

St. Luke's Newsletter

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Holy Eucharist, Saturday 5:00; Sunday 10:00; Healing Eucharist, Wednesday 12:05

From Mother Barnes

God took on human flesh in the person of Jesus; in other words, God became one of us. At Easter, we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead. The greatest lesson - the greatest joy of Easter - is victory over death and the bonds of hell. At Easter, there is an awareness that death did not, and does not, have the final say. The Resurrection is God's ultimate gift of love to humankind. Easter tells us that not even death can stop God's love, God's goodness, God's peace, God's justice, God's abundance. As we journey through Holy Week and Easter, may the joy of Easter be realized in your hearts and may you know this ultimate gift of the resurrected Christ in your life.

Worship

St. Luke welcomes you! We are grateful for your presence among us and hope that you will worship and find fellowship with us, often, in worship, ministry, and service.

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

Transformative Generosity: Planned Giving

Please consider remembering St Luke's in your will. Many of our Episcopal institutions exist because past generations cared so much about the future and expressed their caring by creating planned gifts. Recently, we were blessed to receive a distribution / bequest from the estate of Ruth Hines. She generously provided an unrestricted gift for which the vestry will consider projects in her honor.



Planned Giving can help St Luke's by providing specific money for projects. If you would prefer to give a restricted gift, please consider the following: upgrade the sound system; upgrade the bathrooms to provide better access to people with mobility challenges; donate to Cypress House at St Luke's; purchase new frontals for the altar; endow a stained glass window perpetuity fund; or endow the music program.

We are stewards of God's bounty. What we do with these gifts ultimately defines the character of our life and the depth of our spiritual understanding. Planned giving is one expression of the wise use of the personal resources God has entrusted to us. A bequest to the church is deductible from the value of your estate for tax purposes which may reduce estate taxes as well.

David Wegner
Stewardship Committee Member

Adult Education and Formation

Sunday Adult Education: (after Coffee Hour, 11:30-12:30, thru summer 2019). Living Discipleship - Practicing Our Faith, a 26-week course about prayer, beliefs, and practices, and the intimate relationship among all three.

Children's Ministry

From **Rick Ammenhauser**:

Happy Spring from of us here at Sunday School. Believe it or not we only have a few classes left before we wrap up another school year at the end of May. There will be no school on April 7th (Family Sunday), April 14th (Palm Sunday), or April 21st (Easter Sunday). In May there will be no school on the 5th, or 12th, for Family Sunday and Mother's Day. Our last class of this school year will be on May 19th. Miss Carla and I would like to thank all the kids for another wonderful school year. All of us would also like to say goodbye to Valerie and Rebecca who will be moving this summer. It has been a pleasure to have you with us and may GOD bless you both and your entire family in the future. Have a Great Summer, All.

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 are in Israel Lounge. Questions? Call Robin O'Hearn at 570-963-5407.

April's **Senior Space** will be held on April 21, in conjunction with the **Parish Easter Brunch**.

Warren Memorial Garden Cleanups are tentatively scheduled for **April 13, May 11, June 8, July 13, September 7, and October 12**. November will be added if needed.

Centering Prayer: Thursday evenings, 5:30-7 pm. Join us in practicing and studying a receptive method of silent prayer.

Mark Your Calendar

April 7, 5 pm, **Farewell to the Rev. Anne Kitch**, Evensong and Reception, Cathedral Church of the Nativity, Bethlehem.

April 13, and May 11, 10 am, **Welsh cookie baking** at St. Luke's

April 13-21, **Holy Week and Easter at St. Luke's**

April 13, 5 pm, **Palm Sunday Vigil** – Liturgy of the Palms and Holy Eucharist with reading of the Passion

April 14, 10 am, **Palm Sunday** – Liturgy of the Palms and Sung Holy Eucharist with reading of the Passion

April 18, 7:00 pm, **Maundy Thursday**, Sung Holy Eucharist followed by **Night Watch** until Midnight.

April 19, **Good Friday: Good Friday Service**, 12 Noon - 3 pm; **Stations of the Cross**, 7 p.m.

April 20, 8 pm, **The Great Vigil of Easter**

April 21, **EASTER DAY – The Day of the Resurrection**. Sung **Holy Eucharist**, 10:00 a.m. followed by **Parish Easter brunch** from 11:30-1, and an **Easter egg** hunt for children.

May 11, 9 a.m. **Warren Memorial Garden Cleanup**. Contact David Wegner.

May 11, 1-4 pm. **Safety Net Postal Drive** at Covenant Presbyterian Church. Volunteer to unload the food from the mail trucks and stock the pantry. Contact Robin O'Hearn or Elsa Nelson.

May 11, 8 pm, **Lyrice Consort, "Spice of Life: Music About Many-a-Thing."** A full-course musical feast to conclude the season. Adults \$10 / Students Free.

The Diocese of Bethlehem and Beyond

- The Rev. Canon Anne Kitch will be departing as the Canon to the Ordinary as of March 31, 2019 to become rector of St. Luke's, Phillipsburg, N.J. We join Bishop Kevin and the people of the Diocese of Bethlehem in thanking the Canon Anne Kitch for her service to the diocese and to St. Luke's.

- Pray for the people of our sister Diocese of Kajo Keji. Consider sending a donation to: Diocesan House, 333 Wyandotte St., Bethlehem, PA 18015, attention: Charlie Barebo.