

St. Luke's Newsletter

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

From Mother Barnes

"Lazy, hazy, days of summer? Not at St. Luke's! Instead of going into summertime mode, we celebrate 52 equal Sundays of the year. Every weekend, we offer our 5 pm Vigil Eucharist (Sat. evening), and, on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m., a full Sung Eucharist, where our organist and professional singers enhance our worship with the beauty of music. Additionally, each Wednesday we also gather at 12:10 pm for a Healing Eucharist. Adult formation continues, as well, this summer with our *Reclaiming Jesus* series." At St. Luke's we strongly affirm, "The Episcopal Church Welcomes You!"

Worship

St. Luke's Musicians welcomed a tenor this spring—and then a baritone: you'll hear more about the singers, their members, and their choral contributions this fall in our next Newsletter. Stay tuned.

Questions about St. Luke's?

If you have a question about our church, how we do things, or what we believe, we want to hear from you! Send a question about St. Luke's by email to r_beal@me.com, subject heading "Newsletter."

Diocese to Welcome New Bishop This Fall

The Diocese of Bethlehem prepares to ordain **The Reverend Canon Kevin D. Nichols** as our next Bishop this fall. He was called by the Special Electing Convention on April 28 where St. Luke's was represented by voting delegates **Carol Guzzi, David Wegner, and The Reverend Rebecca Barnes** who also served as Master of Ceremonies at the convention eucharist.

The Bishop-elect currently serves in the Diocese of New Hampshire, where he presided over their Standing Committee. He served as Rector of St Stephen's in Pittsfield and St Andrew's in Hopkinton. A former Roman Catholic priest, he received his Master of Divinity degree from St. Mary's Seminary and University in Baltimore, Maryland. He was received into the Episcopal priesthood in 1999. "I am thrilled to be joining with the people of the Diocese of Bethlehem to bear witness to the power of the Resurrection in their communities," Nichols said. "The momentum there is unmistakable and I can't wait to see what God has in store for us together."

The ordination of Canon Nichols as the IX Bishop of Bethlehem is to be held at First Presbyterian Church in Allentown, Pennsylvania on **September 15**. The anticipated crowd is so large as to preclude the use of any our local Episcopal churches.

Canon Nichols continued "I see this as a moment for us as a church to recover our purpose for why we are here, to reconcile and to offer God's love and healing where there has been painful damage. The Diocese of Bethlehem in its diverse landscapes is rich and fertile



Children's Ministry

From **Rick Ammenhauser: Miss Carla** and I would once again like to say thank you to our Sunday School class for an enjoyable school year. This year the class enjoyed such activities as putting together treats to pass out at St. Luke's pet blessing, making Valentines for our church shut-ins and helping out at Senior Space meals. We hope Madison , Eddie, Harry , Alice, Andy, Ahnna, Valerie and Rebecca have a safe and fun-filled summer. See you all in the fall, remember: **school starts back up on September 9th.**

Service and Fellowship

Please participate as a special minister for upcoming services; **volunteers** are lectors, ushers, and counters; they lead the prayers of the people and they provide snacks for coffee hour. If you are interested, sign up in Israel Lounge.

Safety Net needs donations and monthly volunteers to work a four-hour shift at the door. Sign-up sheets in Israel Lounge.

Warren Memorial Garden: join other St. Luke's gardeners in the garden, on the following Saturdays: June 23, July 14, and August 11. Bring gloves, trowels, and rakes, and help to keep our garden beautiful!

ground for God's planting and pruning."

Bishop-elect Nichols will lead a diocese made up of over 11,000 members in 58 congregations in eastern and northeastern Pennsylvania.

Adult Formation at St. Luke's

We invite all to join in any of St. Luke's adult education offerings. These programs aim to foster individual spiritual enrichment and growth and provide the congregation with a theological foundation from which to expand.

•**Summer Adult Formation: *Reclaiming Jesus: A Confession of Faith in a Time of Crisis***, inspired by the witness of our Presiding Bishop, **The Most Reverend Michael B. Curry**, and other faith elders from across the country who feel that it is time to be followers of Jesus before anything else - nationality, political party, race, ethnicity, gender, geography. Come join us as we seek to follow Jesus and grow deeper into our relationship with God. *11:15 a.m., after coffee hour, from June 3 to August 19, except July 15 & 22. For more information about this dynamic program, go to <http://reclaimingjesus.org>.*

•**Centering Prayer: Thursday evenings from 5:30-7.** A receptive method of silent prayer that prepares us to receive the gift of contemplative prayer.

Gather with us...and bring all questions, all doubts, and all insights.

Diocese and Beyond

•**The Episcopal Public Policy Network** is dedicated to carrying out the Baptismal Covenant call to "strive for justice and peace." If you'd like to write your representatives about issues ranging from immigration to the environment, check out this website: <<https://advocacy.episcopalchurch.org/home>>.

•Please remember to pray for the people of our sister **Diocese of Kajo Keji**, now in refugee camps in Uganda. Send donations to: Diocesan House, 333 Wyandotte St., Bethlehem, PA 18015, attention: Charlie Barebo (note "New Hope Books").

•Pray for bishops and deputies attending the triennial **General Convention** of The Episcopal Church, this year in Austin, Texas, from **July 5-13**.