

St. Luke's Times

St. Luke's Episcopal Church

May 2018

A Word from the Rector



This month we continue to celebrate the season of Easter. This season of resurrection has this year had a number of services of the Resurrection or to be more accurate burials. Thankfully because of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, we get to share in that resurrection. One of the aspects though that I've found missing is often planning for that service.

Here on file at the church we actually have some people's funeral service plans. Sadly not a lot. I don't know if this is because some have been misplaced or if folks just don't want to think about it. So why is this such a big deal? Well I've found that having a person's plans in hand when talking with the family makes

things much easier. Generally folks do really well with making wills, living wills, and even planning with the funeral director, but not so much the actual service itself. In this Newsletter I am putting a form that I encourage all of you to fill out. Make two copies of it. One you should place with all your other papers and one that you can leave here at the church.

Some other events that I would call to your attention, Wednesday, May 16th, we will again host the Raritan Ringers in concert. Also Pentecost is the weekend of May 19 and 20, so remember to wear something **RED**.

This time of year is also when graduations start, usually on the college level, with high school in June. If you have a graduate in your house, please let me know. If you send a picture we will celebrate them in next month's newsletter!

On a personal note, Gail and I would like to invite you to her 50th birthday party on Saturday, May 26th beginning at 6 pm here at St. Luke's. We

would appreciate an RSVP to gailz@stlukesmetuchen.org so we can have enough food.

May this month continue to be one of great blessings for all of you.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Ed+

Edmund W. Zelley,
Rector

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What's Up Warden

My favorite comedienne is Lucille Ball. Of all of the television shows she's been a part of, my favorite series is I Love Lucy. The physical comedy is outstanding and the interaction with vintage Hollywood film stars is hilarious. Most folks familiar with the series have vivid recollection of the Vitameatavegamin commercial, the candy factory conveyor belt episode, and the grape stomping escapade in Italy. One of my personal favorites is the episode where Lucy is near the end of her pregnancy, and she, Ricky, Fred, and Ethel are preparing for the moment when Lucy announces that it's time to go to the hospital.

In their rehearsals, Ricky very dramatically announces, "The time has come!". Then, as planned, Ethel calmly telephones the doctor to say that Mrs. Ricardo is on her way to the hospital, Fred goes to the street to hail a taxi and Ricky retrieves Lucy's previously packed suitcase for her week-long post-partum hospital stay. However, when Lucy announces "It's time." The other three scamper around the apartment bouncing off one another, arguing over who is to call the doctor, hail the taxi and retrieve the suitcase. Ultimately, the tug of war over Lucy's suitcase causes the buckles to unfasten an explosion of clothing to be

strewn upon the floor, and Lucy is left in tears.

Well, the time has come!

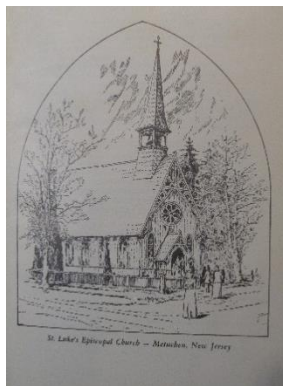
Work on Saint Luke's 149 year old church building is scheduled to begin on Monday, May 7, 2018. Phase I is interior work that will shut down the building completely. For us this means that we may be holding worship services in the chapel and the auditorium of Fryer Hall.

The next series of projects involve the interior and exterior of the church building. As the specific dates of impact become known, notice will be provided. It will be important to remember that there are no absolute dates when working on

renovation. Father Ed, the Wardens, Vestry, SLRTF members and Mark, our parish secretary will be working diligently to keep everyone abreast of closures. In the interest of everyone's safety and wellbeing it will be important, at all times, to avoid entering areas closed during renovation.

This is a very exciting time for Saint Luke's! The edifice that we love so dearly, and are so proud of, is getting some much deserved attention.

Peace~
Kathy



News from the Pews



- 2 – Angel Hernandez
- 3 – William Keers
- 4 – Suzanne Lebida
- 8 – Amy Fuentes
- 8 – Jim Iacone
- 9 - Dottee Bilgrav
- 9 - Dorothy Dietz
- 9 – Geoffrey Oliver
- 9 – Francesca Maresca
- 10 – Scott Schwefringhaus
- 10 – Elizabeth Molineux
- 11 – Sarah Wisniewski
- 12 – Janice Stapley
- 14 – Josie Nealis
- 18 – Carmelina Arias
- 19 – Roman Grosso
- 24 – Bernardette Ranno
- 25 – Gail Zelley
- 27 – George Dietz, Jr
- 28 – Barbara Di Pietro
- 28 – Ann Marie Stone



- 16 – Paul & Barbara Larisch
- 25 – Chuck & Charlotte Gudorp
- 27 – Angel & Beverly Hernandez

If you don't see your birthday or anniversary listed, please let the office know and we will include it in the future.

Book Club

On Friday, May 25 @7:00 p.m. our Reading Group will (partially!) observe Memorial Day weekend in discussion of a half dozen short stories by WWI veteran Ernest Hemingway. Through Amazon, [The Complete Short Stories of Ernest Hemingway](#) (Scribner) are available in paperback for \$8.75. Copies of the stories to be discussed will be available by emailing Richard Q. at bookclub@stlukemetuchen.org. Two we'll start with are his "Short Happy Life of Francis Macomber" and "A Clean, Well-Lighted Place".



Ring in the Spring!

Raritan Ringers Handbell Concert

Wednesday, May 16, 2018

7:30 p.m.

With the Phantom Trombone Choir

St. Luke's Episcopal Church

17 Oak Avenue, Metuchen

(732) 548-4308

Free-will Offering ~ Donations Gratefully Accepted

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FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS PLAN

Your Name _____ Your birthdate _____

Your address _____

Your next of kin _____

Address and phone _____

Email _____

Your Hymns _____

Other music you desire _____

Eucharist? _____ yes _____ no

Rite I or Rite II? _____

If Rite II, Prayer A, B, C or D? _____

Cremation or embalming? _____

Which funeral home? _____

Your pallbearers (usually 6) _____

Viewing with open casket? _____ yes _____ no _____ in church _____ in funeral home

Do you want flowers or donations to church or charity in lieu of flowers? _____

Veterans: American Flag on casket? _____ yes _____ no

Where do you wish to be buried? _____ in St. Luke's memorial garden

_____ other, with address

~May 2018~

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 6 8:00 Holy Eucharist 10:00 Holy Eucharist 11:15 Coffee Hour 11:15 Sunday School 12:00 Schola 12:00 Early Bird Ed. | 7 9:00 Morning Prayer 1:00 Ladies Who Tie Knots 5:30 Evening Prayer | 8 9 Morning Prayer 5:30 Evening Prayer | 9 9:00 Morning Prayer 10:00 Healing Service 10:30 Bible Study 5:30 Evening Prayer 6:30 St. Veronica Guild | 10 9:00 Morning Prayer 4:00 Schola Cantorum rehearsal 5:30 Evening Prayer 7:00 Garden State Depression Glass Club 7:30 Choir rehearsal | 11 9:00 Morning Prayer 4:30 Rise-Up Chorus 5:30 Evening Prayer | 12 5:30 Holy Eucharist |
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The following policy was put in place by the Vestry in October 2016;

When you spend your own money on behalf of Saint Luke's with the intent of seeking reimbursement please follow the following protocols;

1. Get a detailed receipt that identifies the item you purchased for Saint Luke's.
2. Make a copy of the receipt and circle the item(s) for which you are seeking reimbursement.

3. On the receipt, print your name and the reason for the purchase.
4. Complete a Request for Reimbursement form. These forms are available in the Parish Office.
5. Staple the receipt to the request form.
6. Give your completed form to the Administrative Assistant.

Some additional information; Any requests for reimbursement must be made within 45 days of

the original purchase. The Treasury has published the check disbursement schedule which you can access through the Administrative Assistant. Prior to checks being written, one of the Wardens will review all disbursement requests for approval. Reimbursement checks will be written as part of the regular disbursement schedule.

For May, reimbursements must be in the office by 4:00 pm on Thursday, May 3, 17 & 31, 2018.

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