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St. Luke's Newsletter



June, 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

What is Sunday morning all about?

My dear friend Sr. Joan is going to Iran next week as part of an interspiritual delegation of women spiritual leaders. She is not sure how she will be received, yet the U.S. State Department has given the green light.

Here is Sr. Joan's reflection on the Third Commandment from the Torah, "Keep the Sabbath holy." I share it with you all, because I feel that we are in danger of violating this Eternal Law written on the inside of our spiritual heart, since before the beginning of Creation.

Sr. Joan writes:

When I was growing up, I got the distinct idea that to "keep holy the Sabbath" meant to go to church. Now I have come to realize that it means a great deal more than that.

I remember the situation very clearly. I was in Jerusalem for the first time. The occasion was an international meeting of professional women, but, as far as I was concerned, the more important thing was that it gave me a chance to see the Holy Land. Anything else was pure bonus.

Because it was Friday, the beginning of the Jewish Sabbath...the rabbi got up to explain Shabbat to the guests. "The Talmud," he said, "gives us three reasons for keeping the Sabbath."

"The first reason for Sabbath," he went on, "is that given the fact that no one is permitted to do anything on Shabbat, no orders could be given, no work done. Therefore, the slaves and the rich would be equal for at least one day a week."

"The second reason is that we have time to reflect on the meaning of our lives."

"The third reason for Sabbath is that we can reflect on the goodness of our work as God did on creation on the seventh day."

Nice, I thought. But does it really translate to our world here and now? Is it practical? Does it even make sense?

Then, just before he sat down, he did something that took Shabbat out of

the Talmud and put it right in the middle of life. "See this pen," he said twirling a fountain pen between his fingers. "I am a writer. This is my work." He took his pen and put it in his briefcase. "On Shabbat," he finished, "I never use a pen. Today is for God and me. Not for me." That one I understood.

A week later I returned to the States. [On Sunday morning](#), after Worship, the streets were teeming with cars, all the stores were open, lawn mowers roared on every street while people did what they hadn't had time to do during the week....

Surely, the real sin to which the third commandment points is not the sin of not going to church on Sunday. It is the sin of not seriously seeking God.

~ Father Matt

Senior Warden's Message:

Summer is fast approaching. I enjoy the longer days and having the seasonal rains.

At the Vestry we have discussed whether to revitalize the Leadership Teams or create another organizational structure. My personal opinion at this point is to strengthen the vestry to the point that it can handle most of the functions of the Leadership Teams. We may need to have a few work committees under the leadership of a designated vestry member. The Vestry will start on this project in the fall.

The Bishop will be coming on Sunday June 14th. It is planned for him to speak to the Vestry after the service. This service will additionally have two baptisms and at least two persons being received into the church. Anyone else who would like to be included in this special service should speak to Father Matt.

Your Senior Warden
Jay Hildreth

Children's Garden Update:

Matthew 5:45 "...He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous." ...in this case, on the weeds and the strawberries! Both are doing very well with all this rain. Feel free to grab a handful of either as you walk along. (The strawberries, at any rate, are delicious. Get them before the bugs do!) Things are looking very lush in the garden. The flowers are beautiful, and the potatoes

are knee high, and most of the asparagus appears to have survived the transplanting process. :) We could use any ideas you have for protecting it from trampling, especially in spring next year. Please drop a note into our newly minted suggestion box, or talk to Father Matt, Emily, or Jenny if you have comments. Thank you for your thoughts and prayers for this endeavor and how it can be a blessing to the larger community.

Emily Benson

BIRTHDAYS IN JUNE:

June 3 Ariston Gamino
 June 4 Jens Balderson
 June 5 Jay Hildreth
 June 7 Ellie Baker
 June 7 Crissie Basham

June 8 Ed Dillinger
 June 16 Susan Dillinger
 June 24 Anthony Geraci
 June 25 Ryan Rose
 June 27 Peggy Smith

ANNIVERSARIES:

June 10 Judy & Jay Hildreth
 June 26 Dick & Myrline Winkler

Summer Sunday School:

June: Joyce and Martha
 July: Claudia and Susan
 August: Myrline 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.

Bishop's Visit June 14th. Bishop Dean Wolfe will be at St. Luke's on Sunday, June 14th to affirm, baptize, confirm, or receive members at the 9:30 service. There will be a reception after the service and a meeting with the Vestry following. If you have questions speak to Father Matt.

TTEM Breakfast:

Our next TTEM Breakfast will be on Thursday, June 18 from 7:30 to 9 am. Please volunteer at the breakfast with food, funds and/ or work, whenever able.

Treasurer's Report:

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

Council of Churches: Ed Dillinger reported the results of a very successful Walk fund raiser. Thanks to all from St. Luke's to supported the walks in any way. Also Bill Seitz, Pastor at the First Presbyterian Church announced his plans relocate to Arkansas. He is currently serving as council President. Fr. Mike Peterson from St Bernard's was elected to fill Pastor Bill's term. Pastor Seitz will be missed in the Wamego Community. Joyce

Altar Guild:

Ellie Baker is planning to purchase the altar flowers as needed. What she asks of the altar guild is to add water to the vase inserts and refrigerate the flowers each Sunday. This will be the duty of the Altar Guild team assigned for that Sunday. If this is done the flowers will last for several weeks. If new ones are required please tell me by mid-week so I can make arrangements. Flowers from home gardens and or wild flowers are beautiful as well. If you wish to arrange those flowers for the altar please let me know in advance. (especially before I arrange for new flowers from the Flower Mill. Arrangements should be done in the vase inserts and placed in the brass vases on the altar. Coordination of flowers is important Thanks to Ellie for her efforts.

Levi Hannan and Margaret Benson will be attending Mega Camp at Camp Wood, May 31 to June 6. Look under Diocesan News (page 4-5) for address. I'm sure they would appreciate letters or pkgs. Also **Laura Hannan** will be part of the staff again this year.

Joyce (785 456-7491)

Monthly Prayer List: Any one can provide names (for themselves, family members, friends, relatives) for the prayer list, please notify Cinnie

Prayers:

We pray for those who are currently ill: John, Jillian and Jenny, Mickey with Lisa and family

We pray for the repose of the blessed soul: Bob who will be missed by his wife, Linda and family; Pat who will be missed by her husband, Gus and family.

Please pray for those needing long term prayers: David, Doreen, Jerry; Alice, Bill, Brandon, Gerlinda, Lynn B-J, Lynn C, Kay

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

JUNE SCHEDULE:

Sunday, June 7: Guild meeting

Sunday, June 14: Bishop Wolfe will preside with a reception following the service and a Vestry meeting following the reception.

Thursday, June 18: 7:30-9 am: - TTEM Community Breakfast

Sunday, June 21: Happy Father's Day

Upcoming Events:

St. Luke's Weekly Schedule:

Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Rite II Holy Eucharist and Sunday School

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:

Youth news

Want to send mail to your campers?

Items sent to MegaCampers via the U.S. Postal Service, FedEx or UPS should use this address:

Camper's Name and Session (High School, Junior High or Elementary)

Episcopal Summer Camp

Camp Wood YMCA

1101 Camp Wood Rd.

Elmdale, KS 66850

Please ship or mail items early. It takes a minimum of three days for mail to reach camp. Due to the expense, we cannot guarantee that mail that arrives after Friday, June 2 will be delivered to your camper(s).

Visitors at MegaCamp

From Youth Missioner Karen Schlabach: We work very hard to develop a Christian community throughout the week at camp. We begin with clearly explaining the expectations. We then have activities and traditions to help the youth get to know one another and feel more comfortable with each other. As the week goes on, youth really start to bond and grow closer together. Our goal is to keep the focus on the youth and provide a healthy, safe, fun environment where spiritual growth can occur.

Visitors can be disruptive to that process and are thus discouraged. Additionally, the diocese must pay a daily use fee and a per meal fee for any visitors, which can start to add up. Parents are asked to visit only in the case of an emergency.

Clergy, youth ministers and adult volunteers who have a relationship with the current students and are familiar with the rules and procedures at diocesan youth events may drop by for a meal or one of the evening activities, if you wish to check-in with your students. Please let me know when you plan to visit.

All camp staff are trained to watch for unfamiliar faces on camp grounds, so it's much better if your visit can be announced in advance, so people know to expect you. All visitors must report to the office in Ritchie Lodge to check-in immediately upon arrival at camp.

Dogs or other pets are never allowed at camp, so please do not bring your animals with you when you visit, drop-off or pick-up students from camp. Sturdy, comfortable shoes are recommended.

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>

Some are general policies, some relate to lay employees or clergy, and some are policies about parish or diocesan finances.

One about which all church leaders should know is the diocese's **safe church policy**, which also describes the **required training** for all clergy, lay leaders, and those who work with children and youth: <http://episcopal-ks.org/resources/documents/SafeChurchPolicy2014.pdf>

Treasurers and parish administrators will want to be aware of the **internal controls and audit standards**: http://episcopal-ks.org/resources/documents/Internal_control_and_audit_standards.pdf

Those in charge of church finances also can find helpful information in the **Episcopal Church Manual of Business Methods**: <http://www.episcopalchurch.org/page/manual-business-methods>.

Welsh composer Paul Mealor – known worldwide for special music composed for the wedding of Prince William and Catherine Middleton – will be performed at 2 p.m. on Sunday, June 21 at Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral, 415 West 13th Street in Kansas City, Mo. The cost to attend is \$10 per person, and tickets are online <http://paulmealorconcert.brownpapertickets.com/>

June, 2015

	June 7	June 14	June 21	June 28		
Altar Guild	Pat Frey, Cinnie Hill	Linda Chmiel, Joyce Elcock	Martha Miller, Emily Benson	Laura Hannan, Myrline Winkler		
Lay Reader	Myrline Winkler	Ed Dillinger	Larry Hannan	Pat Frey		
Chalice Bearer	John Desper	Joyce Elcock	Ed Eillinger	Larry Hannan		
Greeter/ Usher	Martha Miller	Doug Elcock	Larry Hannan	Erica Cobb		
Coffee Host	Chmiels	Bishop's recep- tion	Claudia McKen- sey	Elcocks		