# Looking forward

#### **Christmas Eve Music Prelude**

Join us on Christmas Eve for a Music prelude beginning at 7:00PM to be followed the Christmas Eve Eucharist at 7:30PM

## Joint Worship Service

St. Luke's looks forward to welcoming our neighbors from St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Moscow, PA for a combined Holy Eucharist Rite II service on Sunday, December 29, 2024. Fr. Tyler Perry will be the celebrant.

## Feast of The Holy Name - January 1, 2025

On Wednesday, January 1, 2025, there will be a service of Morning Prayer at 10:00AM. The service will be lay-lead, and is an office of the daily prayer cycle that includes the psalms, readings, and prayers. Please consider signing up to read or offer the Prayers of the People on the monthly ministry schedule located on the bulletin board in Israel Lounge.

## **2025 Giving Envelopes**

Those who would prefer to use giving envelopes will find the envelopes in a box in the Narthex. Please take any box and be sure to include the date and your giving number on the envelope each week. We have a surplus of envelopes so it makes good sense, financially and environmentally, to use them up before ordering new ones.

## **Annual Meeting**

St. Luke's Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 26, 2025 following the 10:00AM Eucharist. The Vestry along with parish officers and committee leaders will present their annual reports, and share plans for ministry, mission and spiritual growth in the year ahead. The 2025 budget will also be presented. All those submitting reports should do so, to Mickey Baccoli, no later than January 12, 2025.

A quorum for the transaction of business is required; and must consist of 25% of those people entitled to vote. Those who are able to cast a vote include those over 18 years old, who are regular attendees to services, and who are regular contributors to the parish for the previous six months.

PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO 5:00PM EUCHARIST ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 2025

## Readers, Intercessors, Acolytes, Keyholders, Chalice Bearers, Greeters etc.

People are needed to serve at the Eucharist year round, but especially as we move through the liturgical seasons of Advent and Christmas. Please consider signing up to serve; you'll find a sign up sheet on the bulletin board in Israel Lounge. If serving is new to you, or if you have any questions about ways in which you might serve, please see Mickey Baccoli.

## **Update: Mission Resources Grant Application Approved**

In late October, the Vestry submitted a grant application to the Diocese of Bethlehem and we are pleased to announce that the Diocese has granted the request so that St. Luke's will be able to enhance its live streaming with the purchase of the necessary technology. In the weeks ahead, the Vestry will be seeking out volunteers interested in being trained on the use of this equipment so that we can return to live streaming our services and so much more. If you are interested in serving in this important ministry and learning how to operate the technology, or want to learn more about it, please see Mickey Baccoli, Senior Warden.

## 2025 Altar Flowers and Aumbry Candle

The sign up sheets to have flowers placed on the altar or for the lighting of the Aumbry Candle for 2025 are available in Israel Lounge. Either can be given to the Glory of God in memory or honor of a loved one.

## Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (January 18-25)

The Diocese of Scranton will host an Ecumenical Celebration of God's Word on Wednesday, January 22, 2025 at 12:10PM at St. Peter's Cathedral at 300 Wyoming Ave. The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2025 offers an invitation to draw on a shared heritage and to enter more deeply into the faith that unites all Christians.