

THE 9TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II SUNDAY, AUGUST 7TH, 2022 | 10:15 AM

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ST. LUKE'S ON THE LAKE EPISCOPAL CHURCH A COMMUNITY IN CHRIST AND CHRIST TO THE WORLD

Welcome to St. Luke's! Whether you are joining us today for the first time, or have journeyed with us for years, we pray that you will connect with God in new and powerful ways in our community. Let us open our hearts together to a deeper relationship with a God who loves us and longs to be in relationship with us, and longs for us to be in relationship with one another.

Are You New?

About You We would love to connect with you so we can respond to your needs. Please help us by filling out a *Connection Card* [found in the pew racks/in the Lobby/from the ushers/on-line via this QR code here/on the front page of our website. We will follow up with you however you prefer. And please stop by the *Welcome Table* in the lobby for a special gift.



- About Our Worship Our worship style is interactive. We use the *Episcopal Book of Common Prayer* [BCP] as our guide. You will see people sitting, standing, or kneeling depending on whether we are listening, singing, or praying. You will hear people responding during the service as prompted. Please do whatever feels comfortable.
- **†** About Our Scriptures We use the New Revised Standard Version [NRSV] translation of the Bible, and use the "Revised Common Lectionary" as a guide for the Scriptures we hear each week. This is Year C of the Lectionary cycle.
- **+ About Communion** All baptized people of any age or Christian denomination are invited to take Holy Communion.
- **+ Restrooms** are located upstairs through the "Cry Room" or downstairs at the bottom of the staircase to the right. Ask an usher for directions.
- **†** Questions? Please ask a greeter, an usher, or anyone near you for guidance.

Especially For Children

- + Children of all ages are always welcome in our service.
- + Kinder-5th Grade "Kids' Church" is an interactive, kid-friendly worship service. Children will be invited before the service to go downstairs to the Fellowship Hall. They will return midway through the service at the Peace. Parents are always invited to Kids' Church.
- **†** Infant-Age 5 are invited to our professionally staffed childcare area in the lower level of our complex. We offer *Little Liturgy*, a worship time with lessons, using "Godly Play" and Montessori models. Ask for help finding check-in desk at the bottom of the stairs in Riker Hall.

Connect with Us

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- **†** E-mail|call the office [office@stlukesonthelake.org|512.266.2455] with any questions you may have; we're here to help.

THE WORD OF GOD [BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER (BCP) 355]

PROCESSIONAL *HYMNAL #68 REJOICE! REJOICE, BELIEVERS*

Please stand as you are comfortable.



WELCOME

OPENING ACCLAMATION

CelebrantBlessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.PeopleAnd blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Please remain standing.

Celebrant

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

GLORY TO GOD (CANTICLE 20)



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Please remain standing.

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLet us pray.Count to up.Lord up pray.

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

THE LESSONS

Please be seated.The Old Testament ReadingReaderA Reading from the Book of Genesis.

Genesis 15:1-6

¹The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ²But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

ReaderThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

THE RESPONSE

Reader Please join me in reading today's Psalm responsively by whole verse. The Reader leads the Psalm; the People respond as indicated by bold italics.

Psalm 33:12-22

¹²Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD! *

happy the people he has chosen to be his own!

¹³The LORD looks down from heaven, * and beholds all the people in the world.

¹⁴From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze * on all who dwell on the earth.

- ¹⁵He fashions all the hearts of them * and understands all their works.
- ¹⁶There is no king that can be saved by a mighty army; * a strong man is not delivered by his great strength.
- ¹⁷The horse is a vain hope for deliverance; * for all its strength it cannot save.

¹⁸Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon those who fear him, * on those who wait upon his love,

¹⁹To pluck their lives from death, * and to feed them in time of famine.

²⁰Our soul waits for the LORD; *

he is our help and our shield.

²¹Indeed, our heart rejoices in him, * for in his holy Name we put our trust.

²²Let your loving-kindness, O LORD, be upon us, *
as we have put our trust in you.

The New Testament Reading

Reader A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

¹Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

¹³All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

ReaderThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMNAL # 635 IF THOU BUT TRUST IN GOD TO GUIDE THEE

Please stand as you are comfortable.



THE GOSPEL

GospelerThe Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.PeopleGlory to you, Lord Christ.

Luke 12:32-40

[Jesus said to his disciples,] ³²"Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

³⁵"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

³⁹"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

GospelerThe Gospel of the Lord.PeoplePraise to you, Lord Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



THE SERMONTHE REVEREND ANN MCLEMORE, INTERIM RECTORPlease be seated.

THE NICENE CREED [BCP 358]

Reader Please join me in affirming our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed. *Please stand as you are comfortable.*

All say together We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,

of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE [FORM III BCP 387]

Please remain standing or kneel as you are comfortable. The Reader leads the prayer; the People respond as indicated in bold italics.

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church; *That we all may be one.*

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you; *That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; *That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; *That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake; *That our works may find favor in your sight.*

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble, especially those on our Parish Prayer List;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest, especially Leslie Fields, sister of Mike Fields; and Hester Currens, longtime member;

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy; *May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. The People may add their own petitions.

Let us pray for rain [BCP 828]:

O God, heavenly Father, who by your Son Jesus Christ has promised to all those who seek your kingdom and its righteousness all things necessary to sustain their lives: Send us, we entreat you, in this time of need, such moderate rain and showers, that we may receive the fruits of the earth, to our comfort and to your honor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Let us pray in unison for the search for a new Rector [BCP 818]:

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a Rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us pray in unison this prayer attributed to St. Francis [BCP 833]:

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN [BCP 359]

Celebrant

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Celebrant and People say together

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION

Celebrant

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY PRAYER [BCP 431]

Those celebrating, please come forward. Celebrant and People say together

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

BIRTHDAY PRAYER [BCP 830]

Those celebrating, please come forward. Celebrant and People say together Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE PEACE

CelebrantThe peace of the Lord be always with you.PeopleAnd also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION [BCP 361]

OFFERTORY

The Celebrant begins the Offertory with a sentence of Scripture [BCP 376].

We are grateful for your tax-deductible contributions, which enable us to continue our work. Click <u>here</u> to give on-line; or text a dollar amount followed by the word "pledge" to 833-948-2161; or mail a check to: St. Luke's on the Lake Episcopal Church | 5600 RR 620 N | Austin, TX 78732

OFFERTORY ANTHEM O HOLY JESUS [BY ALAN REES]

At the conclusion of the anthem, please stand as you are comfortable. The gifts are presented and placed on the Altar.

DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, praise him all creatures here below; Praise him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A [BCP 361]

Please remain standing as you are comfortable.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here a Proper Preface is said [BCP 377]:

Of God the Father: For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Or

Of God the Son: Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Or

Of God the Holy Spirit: For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

THE SANCTUS

Celebrant and People say or sing together Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant

Please sit or kneel as you are comfortable.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith: Celebrant and People say together Christ has died. Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN*.

Celebrant And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Celebrant and People say together		
Our Father, who art in heaven,	as we forgive those	
hallowed be thy Name,	who trespass against us.	
thy kingdom come,	And lead us not into temptation,	
thy will be done,	but deliver us from evil.	
on earth as it is in heaven.	For thine is the kingdom,	
Give us this day our daily bread.	and the power, and the glory,	
And forgive us our trespasses,	for ever and ever. Amen.	

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

CelebrantAlleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;PeopleTherefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Celebrant

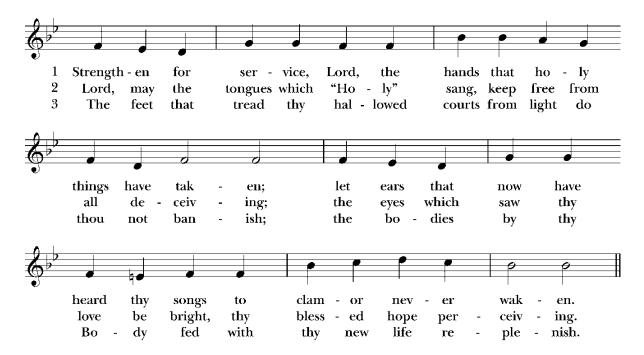
The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

- **†** All baptized people of any age or Christian denomination are welcome to participate in Holy Communion.
- **†** Anyone is welcome to receive a blessing.

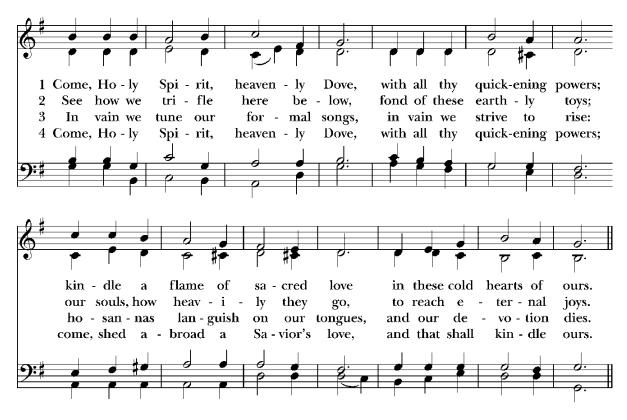
DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

- *†* Please kneel or stand at the Altar Rail.
- **†** The consecrated host [blessed wafer] represents full Communion.
- **†** You may also take consecrated wine by intinction [dipping] of your wafer.
- **†** If you need a gluten-free wafer, let the priest know by cupping your hands.
- *†* To receive a blessing, cross your arms over your chest.

HYMNAL #312 STRENGTHEN FOR SERVICE, LORD



HYMNAL #510 COME HOLY SPIRIT



POST-COMMUNION PRAYER [BCP 366]

Celebrant Let us pray.

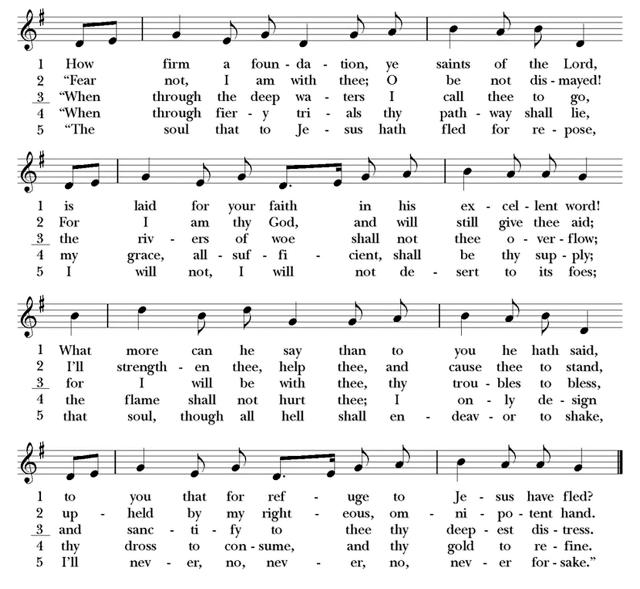
Celebrant and People say together *Eternal God, heavenly Father,*

you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

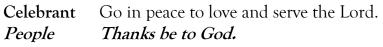
THE BLESSING

The Celebrant says a blessing over the people.

RECESSIONAL #636 HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION



THE DISMISSAL [BCP 366]



WORSHIP MINISTERS

Preacher & Celebrant: The Reverend Ann McLemore, Interim Rector Altar Guild: Team 2 Peggie Klema | Floral Guild: Sue DeVos | Vestry: Austin Collins Daughters of the King Flower Delivery: Peggie Point Worship Support: Michael Balli, Barbara Frazell, Kym Hall, LoriAnn Lavallee, Jacob Leal, Nancy Phillips, Brad Powell

Reader: Phil Brownfield | Chalice Bearers: Phil Brownfield, Linda Davis | Paten: Lorene Fowler Acolytes: Kym Hall | Ushers/Greeters: Team 3 David Morley Choir Director: Don Grantham | Organist: Stephen McElroy

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation, especially:

These Members and Loved Ones Serving Our Country: Andrew; Javen; Christine; Brian; Jordan; Phillip.

Those Whose Needs Have Been Made Known to Us: Addie & Bill; Ann; Beth W.; Beverly; Bill; Bob & Gale; Carol; Chris G.; Chris M.; Chris K.; Craig; Dana; Debbie; Don; George; Glenn; Hester; Jana, Trent & Judy; Janice; Jayme; JoAnne; John; Kristen; Leslie; Liz; Marilyn; Mark; Mary Alice; Michael, Danny, Clare, and Travis; Nelle; Pam; Pat; Patty; Rachel; SarahNelle; Scott, Pat, & Julia; Susan; the Weigers Family.

Those Who Have Died: Leslie Fields, sister of Mike Fields; Hester Currens, long-time member; Evelyn Fricke, mother of Cheryl Earp; Tommy Akin, father of Sarah Grissom.

VESTRY MEMBERSHIP | TERM

Your Vestry members are listed below with their terms of office. They are here to help if you have questions/comments about St. Luke's.

Ron Cristobal Christy Diver Patrick Harrison Kelle Sosa		2020 - 2022 2020 - 2022 2020 - 2022 2020 - 2022
Mike Affleck		2020 - 2022
Darren Grissom	Sr. Warden	2021 - 2023
Peggie Klema		2021 - 2023
Lenee Willsey		2021 - 2023
Jane-Ellen Carter		2022 - 2024
Austin Collins	Jr. Warden	2022 - 2024
Jim Smith		2022 - 2024
Anne Steichen		2022 - 2024
Brad Powell	Treasurer [ex- officio]	

ST. LUKE'S ON THE LAKE CLERGY & STAFF

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FEATURED ANNOUNCEMENTS

- [†] Save the Dates [check your e-mails or visit <u>www.stlukesonthelake.org</u> for more details as they are available]
 - Sunday, August 7th: Camp Allen Connections 9:00 AM • Sunday, August 14th: Honduras Good Works Report-back/Clergy Forum 9:00 AM • Sunday, August 14th: Parenting! Group Meet & Greet • Sunday, August 14th: Back-to-School Bash with Hot Dog Lunch 11:15 AM • Saturday, August 20th: Daughters of the King Luncheon 11:00 AM • Sunday, August 21st: Fall Formation Launch 9:00 AM • Sunday, August 21st: Pre-EYC/EYC (3rd - 12th grades) Glow & Bowl 11:30 AM \circ Saturday, August 27th: Congregation-wide Service Project at Hope Austin 10:00 AM • Saturday, August 27th: Men of St. Luke's Social at Vincent's on the Lake 1:30 PM Thursday, September 8th: Bible Study Launch with Fr. Mike Wyckoff 10:45 AM 0 • Saturday, October 1st: Blessing of the Animals • Sunday, October 16th: LukeToberFest 2022 \circ November 18th-20th: Men of St. Luke's Fall Retreat

† Interim Period Projects with Pastor Ann

• Please join Ann McLemore, Interim Rector, in planning and preparation for the call of our next Rector. Participate in our 9:00 AM Clergy Forums and watch for other opportunities to support this important work of the parish. If you're new, you'll meet our members and learn about St. Luke's!

† St. Luke's Cares Here to Help

St. Luke's Cares exists at St. Luke's so that no one walks alone in times of life's changes. We offer prayer, meals, and home/hospital visits. Contact the office at <u>512.266.2455</u> office@stlukesonthelake.org or Pat Beachy at 512.318.4001 pkbeachy@att.net for help or to volunteer. All information is confidential.





youth of ANY AGE are invited to attend.

PARENTING! A GATHERING OF PARENTS SUNDAYS AT 9:00 AM Sunday, August 14th: Meet & Greet Sunday, August 21st: Class Begins

Reconnect and make new friends while your children & youth enjoy their own faith formation. *Join other parents to explore "Intentional Parenting: 10 Ways to be an Exceptional Parent in a Quick-Fix World" by Doug Fields.* A Christian writer & speaker, Doug created this five-session discussion guide to remind us that we "are the greatest influence on the life of our child (no matter their age)." Parents of children and

Episcopal Relief & Development Disaster Fund

Deadly flooding and fires in southern and western parts of the US are displacing thousands and creating a financial burden on the most vulnerable. Episcopal Relief & Development is working with church and local partners to provide help where it's needed the most. Your swift response and compassionate gift to the Episcopal Relief & Development Disaster Fund will



provide supplies to help communities in Kentucky, Virginia, Missouri, California and other places make a full and sustained recovery. Visit <u>www.episcopalrelief.org</u> to make a contribution today.

The Work of the Congregation During the Interim Period: *Focus Points* A Reference for Our Interim Period Work with Pastor Ann*

*From "Fundamentals of Transitional Ministry-Work of the Leader copyright 2012 Interim Ministry Network"

In order to successfully navigate the transition period, a congregation pays attention to these five "Focus Points" developed by the Center for Congregational Health:

HERITAGE | LEADERSHIP | CONNECTIONS | MISSION | FUTURE

Knowing that each situation is unique, the Interim strives to discern the tools that are most appropriate for the specific situation. Reflecting upon these five Focus Points helps a congregation to answer these questions:

"Who are we?" "Who are our 'neighbors'?" "What is God calling us to do?"

HERITAGE: reviewing how the congregation has been shaped and formed

The congregation's heritage, both corporate and individual, is the foundation up which the present rests. Paying attention to heritage means encouraging and hearing all of the stories about the congregation's past, and embracing the rich variety that makes up this particular congregation.

LEADERSHIP: reviewing the membership needs and its ways of organizing and developing new and effective leadership

Transition time provides opportunity for individuals and the congregational organizations to examine the types of leadership needed. New leaders will emerge, while some seasoned leaders may re-commit or may decide to refocus their gifts.

MISSION: defining and redefining sense of purpose and direction

The primary work in this area involved clarifying the faith community's identity and core values, working to develop mission and vision statements, and perhaps even working out short-term tactical plans.

CONNECTIONS: discovering all the relationship a faith community builds outside of itself

Sometime congregational life ids so busy that the congregations and their leadership forget to attend to their connections both to their denomination and to the network of communities around them. Transition is an appropriate time to re-assess old links and to consider new ones.

FUTURE: developing congregational and pastoral profiles

Focusing on the future requires a healthy and honest assessment of the other focus points so that the congregation can turn its energy toward proactive decision-making for the future. The Intentional Interim Leader offers the congregation a variety of possibilities to engage the five Focus Points.



St. Luke's on the Lake BACK TO SCHOOL BASH!

FUN FOR ALL AGES: BRING FRIENDS!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14TH, 11:30 AM (right after the 10:15 AM service)

- Blessing of backpacks and briefcases during Sunday services
- Hot dogs, chips, drinks, & popsicles for lunch
- Waterslide, slippery slides, and other water play
- Games and activities on the lawn