

# eNews

December 3, 2020

## Staying Connected

- Services will be **streamed-only** for the winter.
- Watch or rewatch services on [St. Luke's YouTube channel](#).
- Download service bulletins (PDF) at [our homepage](#).
- Noonday prayers continue **December 9th**.
- **Wednesday Zoom Study on Zoom December 9th** .
- Virtual Zoom Coffee Hour at 11:30 a.m. on Sundays.
- [Facebook](#): Request to join our new "Family Room" private group page.



*To keep meetings secure, Zoom links and passwords will be sent via email.*

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## **CHANGES TO STREAMING SERVICE TIMES**



After considering everything we do on Sundays the following schedule will be used **THIS SUNDAY AND going forward**:

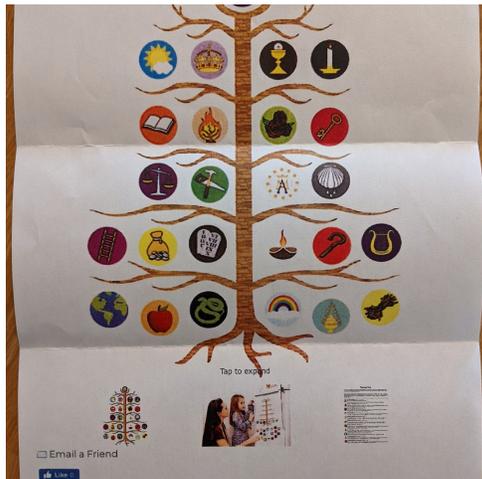
<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	Streaming <b>Service</b> LIVE on <a href="#">YouTube</a>
<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	Sunday School on Zoom
<b>11:30 a.m.</b>	Virtual Coffee Hour on Zoom

Past services can also be viewed on St. Luke's [YouTube channel](#).

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#FellowshipFridays

## The Jesse Tree - Family Fridays



The Sunday School has been studying the Jesse Tree and wanted to share what they have learned with **everybody!** Therefore our Fellowship Fridays will be Family Fellowship Fridays starting now through Advent.

The Jesse Tree is a way to prepare for Christmas by studying the heritage of Jesus through the stories and symbols of Advent. The Christian Education team will lead our all-ages discussions and activities. Every parish family is invited and encouraged to participate.

Materials for **all** parish families have been ordered and we want to get them to you ASAP.

Please call Debbie Fowler at 816-591-6952 if you need someone to deliver to your home.

Schedule:

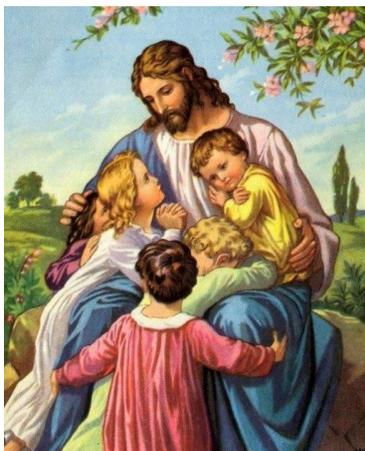
December 4

December 11

December 18

Look in your email for the Zoom invites!

## Children's Chapel - Sunday December 6th - NEW TIME! 10:30 A.M.



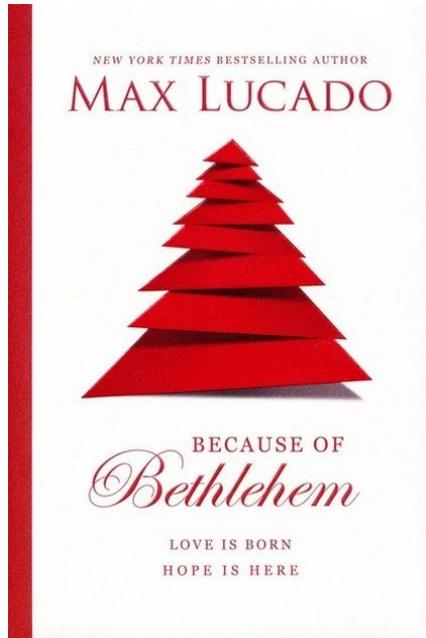
From 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., we will have our regular Zoom Children's Chapel & Sunday School.

We are continuing to work on **The Jesse Tree**.

Check your e-mail for the Zoom link and craft items needed. Please call or text Debbie Fowler (816-591-6952) if you know anyone who would like to be "invited" to our Zoom meetings. Adult family members are normally there to assist!.

## Wednesday Evening Advent Study

Wednesday Evening Study is back for Advent! Our next study will be **December 9th at 7 p.m.**



### ***Because of Bethlehem* by Max Lucado**

A series of Wednesday night sessions on Zoom.

Order your copy of ***Because of Bethlehem***, by Max Lucado on [Amazon](#), [Barnes & Noble](#), or your local Christian bookshop. There are also a limited number of copies available at [Johnson County Library](#) in both the catalog and their digital library.

**A copy of the book is NOT needed to join the discussion.**

**For some, Christmas is a time of excitement, celebration, and family, while for others it is a time of loneliness, grief, and loss. No matter what this season holds for you, the promise of Christmas will bring you a lifetime of hope.**

Christmas begins what Easter celebrates. The child in the cradle becomes the King on the cross. Because of Bethlehem, we have a Savior in heaven. These are the heart shaping promises of Christmas. Long after the guests have left, the carolers have gone home, and the lights have come down, these promises endure.

No one expected God to come the way he did. Yet the way he came was every bit as important as the coming itself. **The manger *is* the message.**

In the midst of your hectic Christmas season, Max will help you:

- Rekindle your connection to the Christ of Christmas who offers lasting hope.
- Lay down your endless Christmas to-do list and receive what Jesus has already done.
- Heal your heartache by embracing the God who is always near you, always for you, and always in you.

As you curl up in a comfortable spot and look into the odd, wonderful story of Bethlehem, may you find enduring hope for all seasons of your life.

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# Parish Christmas Decorations

Show us your holiday spirit!

We want to have our Parish Families take pictures or videos of **THEIR DECORATIONS**.

Our fabulous Tech Team will compile all the images together to be shown after an upcoming Sunday Service.

Please send all pictures or videos to Dennis Phillips at [denphil@aol.com](mailto:denphil@aol.com) Please send **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**

Dennis Phillips [denphil@aol.com](mailto:denphil@aol.com)

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## Christmas Flowers



Although this Advent may be different than any other Advent we are still trying to keep St. Luke's traditions as alive as possible.

If you would like to donate to our annual Christmas Flowers and receive a poinsettia after Christmas, please mail your donations to St. Luke's or use your bank's online Bill Pay.

Please include in the **memo line Christmas Flowers** and also don't forget to write a note and tell us who your donation is **In Memory of** or **In Thanksgiving for**.

We are trying to collect all donations by December 15th.

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## Operation Breakthrough - HUGE THANK YOU!



Thanks again for coming together for another year of giving hope and presents to those struggling.

A **SPECIAL THANKS** to Christy Keller and Angie Johnston for organizing everything!

## Tapestry of Thanksgiving Pledge Drive for 2021



Our Pledge Drive for 2021 is fully underway!

Thanks to everyone who has already returned their pledges.

Your pledges are needed in order to determine our budget for the coming year. The budget committee uses 100% of returned pledges when determining funds.

Along with your pledge, please return your Prayer of Gratitude card so we can combine these together to make our "Thanksgiving Quilt."

As Father Jonathan reminds us *"Choose to be involved in what God is doing at St. Luke's and to be a part of His plan for our community."*

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## Dr. Julie Ball Memorial Blood Drive - December 17

Tis the Season to  
**Give Hope**  
Be a Holiday Hero to Patients  
**BLOOD DRIVE**

Honor the memory of Dr. Julie Ball  
with your life-saving blood  
donation.

Celebrate the life of this loving wife, devoted mother,  
K-State graduate and eleven-year Farview Veterinary  
Hospital doctor whose courageous battle with cancer  
is an inspiration to all. Before she was diagnosed,  
Julie donated blood 56 times.

**Dr. Julie Ball Memorial Blood Drive**  
**Thursday, December 17th**  
**2:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.**  
**Community Room**  
**14605 E US 40 Highway**

Each presenting donor will receive \$5 Price Chopper gift card.

For information regarding CBC's response to COVID-19, visit [savealifenow.org/coronavirus](http://savealifenow.org/coronavirus)

Community  
Blood Center  
1-877-468-6844  
[www.savealifenow.org](http://www.savealifenow.org)

Book your appointment today at  
[savealifenow.org/group](http://savealifenow.org/group), enter **Group Code: CBTY**  
For additional details contact Cheryl Ball at  
913.568.6396 or [qball1951@aol.com](mailto:qball1951@aol.com).

Medical eligibility questions? Call 1.800.688.0900

Blood is desperately needed during this pandemic. Please consider coming out to donate!

Dr. Julie Ball Memorial Blood drive is **Thursday, December 17th from 2 pm to 7 pm** located at the **Community Room 14605 E US 40 Highway**.

**Reservations** are recommended to ensure safety. Visit [www.savealifenow.org/group](http://www.savealifenow.org/group) and enter **Group Code: CBTY**

If you have had and recovered from COVID, please consider giving plasma. Please call the medical phone # 1-800-688-0900 for more information on giving plasma.

If you **cannot come** on December 17, please consider another branch of the Community Blood Center and give

them the Group Code CBTY. The Dr. Julie Ball Blood Drive will get the credit.

For further details you can contact Cheryl Ball.

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## Around the Diocese:

### Workshop offered to help welcome people into the church



The Episcopal Diocese of Kansas will offer a two-night, online workshop for those interested in welcoming new people into the church. It will take place on Dec. 8 and Dec. 15 beginning at 7 p.m. and is open to all members of the diocese, clergy and lay.

The workshop leader will be Jerusalem Greer, the Staff Officer for Evangelism for the Episcopal Church. **“Welcome and Belonging in the Digital**

**Sphere”** will look at how to connect with those who are joining congregations digitally, proclaiming Good News in ways that take people from watchers to active participants on Sundays and beyond.

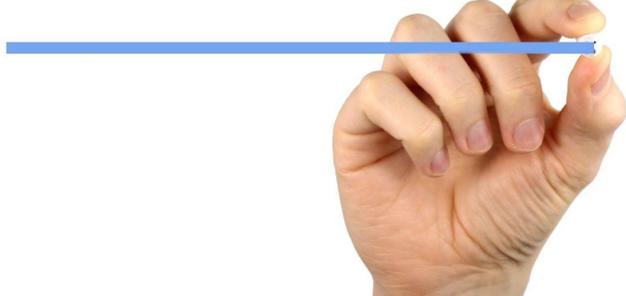
Over two weeks Greer will lead participants in a workshop experience that will include reflection on scripture, story sharing, and practical tips and exercises. Week 1 (Dec. 8) will cover how to make the pivot from in-person expectations to online expressions, as well as the "why" of this work, and how community can happen. Week 2 (Dec. 15) will cover what digital hospitality really looks like, why engaging everyone in the work matters, and what's next.

Registration can be completed at <https://tinyurl.com/y2pszl9h>. For those who have registered, a link will be sent for the conference two days before the first session.

For more information contact the Rev. Gar Demo at [gdemo@stthomasop.org](mailto:gdemo@stthomasop.org)

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# SURVEY



### Invitation to complete a survey about ordained ministry

The Rev. Christopher Corbin, canon to the ordinary in the Diocese of South Dakota, is researching what the Episcopal Church knows and thinks about ordained ministry. To help, he has created a survey that can be completed by any who are interested:

[What We Want from our Clergy](#)



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