St. Luke's Episcopal Church is a Christian community composed of free thinkers who include conservatives, moderates, liberals, skeptics, believers & atheists. All are welcome!

St. Luke's Weekly Magazine
August 11, 2019
Please take this home with you today.

Love God….Think for Yourself!

TO OUR GUESTS  -  WELCOME  -  THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE TODAY!

All spiritual seekers who are searching for an approach to faith that makes the most sense to them personally are welcome here! PLEASE NOTE: During the 10:30 worship service, we normally video-record the sermon for posting on You-Tube. Your image may be captured during recording.

To view sermons, go to You-Tube and then search for “St. Luke’s Episcopal Church Park City.”


The New York sculptor, Tom Otterness, displayed a number of his works along upper Broadway near subway stops. A number of the pieces poked fun at the city’s drive to make money.

This piece, "Educating the Rich on the Globe" is well suited to be read along with today's scripture selection from Luke, particularly verse 34: "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

"Tom Otterness is a sculptor of sizeable reputation. His robust group of new sculptures (2004-2005) that graced five miles of the New York City Broadway 60th and 168th Streets is the result of years of planning and preparation. He may also be one of the most humorous contemporary public sculptors living today...His larger than life-size bronzes have taken root all over the United States in public and civic spaces. Otterness elevates the goofy in high-priced bronze works that are also endearing. You want to like these goofy characters, and they are likable, but not easy like a Disney character. In his art exhibit in New York on Park Avenue in 2005, Otterness’ sculptures about money dominated the streets. "Free Money", two goofy figures with turtle-like bodies embrace in a dance on a huge money bag that appears to be stuffed with money. Another sculpture in this parade of sculptures that bears the theme of money is a giant penny being pushed by little bronze characters."
In Need of Prayer or Home Communion?
St. Luke’s Prayer Ministers are available during the 10:30 AM service to pray with you. If you would like a name added to our Prayer Chain or someone who needs Home Communion, contact Beckie in the Church Office.

PLEASE PRAY FOR............

THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY:
Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Scott, our Diocesan Bishop and for ALL the people and parishes in our diocese. Pray especially for Grace Episcopal Church in St. George. And for all people within the world-wide Anglican Communion; pray for the united Church of South India.

OUR NATION & ITS LEADERS:
Our government leaders that they may live & work in a spirit of calm reason & cooperation on behalf of the common good.

THOSE WHO ARE FACING SUFFERING & HARDSHIP:
Robert++++ (husband of Iris Thompson), Rita++++ (Baden) Jennifer++++ (Strachan) Tom++++ (brother of Joe Cordery) Randy & Dave++++ (brothers of Beckie Raemer) Phil & Robin++++ (parents of Cathy Callow-Heuser) Jane++++ (friend of Cathy Callow-Heuser) Joe++++ (brother in law of Bernadette Rothman) Drew & Gilbert++++ (Bell) Gary++++ (friend of Steve Raemer) Joan++++ (mother of Janet van Hartesvelt) Dick++++ (brother in law of Derrell & Teddi Reeves) Fred++++ (brother in law of Linda Sears) Eli++++ (friend of David Zinn) Bob & Dixie++ (neighbors of John Hoener) Derrell++ (Reeves)

THE HUMAN COMMUNITY AROUND THE WORLD:
† Pray for our nation and the whole human community that we may find the wisdom to live in greater respect and harmony with each other and our planet home.
† For safety and recovery for all people effected by natural disasters throughout the world.
† For healing for every soul captured by fear, bigotry and resentment. May we all develop the ability to see the Sacred in those most different from ourselves.

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED……
Pray for the Repose of the Soul of LaVon Rudd, Grandmother of Beckie Raemer and Marilyn Cordery, Mother of Joe Cordery

PLEASE GIVE THANKS FOR.....
Our Chalice Bearer Leader, Mary Parsons and her family.

For those having Birthdays this week: Perry Martin on Tuesday; Casey Geisdorf on Wednesday and Jim Jennings on Friday.
COLLECT OF THE DAY: All of us face two great temptations: the externalization of our spirituality and too great an attachment to the transitory. We pray, therefore, for the wisdom to continually realize that the heart of true religion is composed of Love and Compassion and that our attachments, therefore, should be primarily to the expressions of them; with Jesus our Brother, Teacher and Lord. Amen.

FROM THE HEBREW TRADITION:
Our passage from the Hebrew tradition comes from the first chapter of First Isaiah. It reflects an evolutionary step in religious thinking from righteousness as a focus on external ritual to a prioritizing of internal love and commitment. Please read with me by reading the parts in bold print.

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah. Hear the word of the Lord, you rulers of Sodom! Listen to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah! What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the Lord; I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts; I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of goats. When you come to appear before me, who asked this from your hand? Trample my courts no more; bringing offerings is futile; incense is an abomination to me. New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation--I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity. Your new moons and your appointed festivals my soul hates; they have become a burden to me, I am weary of bearing them. […] Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your doings from before my eyes; cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow. […] but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured by the sword; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

Reader: Here ends the reading.

FROM THE BUDDHIST TRADITION:
Many religions regard the evils of the human condition as a result of ignorance. Being closed to contemplation of Ultimate Reality and the purpose of life, people's values become confused, and consequently they act wrongly. In Hinduism and Jainism, this blindness is what binds people to the wheel of birth-and-death. In Buddhism, this ignorance leads to grasping after self, and hence to error. In the Christian Bible, the apostle Paul taught that ignorance of God lay at the root of all forms of license and immorality. In Islam, it is the condition of forgetting God; as a result, people ever since Adam have deviated from the path and lost their souls. Taoist sages condemn knowledge of worldly things as a source of confusion about true values, and similarly we find in many scriptures warnings against the illusory goals and vanities that infect worldly life. Please read with me from the Buddhist tradition by reading the parts in bold print.

By reason of the habit-energy stored up by false imagination since beginningless time, this world is subject to change and destruction from moment to moment; it is like a river, a seed, a lamp, wind, a cloud; like a monkey who is always restless, like a fly who is ever in search of unclean things and defiled places, like a fire which is never satisfied. Again, [thought] is like a water-wheel or a machine: it goes on rolling the wheel of transmigration, carrying varieties of bodies and forms... causing the wooden figures to move as a magician moves them. A thorough understanding concerning these phenomena is called comprehending the egolessness of persons.

Reader: Here ends the reading.


People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.
Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell 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. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. "Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be 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. Blessed 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. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. "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. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour." selves but are not rich toward God."

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

[Hebrew & Christian scripture passages are reprinted with permission from the World Council of Churches. Passages and commentary from World Scriptures edited by Andrew Wilson.]
From: The Rt. Rev. Scott B. Hayashi

We are opening the diocesan Tuttle School with a free New Testament Class for all as a way of introducing our new partnership with the Iona program of the Seminary of the Southwest.

The foundation of the Jesus Movement and the idea of following Jesus walking in the way of love is not just a slogan coming from the Presiding Bishop. It is founded in the New Testament. I want us to share the New Testament with all clergy, church members, and the wider community in the free class over five Saturday mornings. I will facilitate this class one Saturday a month from September through January. Classes will be held at the Episcopal Church Center of Utah in Salt Lake City. Again all are welcome.

The Tuttle School program is a comprehensive two-year formation program for those seeking ordination to the Deaconate and for those wanting a deeper understanding of faith. As mentioned, the backbone of the school is the well-established Iona program of the Seminary of the Southwest in Austin. Classes will be conducted at the Episcopal Church Center of Utah, 75 South 200 East in Salt Lake City.

Attendance at the New Testament classes does not require enrolling in the Tuttle School program. Instead, it's a way all of us, those not seeking ordination or discernment and those who are, to learn more about Jesus, the meaning, "backstory", and history of the New Testament. I am excited to see you at the ECCU and enthusiastically invite you, your family, and your friends.

A registration form is found on our diocesan website, in the newsletter, and here at: https://lldiocese.wufoo.com/forms/klixyqv0023wpyu/

For further information email tuttleschool@episcopal-ut.org

**CLASSES:** September 14, October 12, November 9, December 14, January 11

All classes take place 8:30 a.m. to noon at the Episcopal Church Center of Utah.
(Rough & Incomplete) Notes on Bishop Hayashi’s Podcast on Immigration
August 2019

H = Bp. Hayashi  P = Rev. Canon Pablo Ramos  
C = Craig Wirth, Dir. of Communications

C - What is the Church’s position on immigration and those who live south of the U.S.?

H - The Episcopal Church has historically taken a strong stance. 1st - Let’s clear something up. There is a misconception that everyone who comes across our southern border is from Mexico, but that is not the case. Most are coming from Central America (Honduras, Guatemala, Nicaragua, etc.) We have to guard against lumping all Spanish-speaking people together because that makes it easier for us to ignore what is unique about each person/group and to dehumanize them.

The General Convention has urged meaningful immigration reform and the stopping of practices such as separating families and roadside checkpoints. It has also passed resolutions in support of DACA recipients along with trying to educate people about the rights of those who come to our borders.

C - Presiding Bp Michael Curry said it is our sacred duty to welcome the immigrant. As you said, we lump people together in ways that we reduce people to numbers. Pablo, what have you seen in the Latino community?

P - I have seen the impact in the West Valley. 25 years ago, people could come and go across the border. As immigration laws have become harder and harder, people started to bring their families [for fear of being separated from them.] I personally have been told to go back to my country even though I am an American citizen. Today it seems that the thing that makes one a citizen is the color of one’s skin.

C - Studies show that refugees are twice as likely to start a new business and refugees contributed $63 billion in federal taxes than they received in benefits …..but we are dealing with emotions. What can frustrated, angry people in our congregations do to break down the divide?

H - “Frightened” is also probably the largest component. People are afraid of the outsider.

C - It even goes deeper. There are people at rallies who are told that caravans are coming and that our nation is being invaded. What can we do to help people feel less frightened?

P - We can try to educate people. Respond with facts and not anger. Each congregation should have fact sheets about immigrants and immigration.

C - Bp, you have urged us not to give into the divide. But we hear the discussion everywhere. What can we do to overcome this divide?

H - If one is going to engage, choose the right time and place to engage. Many have a vision of the 1950’s as the place we want to return to; the time of Ozzie and Harriet. These folks are not likely to be able to hear anything that contradicts their thinking. So the proper response is to just listen.

And we must all strive to respect the dignity of every human being. Also, we can build relationships with people who do not look like us. And when we hear someone making racist statements, we can respectfully let people know we disagree and that we have had a different experience.

C - How important is the role of the Church in the lives of the people of the Latino congregations?

P - The Church is a place of peace and security and connection with their relatives back in their home country. They know they can count on the Church and clergy to help them when they need help.

C - Is there fear that ICE will show up at a funeral or service?

P - I think people still feel secure and at peace in
church. Undocumented people live in fear 24/7, but at church they still feel safe and secure.

C - Has there been a change in how people look at Latinos?

P - Yes…As I mentioned, skin color now seems to determine if you are an American. Now if you are Latino, you have to prove yourself to be a citizen. Fear is the situation throughout the country, but it has many repercussions. I have a parishioner who works on Sundays in an open swap-meet. After the President announced the ICE raids, business dropped off 70% and 80% fewer Latinos came to the swap-meet. So that had direct repercussions on how he could pay his bills and support his family. All of this fear impacts people in many different ways, not just financially.

C - What can the Diocese and the Church do?

H - At the national level, the Episcopal Church has an Office of Government Relations that works directly with Congress to try to influence the process of law and policy making. At the local level, both the Diocese and local congregation can help to educate by providing information and resources that will allow people to understand the issue, know what to say to a friend about it and how to speak to their state legislators….do not be silent during this period of time.

We must remember to treat one another with dignity and respect at all times including times when we may not agree. Also, when Presiding Bp. Curry says that it is our sacred duty to receive the immigrant with respect I think Bp. Curry is also thinking about Jesus himself. He sees the face of Jesus in the faces of the people who are being threatened and detained. He recognizes that if the Holy Family were coming across the border right now, Jesus would be separated from his parents. Imagine if that had happened when they fled into Egypt to escape persecution and death at the hands of their own government. For all we know, perhaps the Holy Family has already come across.

I am very worried. I fear the soul of our country is being damaged. This will haunt us for decades to come.

P - How a person comes into a country is a matter of the government. How they are treated when they enter is the responsibility of all of us. It is our call to treat the immigrant with dignity and compassion.

C - Yes, the soul of the country is at stake in this.

THE END

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**Upcoming Opportunities to Partner with Charles+ in Mission**

**Monday - August 19th @ 4:00 PM** in the Church Office: The **Project for Deeper Understanding** planning meeting. What are the topics we want to build community forums around during the remainder of 2019. Come & bring your good ideas. All are welcome.

**Sunday - August 25th @ 12:30 PM** in the Church Office: A meeting to provide information to everyone interested in the **Better Angels Project**. Charles+ will discuss his vision for the future and talk about the multiple ways one may help out.
JOIN THE FIGHT FOR ALZHEIMER’S FIRST SURVIVOR!

Currently, Alzheimer’s can’t be prevented, cured, or even slowed. But what if one day it could? By rounding up you friends and neighbors to join the Fight for Alzheimer’s First Survivor" fundraiser on **Saturday, August 24th** you can help make that day happen. Join us at the Kimball Junction Basin Rec. plaza in Newpark.

The two-mile walk will begin at 10:00 a.m. and run from the Basin Rec. building along the beautiful Swaner Eco-Preserve, to the white barn and back. Registration and the opening ceremony begin at 8:00.

TO REGISTER, go to: [act.alz.org/goto/stlukes](http://act.alz.org/goto/stlukes), and click on the link, **JOIN OUR TEAM**. If you have any problems please contact Spencer Hoffman at srhoffman@alz.org.

To let us know you plan to be part of the St. Luke’s team, please email our team captain, Ann Deyo at anniedeyo@aol.com. She can also be reached at 435-640-8258.

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**Live Well Lecture Series**

- **August 15, 2019**
- **6:00-7:30 PM**
- **FREE to the Public**

Park City Hospital ~ Blair Education Center ~ 900 Round Valley Drive ~ Park City, UT

**What's New in Brain Health and Alzheimer's Disease**

Dr. Marwan N. Sabbagh, Director. Cleveland Clinic Lou Ruvo Center for Brain Health, Las Vegas. NV., will present the latest research findings on maintaining brain health. We are in a time of rapid growth in our understanding of the age-related changes in the human brain. With new knowledge, we will learn ways to prevent some brain diseases and maintain brain health over a longer lifespan.

Dr. Sabbagh will discuss the challenges we face in solving the mysteries of Alzheimer's Disease and the new directions research is taking to find a cure and to prevent Alzheimer's Disease. He will speak about the past failures as well as the tremendous promise in Alzheimer's Disease research.

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**Save The Date!**

**Sunday, September 8th**

**St. Luke’s Homecoming Sunday**

We’ll Kick Off our 2019 - 2020 Sunday School Classes, Bible Studies, Volunteer Opportunities and Beer & B.S.

Plan to bring your entire family, friends and neighbors!

Following our 10:30 service we will have a taco truck and games for ALL AGES!

**Mark your calendars and plan on attending for a wonderful time!**
CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE: You will find info about our church and what to expect when you visit. www.stlukesparkcity.org. There is information about our missions, finances and programs. You can view previous sermons through a link to You-Tube on your phone or home computer. Go to You Tube, St Luke’s Episcopal Church Park City, UT.

AUTUMN GOSPEL GROUP FOR WOMEN 50ish & UP: Autumn Gospel meets the fourth Saturday morning of each month from 10 to noon, in members' homes. We use books as a springboard to share and discuss our own spiritual journeys at this stage of our lives. We are reading "Holy Envy: Finding God in the Faith of Others" by Barbara Brown Taylor. Please join us for coffee, fellowship and a lively discussion! For more info please call Nancy Conrow, nancy.conrow@gmail.com or 435-640-0556.

ST. LUKE’S CARE GUILD: If you or someone you know has any requests or needs, please contact Katherine at katherinemartz@comcast.net or Harriet, harrietmstephens@gmail.com, (435) 655-1888.

WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY: The women's bible study group is hosting our summer hike/book/potluck at Beth Souther's Deer Valley home on Saturday August 17th. We will meet at 9 am to hike, then discuss the book and share lunch. The book to read is Elaine Pagel's "Why Religion". If you have read the book and would like to join us please email Mary.Parsons@hsc.utah.edu and Bethsoutherfish@gmail.com

WOMEN'S GATHERING: We meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM. Our August 13th gathering will be at the home of Harriet Stephens, 92 N 2000 W, Kamas, Ut. 84036, 435-655-1888. Bring a dish to share and something to drink. It will be outside, so you might want a sweater or light jacket. Please being a drink or a dish to share.

TAI-CHI: A new round of Tai Chi has started. We meet at 5:10 in the back of the St. Luke's Sanctuary. We have added a strong emphasis on qigong and its emphasis on holistic healing. These two ancient health activities strongly complement each other. As in the past, sessions will meet weekly for six weeks. Each session runs about 50 minutes. A donation of $30 for the entire six-week round is requested. Former students may return at any time. Questions? Please contact Bob Casey at bob@journey4healthnow.com or call 740-398-0489. NOTE: There will be no Tai Chi on August 21st.

A COURSE IN MIRACLES: Our ACIM Study Group meets every Wednesday at 4:00 p.m. in the St. Luke’s Library. A Course in Miracles is a curriculum focusing on forgiving grievances, leading to a change of perception (the Miracle), which leads to inner peace. Feel free to join us. For more information, call or text Ann Fiery, 304-617-5714

SHOP AT SMITH'S FOOD & DRUG & FLOURISH BAKERY WILL RECEIVE A DONATION! HERE'S HOW IT WORKS: To participate in the program, visit the Smith's Food and Drug web site, log into your account, click on INSPIRING DONATION PROGRAM, search for Flourish Bakery SLCC by name (or use HE559, the Bakery’s nonprofit number with Smith's). Every time you use your rewards card or phone number related to your account, Smith's will donate .5% of your purchase to Flourish Bakery. It's that simple! Don't have a rewards card? That's easy to fix too--just stop by the customer service desk at any Smith's Food & Drug and pick one up. Flourish appreciates your support and this inspiring program both help Flourish grow and prosper.

CONSIDERING JOINING THE ST. LUKE'S COMMUNITY? JUST WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH? Our rector would be delighted to make an appointment to meet with you. He will do his best to answer your questions and to help you to feel welcomed and included at St. Luke's. When you are ready to have a conversation, just let him know at either: pastor@stlukesp.org or 435-901-2131.

CENTERING PRAYER: Meets Friday mornings at 10:00 AM in the Library. Please join us in this contemplative practice of Holy Silence.

You can now make a donation directly from your mobile phone, computer or a tablet. Go to our new website: www.stlukesparkcity.org to make a one time donation or set up a recurring donation from a credit card or checking account. You can also text the word "Give" to 385-219-4489 to make a donation right from your phone.