

The Hillside Messenger

A Message from the Rector: St. Luke the Evangelist, our Patron Saint

Saturday, October 18th, is the Festival of St. Luke the Evangelist and Patron Saint of our Parish. To the glory of God and in commemoration of St. Luke, we shall observe this Festival on Sunday, October 19th, when our Preacher and Celebrant at Holy Communion will be our Vicar-General, the Very Reverend Canon Michael Penfield. Our Guest Organist that day will be Jay Hartley. After the service there will be a Potluck Luncheon, to which all are welcome. There are a few reasons why we should observe this Festival.

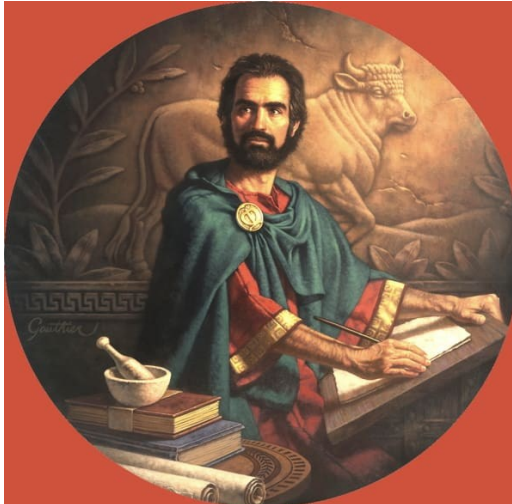
Firstly, we honor the Lord in the celebration of our Patronal Festival.

Secondly, this is the Saint who was also called by St. Paul “the beloved physician” in *Colossians 4:14*. Believing, as we do at St. Luke’s, that healing is an important part of our ministry to one another and to all, we should honor St. Luke as one to whom the Lord gave a ministry and gifts of healing and one who, as a gospel-writer (or Evangelist), recorded the Lord Jesus Christ’s acts of healing.

Thirdly, St. Luke emphasized through his Gospel account the fact that the Gospel is for people of all nations, as well as for both the poor and the rich. Through the writings of St. Luke the Evangelist, we receive a revelation of the love of God for all people.

Fourthly, and this is perhaps not often mentioned, St. Luke wrote with the concern of the historian for a true and

accurate account of events, since he wanted the person whom he addresses as “most excellent Theophilus” (*St. Luke 1:3*) to have a trustworthy record of the Gospel in which he had received instruction as a catechumen (one being taught the Christian faith in preparation for Holy Baptism). His concern for the history of the preaching of



the Gospel and for the accurate record he wanted Theophilus to have, led him to write *Acts of the Apostles*. *Acts* is an account of how the Lord Jesus Christ not only ascended into heaven but also poured out the Holy Spirit on the Apostles and first disciples, leading to mighty evangelism, the Church’s continuing ministry of healing by the power of the Holy Spirit, and the expansion of Christianity through the Mediterranean lands.

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If we are concerned about the power of the Church and of all Christians to bear witness effectively to the Lord Jesus Christ in the world today, we must reflect on the example of St. Luke shown by his life and writings, and we must pray for the grace to continue both the work of evangelism that he did and Christ's ministry of healing and miracles which accompanied the preaching of the Gospel (*Acts* 2:22; 2:43; 4:29-30; 5:12; 5:15-16; 8:13; 14:3).

It is probable that St. Luke was a martyr, but the date and place of his martyrdom is uncertain. The Festival of St. Luke the Evangelist first began to be celebrated in the Western Church in the eighth century (p. 253, Massey Hamilton Shepherd, Jr.: *The Oxford American Prayer Book Commentary*. New York: OUP, 1955).

The significance of this Festival for the Church is principally to direct its attention both to the importance of St. Luke's account of the Gospel, particularly the love and healing power of God's Son revealed in it, and to the revelation of Christ's love and healing power in the Church today, so that people may receive this healing in their bodies and souls (Collect, p. 253, *Book of Common Prayer*, 1928). It is noteworthy that the Collect for St. Luke the Evangelist first highlights the love and healing power of God's Son as revealed in

the *Gospel according to St. Luke* and then prays that this same love and healing power may be shown in the Church for the purpose of the healing of "our bodies and our souls." The Collect stresses the primacy of Holy Scripture as the source of the revelation of God's love and healing power. The knowledge of this grace is available to anyone who reads the *Gospel according to St. Luke*. It is not limited to the person of St. Luke himself, nor does the Collect pray for God to show His Son's healing power

and love only in a particular saint, or martyr, or evangelist, or pastor, but in the Church. The reason for this is that there is only one Mediator between God and man, and He is the Lord Jesus Christ (*I St. Timothy* 2:5). In the blessed Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, we pray for healing and receive from God the kind of healing He gives us. In the first Collect for St. Luke, the emphasis lies on the wholesome medicines of St. Luke's doctrines through which God heals "all the diseases of our souls" (*The First English Prayer Book*, 1549). The Collect for the 1928 Prayer Book broadens the scope of God's love and healing power, not limiting it to the healing of diseases of the soul only, but extending it to our bodies also, reflecting the holistic perspective on healing we find in St. Luke's account of the Gospel. This is because, if healing is limited only to the healing of one kind of illness only, be it physical, mental, or spiritual, that limitation does not reflect the fullness of Christ's healing grace and power as we find it recorded in the Gospels.

Here is an example of how St. Luke himself acknowledged the limitations of medicine in healing: In his account of the woman who had suffered hemorrhages for twelve years, he mentions that no-one had been able to heal her. A variant reading of *St. Luke* 8:43 adds that she had spent all her money on doctors. Even if it's unlikely this variant reading was a part of the original text, the implication of the verse without the variant reading is that doctors had tried to heal her but could not. The healing abilities of doctors and medicines in ancient times were of course far more limited than they are today, but the point of the Evangelist is that people's need for Christ's divine healing has not ceased. Even today, with all the advances in medical science, there are instances where neither surgery nor medicine is able to bring complete healing to a person. There is therefore always a need for the healing gifts (*I Corinthians* 12:9) which operate through faith in



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the Lord Jesus Christ and His healing grace.

Seeing that there are always people both in and outside of the Church who need healing, how can we at St. Luke's, be instruments of Christ's healing grace? This is our Spiritual Vision (see church website, www.StLukesChapel.org)

Imagine a hospital in which the doctors don't have the skills needed for their profession and some patients discharge themselves without waiting to be discharged. If we think of the Church as a hospital, this is not the kind of hospital it should be! Submission to the authority of a doctor is required of a patient, just as professional knowledge, skills and behavior are required of a doctor. If a church is to be an effective hospital, it must foster a respect for the authority of its leaders and mutual respect of members for one another. The healing that we seek to receive and of which we wish to be ministers comes from God. First of all, then, we must all love God more than we love anyone or anything else. This love will find expression in receiving from the Lord Jesus Christ the prescriptions He has given us for our health: both the word of God and the Sacraments, — especially, once baptized, the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Frequent reception of the Holy Communion ought to be one of our goals. If illness prevents a parishioner's reception of Holy Communion in church, he can call the Rector to bring him Holy Communion from the Reserved Sacrament. In addition to this, if anyone feels the need for private confession of sins to a priest, he must feel free to make an appointment with the Rector. Though Anglicans do not mandate private confession to a priest, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered to anyone who desires it. Some have experienced God's healing by hearing a priest give them absolution; the assurance of God's forgiveness; and counsel on how to overcome temptations to sin. Together with the healing grace offered by the Church through the Sacraments goes the

healing grace and power of God's Holy Spirit at work through God's written word, the Holy Bible. In this word, we find that to "fear the Lord and to depart from evil" is "health" (**Proverbs 3:8**); that the words of the Lord bring life and healing (**Proverbs 4:22**); and that the Lord heals the back-slidden (**Jeremiah 3:22**; **Hosea 14:4**). The Lord Jesus Christ's mission on earth included the healing of the sick, and through the Holy Spirit He continues to heal the sick today. To be a community of healing, we must all love the Lord wholeheartedly, love one another deeply, and be a prayerful people who are obedient to



God's word. If visitors and strangers coming to our services can really say, "Truly, the presence of the Lord is among you," we shall have come a long way to showing people the Lord Jesus Christ by whom they can be healed.

The need for healing of all kinds is most apparent in American society. Racism and prejudice, divisions of class and economic status, political divisions, and incivility are all symptoms of a nation which needs the love of God and His healing. For many, even the importance of patriotism is overshadowed by injustices in society which are not being corrected. Beyond all this, the specter of

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death by violence raises its ugly head, because society has lost its fear of God and respect for His commandments. Since we have St. Luke as the Patron Saint of our Parish, let us realize that St. Luke stood for the gift of Christ's life in all its abundance, and, following the example of St. Luke's faith, let us give ourselves to God in prayer for the heal-

ing of ourselves, of the Church, of society, and of the United States of America, as we boldly bear witness to the Lord Jesus Christ who both saves us from eternal hell and heals us!

— *The Reverend Chris Parrish*



Characteristics of a Hospital Church

God's Word provides some very specific characteristics of a hospital-church community:

- ***I Corinthians 12:*** Christ's Church is not homogenous (not made up of one kind of people). It is made into one people from many. Those many come from different economic backgrounds, social classes, ethnicities, levels of ability and education, and genders.
- ***Acts 4:*** Christ's Church shares everything, especially with those in need. In fact, the needy are not just an opportunity; they are a priority.
- ***St. Luke 14:*** Christ's Church includes everyone so that God's house might be full. Everyone—the lame, the blind, those who are weak in body, weak in spirit, hungry and thirsting—all are invited to His eternal banquet.
- ***I Thessalonians 5:*** Christ's Church encourages one another, both those who have plenty and those who have nothing, into the work that God calls them to do. Everyone is encouraged to respond to God's invitation, not just those who have no troubles but also those who are in great need.
- ***St. Matthew 28:*** The disciples were told to baptize, but even before that they were called to make disciples. Christ's Church is about the business of making disciples. *Everyone* is to become a disciple, a living 'epistle.'
- ***Ephesians 2:*** Christ's Church is full of people who do good works, not just because of what God did for us or because it is an evidence of our faith, but *more* because God created us to do the good works He has prepared in advance for *every one of us* to do.

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Do you trust God? He knows more about you than you do. He knows all your secrets and still loves you no matter what. He knows you because He made you and you are very dear to Him.

What does trust actually mean? Merriam-Webster defines *trust* in these ways:

transitive verb

1a: to rely on the truthfulness or accuracy of : **believe**

b: to place confidence in : rely on

c: to hope or expect confidently

2: to commit or place in one's care or keeping : **entrust**

intransitive verb

a: to place confidence : **depend**

b: to be confident : **hope**

We can trust God because we believe that He is absolutely reliable; because we know our hope in Him will never be disappointed; because we can safely entrust both ourselves and all those we love into His tender care and keeping; because we depend upon Him for our every need; and because we have confidence that what He has promised will come to pass. Here is Step Eleven: TRUST IN THE LORD!

God's word tells us:

It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man.

Psalms 118:8

Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.

Proverbs 3:5

I am reminded of the First Lesson we had on a recent Sunday. I think it is something that needs to be thoughtfully re-read with a bit of consideration:

My son, forget not my law;
But let thine heart keep my
commandments:

For length of days, and long life,
And peace, shall they add to
thee.

Let not mercy and truth forsake
thee:

Bind them about thy neck;
Write them upon the table
of thine heart:

So shalt thou find favour
and good understand-
ing

In the sight of God and
man.

Trust in the Lord with all
thine heart;

And lean not unto thine
own understanding.

In all thy ways
acknowledge Him,
And He shall direct thy
paths.

Be not wise in thine own
eyes:

Fear the Lord, and depart
from evil.

It shall be health to thy
navel,
And marrow to thy bones.

Honour the Lord with thy
substance,

And with the firstfruits of
all thine increase:

So shall thy barns be filled
with plenty,

And thy presses shall
burst out with new
wine.

My son, despise not the
chastening of the
Lord;

Neither be weary of His
correction:

For whom the Lord loveth
He correcteth;

Even as a father the son in
whom he delighteth.

Proverbs 3:1-12

Do you trust God? Do you have
faith that God will do what is right, even
when you don't understand what God is
doing in your life? Do you have confi-



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dent faith that He will resolve the issue and that He has your best interest at heart? God knows better than we do.

Have you ever been frustrated or upset with something in your life that is not going the way you felt it should go? Did you try to force things to go your way rather than let God take care of it on His time rather than yours? When something doesn't go the way we want, I think that is God's way of reminding us that He is the one directing our lives. He may use circumstances to stop us from making a **big** mistake. He is our Father, and He is the one and only one in charge. I also think sometimes, He lets things go sideways to remind us that He knows better than we do.



St. James 4:4-10 in context explains this better than I do:

4 Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? Whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God. 5 Do ye think that the Scripture saith in vain, The Spirit that dwelleth

in us lusteth to envy?

6 But He giveth more grace. Wherefore He saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.

7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. 8 Draw nigh to God, and He will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double-minded. 9 Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to heaviness. 10

Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He shall lift you up.

The Lord is always with you if you let Him into your heart. If you invite the Lord into your life, He will be there. If you follow Him and trust Him, He will always prove Himself worthy of your obedience and trust.

One of my favorite Bible verses is *Psalms 119:105*: "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path." I know if I trust in the Lord, He will keep that light shining brightly on my walk with our Lord Jesus Christ.

To recap and review, these are the steps we are taking in our Great Commission Campaign:

Step One: PRAY.

Step Two: COMMIT.

Step Three: ATTEND CHURCH.

Step Four: PRIORITIZE GOD.

Step Five: SUBMIT.

Step Six: READ THE BIBLE.

Step Seven: LOVE.

Step Eight: EXPRESS JOY AND ENTHUSIASM IN YOUR FAITH.

Step Nine: WORSHIP GOD WITH MEANING AND PASSION.

Step Ten: FEAR THE LORD.

We have two more steps until the end of our Great Commission Campaign. I am inviting everyone to participate in the ReVive Class (date and time to be announced). The purpose of the steps in this campaign is to get us ready to receive the enlightening information from the class. It is very informative, and I encourage everyone to consider attending. I think you may enjoy it.

– Julia McNeely

A Call to Worship

King Lear, one of Shakespeare's greatest tragedies, tells the story of a king who voluntarily set aside his titles and property in favor of two of his three daughters, only to find himself reduced to poverty and homelessness because they rejected him.

"Ingratitude, thou marble-hearted fiend," King Lear sighs. "How sharper than the serpent's tooth it is to have a thankless child."

While some parents might identify with these sentiments, let me ask: How often do we express our gratitude to the LORD? He is so good to us, far beyond our imagining. Do we thank Him daily for His countless mercies?

The opening lines of *Psalm 95* read:

O come, let us sing to the Lord;
Let us make a joyful noise to the
Rock of our salvation!
Let us come into His presence
with thanksgiving.

Singing is a great way to express our love for God. We sing when we are happy and there is joy in our hearts. Have you ever heard the singing of the Welsh Rugby Union supporters? They can't stop, and their singing is enthusiastic—especially when they're winning.

The opening lines of *Psalm 95* are the words of people who know God as their Creator and Savior. We feel the repetition of the verbs. Sing. Make a joyful noise... How different this is from times when we drift into church late, pre-occupied and apathetic.

Furthermore, *Psalm 95* suggests that singing is not just a matter of joy in the LORD. We also exhort and encourage one another, and so our songs need to be strong on Bible and not insipid. Our songs are not intended simply to arouse some spiritual ecstasy: They are instruments of instruction and encouragement.

And as the psalm unfolds in verses 3 and 4, we see why we should sing:

For the Lord is a great God,

And a great King above all
gods.

In His hand are the depths of the
earth;

The heights of the mountains are
His also.

One of the distinct features of Biblical Christianity is the understanding that there is a living, personal God at the heart of the universe.

Significantly, the more scientists discover, the more extraordinary and complex we find the universe to be. There are chemists and physicists who tell us what the Scriptures reveal: The universe has not come into existence by chance, but rather is the work of God's design and purpose.

Consider the personal pronouns in verses 4 and 5:

In His hand are the
depths of the earth;
The heights of the
mountains are His
also.

The sea is His, for He
made it;
For His hands formed
the dry land.

These are personal images. Hands speaks of a God who is not some robotic brain behind the universe. When we plumb the depths of the cosmos, we find not so much a mathematical equation or scientific formula, but a divine Personality.

All this tells us something else—God sustains and directs all things. It's important to know this and remind one another of it, for it helps us make sense of our lives. We see that we're not just part of a meaningless journey, going nowhere.

The New Testament gives us all the more reason to see how true this is. In His public ministry Jesus showed that He has divine authority and divine pow-

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er. At a word and in a moment, He healed the sick, raised the dead, and stilled a storm. The New Testament speaks of Jesus as God incarnate who holds all things in His hands.

It's sometimes said that people who go to church leave their brains at the door, but worship of God is not a mindless activity. Songs of praise are not simply a strategy to create the right psychological atmosphere. Vital faith in the LORD always awakens joyful singing

because there are sound reasons for this response of thanksgiving.

And there is another great reason for singing to the LORD. Our lives have a purpose, a goal. And that purpose and that goal are bound up with knowing this God who is our Refuge. No wonder *Psalm* 95 insists

that we make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation!

But in verses 7 and 8, the Psalm brings a solemn warning:

Today, if you hear His voice,
Do not harden your hearts, as at
Meribah,
As on the day at Massah in the
wilderness...

At the very point when we might want to dance and shout, the psalm takes a solemn turn. God Himself now speaks asking us if we are really listening to Him! Our actions might seem worshipful, but our real self remains unchanged towards God.

Meribah and Massah marked places at the beginning and end of the wilderness journey, when God's people Israel forgot His goodness in bringing them out of slavery in Egypt. On both occasions the people doubted God's promise and His power. When the going got tough in the desert, they faltered and bitterly complained. 'We were better off as slaves in Egypt,' they said.

The *Epistle to the Hebrews* quotes

Psalm 95 in chapters 3 and 4. The writer knows how easy it is to forget God's extraordinary love and goodness. It's true even for people who have been bought and bound to God through the perfect sacrifice offered by the Lord Jesus Christ. For it was through the obedience of Jesus that God implemented a masterstroke when He satisfied in full all His righteous requirements for the sins of the world. Through the blood of Jesus, shed on the cross, a new and perfect way into God's presence is now open for all who repent and believe the gospel. As *Hebrews* observes, Christ offers much more than the temporary rest Joshua offered. Christ offers a rest that is timeless and filled with joy (*Hebrews* 4:8-10).

Psalm 95 exhorts us to sing to Lord with joy in our hearts. It also warns us against turning our back on the salvation He has won for us. We who live on the other side of Jesus' death and resurrection express our joy in Him and trust His promises. Having grasped His great gift with thanksgiving, let's not turn away.

How often do you think about God's mercy with thanksgiving in your heart and a song of praise on your lips, not only when you go to church, but also when you rise in the morning and go to bed at night?

God our Father, whose will is to bring all things to order and unity in our Lord Jesus Christ; grant that all the peoples of the world, now divided and torn apart by sin, may be brought together in His kingdom of love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Raise up Your great power, Lord, and come among us to save us; so that, although through our sins we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, Your plentiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through the sufficiency of Your Son our Lord, to whom with You and the Holy Spirit be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.



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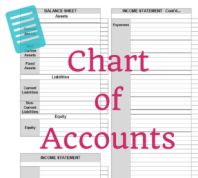
ear fellow Parishioners,

Welcome to the latest edition of your Vestry Matters. It's been a while since the last one due to various reasons, one being that Elodia and I were gone for a while visiting my homeland of England. I'm happy to report the beer and fish and chips all tasted as good as ever! Thanks for your patience. I hope to get back to making this a regular feature in future newsletters.

August 10, 2025, Vestry Meeting Summary

Those in attendance: Jana Baldwin, Mark Benjamin, Ray Boreham, Brandy Falcon, Elodia Fernandez, Julia McNeely, Clark Patteson, Bridgitte Parrish, and Father Chris Parrish,

Treasurer's Report (Elodia Fernandez)



- Cash In:
 - * General Collections were higher than normal while Loose Plate in July was lower than most previous months
 - * Total Cash In for July was \$10,768.89.
- Cash Out:
 - * A check for \$915 was sent to International Aid in July.
 - * Total Cash Out for July was \$9,106.18.
- Net Operating Income: The Net Operating Income for July was \$1,662.71.
- Account Balance Record, Investment Account Graph, and Schwab Account Summary: Elodia reported

that the Checking Account Balance at the end of July was holding steady at \$60,221.21. The Investment Account Value reached \$330,165.77 at the end of July.

Junior Warden's Report (Clark Patteson)



- The estimate for gutter screens and cleaning was actually \$2,400 and not \$2,800, as he had reported the previous month. The gutter screens including installation would amount to \$1,850. The contractor's price for gutter cleaning was \$550, but Clark found someone who quoted him \$420 for that work. Therefore, we could get the screens and cleaning for \$2,270.
- Clark was continuing to work with AT&T to have our name changed relative to their cell antenna on the Chapel property.
- John Vojvoda sprayed for ants outside and ant bait was put around McNeely Hall to reduce their presence there.
- Ben Taaffe repaired the toilet flushing mechanism in the upstairs Chapel restroom.

Altar Guild Report (Elodia Fernandez)



- Elodia reported that she had ordered gluten-free wafers, which must be

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kept separate from the other wafers. Father Parrish said he would bring one of his pyxes for the gluten-free wafers.

- She had also ordered four small jugs of liquid candle wax instead of two large ones.
- Elodia thanked all the members of the Altar Guild for their hard work.

Senior Warden's Report (Ray Boreham)



No report.

Rector's Report (Father Parrish)



- Father Parrish reported on the Zoom meeting of Diocesan clergy called by Bishop Fitzwater on Thursday, August 7th. The Bishop mentioned the conflict in the ACNA concerning the ordination of women, and the move afoot to try to persuade all the bishops to be in favor of the ordination of women. There was a report of a statement by the College of Bishops that the ordination of women was “a charism” that the ACNA would share with the rest of Anglicanism, but Bishop Fitzwater stated his strong disagreement with this idea and emphasized that he and some other bishops had not signed this statement.

- The Bishop also reported that the trial of Bishop Ruch for misconduct had been postponed on account of the resignation of the provincial prosecutor and his assistant.
- Also, the long-term plan of the College of Bishops of the ACNA was to get rid of affinity, or non-geographical, dioceses. Some of these, however, had come into being to provide a means for bishops and clergy holding to the Church's tradition of not ordaining women to continue their ministry unhampered. Bishop Fitzwater had emphasized, however, that besides the ACNA, there was no other Anglican jurisdiction in fellowship with the Anglican Communion to which our Diocese could go.

Old Business:



- International Day: Fliers would be made for International Day. Julia McNeely offered to make fliers for the event. Brandy Falcon recommended a bigger push for members to come out on International Day. The name of Ray Boreham's band, “Fermenting Hops,” should appear on the flier.
- Joanna's Prayer Circle: Julia McNeely asked if Vestry members had received her e-mail about Joanna's Prayer Circle meeting in the Nursery on Sunday, August 17th, at 9:15 AM. She had received very few responses to her message. She announced that if anyone has a prayer concern, they should send it to her. Julia asked Father Parrish to forward to her the Diocesan thirty-day prayer cycle.

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- Ray Boreham thanked Julia for all she was doing.
- **Social media presence:** Brandy Falcon asked for a photo to promote International Day. She was using articles in *The Hillside Messenger* to make posts on social media. Mark Benjamin asked how the newcomers had come to know about St. Luke's Chapel. Father Parrish replied that it was through the ACNA website.
- **Please note:** The Vestry is constantly looking for new ideas to help grow our church. If anybody reading this has any other ideas or would like to help in this very important mission, please contact Father Parrish or any Vestry member. Even better, join us at an upcoming meeting to offer your ideas and suggestions in person. The more help and input we can get, the better. Thank you in advance.

New Business:

WWW

- **Church Website URL:** It was reported that at a previous Vestry meeting it had been decided that the website of St. Luke's Chapel in the Hills would be www.StLukesChapel.org.
- **Nursery:**
 - * Sunday School instruction would be provided for children aged six and under. Julia McNeely and Bridgitte Parrish would consult together on the resources the Chapel has for this.
 - * Brandy expressed her intention to donate musical instruments and games for use by the children and youth of the church.

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Thank you for your time in reading this article. Please remember, this is **your** Vestry and this is **your** Parish, and,

whether you're able to attend church services regularly or not, your input on any matter concerning the Church, its operation and its overall Mission and Purpose is essential and welcome. If there's anything you feel needs to be addressed in future meetings or even in between meetings or if you have any questions or concerns, please do reach out and contact Father Parrish and/or any member of the Vestry. We'll be sure to address whatever you feel needs our attention as soon as practically possible.

Donations

If you're unable to join us in person but would like to make an offering to our Lord, please visit our website at

<https://StLukesChapel.org>

and click on the DONATE button.

Thank you in advance for helping keep this beautiful sanctuary we call our spiritual home alive. All offerings are tax-deductible and are gratefully received.

We look forward to seeing you at a future service and/or meeting and I'll be back with you next month. Vestry meetings are usually held on the second Sunday of every month following the service, except for December, when no meeting is held, and February, when a short procedural meeting is held following the Annual Meeting.

I'd like to personally thank the Vestry members for all their continued hard work behind the scenes to keep our church functioning and available to all for all their spiritual needs. This is a vital, if unglamorous, ministry and we invite any and all interested parties to consider serving, so please contact me or Father Parrish if at all interested. Interest does not imply obligation, and we will provide any and all information needed to allow prospective candidates to make a full and complete evaluation of the duties and possible time commitment involved prior to making any formal commitment.

— Ray Boreham,
Senior Warden

Our Chapel Family Prayer List

O God, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind, we humbly beseech Thee for all sorts and conditions of men; that Thou wouldest be pleased to make Thy ways known unto them, Thy saving health unto all nations. More especially we pray for Thy holy Church universal; that it may be so guided and governed by Thy good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally, we commend to Thy fatherly goodness:

Archbishop Steve Wood, our Primate;

Archbishop Samy
of the Diocese of Egypt;

Bishop Darryl Fitzwater,
our Bishop Ordinary;

Canon Michael Penfield,
our Vicar-General;

Father Chris Parrish, our Rector;

Deacon Peter Vogel; and

Deacon Linda Bracken;

also all those who serve as Thy ministers in governing our nation and state, particularly:

President Donald Trump; and

Governor Gavin Newsom;

as well as all those who are any ways afflicted, or distressed, in mind, body, or estate; especially those for whom our prayers are desired:

the soldiers, sailors, marines, airmen,
guardians, border patrol, coasties,
police officers, firefighters, and pilots
who protect us every day;

our persecuted brothers and sisters
throughout the world;

all refugees;

the family of Charlie Kirk;

Jim and Edna Davis;

Debbie;

Scott;
Brittany;
Tanya Theiler;
Mark Quinn;
Lisa;
Ben;
Marion;
Flo;
Max;
the Pack, Stanko, and Bouchard
families;
Dan Hubbard;
Yoshihiko Ikegami;
Mary Frances Reeves;
Mrs. Kitt;
Jon Carter;
Linda Capone;
Rose Handwerker;
Ann and Frank MacVoy;
Bishop Ilgenfritz;
Moe Martinez;
Victoria Grace;
Christina;
John and Heidi Donnelly;
Carl;
Judith Boreham;
Heather;
Susan;
Farshad;
Deacon Herman and Betty Roark;
Patrick Slattery;
Julie Sine;
James Kitchin;
Grace Driver;
Sara and Hesam;
Molly Ferguson;
Bridgitte Parrish;
John Bainbridge;
Alan and Barbara;
Mark Askew;

***This prayer list
was current
as of
September 26th,
and the people
of St. Luke's
will pray
for each need
until
we are notified
that it
has been met.
Please contact
Father Parrish
to add
or remove names.
Thank you!***

Our Chapel Family Prayer List

Rosalia Ortiz;
the family of Helen Vanderberg;
Trey Faulkner;
the Faulkner and Creamer families,

that it may please Thee to comfort and relieve them, according to their several necessities; giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. And this we beg for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.



A Prayer for the Middle East

God of all comfort and hope, Who in Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, proclaimed good news to the poor, bound up the broken-hearted, and set the captives free: We remember before You this day all who are affected by the violence of October 7, 2023, and we ask You to heal the wounded, comfort those who mourn, and bring justice and peace to the land of Israel. Look with mercy upon the peoples of the Middle East, that, in

Your great compassion, the light of Christ may shine in the darkness and bring hope to every nation. As Simeon rejoiced to see Your salvation, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and the glory of Your people Israel, so we pray that Jesus, the Messiah, would be known as the true hope for all the earth. May Your Kingdom come, and may Your peace reign in every heart, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

A Prayer for Our Congregation

O GOD, Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faithful, visit, we pray Thee, the Congregation of St. Luke's Chapel in the Hills with Thy love and favour; enlighten our minds more and more with the light of the everlasting Gospel; graft

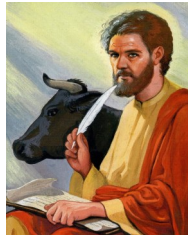
in our hearts a love of the truth; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and of Thy great mercy keep us in the same, O blessed Spirit, whom, with the Father and the Son together, we worship and glorify as one God, world without end. Amen.

Parish Postings

The Vestry will meet on Sunday, October 12th, following Morning Prayer and fellowship to conduct the business affairs of the Chapel. The meeting is open to all!



We will observe the Patronal Festival of Saint Luke the Evangelist on Sunday, October 19th. The Festival will begin with the celebration of Holy Communion at 10:00 AM, and the Very Reverend Canon Michael Penfield, Vicar-General of the Anglican Convocation of the West, will serve as Celebrant and Preacher. This will be his final pastoral visit to our parish before his retirement next year. Jay Hartley, our former Organist, will provide the music for our worship. Following the service, we will have fellowship and a potluck luncheon in McNeely Hall. It promises to be a splendid day!



Please send the names of those you wish to have remembered during our observation of All Saints' Day (November 2nd) to Kim Vogel by Sunday, October 26th. Thank you!



City Team Ministries is our fourth-quarter Community Mission Project.

Please make a note of your donation on your offertory envelope or check memo line when contributing to this mission. Thank you!



Anyone who wishes to make a private confession to a priest (the Sacrament of Reconciliation) should make an appointment with Father Parrish.



If you would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at the next episcopal visit, please let Father Parrish know so that he may begin the next Confirmation Class.



Joanna's Prayer Circle meets each Sunday at 9:15 AM in the Nursery. Members of this ministry pray daily as individuals for the needs of our Chapel Family and meet weekly as a group to seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit and pray at His direction. Please join us!



Upcoming Events

Sunday, October 5th

The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

Joanna's Prayer Circle Meeting

9:15 AM

Holy Communion with Holy Unction

10:00 AM

Sunday, October 12th

The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

Joanna's Prayer Circle Meeting

9:15 AM

Office of Morning Prayer

10:00 AM

Vestry Meeting

following worship and fellowship

Sunday, October 19th

The Patronal Festival of Saint Luke the Evangelist

The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

Joanna's Prayer Circle Meeting

9:15 AM

Holy Communion

10:00 AM

Potluck Luncheon

following the worship service

Sunday, October 26th

The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

Deadline for All Saints' Day memorials

Joanna's Prayer Circle Meeting

9:15 AM

Holy Communion

10:00 AM

Sunday, November 2nd

The Festival of All Saints (observed)

The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

Joanna's Prayer Circle Meeting

9:15 AM

Holy Communion with Holy Unction

10:00 AM





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Worship Schedule

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Luke's Chapel in the Hills is a traditional Anglican parish which uses the 1928 edition ***Book of Common Prayer***. We invite you to join us for worship and fellowship soon!

*“A place
where the Bible is taught.”*



*Biblical in teaching.
Liturgical in worship.
Loving in practice.*

First, third, and fifth Sundays of each month

Holy Communion
(with Healing Service on First Sundays)
10:00 AM

Second and fourth Sundays each month

Office of Daily Morning Prayer
10:00 AM

Please note that Holy Communion will be celebrated on Festival Days occurring on second and fourth Sundays.

If you cannot join us physically in the Chapel,
please contact Father Parrish
to be added to each service's Zoom invitation.