

St. Luke's Newsletter

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Holy Eucharist, Saturday 5:00; Sunday 10:00 (as of September 9); Healing Eucharist, Wednesday 12:05

From Mother Barnes

With this issue of the *St. Luke's Newsletter*, we embark on the second year of our reinstated newsletter. We hope that this quarterly publication, while condensed in its format, helps to give you an overview of the many activities happening at St. Luke's and in our Diocese. With the start of each fall, we launch into a new programmatic year, but always, our primary reason for gathering in community is worship. We do this to offer our praises and prayers to God and be fed in word and sacrament, but also to help and inspire one another to be better followers of Jesus. At St. Luke's, we welcome all to join us as we seek to walk in love, and serve Christ and one another.

Worship

Beginning Sunday, September 9, Sunday Eucharist will start at 10:00 a.m. (Sunday School will start at 9:30 a.m., and the Saturday afternoon service will continue its present start time of 5:00.)

Church Office hours: Tuesday through Friday, 8:30-3:00.

Name Those St. Luke's Singers

They bless us every Sunday in the Sung Eucharist and often serve at weddings and funerals, as well: do you know them? Our soprano, **Lauren Cuccia** has been singing in the quartet for 11 years. After her full time job as Service Manager at Wells Fargo Bank, she currently teaches voice at the Scranton Music Academy. (Ask Lauren about her 2019 wedding to dashing Adam Piccotti!) Our mezzo soprano, **Carol McMullen**, CTFA, is a vice-president and trust officer at People's Security Bank. A graduate of Marywood and The University of Scranton, Carol sings with the Lyric Consort and other regional ensembles. She is a master gardener. (Ask Carol about tomato blight!) The newest member of the quartet, **Max Roche** graduated from Mansfield University, is a brother of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, and currently an editor with Penn Foster. In addition to singing with St. Luke's, Max teaches singing privately in Taylor. (Ask him about the Dallas Cowboys.) Our bearded baritone, **Francis McMullen**, is Physical Plant Manager at the Scranton Cultural Center. He also serves St. Luke's as Junior Warden. Fran graduated from Wilkes College with a major in Low Brass and Voice, and he has sung for St. Luke's since 1999, also serving as Music Director from 2006-16. He sings with a number of regional ensembles, including the Choral Society of Northeast Pennsylvania, and the Lyric Consort. (Ask Fran about tubas.)

Plan Your Fall Calendar

Adult Education: Reclaiming Jesus - 5 Week Curriculum in Civil Discourse. Thursday evenings at 7 PM (Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25, and Nov. 1) Civil discourse is engagement in conversation intended to enhance understanding. Rabbi Steve Gutow, speaking at the Episcopal Church's event *Civil Discourse in America*, remarked that, "Civility is allowing others to speak, and having the humility to admit that we may have something to learn." With the mid-term elections just two months away, St. Luke's will offer an ecumenical 5-week program in which we will

Children's Ministry

From **Rick Ammenhauser**: It's back to Sunday School time for our youth at St. Luke's!! Our first class will be on Sunday September 9th. (Class still starts at 9:30 a.m.) **Miss Carla and I** look forward to seeing everyone again for another fun and informative school year. Once again this year we will be participating in two events right at the start of the school year. On **September 15th, our class will be handing out water bottles to participants in the Race for the Cure.** Then on **Friday October 5th we will be handing out treats to all the animals at St. Luke's pet blessing.** I hope everyone had a great summer; see you all soon.

Service and Fellowship

We need **volunteers** at all services as **lectors, ushers, and counters.** We also need people to 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. Questions? Call Robin O'Hearn at 570-963-5407.

Warren Memorial Garden: Fall clean-up dates: Oct. 13th & Nov. 10th (if needed). Bring your trowels and join in!

explore how we affect change through civic engagement. All are welcome to participate.

Centering Prayer: Thursday evenings from 5:30-7 at St. Luke's.

In these sessions we practice and study a receptive method of silent prayer that both prepares us to receive the gift of contemplative prayer and adds depth and meaning to all prayer, including more active verbal, affective or mental prayer.

St. Luke's and the Albright Memorial Library: September 10, 6:30-8, in the Community Room of the Children's Library (500 Vine Street). The Social Justice Book Club will discuss Rebecca Solnit's *Hope in the Dark: Untold Histories, Wild Possibilities.*

Fall Bus Trip to The Cathedral of Saint John the Divine, NYC.

Saturday, Oct. 6. The cost of the trip is \$70 (meals not included). RSVP Lucetta Savinelli at m7elli@comcast.net or 570-344-5689.

Scranton Reads at St. Luke's: October (day/time TBA): we'll discuss H.G. Wells' *War of the Worlds*, this year's Scranton Reads: One City One Book selection. Pick up a copy at the Albright Memorial Library.

Diocese and Beyond

- **Ordination and Consecration of Our New Bishop:** as of **Saturday, September 15, 11 a.m.,** at the First Presbyterian Church of Allentown, Pennsylvania, the diocese will have a new bishop, **The Reverend Canon Kevin D. Nichols,** ordained and consecrated in the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church, and IXth Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Bethlehem. The Diocese and new bishop are blessed to have The Most Reverend Michael B. Curry, Presiding Bishop and Primate of the Episcopal Church as Chief Consecrator.

- **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>>.

- 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.