

# Looking forward

## **News about Intercessors**

Servers are needed at every service: Readers, ushers, and coffee hour hosts are needed on a regular basis, as is an intercessor. An intercessor is one who prays on behalf of others, and as is the case here at St. Luke's, someone who leads the prayers of the people. Often, the intercessor leads the prayers from among the people, in the center aisle, rather than from the lectern. In this way, the intercessor is "among the people" as he/she prays on our behalf, and it is more inclusive for people who would prefer to avoid the steps to the lectern. The Vestry has decided to move the prayers of the people to the center aisle in the hope that more people will consider serving in this capacity. As the intercessor, one would need only to step into the center aisle, face the Chancel, and read the prayers as provided, or from the BCP page 392. If you have any questions, please see Senior Warden Mickey Baccoli for additional information.

## **Cypress House Update**

The Cypress House Board of Directors has published its Annual Report, which can be found at <https://drive.google.com/file/d/11K2sbOg3yV2BZVCkt8nauQak48GxwvbM/view>. In it you'll find a wealth of information about the accomplishments of the past year, board members, projects, and more.

## **From the Church of the Epiphany:**

### **The Witting Tree; A Faith Witness**

From the first day of November through Veterans Day, in a silent and faith-filled witness, they will be hanging twenty-two sets of dog tags daily in a public remembrance of the twenty-two veterans who take their lives daily. The burdens of war are carried heavily by our veterans. We hope to raise awareness of the ongoing impact of war on veterans and the wounds of body and soul that they can bear.

There is a communal need for honest acknowledgment, careful tending, and genuine homecoming. Growing by 22 sets daily, The Witting Tree will bear 242 sets in these eleven days and remain on the tree throughout the month.

On Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, at 9:15 AM, there will be a gathering in the morning at the tree closest to the parking lot in front of the church. An opportunity for members of the community to hang additional dog tags in remembrance of a veteran who took their life by suicide will be followed with a brief service at the tree. Most of the witting service is done silently and only takes a few minutes. Still, we hope the 22 sets of dog tags placed on the tree as a reminder of the number of veterans the Department of Veterans Affairs says die by suicide each day will send an unforgettable message. We seek to demonstrate our concern for our foreign and domestic protectors in a public remembrance that acknowledges the wounds and provides an opportunity for healing.

## **Holy Hikes**

St. Luke's monthly Holy Hike is set for Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:00AM. We'll be hiking the Trolley Trail, starting at our partners in Convocation III's - Church of the Epiphany in Glenburn. We will begin with a prayer at the Witting Tree which is the tree closest to the parking lot in front of the church. Additional parking is available behind the church. We hope you will consider joining us!

## **Daughters of the King**

In celebration of the Feast Day of St. Elizabeth, the women of St. Luke's St. Elizabeth of Hungary Chapter of the Daughters of the King will host a special Coffee Hour on Sunday, November 17, 2024 following the 10AM Eucharist.

## **Valenches Music Company Concert Friday, November 22, 2024 at 7:30PM**

Welcome the sweet strings of the Valenches Music Company's quartet to St. Luke's, featuring Gabriel Schaff, Violin I, Leah Valenches, Violin II, Juliett Balenches, Viola, and Peter Brubaker, Cello.

## **Temple Hased Interfaith Thanksgiving Service**

The Interfaith Thanksgiving Service has a long tradition of bringing together people from throughout the faith community. This year's service will be held on Friday, November 22nd at Temple Hased, 1 Knox Rd. in Scranton. The potluck begins at 6:00PM and the services starts at 7:00PM. Please contact the Temple Hased office to confirm that you will be attending. They can be reached at 1.570.344.7201.

## **Thanksgiving Day**

There will be no Eucharist on Thanksgiving Day.



## **Downtown Signs Replaced**

Thanks to a generous memorial donation and to the work of Junior Warden Rick Ammenhauser, new St. Luke's welcome signs have been replaced on Lackawanna Ave. and on Mulberry St.

## **Save the dates**

November 22, 2024 - Valenches Music Company: Quartet 137 7:30PM

Friday, December 6, 2024 - Cypress House Open House 5:00PM-8:00PM

Saturday, December 7, 2024 - Women of St. Luke's Annual Christmas Luncheon

