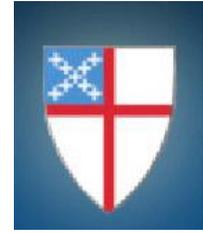


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St. Luke's Newsletter



July, 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
McKinsey, Levi
Hannan, John
Desper

Rector's page

Faith Questions Always Beget Life Stories

Who is your personal Lord? We have been asking this question of ourselves for the past six months as a parish family and I wonder where we are in collective wisdom.

Are you sort of like me and get pulled in by just a tiny bit of intrigue? Do you ever find yourself really curious about another couple or individual? I caught myself saying to a friend; “I wonder what her story is, because she looks like she’s lived a full life?”

Well, one part of our life together at St. Luke's must be to discern the signs of the times and learn from each other's stories of how we see and interpret our life in God's company. We should do this together in a colloquial manner and break bread with a little wine. Perhaps, one Sunday we can set aside three hours to share our faith questions by telling our life stories. If it is appetizing, then do it again in three months. How about starting in August, the first Sunday after public school starts. Sunday, August 23 to be exact, from let's say 11:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Your assignment will be to just merely write down a few short stories that illustrate for everyone who you are and how others see you. Be practical and specific, no big events or really intense conversion stories that no one will be able to relate too, but everyday stuff that may even tickle our funny bones and shake our skin. Write down the skin and bones only, thereby leaving out all the relish and garnishes of life. Bare facts with some color commentary are best, especially with brevity as your limitation. By the way, this is not your spiritual autobiography per se, but just merely a few short stories that we might here at a eulogy someday.

Now, my job as your rector will be to take up the next big faith question, which is: Is Jesus for everyone? I will write down some life stories and put enough flesh on them for us to really know that we are able, as postmodern men and women, to savor the real substance of Christ in our life together. I will take up both the truth of the historical Jesus and His eternal consciousness. As a sneak peak, I will reveal that in the end, what is essential is not the historical Jesus' maleness or Jewishness, but that he is co-sufferer, equalizer, and liberator.

Hopefully, these may even be attributes that you find heroic and want to imitate in your own life. Heroes come in many shapes and sizes and are often everyday men and women like you and me. The church calls their heroes saints and martyrs, prophets and sages.

If you want to learn more about these characters and characteristics of a Christ-like hero or saint, come on August 23 and stay late until 2:00 pm for a lively and vibrant colloquy. Finally, my intention is to initiate a parish forum that will start to help us discover the Spirit of our Parish Family. So, that we can be ready for May 22, 2020, our 150th Anniversary as a Parish Family in Wamego.

Parish Colloquy: Sunday, August 23 from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Father ~ Matt

Wednesday Night Ministry:

The food continues to be delicious. The conversations are even better.

We have been practicing playing color-coded hand bells which were donated by a church member. The group is almost ready to play for a worship service.

The heroes of our current time will be compared to heroes from The Holy Bible. We will create drawings of heroes from our imagination.

Everyone is welcome to join us shortly after 6:00 P.M. at Guild Hall. We pray and start to eat around 6:30 P.M.

Claudia McKinsey

Children's Garden Update:

Psalms 18:29 "...by my God have I leaped over a wall."

Many of the weeds out in the garden have recently been tamed at least for the moment. Next task: tame those tomatoes and other vining plants that are running over the walls of their boxes!

The Children's Garden group has met only sporadically this past month, due to summer vacations, jobs and ball games, but the garden continues to thrive. Many plants are setting fruit right now; peppers, tomatoes, melons, cucumbers and squash. Be on the lookout for offering plates of our harvest in the Guild Hall, and, as always, feel free to sample and take what you can use. Thank you to all who have provided material, labor and moral support this month. It is appreciated!

Emily Benson

Treasurer's Report:

Discretionary Fund Sundays in July: Rector's is the first Sunday, July 7. Any loose money in the offertory goes to support this fund on that day, please help with the funds. Thank you.

Prayers:

We pray for those who are currently ill: John D., Jim, Maggie, Mickey with Lisa and family, Doris

We pray for those who are looking for work: Jac, Robin and Ivan with Tobias

Please pray for those needing long term prayers: Kay, Cinnie,

Please pray for our Military personnel: Scott, Ben, Ian, and Mike.

BIRTHDAYS IN JULY:

July 1-John Chmiel July 9-Ed Pugh
 July 7-Doreen Smith July 17-Bill Birk

ANNIVERSARIES:

July 1 - Miguel & Mary Helen Robles
 July 26 - Malcolm & Peggy Smith

Summer Sunday School:

June: Joyce and Martha
 July: Claudia and Susan
 August: Eric and Laura

Youth: Vacation Bible School will be the first full week of August. (August 3-7) Ebba Robb will be our chairperson. Watch for more information in the coming months.

TTEM Breakfast:

an update from the team

The community breakfast continues to grow! We served 35 people (including volunteers) on Thursday, June 18th. The volunteers gathered after the breakfast to brainstorm on how we can improve on the service we are providing and a few ideas came forth.

We would like to ask for your help, with whatever you may be able to provide, by donating food items needed for the breakfast each month. A sheet has been designed, listing the items needed, where you can sign up to help with the items we'll need to serve breakfast to our friends and neighbors who visit St. Luke's for the TTEM breakfast.

Please have your items "in stock" at St. Luke's the Sunday prior to the breakfast so that any additionally needed items can be purchased prior to the day of. This will be really helpful to the volunteers and those who come in to share a meal on that morning.

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**Council of Churches:**

The Council of Churches is preparing for the **School Supply Collection** and then the distribution the day of enrollment, August 4th. There will be a list of needs from the committee of this year's collection. St. Luke's is looking for a volunteer to coordinate our involvement. The main responsibility is to communicate with the committee, collect supplies from the parish and help as able with the distribution help Aug. 4th. Please consider representing St. Luke's .

Questions, ask Ed or Joyce

Our next breakfast will be on Thursday, July 16th, so we would ask that donated items be at St. Luke's by the Sunday prior – July 12th.

As always – we'd love to have more "Helping Hands" if you are able to do so OR if you'd like to stop by, visit, and share a meal with the friends and neighbors who come in for breakfast.

Jac Brown

JULY SCHEDULE:

Sunday, July 5: Guild meeting

Sunday, July 12: 8 am - Vestry meeting

Last Sunday for Food Pantry items!!!

5 pm, Ultreya, St. Paul's, Manhattan

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

Upcoming Events:

VBS: August 3-7 9 to 11:30 am

Parish Colloquy: Sunday, August 23 from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

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 will begin again in late August;

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: 7:30 p.m. Cursillo Reunion Group

Father Matt Office Hours are by appointment on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.

Diocesan News:**Reminder of helpful resources and policies**

Did you know that a list of diocesan policies – and resources – is on the diocesan website? <http://www.episcopal-ks.org/resources/policies.php>

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	July 5	July 12	July 19	July 26	August 2
Altar Guild	Laura Hannan, Myrline Winkler	Linda Chmiel, Joyce Elcock	Martha Miller, Emily Benson	Pat Frey, Cinnie Hill	Pat Frey, Cinnie Hill
Lay Reader	Judy Hildreth	Ebba Robb	Malcolm Smith	Cliff Robb	Myrline Winkler
Chalice Bearer	Ebba Robb	Joyce Elcock	Ed Eillinger	Myrline Winkler	Larry Hannan
Greeter/ Usher	Judy Hildreth	John Chmiel	Martha Miller	Doug Elcock	Larry Hannan
Coffee Host	Claudia McKen- sey	Hannans	Winklers	Martha Miller	McConkeys