

## eNews

October 15, 2020

### Staying Connected

- **Eucharist, Sunday at 8:30 a.m.** RSVP: 913-481-1473.
  - See “Outdoor Worship” info on page 9.
- Watch or rewatch services on [St. Luke's YouTube channel](#).
- Download service bulletins (PDF) at [our homepage](#).
- Noonday prayers start at [12:30 p.m. every Wednesday](#).
- **Love Does** Zoom Discussions [7 p.m. every Wednesday](#).
- [Facebook](#): Request to join our new “Family Room” private group page.



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



### #FellowshipFridays

#### C is for Cooking:

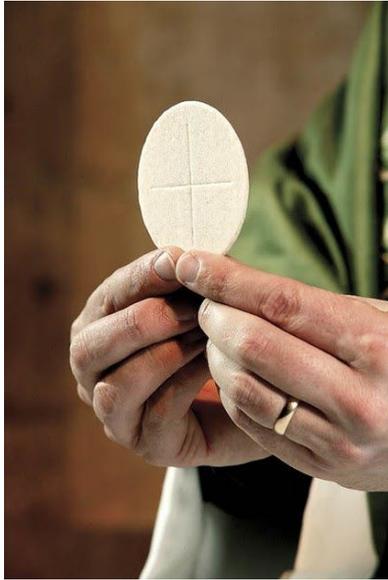
This week join Melissa Pfau as she prepares two easy game-day ready appetizers: Beer Cheese Dip and Apple Chips. The following ingredients will be needed:

#### Beer Cheese Dip:

2 blocks of cream cheese, softened  
2 cups shredded cheddar cheese  
1 packet Ranch seasoning dry mix  
About  $\frac{3}{4}$  cup beer  
Pretzels

Apple Chips: Apples! Parchment Paper or Silpat mat.  
And optional equipment - mandolin.

## Eucharist this Sunday October 18



We will continue our **Bread Only Eucharist** this Sunday!

This is exciting news and if you are interested in attending our outdoor worship and receiving communion please make a reservation with Melissa Pfau at 913-481-1473.

Service will start at 8:30 a.m. and further information can be found on page 9.

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## Children's Chapel



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

This week we will continue discussing **The Jesse Tree**.

Each week we look at a Bible story from the Old Testament. All of these stories lead to when Jesus is born.

Ms. Debbie has ordered the students a magnetic Jesse tree that they can put on their fridge. They will be discussing the parts of the tree in the coming weeks.

A Zoom link will be going out so check your email.

Please call or text Debbie Fowler (816-591-6952) if you know anyone who would like to be "invited" to our Zoom meetings. Currently our students range in age from 6 to 10, with younger siblings making occasional appearances. Adult family members are normally there to assist!

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

However, if you have a copy you are invited to read through the book at your leisure. There are no chapters to study before each discussion so please take your time and read at your own pace.

This will be a five week series and is a perfect time for those who haven't joined our Zoom discussions before to give it a try.

As Mr. Goff states: "Life gets hard, faith seems stale, and we feel stuck. If you've ever felt like that, then don't go anywhere — this Love Does study is for you!"

Everyone who would like to participate must **sign up** using the registration link sent in the email.

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. You can easily add the link to your scheduler, and use the same log-in to join throughout the series.

The next class will be **Wednesday October 21**.

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## Laundry Pod Drive



The pandemic is hitting families harder than ever. Staff at Hocker Grove and Westridge Middle Schools are trying to help.

They are in need of **laundry pods, such as those made by Tide**, for the weekly distribution to area families.

Please bring them to outdoor church on Sundays throughout the month of **September** and **October**.

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## Election Ballot Drop Offs

Voting by mail-in ballot is an option this election cycle amid the COVID-19 pandemic.



St. Luke's wants to make it easier for you! Karen Craig has offered to pick up and hand deliver your election ballots, if you are within Johnson County, KS, to the election office this year.

Mail in ballot applications can be requested by heading to the Johnson County Election Office website.

You can also click the following link for more information about Advance Voting with links to get your personal application: [Advance Voting](#)

The deadline to request a mail in ballot is **October 27**.

**NOTE: BALLOTS will not** be mailed out until 20 days before the election.

In person voting starts November 3.

Please contact **Karen Craig at 785-766-2996** to schedule a pick up.

**JOHNSON COUNTY KANSAS** **ADVANCE VOTING INFORMATION**  
Election Office Presidential Election | November 3, 2020

To shorten your wait, consider voting early at one of **TEN** advance voting locations:

<b>Arts and Heritage Center</b> 8788 Metcalf Avenue, Overland Park	<b>JoCo Northeast Offices</b> 6000 Lamar Avenue, Mission	<b>New Oak Park Mall</b> North side, lower level	<b>Pending Overland Park Convention Center</b> 6000 College Blvd, Overland Park Check <a href="http://jocoelection.org">jocoelection.org</a> to confirm.
<b>Hilltop Conference Center</b> 7700 W. 143rd Street, Overland Park	<b>JoCo Sunset Building</b> 11811 S. Sunset Drive, Olathe	<b>Okun Fieldhouse</b> 20200 Johnson Drive, Shawnee	
<b>JoCo Election Office*</b> 2101 E. Kansas City Road, Olathe	<b>New Century Fieldhouse</b> 551 New Century Pkwy, Gardner	<b>New Olathe Indian Creek Library</b> 16100 W 135th Street, Olathe	

**Advance Voting Hours:**  
Saturdays, October 17, 24 and 31 | 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
M - F, October 19 - October 30 | 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. \*Election Office opens at 8 a.m.  
\* Election Office Only: Monday, November 2 | 8 a.m. to noon

**IMPORTANT DATES**

 <b>14</b> Ballots Begin Mailing	 <b>17</b> In-person early voting begins	 <b>3</b> Election Day! Polls open at 6 a.m.
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*Find your assigned polling place at [jocoelection.org/voterview](http://jocoelection.org/voterview)*

Already requested a mail ballot?  
Check your ballot status at [jocoelection.org/voterview](http://jocoelection.org/voterview)



## Information about Diocesan Convention

This year's Diocesan Convention will take place on Saturday, Oct. 24. A committee of diocesan leaders is meeting to determine the format for that gathering, in light of requirements for physical distancing. More information is [on the convention page](#).

## From Around the Diocese:

### #VoteFaithfully



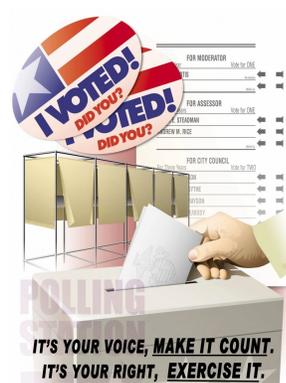
Please note that Bishop Bascom has endorsed the effort to mark **Sunday, Oct. 25 as “Vote Faithfully Sunday,”** to help people remember and prepare for Election Day, Nov. 3.

Here are other non-partisan efforts that seek to promote voter engagement without advocating for any candidate or party.

- **Vote Faithfully:** This is an initiative of the Episcopal Church, noting that
    - **Presiding Bishop Michael Curry has said, “It is a Christian obligation to vote, and more than that, it is the church’s responsibility to help get souls to the polls.”**
  - Information about Vote Faithfully is available through a toolkit PDF provided by the Episcopal Church’s Office of Government Relations:  
[https://episcopalchurch.org/files/vote\\_faithfully\\_2020\\_election\\_toolkit\\_updated.pdf](https://episcopalchurch.org/files/vote_faithfully_2020_election_toolkit_updated.pdf)
- Stickers and magnets that say, “I’m an Episcopalian and I VOTED,” with the hashtag #VoteFaithfully, can be ordered by email at [eppn@episcopalchurch.org](mailto:eppn@episcopalchurch.org).
- **Voter to Voter:** Members of the Diocese of Kansas already are involved with Voter to Voter, which facilitates “relational organizing.” It asks individuals to sign-up as “ambassadors” and reach out to 10 people they already know to make sure they know when the upcoming election is, how to get a vote-by-mail ballot, where to see a sample ballot, where to find early voting locations, and to get reminders to mail in their ballot early.
- Those who want to be part of the diocesan “team” to increase voter turnout can do so at <https://votertovoter.org/episcopal-diocese-of-kansas>.

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### Voting Webinars - From the Episcopal Church



Please join us on the two Tuesdays leading up to Election Day, November 3rd, for informative webinars - in collaboration with the Church’s Reconciliation, Justice & Creation Care and Ethnic Ministries departments - on empowering your vote and those in your community as well learning how to build on your advocacy from this election onward.

#### **Empowering the Vote: Voices from the Church**

Tuesday, October 20th, 12:00 – 1:00pm EST

In this webinar, you will hear from diverse Episcopalians about the importance of the election and voting and what you can do from now until Election Day to empower the vote in your congregation and your community.

## Voting Beyond 2020: You vote Nov. 3, now what?

Tuesday, October 27th, 3:00 – 4:00pm EST

Voting in this election is important for a number of reasons. However, the work does not and cannot stop after casting our votes on November 3rd. In this webinar, we will discuss how to build on your vote by engaging in advocacy to hold those elected accountable while in office. We must continue to work year-round regardless of who wins: strengthening our democracy and elections, ending poverty, and achieving racial equity and justice.

[Register for on or BOTH webinars here!](#) Zoom is required.

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## Becoming Beloved Community NOW



Thousands of racial justice and healing leaders and practitioners across the Episcopal Church gathered to build community, craft strategy and equip each other for action during a series of “Becoming Beloved Community NOW” online gatherings at the end of July 2020.

Convened by the Presiding Officers’ Advisory Group on Beloved Community Implementation, the three gatherings focused on three urgent themes:

- Truth – telling the truth about participation in white supremacy and racial oppression.
- Justice – changing racist systems, especially “criminal” justice and public health/COVID response.
- Healing – breaking free of white supremacy via training and formation.

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry and President of the House of Deputies Gay Clark Jennings offered prayer and reflections throughout the sessions.

The webinars can be viewed at <https://episcopalchurch.org/becoming-beloved-community-now>.

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## Free online class to explore civil conversations



Noted journalist and author Ray Suarez, who is a devout Episcopalian, will lead a free online class to help people of faith and their communities better understand the dynamics at play in this year’s elections and to learn to respond faithfully.

The free, four-part course is entitled “Civil conversation in uncivil times: practicing our faith in the public square.” It launches on Oct. 12 through ChurchNext, an online learning platform for Episcopalians. It will feature a series of video lectures, quizzes and discussions and will take an average student about 45 minutes to complete.

The free class is sponsored by the Episcopal Church, the Episcopal Church Foundation, Trinity Wall Street, the Consortium of Endowed Episcopal Parishes, Forward Movement and ChurchNext.

The FREE course is only able to be accessed from Oct. 12 to Oct. 26.

The course can be accessed at

<https://www.churchnext.tv/library/civil-conversations-in-uncivil-times-practicing-our-faith-in-the-public-square/about/>.

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## General Convention social justice task force invites participation in survey



The Task Force on Theology of Social Justice Advocacy invites Episcopalians to participate in a survey, **“Social Justice and the Episcopal Church: A Call for Stories.”**

The task force was charged by General Convention in 2018 to study how the Episcopal Church currently fosters theological understanding and leadership for social justice, and recommend ways to foster theological and practical conversation across the church on this topic.

The members of the task force would like to gather stories and deeper perspectives to support their work on behalf of the church.

The survey will take approximately 15-30 minutes to complete; the deadline is Nov. 5.

The survey is online at [https://dfms.formstack.com/forms/a\\_call\\_for\\_stories](https://dfms.formstack.com/forms/a_call_for_stories).

# Outdoor Worship at St. Luke's Episcopal Church

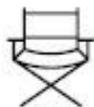


## What to Know:



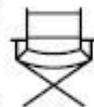
### Before you arrive:

- ▶ Make a **reservation** with **Melissa Pfau: 913-481-1473**
  - 3 options available:
    - Car Parking - 5 stalls available
    - Chairs - 14 pods available
    - On the Grass - 9 Pods available
- ▶ Mask are required, please bring your own.
- ▶ Please also bring
  - Tablet or other device to follow along with the service OR your own Prayer Book
  - Your own chairs or blankets



### When you arrive:

- ▶ **Car Reservations:**
  - Please try to arrive between **8:00 and 8:10 a.m.**
- ▶ Other reservations arrive after 8:10
- ▶ Parking attendants will assist you with where to park. **Handicap parking will still be available near the South Entrance.**
- ▶ As you exit your car, an attendant will direct you to the Usher. **The Usher will then SHOW YOU to your pod.**
  - **Please maintain social distancing until the Usher is ready to seat you.**



### As you leave:

- ▶ The Usher will release you one at a time by pods.
- ▶ Please maintain **social distancing** as you locate your car.



**THANK YOU** to everyone for your patience and continued support of St. Luke's!

"The Lord shall give strength to his people: the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace."

- Psalm 29:11



## Altar Flowers this Month

### October 4

In celebration of their 12<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary by Nat and June Cassingham.

In thanksgiving for Jeremy's birthday & all October birthdays by Wayne & Deborah Fowler.

### October 11

In memory of M.A. Verghese by Abraham Verghese.

In celebration of their wedding anniversary by Gary and Vicki Heflin.

### October 18

In memory of Bob by Maxine Leibst.

In thanksgiving for St. Luke's day.

### October 25



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