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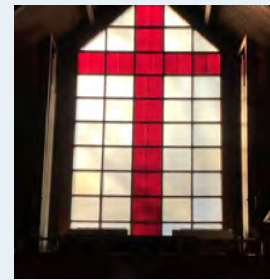
St. Luke's Episcopal Church

November 2019

Welcome to Our St. Luke's Newsletter

We invite you to worship with us. The Good News is that God's love is for ALL of us.

Come and See!



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THE BISHOP'S VLOG

We are the change God intends to make

POSTED BY CARLYE J. HUGHES ON OCTOBER 16, 2019



The story of early Christianity and the formation of the church is chronicled in Holy Scripture. The Acts of the Apostles and the numerous letters sent to fledgling church communities in places such as Philippi, Corinth, Galatia, and Rome portray the development and growth of our faith tradition.

It is the story of faithful people shaped in a fast-paced world defined by divisions of race, class, citizenship, and economic standing. People who in turn influenced that world with faith in a loving God. They saw themselves a part of a larger faith movement. Our Presiding Bishop, the Most Rev. Michael Curry, refers to

this movement regularly, as the Jesus Movement.

The early church looked nothing like what we consider church today. Most churches were small and based in a home. A house church was connected to other house churches through letters, story, song, prayers, preaching, and teaching. They were informed by apostles, elders, teachers, and preachers about their connection to other Christians and ultimately, to a larger Jesus-centered movement. Apostles had been sent to spread

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BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS 2019

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*Always
a noisy
and
most
joyous
service!*



*May God, who created the
animals of this earth as a help to
us, continue to protect and sustain
us and them with the grace his
blessing brings, now and forever.*

On Sunday, October 13, beloved animal companions of the fuzzy, finned, feathered, whiskered, stuffed and digital varieties arrived in force for their Annual Blessing!



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The Great Love of Our Lives

by The Rev. Paul Guyla

In the late 1960s, the Carmelite nuns in Lisieux, France, were cleaning the room that St. Therèse of Lisieux, also known as The Little Flower, was using at the end of her life (no one had used it since she died). They discovered that she had carved something into the wooden door frame.

The words were at her eye level, and they were “Jesus is my only love.” She wrote them as she was dying from tuberculosis, and the physical pain was awful. Even worse, she had terrible temptations to doubt the existence of God and the existence of heaven. And, in the middle of all that, she still wrote: “Jesus is my only love.”

Can we say that Jesus is the great love of our lives?

Most of us would probably have to give a “sort of” answer. And Christ can work with that to help us grow.

The most powerful way that we grow in our relationship with Christ happens right in our weekly service.



Fr. Paul Guyla
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We hear Christ’s Word and we receive Christ in person in the Eucharist. We receive the presence and the power of God! Let’s resolve to meet him differently, more fervently, more reverently today than we ever have before. Let’s ask him to prepare our hearts for this encounter with him. Let’s beg him to change us so that we can know his love more fully and respond with our own love. Today are we truly able to say, “Jesus is my only love”?

Jesus, lover of my soul,
let me to thy bosom fly,
while the nearer waters roll,
while the tempest still is high;
hide me, O my Savior, hide,
till the storm of life is past;
safe into the haven guide,
O receive my soul at last!

Plenteous grace with thee is found,
grace to cover all my sin;
let the healing streams abound;
make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art;
freely let me take of thee;
spring thou up within my heart,
rise to all eternity.

— Charles Wesley, 1740

REGULAR EVENTS

Healing Service

3rd Sundays, after service
Next: November 17

Bible Study CONTINUES

1st & 3rd Tuesdays @
7:00 P.M.
Next: Nov. 5 & 19

CFA Monthly Food Drive

2nd Sundays @ Service
Next: Nov. 10

Vestry Meeting

2nd Tuesdays in the Parish
Hall @ 7:30 P.M.

Parishioners are welcome to
attend any time.
Next: Nov. 12

Parish Fun Night

3rd Sundays @ 6:00 P.M.

Everyone is invited to bring a
potluck dish to share. Be pre-
pared to have fun in spite of
yourself. Board games are
played and silliness abounds.
If you’ve never tried it, check
it out!
Next: Nov. 17

Snack Pack Assembly

Usually 4th Sundays @ Noon
NO NOVEMBER ASSEMBLY

Book Club

Last Thursdays @
7:30 P.M. in The Rectory or
Venue as Announced
NO NOVEMBER MEETING

FEAST OF ALL SAINTS SUNDAY OBSERVANCE — NOVEMBER 3



On this day when the church celebrates all saints and martyrs, our congregation will honor our deceased loved ones. Please get the names of your loved ones to Sue Gonci ASAP so that she may include them in the Bulletin's Necrology listing of those who will be remembered that day. You are invited to bring photo(s) of your loved one(s) forward to the Altar, say their name(s), and place their photograph on the Altar to be blessed.

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good news to them, and they in turn did the same, sending the news of God's love for all people throughout the world.

The technology of the day, a highly developed and efficient system of Roman roads, moved goods and governance throughout the Roman Empire. It also allowed early Christians to spread and strengthened the faith of the close-knit faith communities forming throughout the Mediterranean region.¹

Every Sunday, I experience the outpouring of love Episcopalians have for God, each other, the church, and surrounding communities. Our churches are in diverse settings with unique opportunities to serve God's people in the parish and beyond parish doors. Even so, sometimes we forget that we are part of a bigger movement. As Presiding Bishop Curry frequently says, we are the Episcopal branch

of today's Jesus Movement. We are all sent by God to share the good news of God's love for all people throughout the world.

Every Sunday I see proof of each parish's place in this movement. Further, I see evidence of God's generosity in every parish. God has given our parishes an abundance of time, knowledge, skill, experience, healing, love, and financial resources to do all the ministries they are called to do. God has also given us instructive guides, our sacred texts: Holy Scripture and the Book of Common Prayer. And if that were not enough, every congregation is blessed with elders, intercessors, teachers, clergy, and lay leaders. Like those small close-knit communities in the first century, we are connected to something much bigger than ourselves.

We have choices to make. We can spend our time worrying and fretting over who is not in church. Or we can

remember our history, look at all God has blessed us with, and take our place in this faith movement that continues far beyond Jerusalem and the first century.

Our parishes are an oasis of God's abundance, hope and hospitality in a fast-paced world. The need for our close-knit communities of faith grows stronger every day. Now is the time to sharpen our focus, remember our history, and share the hope God has placed within us everywhere we go. We are the change God intends to make in our homes, churches, communities, and in the world.

Grace and peace,

Bishop Hughes

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

— Dag Hammarskjöld

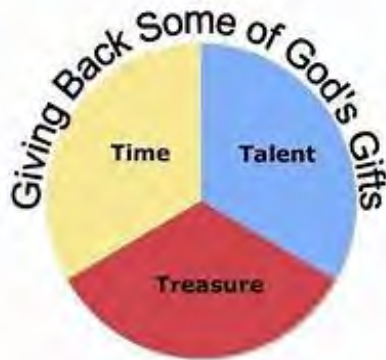
¹Meeks, Wayne: The First Urban Christians: The Social World of the Apostle Paul, 2nd ed. (New Haven: Yale University Press, 1983), p17, 75.

Outreach: Oct. 17 Walk-in Dinner



The St. Luke's team joined with our friends from the Lutheran Church of the Savior in Paramus to serve a nourishing dinner to "Walk Ins" at the Bergen County Housing, Health and Human Services Center (BHHHSC) in Hackensack. We served our now-famous Beef Stroganoff dinner to 110 grateful guests. It is always a privilege to participate in this ministry. There is a special spirit present at these dinners. It's not about "we" and "them" but about "us," hosts and guests sharing love.

Stewardship Campaign Pledge Cards Blessing



Please be sure to send in or bring your pledge card to church ASAP. We will be lifting them up for a blessing during our **10:00 A.M. service of Holy Eucharist on Sunday, November 3.**

Daylight Saving Time ends at 2 A.M. Sun., Nov. 3

TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK!!!



Bible Study 1st & 3rd Tuesdays



Bible Study, with Roberta as Mentor to the group, is offered **from 7:30 to 8:30 P.M. every first and third Tuesday of the month.** The invitation is open to all —members of St. Luke's, friends and neighbors, walk-ins. No prior experience is required, just a desire to dig deep into the Word.

Meetings are held sitting around the table in the Parish Hall and include study of the Bible lessons appointed for the day, prayer, reflection, occasional song (or musical offering), fellowship and a brief but lovely service of Compline Service. Bring your own Bible and, if you wish, simple food and/or drink to share. What you reflect deeply on during your Bible studies can lead to actions that will transform your life. Come try.

Sign Up to Host Coffee Hour

Everyone loves Coffee & Fellowship Hour on Sundays, but someone has to make the coffee. Please sign up in the Parish Hall. Invite someone else to help!



Special Thanksgiving Food Drive Nov. 24



Over the past several years, the evening of the Sunday before Thanksgiving is when we have held the Interfaith Community Thanksgiving service. This year, no one picked up the mantle to organize and/or host the service.

Therefore, at our service of **10:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist on Sunday, November 24**, we will sing hymns of Thanksgiving, give thanks for all we have been given, and hold an EXTRA Thanksgiving Drive for non-perishable food items which will be gathered and blessed at our altar. While the items may not make it to CFA in time for Thanksgiving Day, they will certainly be useful to help the organization restock their shelves and help with our neighbors' ongoing needs after the holiday!



Outreach: 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/>



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

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



St. Luke's angels assemble snack packs after church.



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



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

The Noblemans — Blessings to Them and a Thank You!



Special thanks to Heidi Plinio and Anne Caloz for organizing the Baby Shower!

*Praise God, from whom
all blessings flow*

Dear St. Luke's Family,

Where do we begin?

A few weeks ago I received a call from Heidi Plinio asking for a date where Jennifer and I could come together to a service for a "cake" and "a little something for us." We chose October 20th. Well, to our surprise, when we came up for a blessing, there was basket after basket, filled with handmade gifts and gifts people went out on their own time to shop for, spending their hard earned money for our baby. While standing up at the front by Father Paul, I noticed a mountain of things that I assumed were food or something else, having no clue that this was all for us!

Jennifer and I were truly overwhelmed and grateful not only for the gifts but for the love and support. It was a great example of what St. Luke's really is, a supporting, loving family.

This also put things into perspective as well. Far too many people don't have a church family. They don't know what they are missing. They choose to not want a church community or they just are unaware what it's like to have a community. Misinformed? Scared? Flat out don't have the knowledge? So we need to pray that more people have the wherewithal to go to church and pray that they become a part of a

loving community like St. Luke's.

The Holy Spirit is in our church. I feel blessed to call this home and my family. Little Madelyn will be the newest member of this family and will be here shortly.

As far as the gifts go, there are so many gifts that were put together our heads were spinning. We weren't exactly sure what came from whom, but we deeply thank everyone for their generosity. This warm gesture of kindness will never be forgotten.

With much love and thankfulness,

Paul, Jennifer, Angelisa and Madelyn



PRAYER LIST



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

Edith Biondi, Rachel Lynch, Doug Lynch, Roxanne Gabriel, Maryellen Pais, Quinn Rosa, Linda Stephenson, Patricia Stephenson, Michael Snyder, Diane Kansas, Kenny Calderon, Jason Edone, Tresten, Sue Pastore, Chan, Hung-Kwong & family, Carol Maxfield, Lee Harper, Michael McCarten, Arnie O'Callaghan, Eileen LaViola, Elizabeth Secari, Donna Sisti, Patricia Danko, Muriel Brandt, Fran Gibilaro, Leah Ogena Collins, Thomas Chase, Jimmy Rivera, Nate Creamer, Denilson Interiano, the family of Marie Cummins, Dr. Leonard Scalfani, the family of Barbara Biesel Stinnett, the families of the Rev. Alex H. MacDonnell and Anthony A. Brilakis, Bob MacDonald, Megan Miller

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 is 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.**

November Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 3 Linda & Frank Brescia
- 10 Jo Stephenson
- 12 Janet Beddoe
- 13 Anne Caloz, Roberta Nobleman
- 15 Evelyn Rosenblatt
- 20 Aran Koo
- 21 Paul Nobleman
- 25 Taylor Daniele

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



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.*



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

November 2019						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Thanks to Fr. Paul Gulya, our Guest Priest for 11/3, 11/10 and 11/24	NOTE: THE START TIME ON THOSE SUNDAYS IS 10:00 AM				1 All Saints' Day	2 Commemoration of All Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)
3 Daylight Saving Time Ends All Saints' Sunday 10:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist with Stewardship Pledge Cards Ingathering Noon -Coffee Hour/ Fellowship 1-5 Dream Church	4 10 AM – AA Women's Mtg	5 Election Day 5-7:30AM Dream Church 7:30 PM Bible Study	6 5-7:30AM Dream Church 7-10 PM Dream Church	7 5-7:30AM Dream Church 8:30 AM – AA Early Morning Women's Mtg 10 AM – AA Women's Mtg	8 5-7:30AM Dream Church 7-10 PM Dream Church	9 5-7:30AM Dream Church 9:30 AM Altar Guild 7-9 PM AA Open Meeting 7-10 PM Dream Church
10 Pentecost 22 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist with CFA Food Ingathering Noon - Coffee Hour/ Fellowship 1-5 Dream Church	11 Veterans Day 10 AM – AA Women's Mtg	12 5-7:30AM Dream Church 7:30 PM Vestry	13 5-7:30AM Dream Church 7-10 PM Dream Church	14 Consecration of Samuel Seabury, First American Bishop, 1784 5-7:30AM Dream Church 8:30 AM – AA Early Morning Women's Mtg 10 AM – AA Women's Mtg	15 5-7:30AM Dream Church 7-10 PM Dream Church	16 5-7:30AM Dream Church 9:30 AM Altar Guild 7-9 PM AA Open Meeting 7-10 PM Dream Church
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24 The Last Sunday after Pentecost (Christ the King)/Thanksgiving Observance with EXTRA Food Drive for CFA 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist 11:30 – NO Snack Pack Assembly Coffee Hour/ Fellowship 1-5 Dream Church	25 10 AM – AA Women's Mtg	26 5-7:30AM Dream Church 7-10 PM Dream Church	27 5-7:30AM Dream Church 7-10 PM Dream Church	28 Thanksgiving Day 8:30 AM – AA Early Morning Women's Mtg 10 AM – AA Women's Mtg NO 4TH THURSDAY BOOK CLUB MEETING	5-7:30AM Dream Church 7-10 PM Dream Church	30 Saint Andrew the Apostle 5-7:30AM Dream Church 9:30 AM Altar Guild 7-9 PM AA Open Meeting 7-10 PM Dream Church

St. Luke's Episcopal Church

St. Luke's is a church in the Episcopal Diocese of Newark, N.J. We seek to be a bridge between traditions and communities.

We welcome *anyone* who wants to learn and grow in the knowledge and love of God.

Our members come from many different traditions but are joined together through a love of Christ and our neighbors.

We are located at the cross-roads of Demarest, Haworth, Dumont, and Cresskill.

Check It Out!

Our Blessing of the Animals service was a joyous occasion!

Look inside on Page 2 for more fun photos!



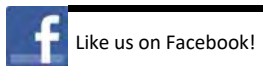
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