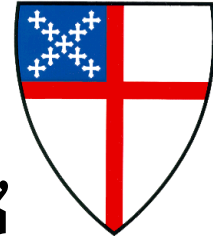




The Good News



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Parish News

St. Luke's Parish Newsletter

We are proud to announce the re-launch of our Parish Newsletter to keep everyone informed and engaged as to what's going on at St. Luke's and in the world. As we refine and develop the newsletter, we will be looking for content from members of the Parish. Please, if you have any questions, suggestions, or topics you'd like to see covered in this publication, don't hesitate to send them along to us – our contact information can be found at the end of the newsletter.

September Vestry Meeting

The Vestry of St. Luke's will be meeting to discuss parish business at their upcoming monthly meeting to be held on Wednesday, September 10th at 6 pm in Kreitler Hall. All Parishioners are welcome to attend. It is a great way to find out what's happening and become more involved in your Parish.

Safety Net Program

The Safety Net program is continuing here at St. Luke's. Bags are located at the end of the pews for you to take home and fill with much needed food items. This program ties directly into our Parish Mission Statement to serve others. Please consider taking part in this worthwhile program to help those facing hardships.

Warren Memorial Garden

The Warren Memorial Garden Committee met on Saturday, July 19th for a general clean-up of the grounds. Weeding, pruning and trimming gave the garden a fresh look for the summer. Experienced and novice gardeners are welcome to join the next clean-up on September 20th at 10:00 am. Come out and lend a hand, get some fresh air and support your Parish.





ANNUAL PARISH Meeting

Annual Parish Meeting

Our Annual Parish Meeting will take place after the 9:30 AM service on Sunday, September 21st. **ALL MEMBERS OF THE PARISH** are welcome and encouraged to attend this important meeting. The state of our Parish, future planning and upcoming events will be discussed. Please mark your calendars now to attend this special meeting. Also, there will be a potluck meal following the meeting, so plan to bring your favorite dish, socialize with your fellow parishioners and help to strengthen our Parish bonds.

Concert

There will be a *Classical Guitar Concert* held in our Parish on September 13th beginning at 7:00 PM. All are welcome.



Daughters of the King

The St. Elizabeth of Hungary Chapter meets here at St. Luke's. Women who are interested in following a Rule of Life including prayer and service are welcome to inquire. The Daughters of the King have prayer request cards on the back table in the Church. Fill out the card, tear off the bottom and drop it in the box shaped like a church. The Daughters will pray over your request every day for a month. In worship, the Parish will also pray for that request for a month.

Senior Space

Our Parish will be hosting Senior Space on Sunday, September 29th beginning at 12:00 pm in Kreitler Hall. We are very fortunate to be having Walgreen's provide a health screening for those in attendance as well as providing additional social activities for our seniors. These are the kinds of worthwhile activities our Parish is known for but **WE NEED YOUR HELP!** Volunteers will be needed to make desserts, help serve the luncheon and assist with activities and clean-up. If you are interested in volunteering in any way, please let a Vestry member know.



Church Flowers

Our Parish is very fortunate to have so many dedicated parishioners willing to help beautify our sanctuary. Please check the flower list on the bulletin board in Kreitler Hall. There are still openings left for this year. The cost is \$60.00 per weekend. If this is too much money, consider partnering with another individual or family to split the cost. This is an excellent way to remember a loved one. If you were on the list in the past, take a moment to double check if you are still on it for this year for the dates you requested.

Susan G. Komen Walk/Run for the Cure

This very worthwhile event will be taking place in downtown Scranton on Saturday, September 20th. Our Parish has become involved in the race in the last few years by decorating the front of the church in pink to show our support. We also ring our church bell and hand out bottled water to the participants to show our solidarity in an effort to cure this terrible disease. We would like to continue this great tradition but **NEED YOUR SUPPORT**. If we could have a few volunteers to either decorate the church on Friday, September 19th in the early evening or to come and pass out water on Saturday, September 20th at 8 am, it would be much appreciated. Please let a Vestry member know if you are interested.



In the Community

First Friday Scranton will be held on Friday, Oct. 3rd at 6:30 PM. St. Luke's will be hosting our annual pet and animal blessing. Father William Marshall will be blessing animals of all shapes and sizes both inside and out. Plan to bring your pet to this long-time popular event and also experience the arts and music of Scranton. Follow First Friday Scranton on Facebook and Twitter for up to date listing of events and locations.



Our Episcopal Neighbors

Cathedral Church of the Nativity, Bethlehem, Celtic Spirituality Initiative. Nativity's dean Tony Pompa said his hope is for the monthly Thursday evenings, the fourth

Thursday, 7:00 p.m., to become a touchstone for anyone interested in seeking a new way to approach spirituality and make a deeper connection with the sacred. All are welcome to the Thursday evening Celtic spirituality offerings, regardless of their denomination, or faith affiliation. The sessions are informal, and invite participants to enter the Cathedral for meditation, silent prayer, personal reflection time, to light candles, privately ask for healing prayers, and simply enjoy brief theme appropriate meditative readings and poems spoken, all supported by quietly played Celtic Music by guest musicians, well known and versed in Celtic themed music.

St. Stephen's Pro-Cathedral, Wilkes-Barre, Knitting Group meets on the 2nd Sunday in the afternoon in the Kirkendall Room from 2pm until 4pm. We knit or crochet prayer shawls, hats, scarves, or mittens which are given to anyone in need of comfort and prayer. We also do needlepoint and cross-stitch! But mostly.....we are about fellowship! We are a cheerful group, and any kind of needlework qualifies. Bring your personal projects or make warm scarves for the homeless. Come and share our joy in one another.

***This would be a great idea for all of our skillful people at St. Luke's. Donations to those in our area or even to the Seamen's Church Institute, a well-known Episcopal organization donating to seamen around our nation would be a great way to help others and to create a fellowship of our talented parishioners! If interested in forming a group at St. Luke's, e-mail jkminooka2@yahoo.com.*

Epiphany Episcopal Church, Clarks Summit, Used Clothing Drop-Off Shed, located at 25 Church Hill (lower lot below church) Glenburn Twp/Dalton, PA. Self-serve: drop off when you are able; no need to come during normal business hours; on-going. Items Accepted: All clothing, shoes, sneakers, belts, purses, blankets, sheets, pillowcases, drapes and stuffed toys. Unaccepted items: NO rags, fabric scraps, pillows, plastic toys, household goods, or TRASH; NO electronics/TVs accepted (these items may be taken free-of-charge to the Lackawanna County Recycling Center in Scranton, PA.

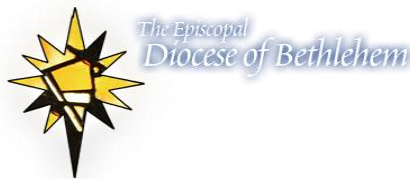
Diocesan News

Godly Play Training ... [*Anne Kitch, 610-691-5655 x222*] akitch@diobeth.org
September 6, 9am - 3pm, Grace Church, 30 Butler St. Kingston, PA 18704. Led by certified Godly Play trainer Dawn Stewart. This training is for new and experienced Godly Play teachers. The day will include the demonstration of several Godly Play stories, discussion about managing time and behavior, and tips on obtaining and creating Godly Play materials. There will also be the opportunity to meet and network with others using Godly Play in the Diocese of Bethlehem. Cost \$10, includes lunch. Sponsored by Grace Church Kingston and the Commission of Lifelong Christian Formation for the Diocese of Bethlehem.

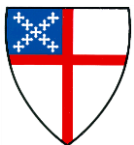
Bishop's School, Autumn 2014 ... The fall term of Bishop's School will begin on Saturday, September 14. Classes are: (1) Church History, with The Rev. Brian Pavlac,

afternoon. (2) Old Testament, with Rabbi Robert Lennick, morning. Classes will meet at St. Stephen's Church in Whitehall. If you plan to attend classes, please register as soon as possible. For further information please contact Canon Jane Teter, 610-691-5655 x228, (cell) 610-216-1731, jteter@diobeth.org. To register please send the following information to Jane: your name, address, phone number(s), email address and parish. She needs to be able to reach you in the event that we have inclement weather or need to change or cancel the class.

Listening, Prayer and Discernment ... Two *Episcopal Moment* consultants, the Rev. Dr. Alvin C. Johnson, Jr., D.Min, and the Rev. Dr. Robert K. Myers, PhD, both priests based in the Chicago area, will facilitate a series of listening opportunities, to be held across the diocese beginning in fall, at which everyone will be invited to discuss the challenges facing the Episcopal Church in northeastern Pennsylvania, how the diocese has responded to these challenges, and where the Holy Spirit might be leading this diocesan community. The goal is for everyone who wishes to participate in this process to have a chance to be heard. Information on when and where the listening opportunities to be held throughout the diocese will take place and how to participate in these sessions will be forthcoming.



National News



Religious Leaders Call for Prayer for Migrant Children..... Los

Angeles Bishop J. Jon Bruno is among religious and civic leaders who called for a weekend of prayer and compassion July 19-20 for more than 52,000 young children who are in US custody after fleeing violence, murder and extortion by criminal gangs in Guatemala, El Salvador and Honduras. Bruno, along with Bishop Minerva G. Carcaño of the United Methodist Church, Robert K. Ross, president and CEO of The California Endowment, and Fred Ali of Weingart Foundation visited a temporary shelter at the naval base in Port Hueneme, California, where thousands of children are being housed since crossing the border in search of friends or relatives in the United States. At a media conference in Los Angeles after the visit, the faith leaders called for a humanitarian response to the desperate conditions that cause the children – some as young as eight years old – to leave their homes. Bruno also praised federal officials for the quality of care being provided for the children. “Jesus’ words are clear about people in need,” Bruno said in a statement. “‘Let the children come to me,’ he tells his disciples –

also stating that those who provide food, shelter and clothing ‘to the least of these’ do so to Christ himself. We need to be the compassionate hands and heart of Jesus in serving all children, and especially to those held in detention on both sides of the Mexico – U.S. border. May God help us to show God’s own love and mercy to these little ones while calling our governments to work together for peace with justice.”

World News

Responding Ecumenically to Crisis in Iraq..... Episcopal Relief & Development is responding ecumenically to the current crisis in Iraq through the ACT Alliance, in support of Christian Aid UK’s relief activities. ACT Alliance is a coalition of more than 140 churches and affiliated organizations active in over 140 countries. According to the Christian Aid situation report, “In recent weeks, attacks by Islamic State militants in the Ninewa province of Iraq have led to the displacement of hundreds of thousands of Iraqis. Many of them are persecuted religious minorities, including Yazidis and Christians.” On August 12, Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori issued a call for a day of prayer for Iraq on August 17. The following day, the Anglican Alliance posted an article with excerpts of statements from Anglican Primates and Church-affiliated aid agencies around the world in response to the crisis. “We face the reality that hundreds of thousands of Christians and other religious minorities are currently on the run throughout northern and western Iraq, displaced from their homes, with only the clothes on their backs,” said the Rev. Canon Robert D. Edmunds, Middle East Partnership Officer for The Episcopal Church. “Each of us has an opportunity to bring needed relief and hope to them with our prayers and our contributions. We are grateful for Episcopal Relief & Development and the relationship that has been forged with sister aid agencies.”



West Africa Archbishop Urges Anglicans to Pray for Ebola Crisis..... The Most Rev. Daniel Sarfo, primate and metropolitan of the Church of the Province of West Africa and bishop of Kumasi in Ghana, has called on Christians around the world to dedicate one Sunday as a day of prayer for the deadly Ebola disease that has struck the west African region. In a recent interview, Sarfo said: “We encourage Anglican churches world over to express solidarity by observing one Sunday as Ebola Sunday and to mobilize resources for the sub-region.” The archbishop reiterated the important role that Anglicans in other countries can play in as far as mobilizing and bringing resources to the region. “Anglicans should challenge their governments to send resources, especially medical supplies to the affected areas,” he said.

Perspective

Four Unexpected Benefits of a Small Church..... by Jonathan Schindler. I'm a member of a small church. Our church had around 150 members when my wife, Abby, and I started attending almost seven years ago, but now our numbers are closer to 70-90. Our sanctuary, built for around 200, is often sparsely populated on non-Easter Sundays. Our nursery is stocked with toys older than I am. I make our coffee in a giant percolator—and it was an upgrade when I switched to beans from Costco. We still sing hymns, we still have Sunday school (which I teach), and our color scheme is anything but modern. In short, we are not a megachurch in people, resources, or mind-set. Yet over the years I have been so grateful for our small church, and many of its unexpected benefits and opportunities are specifically related to its ... *smallness*. **Being in a small church has forced me to be in community.** When there are fewer people in a place, it's much harder to hide. The first Sunday Abby and I attended the church (we're members now), we sat in the back. Our intent was to bolt as soon as the benediction was pronounced so we could convene in the car and decide if it was worth returning. This was our traditional practice, and it had worked so far in the churches we'd visited. But after the service at this church we were—literally—chased down. Our pastor's wife said, "Wow, you guys are fast!" and when someone acknowledges that you are running away, it's impolite to keep running. Before we could reach the door, we were introduced to the rest of the church. The next week we came early for Sunday school and stayed late for choir practice. As much as we craved anonymity, and as much as I would sometimes like to slink into it now, it was (and is) good for us to be known. **Being in a small church has forced me to serve.** When I was in college and attended the big college-town churches, it was very easy to take in a sermon, get the free college kid care package, and book it back to the dorm with no strings attached. This is much harder to do in a small environment. When Isaiah has his vision of the Lord, there are lots of angels around, but Isaiah is the only human witness. When the Lord says, "Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?" there aren't really any other options. I suppose Isaiah could have refused, but doing so would have highlighted his own unwillingness as the excuse—there was no one else to hide behind. Similarly, in a small-church environment, when something needs to be done, it's much harder to trust that someone else must be taking care of it. Often my response to a need must be, "Here I am. Send me." This isn't always my preference, but it is almost always for my good. **Being in a small church has forced me to reckon with diversity.** My church is a community church. While some people drive to be part of our body, most of our members live close to the building. While you might think that such a small geographic area would lead to homogeneity, it has produced a surprising amount of diversity. Different races, different socioeconomic statuses, and especially different perspectives are represented. Someone might look at our little body and say, "What on earth do you have in common?" And that is exactly how the church should be. We come together because we have one important thing in common: our Head, Christ. If I am self-selecting whom to invite for a party, I'm tempted to choose those who are most like me in looks, beliefs, and interests. And, indeed, a small church body isn't necessarily a guard against homogeneity—a congregation can reach homogeneity no matter its size. But in our body, whenever someone new joins us for worship, and especially if they stick around, they bring their unique perspective. Their presence seasons the stew. When our

body was larger, Abby and I were able to stick with people who were almost exclusively like us. It has been such a gift, with the shrinking of our body, to be forced to interact with people who are older than us, who are more conservative than us, who are more liberal than us, who have less education than us, who have more education than us, who have different struggles from us. G. K. Chesterton, in his typical contrarian way, talks about how there's often greater diversity on the street where you grew up than in the city, where it's easy to find people just like you. He explains, "We make our friends; we make our enemies; but God makes our next door neighbor. ... We have to love our neighbor because he is there." This may seem a strange way to describe a voluntary organization, but when you are committed to a body, you are committed no matter who shows up. And you are committed to stick with the others who are there, even when you disagree. **Being in a small church has offered opportunities I might not otherwise have had.** When you have a larger pool to draw from, you get to decide who does what based on already honed skills. Believe me, there is something to be said for this. But there's also something to be said for the development that takes place in an environment of need. Several years ago I was asked to serve as a deacon at my church. I was in my mid-twenties at the time, and while I had grown up in the church, I had absolutely no idea how to do what was expected of me, yet I also knew that there weren't too many others who could serve on our deacon board. Disbursing benevolence funds, counting offerings, making budgets, allocating church resources—I wouldn't say I was ready for any of this. But often our readiness isn't important; *obedience* is. This opportunity would likely have been closed to me in a larger church, but I'm grateful I was given it when I was unprepared—it forced me to use and develop latent gifts I didn't know I had. Similarly, I have been given opportunities to preach—and develop my preaching. This isn't something I feel particularly called to or gifted in, but my pastor has encouraged me to do it anyway. He has worked with me to develop more of a style, he has counted my "ums," and more important, he keeps asking me to do it, and I'm getting better at it. G. K. Chesterton has said that "If a thing is worth doing, it is worth doing badly," and there is much more opportunity for doing something badly in a small church. But doing something badly is how you begin to do something well. Of course, I've used the language of force in my statements above, but none of this is compulsory. We live in an age of denominations, non-denominations, and church libertarianism. It's not necessary to submit yourself to a church body, or even to leave your home to "attend" church. And it's easy if you don't like something to vote with your feet—to go to the church down the street, which won't require as much of you, or that aligns more with you in this way or that. Indeed, there are some days when being part of a small church isn't that great. Like when I'm forced to deal with conflict within the body because these people are family, and I can't abandon family (as much as I want to sometimes). Like when I am compelled to take one more church duty onto my already-full plate. When my family can't worship together because our toddler won't sit through service ... and the nursery is mostly self-serve. In these situations, I pine after churches with slick programs and legions of volunteers. But when, while I'm teaching Sunday school, someone offers to hold our newborn so that Abby can attend to our toddler, and I know that when they stood at my children's dedications, pledging to do what they can to help us raise them, they meant it; when I'm struggling and can approach someone who knows me and who genuinely cares and wants to help; when Sunday school or service is

interrupted and redirected because of someone's pressing need; when I see a small community committed to each other not because they are alike but because they are *there*, I see a (small) segment of the Kingdom of God.



The Episcopal Church Calendar

September

1 Labor Day

Begun in 1894, this American holiday is a yearly national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country. Try and find some relaxation, possibly with family and friends, from your daily toils and hard work. Also, take a moment to say a quick prayer for all working people who help to make our nation great.

2 The Martyrs of New Guinea, 1942

4 Paul Jones, Bishop and Peace Advocate, 1941

9 Constance, Nun, and her Companions, 1878

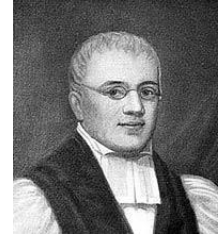


In 1878 the city of Memphis on the Mississippi River was struck by an epidemic of yellow fever. Almost everyone who could afford to do so left the city and fled to higher ground away from the river. There were in the city several communities of Anglican nuns, who had the opportunity of leaving, but chose to stay and nurse the sick. Most of them, thirty-eight in all, were themselves killed by the fever. One of the first to die (on 9 September 1878) was Constance, head of the (Anglican) Community of St Mary.

10 Alexander Crummell, Priest, Missionary and Educator, 1898

12 John Henry Hobart, 3rd Bishop of New York, 1830

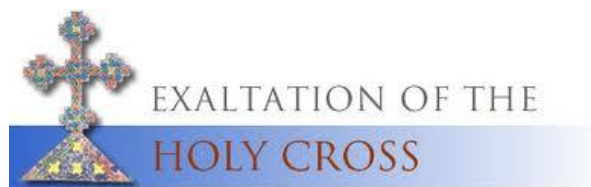
John Henry Hobart was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in 1775. He was educated at the University of Pennsylvania and Princeton University, ordained deacon in 1798 and priest in 1801. Called as assistant minister to Trinity Church, New York, in 1803, at age 36 he was elected assistant bishop of the diocese in 1811, becoming diocesan in 1816. Early in his career he tackled publicly issues still dubious in the American mind: episcopacy and apostolic succession. He founded two institutions: a college in Geneva (later Hobart College) and General Theological Seminary in New York City. He not only looked after the Diocese of New York but he served as rector of Trinity Parish, the wealthiest and most influential church in the country. Agreeing to oversee the diocese of Connecticut, he covered its parishes more thoroughly than any bishop ever had. New Jersey, similarly without a bishop, appealed to him, and he looked after it as well.



13 Cyprian, Bishop and Martyr of Carthage, 258

15 Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

During the reign of Constantine, first Roman Emperor to profess the Christian faith, his mother Helena went to the Holy Land and there undertook to find the places especially significant to Christians. Having located, close together, what she believed to be the sites of the Crucifixion and of the Burial, she then had built over them the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, which was dedicated in September, 335. The Feast has become a day for recognizing the Cross as a symbol of triumph, as a sign of Christ's victory over death, and a reminder of His promise, "And when I am lifted up, I will draw all men unto me." (John 12:32) What is the significance of the sign of the cross? We often place our initials or other personal mark on something to show that it belongs to us. The Cross is the personal mark of Our Lord Jesus Christ, and we mark it on ourselves as a sign that we belong to Him.



Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross that he might draw the whole world unto himself: Mercifully grant that we, who glory in the mystery of our redemption, may have grace to take up our cross and follow him; who lives and reigns with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting.

16 Ninian, Bishop of Galloway, c.430

17 Hildegard of Bingen, Visionary, 1179

**Ember Day (prayer/fasting)

18 Edward Bouverie Pusey, Priest, 1882

19 Theodore of Tarsus, Bishop of Canterbury, 690

**Ember Day (prayer/fasting)

20 John Patteson and Companions, Martyrs, 1871

**Ember Day (prayer/fasting)

22 Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

One day Jesus was walking and saw a tax collector named Matthew sitting at a tax collection post, and said to him, "Follow me." And Matthew stood up and followed Him, and became one of His twelve apostles. The name "Matthew" means "gift of the Lord." Mark and Luke, in the story of his calling, name him "Levi." Perhaps this was his original name, and he received a new name from Jesus when he became a disciple. Of Matthew's life after Pentecost the Scriptures tell us nothing. Later accounts of his life vary, some reporting that he was martyred, others that he died a natural death. The Christian community since early times has commemorated him as a martyr.

25 Sergius, Abbot of Holy Trinity, Moscow, 1392

26 Lancelot Andrewes, Bishop of Winchester, 1626

Lancelot Andrewes (1555-1626), Bishop of Winchester, was on the committee of scholars that produced the King James Translation of the Bible, and probably contributed more to that work than any other single person.

29 Saint Michael and All Angels

On the Feast of Michael and all Angels, popularly called Michaelmas, we give thanks for the many ways in which God's loving care watches over us, both directly and indirectly, and we are reminded that the richness and variety of God's creation far exceeds our knowledge of it. Michael (the name means "Who is like God?") is said to be the captain of the heavenly armies. Gabriel (the name means "God is my champion") is thought of as the special bearer of messages from God to men. Raphael (the name means "God heals") is mentioned in the Apocrypha, in the book of Tobit, where, disguised as a man, he accompanies the young man Tobias on a quest, enables him to accomplish it, and gives him a remedy for the blindness of his aged father. Uriel (the name means "God is my light" -- compare with "Uriah", which means "the LORD is my light") is mentioned in 4 Esdras.



O everlasting God, who hast ordained and constituted the ministries of angels and men in a wonderful order: Mercifully grant that, as thy holy angels always serve and worship thee in heaven, so by thy appointment they may help and defend us on earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

30 Jerome, Priest and Monk of Bethlehem, 420

May we look to the example of these holy men and women!



Prayers

As school starts up again, please pray for the children in our family and community and for their teachers. We are also nearing harvest time. Remember the farmers who toil to bring us our daily food.

For Education: Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom: Enlighten by your Holy Spirit those who teach and those who learn, that, rejoicing in the knowledge of your truth, they may worship you and serve you from generation to generation. Amen.

For Agriculture: Almighty God, we thank you for making the earth fruitful, so that it might produce what is needed for life: Bless those who work in the fields; give us seasonable weather; and grant that we may all share in the fruits of the earth, rejoicing in your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Episcopal Church Societies

The Episcopal Church has many resources and organizations to help people explore and grow their faith:

The Daughters of the King: The Order of the Daughters of the King is a spiritual sisterhood of women dedicated to a life of Prayer, Service and Evangelism. They have made a commitment to Jesus as their Savior, and they follow Him as their Lord. Visit the national website at www.doknational.org or the regional website at www.dok-proviii.org for more information. We are fortunate to have the St. Elizabeth of Hungary Chapter here at St. Luke's.

The Anglican Society: The purpose of the Anglican Society is to promote and maintain the doctrine, discipline, and worship of the Episcopal Church in accordance with the principles and contents of the Book of Common Prayer. Membership in the Society is open to all interested persons through payment of membership dues, currently \$10 annually. Dues include a subscription to The Anglican, the Quarterly Gazette of the Anglican Society. Visit www.anglicansociety.org for more information.

The Brotherhood of Saint Andrew: The Brotherhood vision strives to develop and equip men for faithful discipleship to effect changed lives throughout the world for the greater

glory of God through the lifelong disciplines of daily prayer, regular study and committed service. For information, visit www.brotherhoodofstandrew.org or e-mail Province III representative Tom Saxe at saxe@comcast.net

Where to Find It

The following are useful Episcopal websites and contacts:

St. Luke's Episcopal Church: www.stlukescranton.org

St. Luke's E-mail: stlukesscranton@verizon.net

Diocese of Bethlehem: www.diobeth.org (also on twitter)

US Episcopal Church: www.episcopalchurch.org

Episcopal News Service: www.episcopaldigitalnetwork.com (also on twitter)

Forward Day by Day: www.forwardmovement.org (also on twitter)

Anglican Communion: www.anglicancommunion.org

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Words of Wisdom

We have all heard the old adage that there is no "I" in team. When it comes to a Parish, however, we must realize that there is an "I." Not only that, but there's also a "we," "ours" and "us." A Parish is a special creation. It brings together unique individuals and families, each with their values and hectic lives and unites them for a common purpose: worship of our Savior Jesus Christ. It turns unrelated people into a family, and that is exactly what we have at St. Luke's. We are definitely blessed in this regard. But like all families, we must welcome new members and take up our responsibilities. As part of our

Parish family, how will you do your part to make our family strong and vital? Remember, Jesus doesn't just exist within the walls of our parish building. His message calls on us to carry his message into the world in our thoughts, words and actions. We all strive to maintain a good reputation in our personal lives. Let us also strive to maintain the good reputation of our Parish by getting involved, worshiping together and carrying His message into the world.



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Autumn Service Schedule

Saturday, 5 pm (said)

Sunday, 9:30 am (sung)



*We hope you have enjoyed reading our Parish Newsletter. If you have information you would like to share with us for the next issue, a topic you would like to read about or general comments or suggestions, please use one of the e-mail addresses listed above.
Thanks. Peace!*