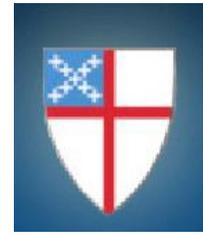


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# St. Luke's Newsletter



April, 2015

*“To Know  
Christ and To  
Make Christ  
Known”*

*2015 Parish  
Theme:*

*“Who is  
Your Per-  
sonal  
Lord?”*

Our Vestry  
members are Jay  
Hildreth (Senior  
Warden), Doug  
Elcock (Junior  
Warden), Cliff  
Robb (Treasurer),  
Cinnie Hill (Clerk),  
Claudia McKin-  
sey, Levi Hannan,  
John Desper

## Rector's page

**: Unorthodox Jew, Palestinian Vagabond and Eternal Lord**

These are a few names that I like to ponder for my personal Lord as I walk with Him through His Passion, Death and Resurrection every spring.

I am curious and sometimes even wonder how ordinary life distorts the Paschal Mystery as told by the annual spring rituals of Holy Week and Triduum commence. Palm Sunday (Passion Sunday) to Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Great Vigil of the Resurrection of Our Lord and Savior (Triduum - 3 days of mystery in human history). Meanwhile, how does ordinary life interface, contact, connect with religious life? Many of our sacred rites now “interfere” with our secular rites. Just merely observe thoroughly your own ordinary and religious life.

Do you live dual lives that perhaps hold deep and often hidden contradictions that inevitably lead to excuses and regrets? Unequivocally, I say, “Yes!” My dual life has often felt like a duel life, where I need to stand my dueling value systems back to back and ask them to take ten paces forward, turn and shoot. Collapsing these often hidden and internal contradictions leave all of us needing to reconnect with our innermost being or soulful self. If ordinary life and religious life actually collapsed each other like two dueling gun-fighters in the Wild West, what would remain in the ashes of their firing range?

Perhaps, something new might actually emerge from the ash and dust. Maybe we can begin to notice the spiritual life that is always the measure of our innermost movements toward more soulful living and wholeness of life. Well-being and help for all spiritual living comes from “knowing” the personal Lord Who is the Eternal Consciousness that happens to carry within His life experience a historical consciousness. Incarnate He is, the Risen One. He is Risen. Indeed!

Now, for the punch line. What good is it to make useful descriptions come alive for such a personal Lord as Jesus the Christ? Many have referred to Him as Savior and Redeemer of the World. Some have called Him the Man born in a barn. Few have come to “know” Him face-to-face with a pure heart and mind. What is so significant about coming to “know” Him as your personal Lord?

When the ashes and dust settle, whose presence is alive and well? Is it a historical consciousness? Is it the Eternal Consciousness? This and That? Who is your personal Lord? I really want to “know” who you say that pure heart and mind of yours is “knowing” to be the One Heart, New Creation, Risen Lord. He is the innermost secret “knower” in the center of both history and Eternity, humanity and Divinity. For me today, He is Risen, Indeed! Unorthodox, Nonconformist, Vagabond, Unusual, Peculiar, Weird, Vulnerable and Life itself.

~ Father Matt

Father Matt

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### Senior Warden's Message:

I have been very pleased to report that the ministries of our congregation are moving along well. Claudia McKinsey has been sharing children's and adult activities at our Wednesday evening potlucks. Soon we will be getting the ground south of Guild Hall ready for planting of the Children's Garden. John Despers' third Thursday breakfasts are well attended. The sermons shared by Mother Susan, Father Mark, and lay readers; John Desper, Larry Hannan, and Claudia McKinsey have been refreshing and I appreciate hearing their thoughts and insights. Jana with the Outlet reports that she has 18 children that her program now serves. She has an older student that works with her every day. Jana is also talking with one older adult who is presently considering helping regularly. The guild has been active in planning for events surrounding Easter and has agreed to support the fees associated with this year's summer church camp attendees from St Luke's. We will be hosts for our Diocesan Convocation on Saturday March 21<sup>st</sup>.

We all are eager to hear of Father Matt's and Erica's journey to India. I look forward to their return.

Last month in my message I wrote "As a Congregation; let's increase our sharing of God's message" in which I tried to articulate my personal reluctance to be part of that process. (In order for the congregation to share God's message—individuals need to share). I need to be able to be confident enough in myself to pass on communications with which God has blessed me on to others. Therefore, I want to share an event in which God saved the life of a young boy that was told to me in our church...

About a year and a half ago we started the Third Thursday Breakfasts. One of the first persons to join us for this event was Dennis and Dianna Kemnitz. I happened to take their order and as I served their meal took the time to talk for a bit. Dianna shared with me that her grandson was playing around a swimming pool when he was three or four without direct adult supervision. Somehow he fell in the pool. He could not swim but managed to get himself out. When he was visiting Dianna's home somewhat later, he walked directly to the picture of Jesus on display in her home and told his Grandmother "He is the one who helped me get out of the pool"!! Both Dianna and Dennis feel this is a true miracle that has been given to them by God through Jesus. I agree. The unique thing is that miracle has happened in our own county. We don't have to go to Oedipus in Turkey or Real De Catorce in Mexico; it has happened right here. We just have to look. Dianna has chosen to share this event by writing a children's book "Why I Am Not Afraid". I have purchased the book and am glad to share it with any of you that wish to see it.

The good news is that God is here through Jesus working in our church.

*Jay Hildreth J*

**Prayers:**

*We pray for those who are ill or are caregivers:* Jerry, John, Lynn B-J, Alice and family, Bill and Family, Casey, Cece, Ed and Karen, Grace, Jillian and Jenny, Lynn C, and family, Mickey with Lisa and family, Ron

*Please pray at home for those needing long term prayers:* Cinnie, David, Doreen; Amy Jo, Ann, Bob, Brandon, Callie, Dave, Gerlinda, Heather, Jeff, Kay, Mark, Maryanna;

*Plus prayers for our Military personnel:* Scott, Ben, Ian, and Mike.

**BIRTHDAYS IN APRIL:**

April 24 □ Susan Burgess  
April 28 - John Geraci

**ANNIVERSARIES:**

April 1 – Patti Lockhart's  
April 6 □ Larry & Laura Hannan

**Wednesday Night Ministry:**

Some activities we have done Wed. evenings are as follows: 1. The children created a collage from pictures drawn by my brother, Dennis, that depict Jesus' birth, his presentation to be circumcised, the family's flight to Egypt, their return to Nazareth, and Jesus speaking in the temple when he was approximately 12 years of age. We phoned my brother in Louisville, KY and called out, "Thank you," to him. He was grateful that the pictures were used and that the children liked them.

Two young women from K-State came and did some fun drama activities with all of us. They are in Drama Therapy at the university.

We all made Easter lilies from our hand prints. They will be used for decorations Easter morning in Guild Hall.

We sang and danced from directions of some of the children. Also, we started learning how to play color coded bells.

We always pray before the meal and have good conversation during the meal. When the children have finished eating, the activities start. As the adults finish eating, they often join us. The evening a while back when we did folk dancing under the direction of Sue Yocum, almost everyone participated, had such a good time, and got some good exercise.

You can bring your food for the potluck and eat with everyone or you can come just for the activities. Some bring friends and relatives with them.

Claudia McKinsey

**Junior Warden**

SPRING IS HERE. There are many activities to be done this spring and summer – lawn mowing, garden, tree trimming, etc. besides the normal maintenance and cleaning of our church. If anyone is interested in participating please let me know. I will be discussing with the Vestry a time for a clean-up day when so we can get the summer cleaning a good start.

*Doug Elcock*

**Outreach:**

Our next TTEM Breakfast will be on Thursday, April 16 from 7:30 to 9 am. Please volunteer at the breakfast with food, funds and/or work, when able.

**Sunday School:** In April our Sunday School teachers will be Myrline and Martha.

**Altar Guild:**

In April we are adding new members to the Altar Guild. The teams are: Laura and Myrline; Joyce and Linda Chmiel; Cinnie and Pat; and Martha and Emily. Ellie will substitute. We would like at least one more team or substitutes to help. Please contemplate doing this ministry and tell Joyce of your interest.

Brass polishing for Easter Sunday will be on Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 9 am. All parishioners are welcome to help. Also the tables in Guild Hall will be decorated at that time.

**Easter Sunday (everyone's help is needed)**

We will be having three baptisms on Easter Sunday so there will be many extra people for Easter Egg Hunt and the **Easter Brunch** after the service. Please sign up in Guild Hall to bring either the Egg casserole or the Fruit salad according to their recipes on Easter Sunday. Contact either Myrline or Cinnie to sign up and for recipes, if you won't be at church before Easter and can help.

Please bring filled plastic eggs for the **Easter Egg Hunt** that morning. We will have many children hunting the eggs.

We also need fresh flowers and greenery for the **Flowering of the Cross**. Try to have these to church 15 minutes prior to the service so they can be arranged on trays. Thank you.

**APRIL SCHEDULE:**

Wednesday, April 1: 7 pm – Stations of the Cross

Thursday, April 2: 7 pm – Maundy Thursday and foot washing

Friday, April 3: 7 pm – Good Friday Service

Saturday, April 4: 9 am – Brass Polishing; Guild hall tables set-up

7:30 pm Great Easter Vigil at Grace Cathedral in Topeka.

Sunday, April 5: 7:00 am—Community Sunrise service

9:00 am—Easter Sunday with Easter egg hunt and Brunch following the service

Sunday, April 12: 8:15 am - Vestry Meeting

10:45 am – Guild Meeting

Thursday, April 16: 7:30-9 am: - TTEM Community Breakfast

Saturday, April 25: Walk for Warmth and Wellness – Proceeds benefit CHM

**Upcoming Events:****St. Luke's Weekly Schedule:**

Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Rite II Holy Eucharist

Mondays: 6:30 a.m. Spiritual Development Book Group – McDonalds

Tuesdays: 9 am – 10am; Sign Language;

10 a.m. - 11 a.m. Bible Study

8 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. AA

Wednesdays: 6 - 7:30 p.m. Potluck Supper and Ministry

Thursdays: 10:45-11:25 a.m. High School Service Group cleaning time

7:30 p.m. Cursillo Reunion Group

**Treasurer's Report:**

Discretionary Fund Sundays in April: Rec-tor's is the first Sunday, April 5. Any loose money in the offertory goes to support this fund on that day, please help with the funds. Thank you.

**Youth:**

If your child is interested in going to Mega Camp, please have them apply as soon as possible for scholarships at the Diocese and at St. Luke's. For St. Luke's, please submit a short letter requesting funds and stating why you would like to go. Usually we will pay 1/3 of the fee.

## Diocesan News:

### Youth news

**Episcopal summer MegaCamp** registration is now open

Camp is May 31-June 6 at Camp Wood YMCA and is open to those currently in grades 3-12 and their friends. The cost is \$420 for the week, and the deadline to register is May 8. Registration forms and more information are online at <http://edokyouth.wordpress.com/camp/>

**Western Kansas ECW invites all women to an event with Lauren Winner** The Episcopal Church Women of the Diocese of Western Kansas invites all women to an event with author and historian Lauren Winner on Saturday, April 25 at Grace Episcopal Church in Hutchinson. Winner is assistant professor of Christian spirituality at Duke Divinity School in Durham, N.C. The day will begin at 9:30 a.m. with registration and ends after a Eucharist that begins at 2:15 p.m. Registration is \$35 per person before April 4 and includes lunch. After that date, it is \$45. More information, including a downloadable registration form, is online at <http://www.diowks.org/ministries/episcopal-church-women.html>.

**Council of Churches:** Our next event is CHM Walk on April 25<sup>th</sup>. There will be a 5K run at 8 am, 1 mile fun walk at 9 am. Registration fees before April 20<sup>th</sup> is \$20, after that it is \$25. There are packets to collect donations at CHM. Talk to Ed Dillinger or Joyce Elcock to sign up or donate.

**Find your newsletter:** Many of you have your newsletter with you at all times with your smart phone. It is linked to the St. Luke's website the day it goes out via email. Our website is <http://www.stlukeswamego.org/>. How easy is that? When you bring up the newsletter click on "Our Newsletter" then choose the current month.

St Luke's new email- [stlukeswamego@gmail.com](mailto:stlukeswamego@gmail.com)

### Guild

The officers of Guild are Myrline Winkler, president; Pat Frey, vice president, Cinnie Hill, clerk, and Joyce Elcock, treasurer. All the members have been asked to co-chair one event for the coming year. Please look over the list and add your name to the event that interests you of the one still remaining. Camp scholarship

### April, 2015

	April 5	April 12	April 19	April 26		
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Laura Hannan, Myrline Winkler	Pat Frey, Cinnie Hill	Linda Chmeil, Joyce Elcock	Martha Miller, Emily Benson		
<b>Lay Reader</b>	Doug Elcock	Ed Dillinger	Larry Hannan	Pat Frey		
<b>Chalice Bearer</b>	Myrline Winkler	Larry Hannan	Malcolm Smith	Ebba Robb		
<b>Greeter/ Usher</b>	Erica Cobb	Judy Hildreth	John Chmeil	Martha Miller		
<b>Coffee Host</b>	Easter Brunch	Frey	Hannana	Elcocks		

Empowering Community to Achieve Whole Person Wellness



# *Run for Warmth & Wellness*

## **Benefit 5K Run and Fun Walk**

Join us for a benefit run and walk for Community Health Ministry. CHM opened in 2001 in Wamego and serves the surrounding counties. They serve the uninsured and underinsured with Medical, Dental, Mental Health Counseling and social programs such as rent/utility assistance, food pantry, advocacy and household and clothing items. CHM strives to provide the community with quality assistance and care, giving people a place to go where they know they will be welcomed and receive quality support.

**Saturday, April 25th, 2015**

**Wamego Recreation Complex (Hwy 24 & Balderson Blvd)**

Registration begins:	7:00 AM
5K Run Start Time:	8:00 AM
1 mile Fun Walk Start Time:	9:00 AM
Registration Fee <u>before</u> April 20th:	\$20
Registration Fee <u>after</u> April 20th:	\$25

For more information contact the Wamego Office at 785-456-7872 or [wchm1@wamego.net](mailto:wchm1@wamego.net).

Online registration and donations available at:

<https://runsignup.com/Race/KS/Wamego/RunforWarmth>.



Prizes will be awarded along with t-shirts and refreshments. Participants are encouraged to collect donations. Packets are available at Community Health Ministry.

*Join the fun and help us care for our neighbors!!  
Event coordinated by Wamego Council of Churches.*