The Rev. Fletcher Harper will be our guest celebrant and preacher during Holy Week and for Easter Sunday. The editors are delighted to share a short message from him for this issue of New Visions.

Dear Friends -

I am looking forward to being with you during Holy Week and Easter. It will be good to see you and to walk through this time together.

Holy Week is among the great gifts of the church year. The week allows us a time to focus on God in a near-exclusive way. Yes, we still need to eat, sleep and work — but there's a license that the week gives to turn our attention much more deeply inward than at other times during the year, to reflect on all that causes suffering and harm and to connect with what is deeply good and true. It is an important time for our faith. I hope you will engage it.

Please join us on Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday. It is a rich time and a good time to be together.

In faith,

Fletcher

The Rev. Fletcher Harper
Executive Director
Greenfaith
Interfaith Partners in Action for the Earth

To learn more about the organization Fletcher works for, click here.
WEDNESDAY SOUP SUPPER AND LENTEN STUDY SERIES

St. Luke’s continues the observance of Lent with our traditional program on Wednesday evenings: Soup Supper at 6:30 P.M. followed by an educational series at 7:00 P.M. to be held in the Rectory next door to the church.

Fr. Bob Solon presents the remaining sessions in a Lenten study he calls *Only the Most Important Week in the History of the World*, exploring the history, traditions and our relationship to the Gospel narratives surrounding Jesus’s journey from a triumphal Palm Sunday entry into Jerusalem to crucifixion at Calvary on Good Friday to the discovery of the empty tomb on Easter morning.

Remaining Study Sessions:
April 3 — Good Friday, and Don't Bleep Over Holy Saturday
April 10 — The Great Vigil and Easter Day: The Middle of Absolutely Everything

St. Luke’s Sunday Services During Lent
St. Luke’s offers a service of Holy Eucharist at 10:30 A.M. followed by a Fellowship Coffee Hour and Sunday School. See Page 4 for the schedule of our Holy Week and Easter services.

PALM FOLDING & PIZZA on Friday, April 12 @ 6:30 P.M.

Head over to the Rectory next door to the church and enjoy fellowship and food (Yay! Pizza Party!) Meanwhile you’ll learn the ancient art of folding palm fronds into crosses.

These are for distribution to community establishments for people who may have to work and can’t get to services on Palm Sunday (for example, local fire and police personnel, restaurant workers). As usual at a St. Luke’s event, the evening includes lots of laughs.
Altar Guild Needs Your Assistance!

Sunday, April 13—Annual PolishFest

Please join us for bagels and buffing as we spiff up all the brass, clean up the Communion vessels, change all of the liturgical hangings and get everything ready for our services during Holy Week.

Holy Saturday, April 13—Easter Decorating & Flowering of the Church

Please help us turn things around again to beautify the church! We’ll be changing all of the liturgical hangings, setting the altar, preparing and decorating the pew candles, and placing in sanctuary all the flowers that have been ordered as we get ready for the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ on Easter Sunday.

Bring the Kids on Easter Sunday!

Flowering of the Cross

As is our custom, we will ask all the St. Luke’s young people (of ANY age!) to help flower the cross at the beginning of the service.

This year, the children are also invited to march in the Procession. Please have them arrive about 10 minutes ahead time (10:20 A.M.) so they can line up behind the Crucifer and Torchbearers in the Parish Hall and hear the Quiet Prayer that starts the service.

Easter Egg Hunt

The traditional Easter game will be held at Noon for the little ones — and don’t forget the older kids who love to help hide (and find) the eggs and goodies.

If you can help with this activity, please speak to Tammy Lynch, Karen Moylan or Claudia Smith.

REGULAR EVENTS

Sunday School

Available Every Sunday

Our Christian Education classes are held following our 10:30 Service in the Parish Hall. Thanks to Karen Moylan for her faithfulness in taking on responsibility for this crucial part of a child’s development.

NOTE: Formal classes will resume in May.

Bible Study

1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 P.M.

The Bible Study Group will resume its twice-a-month meetings in the Parish Hall after Easter. We are grateful for leader Karen Moylan’s return to health!

Next: May 7 & 21

Healing Service

3rd Sundays, in the Chapel right after the 10:30 service

Next: April 28 (Moved from Easter Sunday)

Parish Fun Night

3rd Sundays, 6:00 P.M.

Everyone is invited to attend Parish Fun Night. Bring a potluck dish to share and be prepared to have fun in spite of yourself. Board games are played and silliness abounds. If you’ve never tried it, check it out! Next: May 19 (Moved from Easter Sunday)
**HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES AT ST. LUKE’S**

**Sunday, April 14—10:30 A.M.**

Blessing of the Palms & Procession, Service of Holy Eucharist with Monthly Food Ingathering for Center for Food Action followed by Coffee/Fellowship Hour in the Parish Hall

**Thursday, April 18—7:30 P.M.**

Service of Holy Eucharist with Foot Washing followed by Procession of the Reserved Sacrament, Stripping of the Altar and The “Watch with Me One Hour” Vigil in the Chapel

**Friday, April 19**

Noon — Stations of the Cross

7:30 P.M. — The Good Friday Service with Distribution of the Reserved Sacrament

**Saturday, April 20—9:30 A.M.**

Altar Guild Decorating & Flowering of the Church

**Easter**

**The Day of Resurrection**

**Sunday, April 21**

9:00 A.M. — Potluck Easter Breakfast

10:30 A.M. — Festival Eucharist

Noon — Fellowship Hour in the Parish Hall

Easter Egg Hunt (Guess where?)

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Dear Companions in Faith,

Last week I attended a meeting of the House of Bishops for the first time at Kanuga Retreat and Conference Center in North Carolina. This bi-annual gathering of all bishops in the Episcopal Church allows the bishops to learn, share information, pray together, and to consider wise actions for our church. It was an honor to attend and a blessing to get to know the other bishops of our church.

We spent quite a bit of time talking about the next Lambeth Conference which gathers bishops of the Anglican Communion every ten years. All active bishops of the Anglican Communion and their spouses are invited to attend by the Archbishop of Canterbury. We continued with a conversation leading to a statement from the House of Bishops.

In short, most of the bishops of the Episcopal Church will attend Lambeth. Some of us will attend with our spouse and others will attend alone. Most of us believe it is important to be present for the conversation so we may voice God’s loving embrace of all people. To be absent removes our voice from discussion and there are people across the world that take heart in our words and actions to include LGBTQ people in every facet of our church.

It is also important to note and respect that the House of Bishops is not of one mind regarding same-gendered marriage. Even so, the bishops thought it was important to discuss and respond to the Archbishop of Canterbury’s decision as a body, which we have done.

As an African-American, I am aware that all that I am today is due to the efforts of many others who showed up in places of danger or discomfort to ensure my rights and access to education, equity, and equality. I will attend the Lambeth Conference because it is my turn to show up for all people who love our church.

The Lambeth Conference will take place in the summer of 2020. I ask for your prayers in the coming year for every aspect of the conference.

Grace and peace,

Bishop Carlye J. Hughes

ECW Meeting

The ECW will hold a planning meeting right after the 10:30 service on Sunday, April 28. All women of the parish are welcome to attend!
Soul Food: Reflections on Lessons for March 19

The Diocese of Newark put out a call to writers for its series of Daily Lenten Meditations that are emailed to those who subscribe. Bible verses are assigned and writers are asked to submit 200 words. I wrote a meditation on the passages I chose from those assigned, but it was not selected for publication. I rather liked it myself, so I thought I would share it with you.—cs

Psalm 61 (vs. 1-4)

1 Hear my cry, O God; attend unto my prayer.
2 From the end of the earth will I cry unto thee, when my heart is overwhelmed: lead me to the rock that is higher than I.
3 For thou hast been a shelter for me, and a strong tower from the enemy.
4 I will abide in thy tabernacle forever: I will trust in the covert of thy wings.

Jeremiah 2:5

5 Thus saith the Lord, What iniquity have your fathers found in me, that they are gone far from me, and have walked after vanity, and are become vain?

Romans 1 (vs. 16)

16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes.

John 4 (vs. 48-50)

48 “Unless you people see signs and wonders,” Jesus told him, “you will never believe.”

49 The royal official said, “Sir, come down before my child dies.”

50 “Go,” Jesus replied, “your son will live.” The man took Jesus at his word and departed.

MEDITATION

Through the opening lines of Psalm 61, I am transported back more than 40 years to when I learned “From the Ends of the Earth,” a beautiful choral anthem by American composer Alan Hovhaness. I can still remember those words from the Psalm and sing the alto part by heart.

“Heart” is at the heart of the matter in today’s readings, when the church marks the Feast of St. Joseph. What anguish Joseph must have felt when confronted by the fact that Mary, to whom he gave his heart, was with child! But Joseph was a “just,” righteous man who first gave his heart in obedience to God, trusting God enough to marry Mary and raise Jesus, the Son of God, as his own. In the Gospel reading, the Royal Official who begged for healing of his dying son trusted Jesus enough to take him at his word and, when he got home, he discovered his son was alive!

When our hearts are overwhelmed, there is only one place we as Christians can turn for solace: “to the rock that is higher than I,” to the God who loves us even if we turn away, who shelters us from the enemy, beneath whose wings we find a hiding place.

— Claudia Smith

Soul Food: Reflections on Lessons for March 19

To listen to the Hovhaness anthem sung by Trinity Choir, Trinity Church/Boston, CLICK HERE. Click below to purchase the entire album of classic choral works from the 16th to 20th centuries: https://www.trinitychurchconcerts.org/listen
**Soul Food: March 19, St. Paul’s/Chatham**

**BREAKING BREAD WITH THE BISHOP**

I was honored to represent St. Luke’s “Breaking Bread” with our new Bishop. We all sat at round tables and enjoyed amazing food with folks from churches all over the Diocese. They were all just lovely people!

Bishop Carlye gave us a vision for the Diocese in her clear, warm, loving way and then invited us to ponder Genesis 1 and the beginning of Chapter 2. I read aloud that marvelous account, with God making everything and then seeing, on each day, how good it all is.

I felt a connection to the scribe of thousands of years ago (or, maybe in translation from the Hebrew, hundreds of years ago) who felt there should be a rest after God created us male and female – end of Chapter 1 – and so to the pause before the words “Chapter 2” when the Sabbath, the Seventh Day, is created.

Most people then could not read or write so “the reader” had to connect, tell the story so it was alive and memorable. Jesus must have been a great story teller since all those amazing parables stayed in the hearts and minds of those who heard them when he still trod this earth.

We at St. Luke’s are blessed with terrific lay readers whose joy in sharing the word is palpable. It is a ministry that I would like to honor. I thank Greg Paller for all the necessary administrative gifts he brings to St. Luke’s…..and always with that warm smile and laughing eyes. My own “Chapter 2” includes Sabbath time and always, God willing, “The Word” at our St. Luke’s. As Anne Lamott reminds us Prayer is “Help! Thanks! Wow!”

— Roberta Nobleman

**ODE TO THE DANDELION**

By Maureen Bownes

The start of all life is a seed, on this all mankind has agreed. It is planted and fed and watered, the way that the good Lord has ordered. There are plants that bloom but once a year and some that never flower, yet either type displays to us the glory of God’s power. A weed? A weed? I cry because you are prolific? Are not your sunny spikes and leaves really quite terrific? Re-think all ye with upturned noses, who value only tulips and roses. In future from farmers to wealthy scions, give love and respect to the dandelions. Of glorious spring they are a sign, and oh my, yes, they make a mighty fine wine.

Maureen Bownes
CHECK IT OUT: An Updated Website for St. Luke’s Has Launched!

The first thing visitors to the new St. Luke’s website will encounter is an image of the cross above our main altar, the central symbol of our worship and life together as members of the Body of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

The middle of the Home Page offers information about upcoming services and events as well as a bit About Us, how to find us and how to Contact Us. The newest feature added is a Google Calendar from which events may be added to your own digital calendar.

At the Home Page bottom are more links to the national church and our Diocesan websites as well as a feed from our Facebook page. If you’re on Facebook, please visit and Like our page, which is currently providing posts with an image and Bible verse for each Sunday and weekday in Lent.

Whether you’re on your computer, a laptop, your phone or a tablet, the site will display nicely. Take time to navigate through it to learn more about the life of our Parish, including who’s who and the church’s mission and outreach (complete with photos); the Episcopal Church; and, importantly, info about what we believe. PDFs of New Visions are being archived and loads of links to useful information are provided.

www.StLukesHaworth.org
A New Sunday School Program for St. Luke's

Starting on Sun., April 28th right after church, we will have a program based on the Bible for all Grade School children.

Each student will be given a copy of the Bible to keep at church. They will decorate the cover and make it their own. They will be shown how to find weekly church readings in their own copy.

Each Sunday will also include a fun activity: art project, sport or game.

COME JOIN US!!! All children are welcome! — Karen Moylan

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Art Auction & Classes in Haworth

Jo Stephenson's painting class students will present an exhibit during month of April at the Haworth Library, which is located at 300 Haworth Ave.

The Library hours are as follows:
Mon., Tues., Thu. 10 A.M. to 9 P.M.
Wed. & Fri. 10 A.M. to 5 P.M.
Sat. 10 A.M. to 2 P.M.

All paintings are for sale.
Inquire at 201-767-1998 or email jostephenson@verizon.net.

Note: If anyone is interested in joining our classes, classes start on Tues., April 9th from 1:30 to 3:30 P.M. and continue every Tuesday for 10 classes.

$60 for 10 classes or $10 per class.

A different subject will be covered every week, some for advanced painters and some for beginners.

We will be traveling to New York City for our annual watercolor show in April. (Date to be announced.)

— Jo Stephenson

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PetPourri

An Occasional Column Featuring “Tails” of Our Parishioners’ Animal Companions

Call her Cara. It’s short for Willowcreek Castlehill Carolina Wren. She is a Lowchen (German for "Little Lion") puppy, who was about 11 weeks when she arrived in New Jersey. Not so sure of northern winter weather because she was bred and raised in North Carolina. Her mother is Penguin ("Penny") and her father, Ripley (an Australian dude).

Cara came from a "preservation breeder", who is determined to keep this old, somewhat rare breed alive. They date back to the 1500's during the time of the Christian Crusades. Knights left their ladies behind while they went off to fight in the Crusades. The ladies trimmed their little companions like lions.

Knights who died in battle were buried with a lion statue as a grave marker or if they died of natural causes, such as the plague, they were buried with a Lowchen marker.

Lowchens are a high energy, easily trainable breed. Cara will show in Conformation (Breed), Obedience and Rally. She already started her first class, "Competition Obedience." You will be able to meet Cara at St. Luke's "Blessing of the Animals" in October.

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Att: May 9 Walk-in Dinner Participants
Important Reminders from the HHHSC and Family Promise

1. Please do NOT offer or serve seconds to the guests under any circumstances. While we appreciate your caring and generosity, this only leads to confusion and difficulties for the guests, the staff, and other participating groups. We ask that you please respect this important rule of the Dinner Program. If you have a problem with any guests please see shelter staff immediately.

2. Volunteers are NOT to serve food to guests at any time in the dining room. All food is to be served on the buffet line. Volunteers may be in the dining room only to greet and hand out supplies, (example: plates, napkins) OR to put items on the tables before dinner (example: cups, salt and pepper, pitchers of iced tea).

Support Our Monthly CFA Programs
Help fill our grocery cart on the second Sunday of every month! Foodstuffs are blessed during the service and taken to the Center for Food Action in Englewood. To learn more about the vital work the CFA does to help feed our neighbors, click here: http://cfanj.org/who-we-are/

Consider joining the Snack Pack Assembly Angels on the 4th Sunday. The packs help less fortunate kids who may not have a decent meal over a weekend when they can’t eat at school. This CFA program ensures that the teachers are able to place snack packs filled with nutritious meals very discreetly into the children’s backpacks.

We ask once again for your cooperation in order for the dinner to run smoothly and safely for everyone. Any questions let me know.

THANK YOU!
Margo Heller, Director of Volunteers

St. Luke’s angels assemble snack packs after church. This month: APRIL 28

Pick up a few extra items to donate and make a less fortunate family’s week!

Most Wanted List
- Supermarket Gift Cards
- Canned Meat (tuna, chicken, etc)
- Canned Hearty Soups
- Canned Vegetables
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Peanut Butter & Jelly
- Tomato Sauce, Cold Low-sugar Cereal and Oatmeal
- Powdered Milk and/or Boxed Milk such as Parmalat
- Canned Fruits
- Instant Potatoes
- 100% Juice
- Baby Formula & Diapers sizes 4, 5, 6
- Bar or Bottled Soap
- Toothpaste, Toothbrush & Dental Floss
Neighbors Helping Neighbors
A Fundraising Campaign for Lent 2019

Center For Food Action has raised enough money to replace their 21-year-old van with a new 14-foot refrigerated box truck. This will allow them to pick up much-needed food donations to help them feed our hungry neighbors in Bergen County.

Many of our District 9 churches already support Center for Action. But, as our new Bishop Carlye Hughes recently preached at our Diocesan Convention, these times demand even MORE of those of us who are called to serve as the Body of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the world.

CFA’s needs continue:
* Additional insurance
* Maintenance
* Must soon replace a second, even older van

So how can the churches in District 9 help?
We look to raise $5,000.00 to help CFA meet these needs. It sounds like a lot of money, but we can easily reach this goal if each of our participating churches can contribute $500. Please be as generous as you possibly can to help CFA help our neighbors!

How do I donate at St. Luke’s?
Drop cash or a check into the designated box at the back of the church. Checks may be made payable to St.Luke’s with “District 9 CFA Fundraiser” on the memo line.

We will bless our donations at Easter. All monies collected will be counted and a check from St. Luke’s will be sent to District 9. A single check from all 10 churches in the District will be sent to CFA.
April's Book Selection

**THE RED TENT**

*A New York Times Bestseller*

Her name is Dinah. In the Bible, her life is only hinted at in a brief and violent detour within the more familiar chapters of the Book of Genesis that tell of her father, Jacob, and his twelve sons.

Told in Dinah’s voice, Anita Diamant imagines the traditions and turmoils of ancient womanhood—the world of the red tent. It begins with the story of the mothers—Leah, Rachel, Zilpah, and Bilhah—the four wives of Jacob. They love Dinah and give her gifts that sustain her through childhood, a calling to midwifery, and a new home in a foreign land. Dinah’s story reaches out from a remarkable period of early history and creates an intimate connection with the past.


**Between the Lines Book Club Schedule for 2019**

*Book Club Meetings are now held at 7:30 P.M. on Last Thursdays at the Rectory unless otherwise noted.*

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**Book Club Outing to Playhouse in Oradell**

Members of the Book Club went in February to The Little Firehouse Theater in Oradell to see “Veronica’s Room,” a play written by Ira Levin (Rosemary’s Baby, Deathtrap, The Stepford Wives, The Boys from Brazil) and directed by Ellyn Essig. A meal followed and a fun time was had by all!

“For all that has been. For all that is. For all that is yet to be. We give you thanks, O Lord!”

— Dag Hammarskjöld
**PRAYER LIST**

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers these members of our parish and extended family:


To add names to our prayer list, please call: Sue Gonci, 201-220-3090 OR Email the Church office at Office@StLukesHaworth.org

We review our Prayer List monthly to keep it current and manageable for those who pray regularly. Please contact Sue if you wish to keep people on the list. You may also write names in the book on the Chapel Altar. Loved ones who are sick or suffering in any way may also be remembered in prayer during the service of Healing, held on the 3rd Sunday right after our 10:30 service of Holy Eucharist.

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April Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 4 Carol Maxfield
- 8 Karen Moylan
- 19 Helen Shaw
- 25 Ewurabena Plange-Kaye
- 26 Carol & Randy Maxfield
- 28 Jane Coleman
- 30 Sue Gonci

If you don’t see your special day in our monthly listings, please e-mail the editors and we’ll gladly add it to our list!

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O God of heavenly powers, by the might of your command you drive away from our bodies all sickness and all infirmity: Be present in your goodness with your servants, that their weakness may be banished and their strength restored; and that, their health being renewed, they may bless your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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St. Luke’s symbol is the ox. This may explain the fact that he is patron saint of butchers. In art, Luke is represented by a winged ox. The ox represents the sacrificial aspect of Jesus’ ministry and the wings remind us that the Gospel of Jesus Christ is to travel throughout the world.

Grace happens. All the time. Grace is God’s gift to us. The signs of God’s grace are abundant. Some are dramatic. Many at first glance seem mundane. All are potentially life transforming.

God created us, but God was not – and is not, finished with creating. God keeps showing up. God is very much at work. Our job as God’s creatures, is to pay attention to God’s grace. And to join with God in God’s work.
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# St. Luke's Episcopal Church/Haworth

## April 2019

**Note: Thanks to Fr. Bob Solon, our April Guest Celebrant & Preacher and Fletcher Harper for Holy Week & Easter coverage**

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**Next Month: May 5 – Aiden Daniele Baptism during 10:30 Service**

**May 9 – Walk-In Dinner in Hackensack**

**May 12 – ECW Launches Mother’s Day Fundraising Campaign for North Porch Women & Infants Center**
On the second Sunday of every month, St. Luke’s blesses the generous food donations we receive to benefit the Center for Food Action in Englewood.