

St. Luke's Episcopal Church

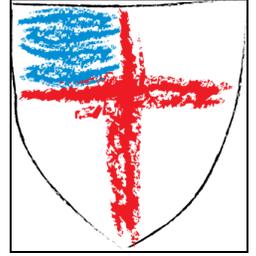
July, 2017

“To Know Christ and Make Christ Known”

Our Vestry Mem-
bers:

Thomas Brown
(Senior Warden),
Linda Chmiel
(Junior Warden)
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St Luke's Newsletter



Spiritual Reflection: *By Richard Rohr. Thank you Myrlene for the contribution.*

A Spirituality of the Beatitudes

In the Franciscan reading of the Gospel, there is no reason to be religious or to “serve” God except “to love greatly the One who has loved us greatly,” as Saint Francis said. [1] Religion is not about heroic will power or winning or being right. This has been a counterfeit for holiness in much of Christian history. True growth in holiness is a growth in willingness to love and be loved and a surrendering of willfulness, even holy willfulness (which is still “all about me”).

Franciscan spirituality proceeds from the counterintuitive spirituality of the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:3-12). [2] Read them and see how Francis exemplifies each one so well. While the Ten Commandments are about creating social order (a good thing), the eight Beatitudes of Jesus are all about incorporating what seems like disorder, a very different level of consciousness. With the Beatitudes, there is no social or ego payoff for the false self. Obeying the Commandments can appeal to our egotistic consciousness and our need to be “right” or better than others.

Obedience to the Ten Commandments does give us the necessary impulse control and containment we need to get started, which is foundational to the first half of life. “I have kept all these from my youth,” the rich young man says, before he then refuses to go further (Mark 10:22). The Beatitudes, however, reveal a world of pure grace and abundance, or what Spiral Dynamics and Integral Theory would call the second tier of consciousness and what I call second-half-of-life spirituality. Francis doesn't call it anything; he just lives it on his path of love. Mature and mystical Christianity is “made to order” to send you through your entire life journey and not just offer you containment. I hope you can now see more clearly how Francis of Assisi cannot be written off as a mere soft and sweet figure. His actual life and practice show how he deliberately undercut the entire “honor/shame system” on which so much of culture, violence, false self-esteem, and even many of the ministrations of church depends. Doing anything and everything solely for God is certainly the most purifying plan for happiness I can imagine. It changes the entire nature of human interaction and eliminates most conflict.

Gateway to Silence:
I am that which I am seeking.

Senior Warden's Report: Hi all. We have passed the first day of summer by the calendar and the half way mark of summer break for the schools. This is the time of year that people look at vacation places or have already planned where to go. It is also the time for 4th of July fireworks.

To many people this is a very happy day to go watch all the pretty lights as the "mortars" fire off. People can tell how much color they will see by the boom of the mortar. You will hear people say 'Ooh' and 'Aww'. The 4th of July celebrates the independence of our nation. That independence came with and still comes with a price.

What I would like to ask of you this year is to pray for the people that hear those same booms and they react in a different way. Some of them go back into a time and a place they wish they could forget. A nightmare that they cannot wake up from because it plays back in their mind so clearly, it is as if they are there. What I am talking about here is PTSD (Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder) which affects many former and current serving service members. PTSD can also stem from other types of traumatic events as well.

These very dear people need Gods peace to enter them to help the pain and torment. They cannot even explain to anyone the scene that is in their mind because it would be like trying to paint a picture without a brush and blind- folded.

On a lighter side, we are having a hot-dog stand at the church on July 4. They are still looking for people to help with it so please if you can give some time they would appreciate it. I am proud of the children that have come up with this idea and are helping. I pray that God works miracles through each of you.

Vestry:

The Vestry approved the purchase of the 2015 National Episcopal Constitution and Canons with four ayes and two abstentions. They also approved unanimously to move \$10,000 from checking to Memorial Fund savings account for the building project. In another motion approved by all, the oven pilot lights will be repaired.

The Outlet Club will be moving to Iron Clad by the middle of July. There will be a walk-through by part of the

Junior Warden Report:

Linda Chmiel showed the Vestry the new roll out pantry shelves in the kitchen Doug built. The phone was moved to the side of the kitchen cabinet. Thomas Brown mentioned that Doug will be getting a HVAC person to put a vent in from the furnace in the bathroom into the kitchen. There are no vents in the kitchen at this time.

Sunday School teachers for June:

Pat will teach the younger students and Claudia will be teaching the older students.

To receive the Diocesan News twice a month, send an email with the subject "Dialog" to the Diocese Publications. mwoerman@episcopal-ks.org

Sharing Table: We are still doing okay with numbers. The staff loves when new people show up. We have a grand time in the kitchen even when it gets rather warm in there. (Heat wise) We are thankful for everyone that gives of his or her time and donations. We pray that God will help us reach more people in and around Wamego.

Sharing Table Breakfast will be July 6 and 20. Please continue to help with this wonderful ministry

News from the Window Committee:

Remember to join in. St. Luke's will have a Hot Dog and Lemonade stand on the 4th of July from 4:30 to 7:00p.m. in the church yard, during the parade. The money raised will go into the window fund. Your support is appreciated.

Guild:

Next meeting will be July 2nd after the service. Vacation Bible Study is the week of July 31.

Rector Search Committee Updates:

The search committee is entering a season of meeting with applicants for the priest position. We appreciate your prayers for the discernment process-- not only for us, but also for those we are interviewing. A match needs to be made on both ends. Thank you! Emily, Doug, Larry, Kally and Myrline

O God of patient and gentle strength, who knows our needs even before we ask, may your loving presence guide us as we seek the next Rector for St. Luke's Church.

Give us an open spirit, discerning hearts and clear minds, that we may trust your will for us and become ever more united in your son our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Inspire our conversation, deepen our prayer, and make us a community of humility and grace.

Treasurer's Report:

The following summary reflects the results of the operating fund, income and expense for the month of May 2017, with a budget comparison. (The Year-to-date includes the beginning balance on January 1st)

	Current month	Year-to-date	Budget
Income	\$ 14,918.21	\$ 25,734.79	\$ 71,201.00
Expense	\$ <u>2,186.42</u>	\$ <u>19,726.07</u>	\$ <u>51,144.00</u>
Difference	\$ 12,731.79	\$ 12,731.79	\$ 20,057.00

Prayers: (If you have someone needing prayers, please either email or tell Cinnie. Thank you)

We pray for: Anna Lea, David, Doreen, Jerry, Martha and family, Sarah, Alice, Kay, Lynn; Mickey and Lisa, Polly, Stacey, Susannah, Sue

We pray for our Military personnel: Luke, Mike, Molly Lynn.

We pray for our ministries: Diocesan Campus Ministry.

BIRTHDAYS IN July:

July 1-John Chmiel
July 7-Doreen Smith

July 9-Ed Pugh
July 17-Bill Birk

ANNIVERSARIES:

July 26 - Malcolm & Peggy Smith

School Supplies Distribution, Aug. 1: Ed and Jay will be announcing the needs for the annual school supply event sponsored by the Council of Churches. Please donate generously as you have

Editor Comments:

- We have started a new section for the children and youth to add items to the newsletter. We have two this month from Margaret and Josephine Benson. They will continue sending items as time permits with their schedules. Thank you for contributing.
- The prayer list was revised. If the loved one you placed on the list is not longer on, it is because you didn't contact the editor to keep them on.
- Farmer's Market, located in WTC parking lot, will be open for every Saturday beginning June 6th until the end of August.

JULY SCHEDULE

Sunday, July 2nd – Father Craig Sweeney will officiate.

 Guild meeting after the service.

Tuesday, July 4th – 4:30-7 p.m. Hot Dog and Lemonade stand

Wednesday July 5th – 6 pm Potluck and Children's Ministry

Thursday, July 6th – 7:30-9: Sharing Table: Sharing Table Breakfast

Sunday, July 9th – Father George Wiley will officiate

 Vestry meeting following the service

Wednesday, July 12th – 6pm - Potluck 6 pm Potluck and Children's Ministry

Sunday, July 16th - Father Art Rathbun will officiate

Wednesday July 19th – 6 pm Potluck and Children's Ministry

Thursday, July 20th – 7:30-9: Sharing Table: Sharing Table Breakfast

Sunday, July 23th - Father Craig Sweeney will officiate

Wednesday July 26th – 6 pm Potluck and Children's Ministry

Sunday, July 30th - Morning Prayer with Larry Hannan and Eric Benson

Monday, July 31st – Aug 4 – Vacation Bible School “Hero Central- Discover Your Strength in God”

Friday, August 11th- The Dillingers have reserved a table for 8 on August 11 for six other parishioners to join them. The sign- up sheet is on the table by the kitchen. This is a library fund-raiser.

St. Luke's Weekly Schedule:

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

Mondays: 7:00 a.m. Spiritual Development Book Group – McDonalds

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

Wednesdays: 6 - 7:30 p.m. WE - Potluck Supper and Children's Ministry

Thursdays: 7:30 p.m. Cursillo Reunion Group

Community Health Ministry/ First Methodist Church Food Pantries:

Please contribute to the collection box in Guild Hall once or twice a month with a couple cans/boxes of food. If you elect to deliver food and paper supplies directly to the food pantries, please give credit for a donation from St. Luke's. Thank you.

Council of Churches is seeking volunteers with one or more hours a week, to assist in the Food Pantry at UMC. Check with Ed or Jay, if interested.

Suggestions to all:

There are several of our parish members who have hearing problems and would appreciate if all talked slower and distinctively when we are gathered together in prayer, meetings, and coffee hour, etc. It is also helpful if you look toward the person or group, so they can read your lips. If you notice, many of us watch your lips to understand what you are saying. Another hint is not to cover your mouth while speaking. There are also a few of us who have major problems with comprehension rather than decibel problems so ask if we understand what you are saying.

Upcoming Events

The Little Apple Barbershop Quartet will sing at St. Luke's on August 13 at the beginning of the service and will leave to go to another church.

	July 2	July 9	July 16	July 23	July 30
Altar Guild	Myrline Winkler, Pat Frey	Cinnie Hill, Linda Chmiel	Joyce Elcock, Emily Benson	Laura Hannan, Myrline Winkler	Pat Frey, Cinnie Hill
Lay Reader	Doug Elcock	Myrline Winkler	Ed Dillinger	Larry Hannan	Pat Frey
Chalice Bearer	Larry Hannan	Joyce Elcock	Ed Dillinger	Myrline Winkler	Larry Hannan
Greeter/ Usher	John Chmiel	Doug Elcock	Larry Hannan	John Chmiel	Doug Elcock
Coffee Host	Hannans	Winklers	Kally McConkey	Chmiels	Claudia McKinsey

The Sunrise

Margaret Benson

At the Episcopal Mega Camp this year, I was in the Rustic Cabin, and on Thursday, June 8th, we went to see the sunrise. We got up at 5:30, threw on some pants and a jacket (it was cold out there), and went to Hi-Y to see the spectacular show. When we got up, the sky was already painted pink and purple. When we all got up there, the view was terrific. The heavens looked like God was adding a new stroke of paint to his masterpiece every second. The scene was constantly changing, and it reminded us all of the wonders God can create. When the sun finally broke over the horizon, the view was absolutely breathtaking. The beautiful rays of sunlight lit up the ground everywhere. This was a very memorable experience of Mega Camp and a beautiful example of God's love and grace.

The Harvest

By: Josephine Benson

Harvest the people.
 Bring them to me, captive or free,
 Demons or none,
 Faith or disbelief.
 So help them,
 You few workers of mine,
 Make their hearts new,
 Refine their spirits.
 And when they are finally made useful,
 Send them back out to spread my Words
 Like seeds on a fertile field,
 Spreading my Spirit to others.
 Remember to expect no payment,
 For you have gained so much
 Without having to pay anything
 To anyone.
 There are so many opportunities
 For you to help
 Those poor, unfortunate souls
 Who need guidance so badly.
 Now go and spread our Word,
 The Word of the Father,
 The Son,
 And the Holy Spirit.
 And do not be afraid,
 Keep the knowledge in your hearts, minds and souls
 That I, the LORD, will be with you
 Every step of the way.