

St. Luke's Times

St. Luke's Episcopal Church

September 2015

A Word from the Rector



When my sons were much younger I recall Staples had an ad running this time of the year. As the parent's danced through the aisles of the store the song, "It's the most wonderful time of the year," could be heard playing in the background. I certainly understood the sentiment. After two months of summer vacation I was also ready for them to go back to school. Whether they shared my enthusiasm is debatable.

I feel the same way about the church as

well. When our programmatic year gets going I get that same feeling of excitement. While we've had a couple of weekends together in August, this month we'll really get things going. I hope to continue to get to know you all and to continue to learn about the various ways St. Luke's lives out its life in Christ.

We are blessed to have a full complement of Sunday School teachers and I hope you will take advantage of the Christian Education offerings for Pre-K through Adult that are offered. We will also be offering daily Morning and Evening Prayer in the Chapel. This month will also begin the Sunday afternoon alternative liturgies. We will begin with a Service of Evening Prayer on September 6, which will include a Blessing of Backpacks and book

bags with a BBQ to follow. Please feel free to invite your friends and especially any teachers you may know as we ask for God's blessing upon the new school year. On the 13th we will offer a service specifically designed for the Autism community. Should you know any folks who have children on the Spectrum please let them know of this offering. On the 20th the service will be a worship with your pet. And on the 27th a special focus on Angels as we anticipate the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels. Please consult the eblasts with more specifics.

I know that the Vestry and I continue to address capital projects and I hope you will see in the near future many projects being addressed.

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Save the Date!

**Father Ed's Installation will be held on
Saturday, December 12, 2015**

More information to follow

A Word from the Rector (Continued)

I was asked in the Q and A sessions that we held in August what I was going to do to grow the church. My answer is that I need you all to help me do this by inviting your unchurched friends to come. Or if you know someone who has perhaps drifted away, but not landed somewhere to come back and see what is happening now.

If you'd like to have an opportunity to speak with me outside of a large group, Karina keeps my calendar and will be happy to schedule a time to get together. Speaking of Karina and Robbie, I'd like us all to begin to allow them to worship on Sunday. We have provided a note pad on their "office" doors where you may leave them notes of things you need them to do during their

normal work hours.

Again let me say how excited I am to be back at St. Luke's albeit in a different role. And am looking forward to seeing what the Holy Spirit is calling us to do together.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Ed+

Second Looks at Favorite Books – Open Invitation

Second Looks at Favorite Books will meet twice in October and is open to all members and friends of St. Luke's. On Friday, October 2nd, Second Looks will meet to discuss the short story, *The Yellow Wallpaper* by Charlotte Perkins Gillman. This had previously been advertised for September 25th but the date has been changed.

The second meeting will be on Friday, October, 30th at 7pm to discuss *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr. We are announcing this now as it is quite a long book so you will need a while to read it.

All the Light We Cannot See is a WINNER OF THE PULITZER PRIZE. From the highly acclaimed, multiple award-winning Anthony Doerr, the beautiful, stunningly

ambitious instant New York Times bestseller about a blind French girl and a German boy whose paths collide in occupied France as both try to survive the devastation of World War II. Marie-Laure lives with her father in Paris near the Museum of Natural History, where he works as the master of its thousands of locks. When she is six, Marie-Laure goes blind and her father builds a perfect miniature of their neighborhood so she can memorize it by touch and navigate her way home. When she is twelve, the Nazis occupy Paris and father and daughter flee to the walled citadel of Saint-Malo, where Marie-Laure's reclusive great-uncle lives in a tall house by the sea. With them they carry what might be the museum's most valuable and

dangerous jewel.

In a mining town in Germany, the orphan Werner grows up with his younger sister, enchanted by a crude radio they find. Werner becomes an expert at building and fixing these crucial new instruments, a talent that wins him a place at a brutal academy for Hitler Youth, then a special assignment to track the resistance. More and more aware of the human cost of his intelligence, Werner travels through the heart of the war and, finally, into Saint-Malo, where his story and Marie-Laure's converge.

Some Safety Issues

The St. Luke's driveway is a one way driveway with traffic entering on Oak Ave and exiting on Route 27. The driveway needs to be one way due to the narrowness of the exit onto Route 27 and the narrowness and inability to see oncoming traffic at the corner of the building. When one tries to enter from Route 27 when someone is

trying to exit an accident can occur. Please follow the one way rule for the driveway to keep everyone at St. Luke's safe!

We appreciate volunteers who would like to help maintain the buildings and grounds at St. Luke's but it is imperative that all volunteers check with the sexton,

Robbie Robbins, before doing any work at St. Luke's. Robbie knows what is scheduled to be done and we don't want volunteers to spend their time doing something that may be undone due to a planned project.

What's Up Warden?

It's been a great summer preparing for Ed and Gail's arrival, getting to know our new rector and his wife and for some, reacquainting ourselves with an old friend for others.

Now it's time for boots on the ground and nose to the grindstone!

Sunday school starts next week, the Newcomers Breakfast is on the 27th, the 2015 Every Member Canvass will kick off soon, the Pumpkin Patch will open soon, the Metuchen Country Fair booth will need to be "personed", Vestry elections and the annual meeting will be held in October, the

Christmas Fair is coming, Father Ed will be officially installed (and we will celebrate), we'll host the Toy Drive and boom it's 2016.

WHEW!

And that's only the tip of the iceberg.

The vestry is working with Father Ed to fine focus our efforts to move Saint Luke's in the direction articulated in our Parish Profile. A large part of that movement involves Buildings & Grounds. Our facility is in dire need of maintenance, repair and improvements. B&G Chair Bill

Noble and Sexton Robbie Roberts are working with me and a few others to facilitate the attention our campus needs.

Our immediate priorities are the improvements in the Rectory, the gingerbread on the facade of the church and the porch & sidewalk in front of Fryer Hall. There are a plethora of additional projects that must be addressed. Some projects will be addressed by our Sexton and many will require outside vendors. All of this work will take time and financial resources.

We will once again be "that beautiful little church on Route 27".

Newcomer's Breakfast – Sunday, September 27

The Newcomer's Breakfast will take place at 8:45 on Sunday, September 27th. The Newcomer's Breakfast is an opportunity for members of all three services to welcome those who have joined St. Luke's in the past year. It is

also an opportunity for new members to get more information on how to get involved at St. Luke's.

This is a pot-luck breakfast so parishioners are asked to bring breakfast dishes to share. New

members are our guests so they do not need to bring anything. Watch for the sign-up sheet beginning Sept. 13 on which you can indicate what you will bring. There will also be a list of items to purchase as well.

Save the Date – Saturday, October 3rd

October 3rd will be a very busy day for St. Lukans as it is the Metuchen Country Fair AND the scheduled arrival date for our pumpkins.

We will once again have a booth at the Metuchen Country Fair. The booth gives us the opportunity to let the community know what St. Luke's has to offer. We will advertise the pumpkin patch, the Flea Market, the gallery, the Christmas Fair, and the Toy Drive.

We will once again sell baked goods as a way to draw people to the booth and as a means of covering the cost of the booth. We will need volunteers to bake at St. Luke's the items to sell.

As the theme is the Boardwalk, we will also have a Boardwalk game to draw families over. On a recent visit to the Boardwalk, I noticed a lot of balloon games. It is one that I think will be easy to do. If anyone has darts that you would be willing to loan to us for this, please let Karina know or bring to the parish office

We will also need volunteers to staff the booth from 10-4. Karina and Evan will do the set-up. We will need volunteers to take an hour or two and someone who would be willing to take the booth down and return everything to St. Luke's. Look for the sign-up sheet for this.

The pumpkins will also be delivered on Saturday, October 3 with the time to be determined. We will need a large crew of strong people of all ages. This is a great project for families to do together. The youngest family members can unload the small pumpkins from the boxes and place them on tables, the strongest member of the family can help to unload the pumpkins from the truck while others push the wheelbarrows from the truck to the grass to be unloaded. Please watch for the sign-up sheet for this day as well as the sign-up sheet for selling the pumpkins.

Rehearsal and Open House

Sing, dance, and celebrate the Lord with us.

"Hallelujah! Praise God in his holy temple...

Praise him with timbrel and dance...

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Hallelujah! "

The Schola Cantorum Youth Choir of St. Luke's Episcopal Church, together with LDY (Let's Dance for Yeshua),

St. Luke's liturgical dance company, invites you to a rehearsal/open house on Saturday, September 19th from

9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Please R.S.V.P. either by calling the parish office at 732-548-4308, or by visiting our

website at <http://www.stlukesmetuchen.org/message-schola.html>.

The schedule for the day is as follows:

9:00 AM Registration for Schola/Sign In, Fryer Hall

9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

11:00 AM Lunch (Pizza)/ Registration for Dance, Fryer Hall

11:45 AM Liturgical Dance, Fryer Hall/Schola Auditions, Choir Room

12:30 AM Meeting with Parents, Fryer Room

1:00 PM Schola Auditions, Choir Room/Dismissal, Fryer Hall

The Schola is open to children and teens in grades 3-12, with 1st and 2nd graders taken on an individual basis.

LDY is open to children and teens in grades K-12.

If you do not wish to sing, but are interested in the dance program, please join us at 11:00 for lunch in Fryer Hall.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 8 Morning Prayer 5 Evening Prayer	2 8 Morning Prayer 10 Healing Service 5 Evening Prayer	3 8 Morning Prayer 5 Evening Prayer 7 Twisted Stitchers	4 8 Morning Prayer 12 Men's Luncheon 5 Evening Prayer	5 9 Flea Market 5:30 Holy Eucharist
6 8 Holy Eucharist 9 Early Bird Education 10 Holy Eucharist followed by Coffee Hour 4 Evening Prayer with Blessing of Backpacks followed by Barbecue	7 Memorial Day 8 Morning Prayer Parish Office is closed 5 Evening Prayer	8 8 Morning Prayer 5 Evening Prayer 7 Vestry Meeting	9 8 Morning Prayer 10 Healing Service 5 Evening Prayer 7 St. Veronica's Guild	10 8 Morning Prayer 5 Evening Prayer 7:30 Choir Rehearsal	11 8 Morning Prayer Father Ed's Day off 5 Evening Prayer	12 9 Servers Meeting 11 Memorial Service for Burt Hollenbeck 5:30 Holy Eucharist
13 8 Holy Eucharist 9 Early Bird Education 10 Holy Eucharist followed by Coffee Hour 11:15 Sunday School 12:00 Schola Cantorum rehearsal 4 Service for Autism Community	14 8 Morning Prayer Father Ed away at conference 1:00 Ladies Who Tie Knots 5 Evening Prayer	15 8 Morning Prayer Father Ed away at conference 5 Evening Prayer	16 8 Morning Prayer Father Ed away at conference 10 Healing Service 5 Evening Prayer	17 8 Morning Prayer Father Ed away at conference 3:30 Schola Cantorum rehearsal 5 Evening Prayer 7:30 Choir Rehearsal	18 8 Morning Prayer Father Ed's Day off 11:30 Ladies Luncheon at Panera 2 - Lifetouch Portraits to be taken 5 Evening Prayer	19 9:30 Schola Cantorum Open House 10 Lifetouch Portraits to be taken 11LDY- Liturgical Dance Meeting 2 Opening of the new Nails in the Wall Exhibit 5:30 Holy Eucharist
20 8 Holy Eucharist 9 Early Bird Education 10 Holy Eucharist followed by Coffee Hour 11:15 Sunday School 12 Schola Cantorum rehearsal 4 Worship w/pets 6pm Round Table	21 8 Morning Prayer 1:00 Ladies Who Tie Knots 5 Evening Prayer	22 8 Morning Prayer 5 Evening Prayer	23 8 Morning Prayer 10 Healing Service 5 Evening Prayer 7 St. Veronica's Guild	24 8 Morning Prayer 3:30 Schola Cantorum rehearsal 5 Evening Prayer 7:30 Choir Rehearsal	25 8 Morning Prayer Father Ed's Day off 5 Evening Prayer	26 5:30 Holy Eucharist
27 8 Holy Eucharist 9 Hot Meals Ministry 9 Newcomer's Breakfast 10 Holy Eucharist followed by Coffee Hour 11:15 Sunday School 4 Worship - Angels 6pm Round Table	28 8 Morning Prayer 1:00 Ladies Who Tie Knots 5 Evening Prayer	29 8 Morning Prayer 5 Evening Prayer	30 8 Morning Prayer 10 Healing Service 5 Evening Prayer	October 1 8 Morning Prayer 5 Evening Prayer	October 2 8 Morning Prayer Father Ed's Day off 5 Evening Prayer	October 3 10am Metuchen Country Fair Pumpkin Delivery Time To be announced

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Get Involved in Worship

Eucharistic Ministers, Crucifers, Torch Bearers, Lectors and Ushers are needed for all three services. Children can begin as torch bearers as early as 2nd grade if they are ready. Once children can read fluently, they can also be lectors. Then they can progress to be crucifers and eventually Eucharistic Ministers once they have been confirmed and reached the age of 16. The first Sunday of each month we would like to have children/youth serve in all positions. The other weeks of the month we would like our children and youth to be acolytes and adults in the other roles. A training for all servers, those who have served as well as those who are just beginning, will be held on Saturday, September 12th. The time has not been determined so watch your eNewsflash and bulletins for the time as we get closer to that date.

Take Control of Your Health: Healthy Living with Chronic Conditions

Do you have a chronic condition such as arthritis, diabetes, depression, heart disease, or osteoporosis? Or are you a caretaker for someone who has a chronic condition? If so, you don't want to miss this chronic disease self-management program beginning on September 14 from 6:30pm-9pm in the Robbins Room. The program will be 6 Mondays in a row running from September 14 – October 19. You will learn how to manage symptoms, get started with healthy eating and exercise, communicate effectively with your doctor,

manage fear, anger and frustration, and make daily tasks easier. If you would like to sign up for the program please call Karina at 732-548-4308 or email her at

stlukesmetuchen@gmail.com.

We do need a minimum of 10 people to hold the program so please let me know as soon as possible if you will attend.

This is open to the public so please invite your friends to join us as well.

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