

St. Luke's Newsletter

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Holy Eucharist, Saturday 5:00; Sunday 9:30 — Healing Eucharist, Wednesday 12:05

From Mother Barnes

Welcome to the Saint Luke's newsletter. Whether you are visiting, new to St. Luke's, or a lifelong member, we hope this quarterly publication will give you some information and insight into who we are, help you become better acquainted with the events and activities of our parish and how we are working together as a community to live out Jesus' call to love and serve God and our neighbor.

Worship

Maria Zengion is our Organist and Choirmaster. Serving at St. Luke's since November of 2016, Maria is not only a fine musician, with undergraduate and graduate degrees in Organ Performance, but also, most fortunately for St. Luke's, a specialist in organ building. She has held journeyman apprenticeships from Massachusetts to Washington State, and is drawing on these skills in the Moller's renovation and Estey's installation. When you see Maria, thank her for her tireless work for St. Luke's!

A Tale of Two Organs

St. Luke's has a long-standing tradition of excellent music, and from our earliest days, our worship has been enriched with beautiful organ music. We are grateful to many benefactors for this blessing—to the Scranton family, for our Moller pipe organ, and, more recently, to Dr. Paul Bender, for a complete overhaul and update of the Moller. Several members of the parish—David Wegner, Fran McMullen, Maria Zengion, and Mother Barnes—have worked with Dr. Bender to discover how best to adapt the organ for St. Luke's. And renovations are underway—on Aug. 1, the organ left St. Luke's and has now safely arrived at the shop of the Reuter Organ Company, in Lawrence, Kansas.

We'll hear it again in time for Advent, and will celebrate its return with a dedication concert performed by Richard Elliott, Principal Organist of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir, on **Friday, January 5, at 7 pm.**

In the meantime, we are grateful to The Masonic Temple and Scottish Rite Cathedral Association of Scranton and its affiliated lodges and members, for the Estey Reed Organ on loan to St. Luke's for the fall. Special thanks as well to Maria Zengion and Fran McMullen for their many hours of labor, both moving and installing the Estey for St. Luke's.



Ministry

From Rick Ammenhauser:

St. Luke's Sunday School starts on **Sunday September 10th at 9:30 am**. Some early school year activities planned are a birthday poster for our entire St. Luke's family, and adding St. Luke's labels to water bottles that the children will hand out to racers participating in the Race For The Cure on Saturday, September 16th. See everyone soon.

Service and Fellowship

Please sign up in Israel Lounge to participate as a special minister for the 5:00 pm Saturday or the 9:30 a.m. Sunday services—as an usher, reader, chalice bearer or acolyte. Questions? Contact our Verger, Lynn Moran at 570-586-7538 or email her at adrkid92@epix.net.

Safety Net needs monthly volunteers to work a four-hour shift at the door. Contact Robin O'Hearn.

Women of St. Luke's will hold a meeting on Thursday, **September 14, at 6 pm** in Kreitler Hall. Contact Robin O'Hearn for more information.

If you have comments or questions, please contact the Newsletter Editor, Rebecca Beal, r_beal@me.com.

Scranton Reads

During our October Adult Formation, St. Luke's will participate in this year's Scranton Reads: One City, One Book. In this year's choice, Marilynne Robinson's novel *Gilead*, we'll find Rev. John Ames, an older minister with a heart condition, writing to his young son about his life as a preacher in Gilead, Iowa. He writes about grace, vocation, and his family history (his grandfather, also a Rev. Ames, rode with John Brown in Kansas before the Civil War, for instance, and his own father, another Rev. Ames, was a pacifist.) This book will lead us to explore important spiritual themes—anger, grace, love, and what matters as we face the end of life.

Lackawanna County library card holders can pick up a free copy of *Gilead* at the Albright Memorial Library as long as supplies last.

For other Scranton Reads events throughout October, call the Scranton Public Library at 570-348-3030, ext. 3050, or look at scrantonreads.org.

Diocese and Beyond

- Please remember the city of Houston and the Diocese of Texas in your prayers:

"Heavenly Father, in your Word you have given us a vision of that holy City where the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD as the waters cover the sea: Behold and visit, we pray, the cities of the earth devastated by Hurricane Harvey. Sustain those displaced by the storm with food, drink, and all other bodily necessities of life. We especially remember before you all poor and neglected persons it would be easy for us to forget: the homeless and the destitute, the old and the sick, and all who have none to care for them; that, among all the changes and chances of this mortal life, we may ever be defended by your gracious and ready help; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN." (Bishop Andy Doyle)

- Please remember to pray for our sister Diocese of Kajo Keji.
- Please pray for our Diocese of Bethlehem as we select our new bishop. For ongoing information, consult bishopsearchdiobeth.org.

Convention

The 146th Diocesan Convention, **Sept. 29-30, Carbondale**. For more information, consult the Diocesan website: www.diobeth.org.

