My dear sisters and brothers,

You might recall me remarking to any who would listen, and especially more and more as March wore on and we moved into April, “This Lent feels like it’s about 8 million years long!” It wasn’t, of course. Like every Lent, it’s only 46 calendar days. But, for me at least, it sure felt long.

How about Easter? As I write this, it’s the 26th Day of Eastertide. We’ve only just gotten half-way through! How has Easter been for you so far? Does it seem long, short, whatever? Perhaps you have been working to be more Easter-y with the Resurrection Icon, by praying the Easter Anthems every day, or keeping your best stuff out. I am doing those things, and I have to tell you, I’m just settling in to these Great 50 Days. We’ve got 24 days to go, and so far I’m not ready to move on yet. Fortunately, we don’t have to. As you might have seen in one or more emails or other announcements, this year at St. Luke’s we will observe the Feast of the Ascension of our Lord, on Thursday, May 30 at 7:30 PM. We’ll gather earlier for food and fellowship (more on that to come I believe). Ascension is one of only 7 Principle Feasts we observe in The Episcopal Church, and so it’s considered just as important as Christmas and Easter. I look forward to seeing as many as can come to pray, sing, and reflect on what this means for us today, and to share in the Holy Communion as well.

Another one of the seven Principle Feasts we celebrate each year is Trinity Sunday. It’s the only one of the seven that celebrates a concept: the entirety of the Godhead as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, three in one and one in three. This year, we are specially blessed that our Bishop, the Right Reverend Carlye Hughes, will be with us on that day. This is a really important day for us, because whenever the
PHOTO Roundup:
Rites of the Church for the Rites of Passage: Holy Baptism

Baptized into the Body of Christ on Sunday, May 5

Aiden Alexander Son of proud parents Pete & Taylor Daniele

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Danny Pellegrin (l.) and Joshua Gelayder (r.) made a mature, public affirmation of their faith, recommitted themselves to the responsibilities of their baptism, and, with confirmands from other parishes in our District 9, received the laying on of hands by the Rt. Rev. Caryle J. Hughes, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Newark. The Confirmation service took place on Sun., May 5 at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church in Englewood.
What I expect of you as people of faith

Inspired by a question she was asked at a Confirmation retreat, Bishop Carlye Hughes shares what she expects of us as people of faith in northern New Jersey. What she envisions applies as much to adults as it does to our newly Confirmed youth. (Time: 5:16.)

Click here to view the video.

Official Episcopal Visitation on Sunday, June 16 at 10:30 A.M.

The Rt. Rev. Carlye J. Hughes will preside, celebrate and preach at our 10:30 A.M. service of Holy Eucharist on Trinity Sunday, June 16.

The Bishop of Newark travels throughout the Diocese, visiting each parish at least once every three years. This will be Bp. Carlye’s first trip to St. Luke’s. During her time with us, she plans to walk our grounds, meet with our Vestry, and hold a forum with the Congregation right after the service. A catered luncheon will be served.

Please be sure to bring the children out, too, since Bp. Carlye will have a message especially for them. Mark your calendars NOW and join us for this important occasion in the life of our Parish.

At the Bishop’s request, the loose plate offering will be directed to the Alleluia Fund for Outreach, a diocesan-wide effort that supports ministries addressing food, shelter, education and international outreach. Grants are awarded annually to congregation-based or -affiliated programs – shelters welcoming, helping, and housing neighbors, food ministries striving to meet the ever-growing need, after-school and summer programs educating and nurturing at-risk children, and international programs promoting health, fighting disease, and responding to disasters. For more information, please visit the diocese’s website, www.dioceseofnewark.org/alleluja.
Thanks for the Walk-in Dinner!

St. Luke’s should be very proud of its commitment to the Family Promise Walk-in Dinner program for the Bergen County Housing, Health & Human Services Center in Hackensack. On Thurs., May 9, we partnered with the Lutheran Church of the Saviour/Paramus to serve 95 guests a delicious meal — Beef Stroganoff and a colorful side salad, with cake and bananas for dessert. Thanks to our generous chefs, we had abundant leftovers to donate to the staff and the Center’s day program.

Bergen County Health & Human Services Center

Bishop Hughes’ Visitation will be forthcoming as well.

God of infinite mercy, you renew the faith of your people by the yearly celebration of these fifty days: Stir up in us the gifts of your grace, that we may know more deeply that Baptism has cleansed us, the Spirit has quickened us, and the Blood of Christ has redeemed us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen. (Collect No. 10 for the Weekdays of Easter)

Easter blessings continue!

— Fr. Bob

What’s So Special About Bishops Anyway?

One of the three orders of ordained ministers in the church, bishops are charged with the apostolic work of leading, supervising, and uniting the church. Bishops represent Christ and his church, and they are called to provide Christian vision and leadership for their dioceses. The BCP (p. 855) notes that the bishop is “to act in Christ’s name for the reconciliation of the world and the building up of the church; and to ordain others to continue Christ’s ministry.” Bishops stand in the apostolic succession, maintaining continuity in the present with the ministry of the Apostles. Bishops serve as chief pastors of the church, exercising a ministry of oversight and supervision. Diocesan bishops hold jurisdiction in their dioceses, with particular responsibility for the doctrine, discipline, and worship of the church. Bishops serve as the focus for diocesan unity and for the unity of their dioceses with the wider church. Since the bishop’s ministry is a ministry of oversight, the term episcopal” (derived from the Greek episcopos, “overseer”) is applied to matters pertaining to bishops. An "episcopal" church is a church governed by bishops, and "episcopal" services are led by bishops.

Episcopal services in the BCP include the services for the Ordination and Consecration of Bishops, Ordination of Priests, Ordination of Deacons, the Celebration of a

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It’s a Baby Shower for NorthPorch

YOU’RE INVITED!
Sun., June 2 @ Noon
St. Luke’s Parish Hall

St. Luke’s Episcopal Church Women (ECW) is collecting donations of supplies for needy infants and toddlers to help with North Porch’s most urgent, ongoing needs, especially:

* Enfamil 12.5 oz powdered baby formula and soy formula

* Diapers, especially Large size diapers - 4, 5 & 6 - and Pull-ups of all sizes

* Baby wipes

* Jars of baby food - all ages - fruit, veggie and 1st foods

Join us for Fellowship, Coffee & Refreshments. All donations are gratefully accepted. To make special arrangements for drop-offs at St. Luke’s during the remainder of the campaign in June, please email the church at Office@StLukesHaworth.org for the fastest response.
Bishops, Continued from Page 5

New Ministry, and the Consecration of a Church or Chapel.

Bishops also preside at services of Confirmation, Reception, or Reaffirmation. Bishops bless altars and fonts, and the blessing of chalices and patens and church bells are traditionally reserved for the bishop.

In the Episcopal Church, diocesan and suffragan bishops are elected by Diocesan Convention. Bishops-elect are ordained and consecrated after consents have been received from a majority of the diocesan standing committees and from a majority of the bishops exercising jurisdiction in the Episcopal Church. If the episcopal election takes place within three months before General Convention, the consent of the House of Deputies is required instead of a majority of the standing committees. Three bishops are required to participate in the ordination and consecration of a bishop.

Diocesan bishops may be succeeded by bishops-coadjutor upon resignation of diocesan jurisdiction. Diocesan bishops may also be assisted by suffragan and assistant bishops, who have no right of succession upon the resignation of the diocesan bishop.

See Apostolic Succession.

Source: https://www.episcopalchurch.org/library/glossary/bishop

Coins for Change Jars Ingathering Set for June 2

Those of you who have been stockpiling loose change in your Coins for Change Jars for St. Luke’s can bring them to church on Sunday, June 2. All of the proceeds go to St. Luke’s Operating Expenses.

“To sing is to pray twice.”
—Attributed to St. Augustine of Hippo and Martin Luther

Day by day, dear Lord,
Of thee three things I pray:
To see thee more clearly,
Love thee more dearly,
Follow thee more nearly,
Day by day.
—#654, Hymnal 1982

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.

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: June 4 & 18

Healing Service

3rd Sundays, in the Chapel right after the 10:30 service
Next: Moved to June 9 (so as not to conflict with the Bishop’s Visitation)

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: June 16

“For all that has been. For all that is.
For all that is yet to be. We give you thanks, O Lord!”
—Dag Hammarskjöld
When there is no food in the house, when an eviction is looming, when the lights have been shut off and there is no heat, your neighbors turn for help to the Center for Food Action.

The Center for Food Action (CFA), assists individuals and families in Bergen County and portions of Passaic County who are living in poverty. CFA offers a wide-range of services, including: emergency seven-day food packages, Dinner4Seniors, which provides four additional dinner meal-makings per month for elderly clients, weekend snack packs for children attending fifteen schools in low-income districts in our area, diabetic food packages, holiday food packages, rental and security deposit assistance, payment of utility and heating bills and counseling and advocacy to help people improve and stabilize their lives. Residents of 100 towns in northern New Jersey come to CFA to get the help they need during some of the most difficult times in their lives.

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/

Each month, 4,600+ people receive seven-day food packages and hundreds of households get help annually to keep a roof over their heads, keep their lights and gas on and heat their homes.

An important component of CFA’s work is case management - giving people information, helping them access services to which they are entitled, counseling and referrals, all of which are key in helping people meet their immediate needs and move forward in resolving issues that put them at-risk of hunger and homelessness.

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.

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

St. Luke’s angels assemble snack packs after church. This month: June 23
**Book Club Field Trip to The High Line**

Recently on a beautiful, spring day, several members of the book club experienced an all-day walking field trip. We (Tammy, Kay, Gladys, Kathy, Heidi, and Bob) ventured into NYC to stroll the famous **High Line**. It is an elevated park created on a former NY Central Railroad spur. The walking path is lined with gorgeous wildflowers, green grasses and flowering trees. We loved seeing the magnificent city architecture (old & new), outdoor art works, breathtaking views, and creatively designed murals & billboards. Two of our adventurous members, Gladys & Tammy, even climbed to the top of the 150-foot tall **Vessel**. It is a honeycomb-like, copper structure that offers magnificent views of the Hudson River, NJ and the surrounding area. We also explored **Chelsea Market** for lunch & to rest our feet after walking close to 8 miles that day. It was an amazing experience in NYC with a wonderful, venturesome group.

— Heidi Plinio

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**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.**

**June 23**  **Girl Waits With Gun**— Amy Stewart  (wine/cheese)

**July 24**  **Song of the Lion**— Anne Hillerman  (appetizers)

**August 28**  **A Town Like Alice**— Nevil Shute  (potluck)

**September 25**  **Rooster Bar**— John Grisham  (dessert)

**October 23**  **I am Malala**— Malala Yousafzai  (pizza)

**November**  -- no meeting

**December 4**  dinner out
PRAYER LIST

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


June Birthdays & Anniversaries

1 Christian Coleman
2 Gladys & Alfred Astorga
24 Taylor & Pete Daniele
25 Gladys Astorga

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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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 crossroads of Demarest, Haworth, Dumont, and Cresskill.

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(l-r)
Danny Pellegrin
and
Joshua Gelayder

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