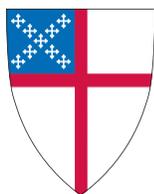


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EASTERTIDE

St. Luke's is Staying Connected

- Watch or rewatch services on [St. Luke's YouTube channel](#)
- Download service bulletins (PDF) at [our homepage](#)
- [Coffee Hour](#) informal, virtual fellowship!
- Noonday prayers start at [12:30 p.m. every Wednesday](#)
- Zoom Bible Study [7 p.m. on Wednesdays](#)
- St. Luke's Family Room [on Facebook](#)

#FellowshipFriday



Fellowship Fridays start at 7 p.m. with 15 minutes of social time, followed by a demonstration or presentation, and then questions and more fellowship until 8 p.m. To keep meetings secure, Zoom links and passwords will be sent via email **with** (not in) the eNews. If you don't have it, [send a request](#).

Fourth Friday

D is for Dirt Diggers

On May 22, Deb Menting will talk with coordinator [Ruth Knabel](#) about fertilizers.

Fifth Friday

E is for Extra

On the occasional fifth Friday, Zoom in for something "extra." May 29 TBA.

National Council of Churches to Hold Virtual Ecumenical Memorial Service on May 24 to Mourn the Lives Lost to COVID-19

May 21, 2020

The Episcopal Church is honored to share the following invitation from the National Council of Churches (NCC):

The [National Council of Churches USA](http://nationalcouncilofchurches.us) (NCC) will hold a public online memorial service on Sunday, May 24, 2020 at 6:00 pm ET to mourn the more than 300,000 people worldwide who have lost their lives to the COVID-19 pandemic, more than 90,000 of whom were in the United States. The NCC is comprised of 38 member communions ranging from mainline Protestant to historic African American and Orthodox churches.

This service, A Time to Mourn: An Ecumenical Memorial Service for Lives Lost to COVID19, will be broadcast on YouTube and Facebook Live.

The plans grew out of a profound concern by faith leaders that, due to the lock-down and other restrictions surrounding the coronavirus, people have been unable to properly grieve the passing of loved ones. The nation has not had a public moment of collective grief to acknowledge and mourn the impact of losing so many lives in such a short period of time.

Details:

A Time to Mourn: An Ecumenical Memorial Service for Lives Lost to COVID19

Sunday, May 24, 6:00 PM ET USA

Register for the event by visiting <http://nationalcouncilofchurches.us>

Add names to the list of those who have died from COVID19, by clicking [here](#).

For more information or interviews with participants of the Ecumenical Memorial Service, please contact: Rev. Steven D. Martin, 202-412-4323 or sm@natcc.us

The memorial will include a sermon offered by the presiding bishop of The Episcopal Church, the Right Reverend Michael B. Curry, known as the “Love Preacher” after he spoke at the Royal Wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle. Many other clergy from a broad spectrum of Christian traditions, some of whom have been personally impacted by COVID-19, will offer prayers, readings and songs during the observance, including, among others:

- Rev. Dr. John Dorhauer, NCC Chair and President and General Minister of the United Church of Christ
- Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, Presiding Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
- Rev. Eddy Aleman, General Secretary, Reformed Church in America
- Rev. Dr. Teresa Hord Owens, President and General Minister, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
- Rev. Dr. W. Franklyn Richardson, Chair, Conference of National Black Churches
- Bishop Teresa Jefferson-Snorton, NCC Vice Chair and Presiding Prelate, Fifth District, Christian Methodist Episcopal Church
- Bishop Minerva Carcano, California-Nevada Conference, United Methodist Church
- Father Nicholas Kazarian, Greek Orthodox Church.

The National Council of Churches planned the ceremony as a way for the country to join together to grieve the passing of family, friends, and even strangers we hear about in news reports. A list of names of those who have lost their lives to COVID-19 is being collected and will be scrolled during the service. Names may be added by clicking [here](#).

Noting the pain and suffering felt by so many Americans whose loved ones died alone or were not able to conduct normal funeral services for them, church leaders offered the following statements:

“Religious rituals provide unique ways for us to express our feelings and close emotional wounds,” said Rev. Dr. John Dorhauer, leader of the United Church of Christ and chair of the NCC Governing Board. “There are gaping needs for this right now. Our hope is that by taking part together in this observance, healing will follow in the hearts and minds of those who are grieving.”

“We are all in need of consolation during this very distressing time,” stated Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, Presiding Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). “We will gather together to give thanks for the lives that have been lost, to commend the deceased to the love and mercy of God, and to hear the proclamation of God’s victory over death in Jesus Christ.”

“Every life deserves to be remembered and properly acknowledged in the most meaningful way possible,” said Jim Winkler, President and General Secretary of the National Council of Churches. “Religious ritual is an incomparable way to do just that. We’ve planned a program we hope Christians of all traditions will feel comfortable joining in—as well as those of other religions and no religion at all. This is as much about human dignity as it is about faith.”

“I am honored to be a part of this service. It is a beautiful idea, as so many are grieving without the usual rituals and gatherings,” said Rev. Dr. Teresa Hord Owens, General Minister and President, Christian Church/Disciples of Christ. “Our prayer is that this service will minister to individuals, families, communities and the nation as a whole. Together, as the body of Christ, we will begin to meet some of this deeply felt need.”

Since 1950, the National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA (NCC) has served as a leading voice of witness to the living Christ. NCC unifies a diverse covenant community of 38 member communions and over 40 million individuals –100,000 congregations from Protestant, Anglican, Orthodox, Evangelical, historic African-American, and Living Peace traditions – in a common commitment to advocate and represent God’s love and promise of unity in our public square. NCC partners with secular and interfaith partners to advance a shared agenda of peace, progress, and positive change.

Graduation 2020

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry recorded a message of hope, love, and encouragement to those who are graduating and marking special transitions in their lives, saying, "I thank God for you, thank God for your fortitude, for your doing the work, for your staying the course as they say, for your finishing the race as the Bible says. It has not been easy. And we thank God for you, and say congratulations to you."

Watch the Presiding Bishop's message [here](#).

Congratulations

Celebrating our Graduates

In order to honor our high school and college graduates, we'll host a virtual celebration on either a Sunday morning at 11 a.m. or on a Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. via Zoom.

Shara Brice has emailed seven graduates: Ellis Kniggendorf, Brody Hayselden, Brandon Shawn Claire, Jerry Hibbs, Christy Keller, Julia Kasten, and Lilly Riddle.

Please help us make sure no one is left out! Send additional names to [Shara](#) by Friday, May 22.

More information to follow!



Doing Good **NourishKC**

[NourishKC](#), formerly Episcopal Community Services, promises to leverage your gift to do the most good. Board Chair the Rev. Gar Demo says they source eight meals for every \$1 you contribute.

Few Volunteer Needs

Currently, NourishKC is serving only lunch to go, from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. So, they need only five volunteers per day. [Sign up is online](#).

Gloves, please!

NourishKC is desperate for kitchen/food handling gloves, especially in medium or large. If you can help, please call their office at 816-561-8920.

Sunday School Corner

Rose Schrempp, VBS Music Volunteer



Rose joined St. Luke's in 2005. Although retired now, she was a school nurse for SMSD having worked at Rushton, Roesland and East Antioch Elementary schools. Tom was director of production for Water One. Tom and Rose share a love of

music and were excited to bring contemporary music to St. Luke's, and both are still active members of the choir.

Rose began helping with Vacation Bible School about 10 years ago, conducting the science segment, then helping in the kitchen, and for many years leading the music. We generally have eight to 10 songs with dance movements. Students and instructors receive a CD to keep and we encourage everyone to learn the songs. Traditionally, on the Sunday after VBS, we perform one of the songs for the congregation.

Rose and Tom have two adult children: Mark and Diane (featured below). Seven months ago, Diane and her husband Jim welcomed baby Ella Rose. Both families reside in Albuquerque, New Mexico, although they do come back to Kansas to visit and attend St. Luke's when they are in town.

Meet an Essential Worker

Diane Schrempp, DVM

Dr. Diane Schrempp, daughter of Tom & Rose Schrempp, is a veterinarian at VCA Veterinary Care Animal Hospital in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Most people think of veterinarians as the doctor that takes care of their pets, sometimes for physicals and vaccines and sometimes for illness and injuries. Vets take care of all kinds of pets, like dogs, cats, birds, and hamsters, as well as farm and zoo animals. All vets have the same basic training learning animal anatomy and physiology. Some vets specialize in a specific field after completing their degree.

Diane received her DVM from Kansas State University, then a general internship at Cornell University, followed by an oncology internship at University of Wisconsin, and then a residency in Oncology at Purdue University.

In 2012, she began her practice at VCA, which is a national chain of clinics that often have 24-hour emergency care and many specialists.



Diane's practice involves caring for animals with cancer. She mainly treats dogs and cats but has consulted on zoo animals. Animals with cancer are usually treated with chemotherapy similar to humans.

Diane and her husband Jim Groening have a seven-month-old daughter, Ella Rose and Sam the dog. They hike, ski, and enjoy outdoor activities. When they visit Tom & Rose, they attend St. Luke's.



Habits of Grace

An Invitation for you, from Presiding Bishop Curry

As we learn how to adjust our lives given the reality of the coronavirus and the request to do our part to slow its spread by practicing social distancing, I invite you to join me each week to take a moment to

cultivate a 'habit of grace.' A [new meditation will be posted on Tuesdays](#) through May. These meditations can be watched at any time by [clicking here](#).

Finding Gladness

[May 19, 2020] In Luke's Gospel, in the sixth chapter, Jesus says this,

*Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.*

*Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.*

*Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.*

It may seem strange to suggest it, but even in times of hardship, even in times when our hearts are heavy, sometimes, finding something to be glad about and maybe something to laugh about can actually help. Now, you can't fake it, but sometimes it can help.

I think of times in my own family when we have attended family funerals, and after the funeral, there's usually some kind of repast. And no matter how sad the journey to death has been or how painful it has been, when the family would gather around, folk would start telling stories, sometimes, stories about the deceased, sometimes, just family stories. There would be the sound of laughter and moments of joy even in the midst of grief and sorrow.

There's a bishop in the Diocese of Western North Carolina named José McLoughlin. And Bishop José has, for the last five or six weeks, been publishing on YouTube, Quarantine with Bishop José. It will bring some gladness, some laughter, some sense of joy even in the midst of this difficult time of pandemic. That there is a time to weep, as Ecclesiastes says, and there's a time to laugh. So, maybe a little exercise for this week will be to [go to YouTube, find Quarantine with Bishop José](#), and add that or something else to your list of things that bring gladness.

God love you. God bless you. And you keep the faith.

Third season!

The Way of Love with Bishop Michael Curry

Season 3 of The Episcopal Church's podcast *The Way of Love with Bishop Michael Curry*, is now available. These weekly conversations, featuring Bishop Curry, podcast host Sandy Milien, and a variety of guests, center around living the way of God's unconditional, unselfish, sacrificial and redemptive love.

The Way of Love with Bishop Michael Curry, is available on most podcast apps and at episcopalchurch.org. Visit the [Way of Love podcast webpage](#) to subscribe to the podcast through Apple Podcasts, Google Podcasts or Spotify and to sign up for notifications of new seasons and episodes as well as additional featured content.



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