thanks to our rector, Father Jim Cook. Without his guidance, steady hand, and advocacy none of this would have happened. Expressions of appreciation and admiration seem inadequate at such times, but God trusted words to communicate with us through Scripture and his son, the Word made flesh. In that same spirit of incarnational communication, I offer here, despite my inadequacies and weakness, the best expression I can offer: I thank all of you from the bottom of my heart. God bless, preserve, and keep all of you in his mercy, love, and protection, this day and always.

*Fr. Shawn*

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# Youth Group News!

Hey everyone! Can you believe that summer is finally here? We have some really awesome things planned for this summer. All of the events we are doing this summer are open for you to bring friends! College students back over break are also welcome.

*No Fridays of Fun on July 3<sup>rd</sup>, enjoy celebrating our independence day!*

July 11	Worlds of fun!!
July 17 – 18	Lock-in (games, cook-out)
July 25	Crown center/ planetarium/ Jazz museum
July 31	Theatre in the park (Wizard of Oz)

I will keep you updated on the specifics of each week via email. If you do not receive email from me and would like to for Fridays of Fun this summer, please shoot me an email at [cwagg1987@yahoo.com](mailto:cwagg1987@yahoo.com)

This is going to be a great summer! Hope to see you there!!

Peace,

*Christina*

Christina Waggoner, Youth Coordinator  
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*It's a good time to be a youth at The Luke!*




*"Whoa! I was just playing dead."*

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# Parish News 'n Events

## Music Notes

 Do you plan an instrument? Sing? Sing as a family? Would you like to offer your talent as a gift to the parish one Sunday this summer? See Vicki Penny, or sign up in the narthex.

## The Dinner Club

This month's dinner will be 6:30 pm on July 20th, at the **Copa Room** at 87th Street and Lackman east of the Hen House and CVS drugstore. See June or Nat Cassingham for more information. Sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex.

## The Book Club

The Book Club is on hiatus for the month of July. Look for a new selection to be announced soon for August.

## Community Food Pantry

In July, we are asked to donate **Dental Supplies** (*toothbrushes, toothpaste, floss, & mouthwash*). 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.

## Garden Day

We will meet at 9 am on the third Saturday of each month (July 18, Aug 15, Sept 19, Oct 17), **however**, any day is a good time. There are many gardens around the Church that require our attention. Don't hesitate to pick an area and give it your tender loving care...any day any time...Amen!

— *Dan and Ginny Wheatcroft*

## Welcoming Committee

The Welcoming Committee had it's second meeting on Sunday, May 24. A lot of new ideas are being formulated following the Magnetic Church Conference that some of our group attended. We want to begin by being more deliberate in our greeting and follow-up of newcomers. One immediate need is that of recruiting more greeters. It was the consensus of the committee that couples would be ideal. So...if you feel this could be your "ministry", please let me know. I am hoping to have some "new faces" in place by July. You can contact me at 631-8597 or at [mmjones@stlukes.net](mailto:mmjones@stlukes.net).

— *Maxine Jones*

## Sunday School

Sunday classes are on summer vacation. Look for them to resume in September. Thanks to all our teachers!

## Outreach Ministry Opportunity:

Dr. Michael Mulhern is from University of Nebraska Medical School and is a Unite for Sight Global Impact Fellow. He will be traveling to India with a team of doctors this August to work with local ophthalmologists to help provide vision screening and vision-restoring operations to those in need. Unite for Sight is unique because they focus on sustainability - they build the capacity of local Indian eye clinics. In addition to directly supporting surgeries, Unite for Sight works on local education programs. All of this guarantees that donations lead to real, high-impact, sustainable results. Since 2000, Unite for Sight has supported over 21,000 surgeries. 100% of donations go directly to programs. Less than 3% of Unite for Sight operating expenses are spent on administrative costs, and not a penny is spent on fundraising, numbers unheard of for a charity. For this trip, he is collecting sunglasses (non-prescription), reading glasses, and prescription eyeglasses to be used in local clinics in India for those who cannot afford them. You can help this cause by donating eyeglasses that you, your family and friends no longer use. I will be collecting them at Church during the month of July. Thank you for participating in this outreach ministry.

*Vincy Abraham*

## Hector Olivera in KCMO

Hector Olivera will perform Sunday, August 2 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 416 W. 12<sup>th</sup> St., KC, MO. Admission is \$20. Call 816.842-0416 for ticket information, or e-mail [mpearson@kcgolddome.org](mailto:mpearson@kcgolddome.org). You may also purchase tickets at the door.

## Pictorial Parish Directory

Finally, in response to many requests, we will be putting together a new pictorial directory. The first step will be to start taking pictures; look for this to begin in early August, when we'll start having a camera set up at St. Luke's. There are five Sundays in August, and we hope to be able to get everybody's picture in that time frame.

## General Convention

The General Convention, a triennial gathering of elected representative (lay and ordained) from every diocese in the Episcopal Church will meet July 8–17, 2009 in Anaheim, California. Please keep this gathering in your thoughts and prayers, and go to the following websites for information and news about this 76<sup>th</sup> General Convention:

[www.episcopalchurch.org/gc2009.htm](http://www.episcopalchurch.org/gc2009.htm)

[www.dfms.org/ens/](http://www.dfms.org/ens/)

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# A Moment of Meditation ...

Submitted by Vincy Abraham

"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord" Psalm 33:12

On July 4, in a thousand hamlets, loyal Americans will march in parades as millions of their fellow citizens watch with pride. The passing of the Stars and Stripes will cause many backbones to stiffen and bring smart salutes from the military as well as the placing of hand over heart by those who pledge again their allegiance to "one nation under God."

But many of our people will offer no salutes, feel no sense of pride, and pledge no allegiance to the flag. Some will not respond because of indifference or calloused hearts. Others will be working to tear the fabric of our national life to shreds; to worsen, not heal, our sickness; to destroy, not to build; to bring disunity, not unity, to the nation. For them, patriotism is dead; love of country is archaic. Far from echoing the words of Stephen Decatur, "Our country, right or wrong," they will even refuse to say, "My country when it is right."

Perhaps the time has come for us to read again the stirring words of the Declaration of Independence:

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness – That to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, that whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new government, laying its foundation on such principles, and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their safety and happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience bath shown, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed.

We do well to ask: Has the time come for us to abolish what our forefathers created? Has their vision of liberty, justice, and happiness proved unattainable? Ought we now to burn the flag, send our congressmen home, and close the doors of the White House?

Are we ready to say that the mythos, the heroes, and the folk tales that have bound us together as a people for almost two hundred years no longer enthrall us? Are we willing to forget our common heritage, dilute our sense of fraternity and destiny, and dissolve the cohesiveness that made us one?

The American dream that drew millions of immigrants as a magnet attracts metal has not been wholly fulfilled. We are faced with grave and challenging problems in our national life. We see many things we dislike, and can point to many injustices that have not yet yielded to truth and righteousness. But even as we acknowledge the defects we cannot forget the victories. The slaves have been freed; universal suffrage has become a reality; startling advances have been made to assure all our people of life and liberty as well as the right to pursue happiness.

Unlike millions of people in Russia, Czechoslovakia, China, and Cuba, our people walk as free men across our broad prairies and along our city streets; unlike the *avant garde* Communist writers who languish in concentration camps or lie in unmarked graves, our people are able to write freely and to dissent vigorously while the whole weight of government, court, and police protects them in their rights and in their persons. The doors of our churches are open, the Bible is read, and the pulpits are free to sound forth the glories of our God. Church is separated from state and freedom of religion is no fond dream—it's real. Our coins say: "In God we trust." Our presidents take their oath of office on the Bible. We still pledge allegiance to a nation "under God." In a spirit of hope and pride we can sing:

Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just, And this be our motto: "In God is our trust." And the star-spangled banner in triumph shall wave O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

Christians ought to be the best citizens and the finest patriots. Certainly they have a prior allegiance to God Almighty. But this can only make them better Americans. They need not gloss over the nation's defects or sweep its failures under the rug. They need not claim that their country is always right. When it is right, they will support it; and when it is wrong, they will love it and work to correct it. Even as the Apostle Paul could speak proudly of his Roman citizenship, so should every American Christian speak proudly of his. The day that patriotism ceases, that day we will have ceased to be a people.

Patriotism is not dead; our nation is not finished. Let us rally behind our flag; let us love our country with all its faults; let us work to improve it with all our strength; let us defend it with all our resources; let us hand it on to generations unborn better than it was when we received it; let us instill in our children the hope of our forefathers for the ultimate fulfillment of their dreams. But above all, let us tell them that the greatness of America lies not simply in the achievement of the ideal but in the unrelenting pursuit of it.

This article originally appeared in the July 4, 1969 issue of *Christianity Today*.

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# Ministry Schedule: July 2009

	July 5	July 12	July 19	July 26
<b>Altar Guild 8:00</b>	V Clarke	D Wallower	B Carl	B Carl
<b>Altar Guild 10:15</b>	C Uhrmacher	R Cantwell	D Fowler	V Clarke P Jones
<b>Acolytes 10:15</b>	L Riddle & L Riddle	E Cook P Kariuki	J & G Rohrer	A & C Garton
<b>Ushers 8:00</b>	S Holmberg	S Holmberg	S Holmberg	S Holmberg
<b>Ushers 10:15</b>	M Jones J Darnell	V Clarke C Burris	C Smith S Jarvis	G & C Keller
<b>Greeters 8:00</b>	S Holmberg	S Holmberg	S Holmberg	S Holmberg
<b>Greeters 10:15</b>	D Breidenthal V Clarke	T & R Schrempp	M & N Howard	S Jarvis C Jarvis
<b>Lay Minister 8:00</b>	M Neufeld . . . . . L/Ch	U Prescott.. . . . L/Ch	R Jones . . . . . L/Ch	B Carl . . . . . L/Ch
<b>Lay Ministers 10:15</b>	J Carl . . . . . Ps/Ch C Burris . . . . . Cr/Ch J Darnell . . . . . L/I	J Carl . . . . . Ps/Ch R Wrede . . . . . Cr/Ch C Uhrmacher . . . L/I	S Mann . . . . . Ps/Ch K Wood . . . . . Cr/Ch C Smith . . . . . L/I	N Neufeld . . . Ps/Ch T Jones . . . . . Cr/Ch K Wymer . . . . . L/I
<b>Lay Eucharistic Visitor</b>	R & P Jones	B McGuinn S Mann	B & J Carl	M & M Neufeld
<b>Counters</b>	J Darnell, D Callaway, C Ball	R Knabel S Sullivan	J Carl, B Carl, C Werly	J & C Speicher, C Keller
<b>Mowers On or Before:</b>	T Grandgenett July 11	M Howard July 18	G Ball July 25	M/T McCallum Aug 1
<b>Coffee Hosts</b>	Zone 7	Zone 7	Zone 7	Zone 7

**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!



At St. Luke's, there's lots for everyone to do. Please contact the parish office (631-8597) for more information.

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# Remember in Your Prayers ...

## Our Health & Strength Prayer List

Linda Ahrens, Alan, **Ed Allen**, **Kay Allen**, Vanessa Allen, Bill Allen, Mika Allison, **Brenna Anderson**, Don & Blanche Anderson, Larry Andrews, Rob Arend, Alecia Arnold, Family of Asher Arcand, **Kathy Bagby**, **Donna Ball**, Anita Bergman, The Thomas Bickle Family, **Bob, Terri Brown**, **Jeanette Burris**, Brian Busch, Caydence, Paul Chastain, **Laine Clements**, Amanda & Jason Coleman, Darrell Corson, Theophilus Cumberbatch, Diane Damro, Virginia Davis, Pat DeLong, Larry Denny, Christa Devonshire, Lily Dieter, Joanna Diviney, **Joan Duran**, Angela Evans, Theresa Fletchall, Dr. Wayne Fowler, Sr., Jack Francis, Heidi Gentry, Jonathon & Adam Goff, Marsha Gribble, **Erik Grissell**, Christie Gutierrez, John Habley, Barbara Hart, **Tom Hayselden**, Valeria Henderson, **Teddy Hodges**, Boo Hodges, Sherry Holtman, Alex Howard, Kathy & Zach Hudon, The Hoffman Family, Colleen Hurley, Tim Janicke, Merle Johnson, Katelyn, **Warren Jones**, Gail Kent, Bob Kuemmerlein, **Elizabeth Laird**, **Fr. Arleigh & Betty Lou Lassiter**, Anne Liebst, Roger Liebst, Vic Lenoir, Jurie Lindley, John Long, Harold Luttrell, Steve Lynch Family, Tom McAnerney, Alan McDonald, Tasha McDonald, Elizabeth McGranahan, Karlee McQueen, Marcheschi Family, Maugham Family, Leo & Donna Mealman, Vickey Meyers, **Bruce Miller**, **Jeanne Miller**, Natalie Miller, Sid & Mary Morris, Chris Mueller, Jason Mueller, **Ellene Nash**, Colten Newman, John Owen, Christie Owens, Barb Parkhurst, Sandy Parsons, Lilly Passler's Great-Aunt, Lauren Perry, **Amy Pfannensteil**, Jerre Plunkett, Deb Quintero, **Sarah Reese**, Chris Roesner, Ray Rowie (Roy), Bud & Frank Rowan, Sabrina, JJ, & Katie, Dwayne Sax, **Edith Sheahan**, Jimmy Shelton, Kirsta Sherman, Jason & Autumn Smart, Pat Smith, Steven Smith, **KT Speicher & Family**, Helen Stambaugh, Jim Stegeman, Ivan Straker, Nancy Stramel, Sherry Sullivant & family, Skylar Tatham, Ethel Thomas, Laura Tindel, Kathy Uhrmacher, Carl Van Winkle, Charles Verstaete, Mary Ann Wagner, Ginger Waters, **Charles Werly**, Clancy Wiedel, Sherry Wilson, Bud Wrede, **Brad Wright**, **Wilbur Wright**.

## ✠ In Memoriam ✠

Julie Ball, Harry Heflin, Tom Prescott, Dan Vartek.

## Homebound & Shut-In

June Harlow, Wanda Kirkham, Annette Redler

## July Anniversaries

David & LouAnn Capps	13
Joan & Junior Flores	18
Jim & Cindy Speicher	25
Greg & Anita Bergman	29

## July Birthdays

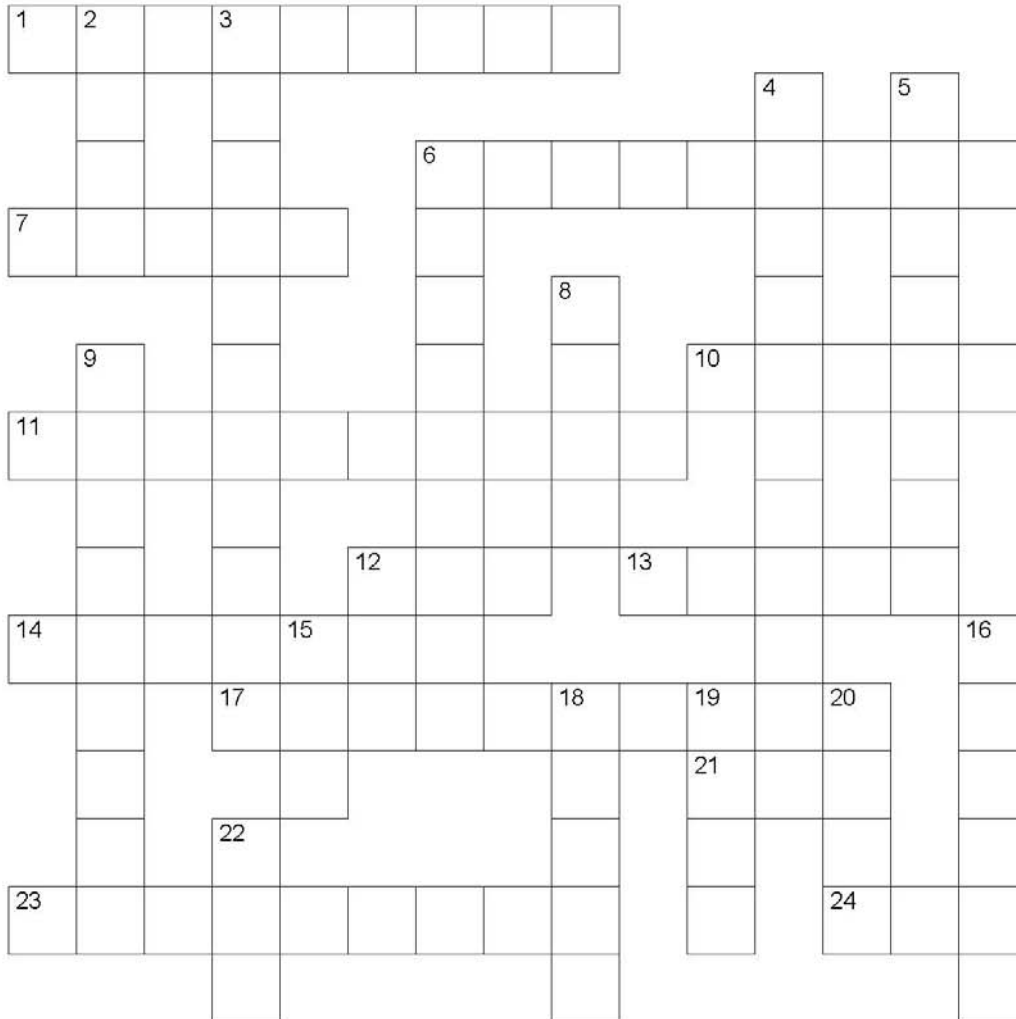
Jim Speicher	5
Caren Grandgenett	6
Judy Owens	8
Charles Werly	11
Claire Gordon	11
Ellen Weaver	12
Eileen Mueller	13
Shane Jarvis	14
Pat Gray	16
Joan Boyd	17
Gary Heflin	17
Kathleen Burris	17
Mark Plunkett	18
Dawn Sullivan	18
Carla Albertson	20
Bruce Welton	20
Sally McCulley	21
Greg Bergman	21
Danielle Vickers	22
Spencer Vipond	23
Carol Burris	24
Jeanne Miller	26
Milly Pfeilsticker	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**, 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, David Rodgers, Matt Schiffel, Bill Simiser, Jayson Smith, Andrew Stemm, Bobby Stallings, **Chris Still**, Nathan Tacha, Alan Walker, Kevin Wright.

*To add or remove names from our prayer lists please contact the parish secretary at 631-8597 or [parish-secretary@stlukes.net](mailto:parish-secretary@stlukes.net). Please check to see if the names you put on it are still requiring of our prayers. If not, please contact the parish secretary and request that the name be removed. Thank you!*

# 1 Corinthians Chapter 13, Puzzle 1



## Across

1. bad-tempered
6. secrets
7. not ever
10. 3
11. comprehend
12. not bright
13. not succeed
14. everything
17. bragging
21. possess
23. indignant
24. visualize

## Down

2. disrespectful
3. flawed
4. prescient
5. has faith in
6. highlands
8. caring
9. learning
15. no
16. destroyed by fire
18. wholly
19. affection
20. ceases
22. people

## Word List

all	men
believes	mountains
boastful	mysteries
burned	never
dim	not
ends	own
fails	prophetic
fully	resentful
imperfect	rude
irritable	see
kind	three
knowledge	understand
love	

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