
The Lifeline

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

November 2008

From the Rector



Let me just say this first: I don't care about who you vote for. That's not exactly true; I do care, but what I care about more is simply that you vote. But it's also important that your vote is based on knowledge and conviction, and not on fear. These last few weeks, fear has been a tactic used by some to move people to vote *against* someone or something. In my estimation, fear is a lousy basis for choosing our elected officials. Fear makes us narrow-minded, and it is the enemy of truth and hope. We should rather vote *for* someone or something, and that based on courage and conviction. Although, as an ordained clergyman, I cannot give you advice on whom to vote for, I can tell you what the Bible has to say about how our lives, public and private, should be conducted:

He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? (Micah 6:8)

It is my belief that the candidate or party which has earned our vote is that which can realistically promise justice and loving-kindness for all, and which conducts itself with true humility. This may be why Theodore Hesburgh, a pastor and university president, once described voting as "a civic sacrament." And I'm sure that you all can recall what Louis L'Amour once said: "To make democracy work, we must be a nation of participants, not simply observers. One who does not vote has no right to complain." And with the quote from Micah above in mind, I like what our 36th President, Lyndon Johnson, said: "The vote is the most powerful instrument ever devised by man for breaking down injustice and destroying the terrible walls which imprison men because they are different from other men."

However you may vote, a good piece of advice was said by our 6th President, John Quincy Adams: "Always vote for principle, though you may vote alone, and you may cherish the sweetest reflection that your vote is never lost." So, take the time and make the effort to get out on November 4 and cast your ballot. Jesus would.

This button made its debut at the diocesan convention last week. It was the brainchild of the clergy in the northeast convocation who, one day during lunch, were lamenting the fact that the only press the Episcopal Church is getting nowadays is only negative. And we wanted to devise a way to start a new conversation, and so the 1 M button was born. We have a bag of these buttons on the desk in the narthex, and I want each of you to take one, and wear it with pride. The idea that when people see us wearing this button, they'll ask what it means. And that opens the door for us to tell them this:

Episcopal Churches in Kansas and the Kansas City MO area are now annually providing over 1 million meals to our neighbors in need.

At a time when the Episcopal Church is being cast as a group which is perennially divided between the "conservatives" and "liberals", and which is hemorrhaging from its membership, I think it would be good to point out the fact that, and our various disagreements notwithstanding, the Episcopal churches in this area are still making a big difference in the lives of many, many people.

This is a message that is not getting out to the public, and, in fact, many Episcopalians are not aware of it either. So, now you have been informed, and now you have good reason to renew your trust and pride in what I think is the best Christian denomination in the whole, wide world: The Episcopal Church!

May God bless you, and your family, and St. Luke's Church!

Fr. Jim

*Don't forget to bring your 2009 pledge card
to church on November 9!*

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Youth Group News!

Hey Everyone!

I hope you all had a great Halloween and are enjoying the fall-back hour! Youth group had a totally awesome pumpkin carving party. Stephanie Hoffman was our costume contest winner!! We have some cool stuff coming up!

Here's the plan!

November 23rd: scavenger hunt for cans! Bring \$5. We'll split into teams and go to the stores. The goal is for us to get as many cans/ food as possible for our team. The team with the most cans wins. The food will then be donated to a food pantry to help those who are less fortunate this season. This is an exciting event, and I encourage you to bring your friends!

December 14th: Christmas/ White Elephant party! Bring a gift from your house that you don't mind getting rid of! The more creative the better! We'll be watching a movie, having pizza, and exchanging gifts. This is another great time to bring the friends along!!

Also, the youth group is helping with the backpack program. During youth group each Sunday we are wiping out and refilling backpacks for 30 students from an elementary school. These students get free lunch throughout the week, but the concern is they are not getting food over the weekend. St. Luke's really is an amazingly giving church, this is a great time for the youth to be engaged in this giving process!

Lastly, If you are an adult/ youth mentor currently and would like to continue to be please shoot me an e-mail. If you have e-mailed me already, I have you down. Thanks so much. The Adult/Youth mentors are a blessing to the community. If this is a ministry you are not currently part of but would like to join, please send me an e-mail at youth@stlukes.net

Peace,

Christina

Christina Waggoner, Youth Group Coordinator
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*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!

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other names to this list.*

Parish News 'n Events

Thanksgiving Eve Worship

We will gather at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, November 26 to give corporate thanks to God for all his blessings upon our families and our nation. *The parish office will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 27-28. In the event of an emergency, contact Fr. Jim on his mobile phone: 913-522-8049.*

Fr. Jim Out of Town

Fr. Jim will be out of the office on November 5-7 to attend a gathering of Kansas clergy in Wichita. He will be at church on Sunday, November 9, and back in the office on November 11.

Circle of St. Luke's

This month we will be celebrating All Saint's Day. To those of you who participate in our prayer group, The Circle of St. Luke's, it will be time to write to the members on your prayer list. Please send a short note, during the first two weeks in November, to let others know they are thought of and prayed for.

Help Wanted at Food Pantry

St. Paul's Church needs your help in their community food pantry every Saturday, 11AM 'til 2PM 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. The next date is November 30. If you have any questions, or want to volunteer, please contact Christy Keller.

Breakfast at St. Paul's

Help us prepare and serve breakfast to the poor on Saturday, November 22. Meet us at St. Luke's at 8am, or at St. Paul's (18th & Washington) at 8:30am.

Happy Birthday to You!

After the second service on November 16, we will honor those parishioners who have birthdays this month: Vicki Heflin, Pat Jones, Jim Carl, Tim Jones, Carmen Jarvis, Erin Sullivan, Dave Boyd, Marilyn Lyon, Laura Cook, Peggy Cook, Pat Still, Troy Wymer, Tom Schrempf, Fr. Arleigh Lassiter, Cindy Keller, Judy Hoffman, Nancy Kahn, Teresa McCallum Terry McCallum, Ally Garton, and Elizabeth Wrede.

Book Club in November

Our next book is *The Shack* by William P. Young. We will meet at the home of Nancy Long and David Kissane (22411 W. 45th St., Shawnee; 745-4590) at 7:00 PM on Friday, November 14. Everyone is invited, even if you haven't actually read the book.

Wednesday Refresher

Each week, between six and ten people gather in the parish hall, from 12-1PM in the parish hall. Everyone brings their own lunch, and we spend the time in lively conversation, hearing a brief "lesson" and commenting on it, and end our time in prayer. Everyone is invited. Contact Fr. Jim if you have questions.

Community Food Pantry

In November, we are asked for Baking supplies: *flour, sugar, seasonings, cake mix, & shortening* And, as always, Best Choice labels with the bar code included can be redeemed by the pantry for 3¢ each. They can also use empty (and cleaned!) 16-32oz water bottles. There are lots of ways you can help our food pantry.

Blankets for Crosslines

As Fall brings cooler weather and later, cold nights, we are collecting blankets, comforters, and warm bedding for Crosslines. A "Blanket Chest" has been placed in the narthex to collect any warmth you can share. See Judy Owens with any questions.

Make a Joyful Noise: Join the Choir!

We are meeting at 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. on Sunday morning. We can use voices of all kinds! Soon, we will begin rehearsing Christmas music and you might consider singing for a season! Vicki Penny 649-4860; apenny1@mindspring.com).

Christian Education for All Ages

- Adults: Meet 9:15-10:00 in the parish hall with Shawn Streepy.
- 7th-12th Grades: Meet 9:15-10:00 in the basement with Melissa Neufeld & Peggy Cook.
- Pre-K-6th Grade: Meet 9:15-10:00 next to the nursery with Mary Hayselden, Christine Uhrmacher, & Pat Jones.
- Children's Chapel for Pre-K-4th Grade: Meet at 10:15 in the basement, with Shawn Streepy, Russ Jones, Dru Breidenthal.
- Youth Chapel for grades 5-8: Meet at 10:15 in the library, with Pat Jones & Cheryl Parkhurst.

A Facelift for a Classroom

Our refurbishment of the Christian Ed room is drawing to conclusion: we have a beautiful new color of paint on the walls and have worked to "de-clutter" the room. There are a few more long-term plans for future improvements like Bible verses and a mural for the walls. Do stop by and see what the room now looks like!

Where are you?

The Junior/Senior High Sunday School teachers are feeling lonely! If you are in that age group, please drop in and see them for Sunday School at 9:15. They are waiting for you with fun and interesting things to do and talk about.

Dinner Club :Opera at Californo's

Join us for an Opera Supper at Californo's (4124 Pennsylvania) on November 17, hosted by Susan & Matt Hartman. The dinner is from 6:00-9:30. Plan to arrive **before** 6:30. Californo's web site is www.californos.com A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex.

Operation Cornbread: Epilogue

Over 1,000 boxes of cornbread mix, and hundred pounds of beans were delivered to the Community Food Pantry and to Cross-Lines Community Outreach. And Fr. Jim shaved his beard. © Thanks for all of your support!!!

Remember in Your Prayers ...

Our Health & Strength Prayer List

Our Agape Family ■ Alan ■ Vanessa Allen ■ Bill Allen ■ Mika Allison ■ Don & Blanche Anderson ■ Larry Andrews ■ Rob Arend ■ **Julie Ball** ■ **Terry Ball** ■ Barbara ■ Fr. Donald Beers ■ The Thomas Bickle Family ■ Jerry Blasingame ■ **Bob** ■ Joan Boyd ■ **Amy Breidenthal** ■ **Jeanette Burris** ■ Amanda & Jason Coleman ■ **Emily Cook** ■ Pat DeLong ■ Joanna Diviney ■ Angela Evans ■ Theresa Fletchall ■ **Dr. Wayne Fowler, Sr.** ■ Heidi Gentry ■ Jennifer Gordon ■ **Caren Grandgenett** ■ Marsha Gribble ■ Brad & Tammy Gridley Family ■ Christie Gutierrez ■ John Habley ■ June Harlow ■ Barbara Hart ■ **Tom Hayselden** ■ Ona Hein ■ Toni Hernandez ■ **Ricky Holtman** ■ Sherry Holtman ■ Kathy & Zach Hudon ■ The Hoffman Family ■ Colleen Hurley ■ Tim Janicke ■ Merle Johnson ■ **Maxine Jones** ■ **Katelyn** ■ **Cindy Keller** ■ Gail Kent ■ Whitney Krebs ■ Bob Kuemmerlein ■ The Kurtz Family ■ Betty Lou Lassiter ■ Anne Liebst ■ Vic Lenoir ■ Steve Lynch Family ■ Tom McAnerney ■ Alan McDonald ■ Tasha McDonald ■ The McElwee Family ■ Elizabeth McGranahan ■ Charles McGuinn ■ Niki McKechnie ■ Karlee McQueen ■ Marcheschi Family ■ Maria & Andrew ■ Maugham Family ■ Natalie Miller ■ Sid Morris ■ Chris Mueller ■ **Ellene Nash** ■ **Colten Newman** ■ John Owen ■ Barb Parkhurst ■ Lauren Perry ■ **Amy Pfannensteil** ■ Liz Pfeiffer ■ **Milly Pfeilsticker** ■ Jerre Plunkett ■ Deb Quintero ■ Ron & Joyce ■ **Sarah Reese** ■ **Ron Romberg Family** ■ Scott Saunders ■ Dwayne Sax ■ Jimmy Shelton ■ Krista Sherman ■ Jason & Autumn Smart ■ **KT Speicher & Family** ■ Pat Smith ■ Helen Stambaugh ■ Ivan Straker ■ Betty Steely ■ Bill Super ■ Ethel Thomas ■ Laura Tindel ■ Paisley Ann Trickey ■ John Urnes ■ **Nellie Wangari** ■ **Kaleena Warrick** ■ Dan Wheatcroft ■ **Art Woodman** ■ **Brad Wright** ■

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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.

✠ In Memoriam ✠

Charlotte Davis

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.

November Anniversaries

Mac & Willie McCallum 18

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.

November Birthdays

Vicki Heflin 1
 Pat Jones 3
 Jim Carl 4
 Tim Jones 6

Carmen Jarvis 7
 Erin Sullivan 8
 David Boyd 11
 Laura Cook 13
 Marilyn Lyon 13
 Peggy Cook 14
 Pat Still 15
 Troy Wymer 16
 Tom Schrempp 17
 Fr. Arleigh Lassiter 20
 Cindy Keller 23
 Judy Hoffman 24
 Nancy Kahn 25
 Teresa McCallum 25
 Terry McCallum 25
 Ally Garton 25
 Liz Wrede 27

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.

Homebound & Shut-In

June Harlow ■ Wanda Kirkham ■ Annette Redler,

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

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** ■ **Harvey Hayselden** ■ Robert Heraldz ■ 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. Our hope and goal is to include *everyone*.

Ministry Schedule: November 2008

	November 2	November 9	November 16	November 23	November 30
Altar Guild 8:00	B Carl	D Wallower	B Carl	D Wallower	V Clarke
Altar Guild 10:15	D Fowler	R Cantwell	P Jones	C Parkhurst	D Fowler
Acolytes 10:15	E Cook Lily Riddle	T Wrede A Garton	Lexi Riddle E Sullivan	G & J Rohrer	E Cook Lily Riddle
Ushers 8:00	S Holmberg	S Holmberg	S Holmberg	S Holmberg	S Holmberg
Ushers 10:15	M Jones, J Darnell	G & C Keller	C Burris, V Clarke	A & E Mathew	J & B Carl
Greeters 8:00	S Holmberg	S Holmberg	S Holmberg	S Holmberg	S Holmberg
Greeters 10:15	D Breidenthal	D Fowler	D Kissane	S & C Jarvis	M Jones
Lay Ministers 8:00	S Streepy D V Clarke . . . L/Ch	S Streepy D C Werly L	S Streepy D U Prescott . . L/Ch	S Streepy D J Carl L/Ch	S Streepy D B Carl L/Ch
Lay Ministers 10:15	S Streepy D C Burris . . Ps/Ch S Mann . . . Cr/Ch J Darnell L/I	S Streepy D K Wood . . Ps/Ch R Wrede . . Cr/Ch P Jones L/I	S Streepy D M Neufeld Ps/Ch T Gordon . Cr/Ch C Speicher . . . L/I	S Streepy D C Burris . . Ps/Ch K Wood . . Cr/Ch S Jarvis L/I	S Streepy D C Burris . . Ps/Ch M Neufeld Cr/Ch K Wymer L/I
Lay Eucharistic Visitor	J Carl B Carl	S Mann C Werly	R & P Jones	M Neufeld B McGuinn	T Hayselden N Hayselden
Counters	D Kahn R Knabel S Sullivan	J & B Carl D Wallower	J & C Speicher C Keller	J Darnell D Callaway C Ball	C Burris C Werly
Coffee Hosts	Zone 4				
Lawn Mowers*	C Burris	D Uhrmacher	G Avery	J Darnell	C Burris

November 26 (Thanksgiving Eve)

Altar - V Clarke
D - S Streepy
L/CH - R Jones

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

* 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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It has been long known that the most effective way to grow a congregation is simply to invite a friend to come to church with you.

So what are you waiting for?

BackSnack Project

As part of our community outreach efforts, St. Luke's is supporting the BackSnack Program through ECS and Harvester's to provide nutritious food to thirty at-risk children attending Apache Elementary School (89th & Goddard). These are kids who qualify for free or reduced lunches at school and are identified as living in food-insecure households. **This year St Luke's will be providing these children over 3,000 nutritious meals!!** If you would like to know more about this amazing program or would be interested in supporting the program please call Jim Darnell at 631-7092.
