Easter Message 2019
The Right Reverend Michael B. Curry, Presiding Bishop

The Rt. Reverend Barbara Harris was the first woman ordained and consecrated a bishop in The Episcopal Church and in the Anglican Communion. In her memoir, entitled *Hallelujah, Anyhow!* [she] quotes an old Gospel hymn that says it this way:

*Hallelujah anyhow*
*Never let your troubles get you down*
*When your troubles come your way*
*Hold your hands up high and say*
*Hallelujah anyhow!*

When I get to Heaven, I want to meet one person, and her name is Mary Magdalene. Because if ever there was another Hallelujah, Anyhow sister, it was Mary Magdalene. And her life, and her example, tells us what it means to follow in the way of Jesus, in the Way of Love.

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Rites of the Church for the Rites of Passage

HOLY BAPTISM

It’s been quite a while since we’ve had a Baptism at St. Luke’s. We are thrilled to support Taylor and Pete Daniele by hosting the baptism of their son, Aiden, during our 10:30 A.M. service on Sunday, May 5.

Please be sure to attend the service and welcome the newest member of the St. Luke’s family! A festive Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall will follow the service.

CONFIRMATION

On Sunday, May 5 at 3:00 P.M., you are invited to attend Confirmation at St. Paul’s Church, 113 Engle Street in Englewood, N.J. St. Paul’s is one of three locations chosen by our Diocese of Newark for services in 2019. Two of our own young people, the grandchildren of Linda & Frank Brescia -- Joshua, son of Susanne & Todd Gelayder, and Daniel, son of Christine & Terrence Pellegrin -- will be among those who receive the holy sacrament of the laying on of hands from our Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Carlye J. Hughes.

The confirmands from St. Luke’s are 14-year-old cousins born a day apart. Both were baptized at St. Luke’s and have been working very hard toward their Confirmation. They have been going to instruction with the other Diocesan candidates at Holy Trinity Church in Hillsdale and have had to complete several requirements, which they took very seriously.

Among those who were going on a retreat in Montclair, polishing church silver, attending choir rehearsals and singing during one service at Holy Trinity. They also completed 10 hours of community service, read at a service, served as acolytes, hosted a coffee hour and regularly attended services at Holy Trinity. It all culminated in a written test, on which they both got 100!

If you are able, please turn out to support our young people and their family for this important event in their lives.

MEMORIAL

We have been invited to celebrate the life of Eleanor Abrahamsen with the Lutheran congregation at a memorial service to be held on Saturday, May 4 at 11 A.M. at The Church of the Savior, 643 Forest Avenue in Paramus.

Eleanor died on Nov. 12, 2018. She was predeceased by her spouse Robert M.; her nephew Bruce Andersen (Kathy); and her sibling Thoralf Magnusen. She is survived by her children, Karen Hamlin (Roger) and Lisa Abrahamsen; her grandchild, Julie Weitzel (Brian); her nieces, Betsy Lewton (Rich) and Erica Conway; and her nephews, Brian Andersen (Judy) and Barry Andersen (Linda).

We were blessed to have Eleanor as part of the St. Luke’s family during our shared ministry with the congregants of Our Saviour Lutheran Church.

New Visions, the newsletter of St. Luke’s Episcopal Church, is published 10 times per year. Submissions for the upcoming month’s issue should be snail mailed to New Visions, St. Luke’s Episcopal Church, Massachusetts Ave. & Grant St., Haworth, NJ 07641; or e-mailed to claudiasmith@msn.com by 20th of month. Firm deadline for submissions is the 20th of each month. New Visions Board: Editor: Janet Beddoe, Production: Claudia Smith. Photography: Janet Beddoe, Claudia Smith, Dreamtimes.com. Advertising: Jo Stephenson.
Mary Magdalene showed up when others would not. Mary Magdalene spoke up when others remained silent. Mary Magdalene stood up when others sat down.

John’s Gospel tells us that when many of the disciples fled and abandoned Jesus, Mary Magdalene stood by him at the cross. Hallelujah, Anyhow.

Against the odds, swimming against the current, Mary Magdalene was there.

John’s Gospel says in the 20th chapter, early in the morning, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene and some of the other women went to the tomb. Hallelujah, Anyhow.

They went to the tomb when it didn’t make any sense. They went to the tomb when the evidence was against them. Jesus was dead. They knew that. The power of the Empire had crushed the hope of love. They knew that. And they got up in the morning and went to the tomb anyhow. Hallelujah, Anyhow.

But more than that, John’s Gospel says it was dark. It was dark. That’s not just the time of day in John’s Gospel. The darkness in John is the domain of evil. In John’s Gospel when Judas leaves the Last Supper to betray Jesus, John inserts a parenthetical remark. When Judas leaves to betray him, John says, “And it was night.” The darkness is the domain of wrong, of hatred, of bigotry, of violence, the domain of sin and death and horror.

And early in the morning while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb, Hallelujah, Anyhow.

The truth is, she didn’t know that Jesus was alive. She was just doing what love does. Caring for her beloved, her Savior, her friend, in his time of death, to give him the last rites of burial. And when she got to the tomb, and the other women with them, they eventually discovered that Jesus was alive, and in the silence of the night, in the
We began with our Easter Breakfast, a tradition inherited from our the Lutheran friends with whom we shared ministry for a time from the Church of Our Saviour.

Our service was just glorious and we thank Ed Smith III, a native son of the parish, for his hard work on the trumpet accompaniment that added so much musically!

Though the cause of evil prosper, yet 'tis truth alone and strong . . .
Though her portion be a scaffold, and upon the throne be wrong
Yet that scaffold sways the future, and behind the dim unknown
Standeth God within the shadow, keeping watch above his own

Hallelujah, Anyhow.
Christ is risen
The Lord is risen, indeed.
God love you, God bless you, and may God hold us all in those almighty hands of love.

To watch Bishop Curry deliver this sermon online, click here: https://www.episcopalchurch.org/posts/publicaffairs/presiding-bishop-curry-easter-2019-message
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.

Classes resume May 5

Bible Study

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

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

Next: May 7 & 21

Healing Service

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

Next: May 19

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!

ECW’s United Thank Offering Ingathering on May 5

For those of you who have taken one of the little blue boxes from the back of the church or the Parish Hall, thank you. And thank you for filling them each day as you recall a blessing in your life.

UTO is entrusted to receive YOUR offerings, and to distribute 100% of what is collected to support innovative mission and ministry throughout The Episcopal Church and Provinces of the Anglican Communion.

Our UTO Boxes will be collected and blessed on Sun, May 5.

THE BLUE BOX PRAYER

Almighty God, I give you praise for blessing me in many ways.

Create in me a grateful heart and with this gift a blessing start. Amen.

Walk-in Dinner on May 9

We are again partnering with members of the Lutheran Church of the Savior, Paramus, to serve hungry walk-ins at the county facility in Hackensack on Thursday, May 9. Via this Family Promise program, we serve a minimum of 150 people and want to offer them generous hospitality, so, please, contribute as you can. See if you could make a dish at home of our chosen recipe, a one-pot beef stroganoff dinner, and bring it to St. Luke’s to be reheated and taken that day to Hackensack, where there are warming ovens. If you can serve on the day, please do. We carpool from St. Luke’s, leaving at 3 P.M., returning about 6 P.M. You could also provide salad ingredients and bring them to St. Luke’s for transport to Hackensack. All contributions are welcome!

So, please, sign up on the sheet in the Parish Hall. A recipe and aluminum pan will be provided and, remember, if you’re serving, bring a head covering. Any questions, please see Janet Beddoe.
At their March planning meeting, the St. Luke’s Episcopal Church Women (ECW) group decided to raise awareness for and donations to the North Porch Women & Infants Centers. This charitable organization has been supported through the years by the ECW. It provides emergency aid, in the form of baby supplies, to mothers and infants in northern New Jersey to help them stabilize and improve the quality of their lives. North Porch has centers in Newark, Paterson and Dover as well as satellite centers in Paterson and Hackettstown. Clients are referred by social service agencies and religious organizations. They are able to visit up to four times a year and at each visit receive one week’s supply of diapers, wipes, formula, baby food and toiletries.

The ECW Drive for North Porch launches this Mother’s Day, Sun., May 12. There will be a dedicated box in the Parish Hall to collect donations of the most urgently and ongoing needed items, including Enfamil 12.5 oz powdered baby formula, diapers and baby wipes. Please be as generous as you can. The North Porch Donation Box will remain in the Parish Hall through the end of the program year in June. ECW volunteers will take all the donations to the North Porch Paterson Center.

“We fill the gap in emergency situations when needy families are displaced or have shortfalls in their budget.”
Neighbors Helping Neighbors

St. Luke’s participated in a fundraising campaign during Lent along with the nine other churches in our Diocese of Newark’s District 9. To help CFA with its recent transportation emergencies, District 9 aimed to raise $5,000.

St. Luke’s stepped up and donated $869 to the cause, well over the $500 goal set for each parish!

Our check was blessed on Easter Sunday and sent to District 9 to be combined with those from the other parishes and sent to CFA. TBTG!!!

*Goodness is stronger than evil;*
*Love is stronger than hate;*
*Light is stronger than darkness;*
*Life is stronger than death;*
*Victory is ours through Him who loves us.*

— Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu

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.

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: May 26

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
Come with Us and Enjoy *Twice* This Month!

This year, not one but TWO of our sister churches in District 9 are hosting fundraising events featuring a delicious Fish & Chips Dinner. Our tradition has been to carpool from St. Luke’s.

There will be a sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall for both outings so we know how many seats to reserve for our group and can finalize carpooling details. Join us for one or both evenings! Or, if you prefer to make your own arrangements, event and contact info are listed below.

**Sat., May 4 from 5 to 7 P.M.**

St. Paul’s Episcopal Church  
4 Woodland Road  
Montvale, N.J.

For tickets/information, call or text  
Jim Rahal #201-376-3127.

Tickets: $18 each, eat in or take out  
Order fish or chicken tenders

**Sun., May 19 from 5 to 7 P.M.**

St. Matthew’s Episcopal Church  
167 Spring Valley Road  
Paramus, N.J.

For tickets/information, call  
Janice at 201-262-5286 OR  
Linda at 201-265-4410  
lindalop@yahoo.com

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED!  
No “walk-ins” please.

Tickets: Donation of $15.00 Adults  
$10 Children 12 and under  
Chicken available upon request

*Both events are catered by Tastefully British*
May’s Book Selection

Judy Blume, the New York Times #1 best-selling author of Summer Sisters and of young adult classics such as Are You There God? It’s Me, Margaret, creates a richly textured and moving story of three generations of families, friends and strangers, whose lives are profoundly changed by unexpected events.

In 1987, Miri Ammerman returns to her hometown of Elizabeth, New Jersey, to attend a commemoration of the worst year of her life. Thirty-five years earlier, when Miri was fifteen, and in love for the first time, a succession of airplanes fell from the sky, leaving a community reeling.

Against this backdrop of actual events that Blume experienced in the early 1950s, when airline travel was new and exciting and everyone dreamed of going somewhere, she paints a vivid portrait of a particular time and place—Nat King Cole singing “Unforgettable,” Elizabeth Taylor haircuts, young (and not-so-young) love, explosive friendships, A-bomb hysteria, rumors of Communist threat. And a young journalist who makes his name reporting tragedy. Through it all, one generation reminds another that life goes on.

In the Unlikely Event is vintage Judy Blume, with all the hallmarks of Judy Blume’s unparalleled storytelling, and full of memorable characters who cope with loss, remember the good times and, finally, wonder at the joy that keeps them going.

Our next field trip is being planned for Saturday, May 11. We’re heading to New York City to visit The High Line. The High Line is a public park built on a historic freight rail line elevated above the streets on Manhattan’s West Side. Saved from demolition by neighborhood residents and the City of New York, the High Line opened in 2009 as a hybrid public space where visitors experience nature, art, and design. For more information, visit www.thehighline.org

Let us know if you can join us. Invite spouses, kids, friends for a great day. ALL are welcome! Stay tuned for an update on final travel/meeting up arrangements.
May Birthdays & Anniversaries

14  Jo & Junius Stephenson
21  Susan Coleman
22  David Astorga
23  Maureen Bownes

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.

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.

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.

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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Save the Date: **Sun., June 16 for the Official Visitations of our Bishop!**
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 crossroads of Demarest, Haworth, Dumont, and Cresskill.

Check It Out!

It took us a while to remember how, but we folded nearly 100 crosses for distribution to folks in the community — fire and police personnel, local restaurant workers — who may not have been able to get to church on Palm Sunday. As usual, the evening included lots of laughs and pizza!

Look inside for more photos from our Easter Sunday on Pages 1, 3 & 4.