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
February 24, 2019

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.”

He Qi: Noah

The covenant in Genesis is dramatically distinctive in several ways: It is made between God and all future generations… it is made not only with human beings but also with all creatures of the earth… and, most dramatic of all, only one part to the agreement—God—speaks at all. The covenant with Noah… is an act of a free and gracious God in behalf of a world that did not have to ask for it or earn it, or even respond to it.

…..John H. Hayes

Noah’s Prayer

Lord, what a menagerie!
Between Your downpour and these animal cries
one cannot hear oneself think!
The days are long.
All this water makes my heart sink.
When will the ground cease to rock under my feet?
The days are long.
Master Raven has not come back.
Here is Your dove.
Will she find us a twig of hope?
The days are long, Lord.
Guide Your Ark to safety, some zenith of rest, where we can escape at last from this brute slavery.
The days are long, Lord.
Lead me until I reach the shore of Your covenant.
Amen

Carmen Bernos de Gasztold
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 the Chaplains of St. Mark’s. And for all people within the world-wide Anglican Communion; pray for the people & leaders of The Church of the Province of Central America.

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), Emmy++++ (granddaughter of Deedee Sihvonen), Jennifer++++ (Strachan) Tom++++ (brother of Joe Cordery) Randy and Kaylee ++++ (brother and friend of Beckie Raemer) Pam++++ (Bro), Sean & Jordan ++++ (family of Charles & Bonnie) Phil & Robin++++ (parents of Cathy Callow-Heuser), Claudia++++ (wife of Lou Giacoma) Anne++++ (mother of Jane Hamilton) Linda+ (Sears)

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……

PLEASE GIVE THANKS FOR…..
Our Usher/Greeter leader, Lee Osborne and his family.

For those having Birthdays this week:
Katie Blandford on Friday; Paulina Ize and Rusty Martz on Saturday.

This Week at St. Luke's
Sunday - February 24th
7:45 AM Holy Eucharist at the Chapel
9:00 AM Choir Practice
10:30 AM Morning Prayer at the Church
Children’s Church School
12:30 PM Furniture moving, see page 7 for details

Wednesday - February 27th
4:00 PM Beer & BS - Madison vs Monroe
6:30 PM Women’s Bible Study

Friday - March 1st
10:00 AM Centering Prayer

Saturday - March 2nd
9:00 AM Final Moving Day - PLEASE HELP

Sunday - March 3rd
Normal Sunday Schedule

We Are Grateful for Those Serving Today:

7:45 AM 10:30 AM
Altar Leslie Wood Iris Thompson and Susanne Pretorius
Reader Mary McEntire Jane Hamilton
Prayers of the People Ed Fiscus
Crucifer John Hoener Mary Parsons
Chalice Bearers Abbey Cordery, Jim Jennings Katherine Martz, Robyn Ramsey
Sunday School Teacher Pamela Davey
Vestry Person of the Day Ted Clayton
Tellers Ted Clayton, Leslie Wood
Coffee Hour Dennis Fish, Beth Souther

Our Staff is There for You!
Please do not hesitate to contact us.
A full listing of all positions and ministries is available on the information table at the church.
The Rev. Charles Robinson, Rector,
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The Rev. Claudia Giacoma, Asst. Priest
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If your birthday does not appear on our list, please notify Beckie in the office so that she can add it.

Our Parish Community Prayer list: ++ Please note that we will place a + after each name for each week the name is on our prayer list. After four weeks (++++) the name will be removed unless otherwise requested.
The Scriptures
The 7th Sunday after Epiphany C - February 24, 2019

The Collect of the Day: A religious spirituality is a “spirit,” a continuous attitude and a consistent way of life intentionally nurtured and practiced calling us to move beyond our animal instincts and reactivity. We pray for the determination and wisdom to give ourselves over to the “Life of the Spirit” and, thereby, to loving the world as Jesus loved the world; with Jesus our Brother, Teacher and Lord. Amen.

From the Hebrew Scriptures:
Our first lesson comes from the 45th chapter of the Book of Genesis. It is story of profound forgiveness and hope. Please read with me from the Hebrew tradition by reading the parts in bold print….Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here;

For God sent me before you to preserve life.
For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God;

he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt.

Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come--

so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty."

And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.
Here ends the reading.

From the Taoist Tradition:
Tao (“DOW”) is a Chinese word signifying “way,” “path,” or sometimes more loosely “doctrine,” or “principle.” In the context of traditional Chinese philosophy and religion, Tao is the natural order of the universe whose character one’s human intuition must discern in order to realize the potential for individual wisdom. This intuitive knowing of “life” cannot be grasped as a concept; it is known through actual living experience of one’s everyday being. The Tao is not a “name” for a “thing” but the underlying natural order of the Universe whose ultimate essence is difficult to circumscribe. Please read with me from the Tao Te Ching by reading the parts in bold print….What Tao plants cannot be plucked, What Tao clasps cannot slip. By its virtue alone can one generation after another carry on the ancestral sacrifice. Apply it to yourself

and by its power you will be freed from dross.
Apply it to your household

and your household shall thereby have abundance.
Apply it to the village,

and the village will be made secure.
Apply it to the kingdom,

and the kingdom shall thereby be made to flourish.
Apply it to an empire,

and the empire shall thereby be extended.
Here ends the reading.


People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.
Jesus said, "I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Offertory Sentence:
Priest: My brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus, when you come to the Table of the Lord, come not only to receive the presence of the Lord, but also to give your life completely to Him. As Jesus said, the Greatest Commandments are these: People: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. And you shall love your neighbor as yourself.

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What Does Turning the Other Cheek Really Mean?
The 7th Sunday after Epiphany C - Feb. 24, 2019

Today’s Gospel passage from Luke 6 is similar to the following from Matthew 5:38-47: “You have heard that it was said, ‘An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.’ But I say to you, Do not resist an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also; and if anyone wants to sue you and take your coat, give your cloak as well; and if anyone forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile. Give to everyone who begs from you, and do not refuse anyone who wants to borrow from you. You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same?”

Now…what’s going on here? Before we can really understand the meaning of these passages, we must first try to get into Mr. Peabody’s “Way Back Machine” and teleport ourselves to Judea during the 1st century C.E. This places us in a world dominated by the Roman Empire and by Roman values. Therefore, to return to 1st century Judea is to return to a land subjugated and controlled by the tyrannical presence of the legions. This world stood on the principle that each member of society is placed within a hierarchy between the rulers at the top (the Emperor and each of his governors) and the subjugated and the slaves at the bottom. For the Empire to maintain order and discipline within all of its occupied territories, each person in those territories must know his or her place and stay in it.

Recall the passage in which Jesus advises Judeans, when struck on the right cheek by a superior member of the society such as a Roman soldier or a member of the ruling class, to turn and present the left side of their face to the one who struck them. Now this has long been mistaken as Jesus urging people toward passivity; toward adopting an attitude of meekness that insists: “I go along to get along. I don’t want to confront anyone, especially someone with a higher position in society than I have.” But, in actuality, this is not about passivity and a refusal of offer any resistance to a bully at all. When you are struck on the right cheek, you are backhanded by the right hand of a superior. When you turn the other cheek, you force the superior to use his left hand which, in the ancient world, was assumed to be the unseemly or sinister hand. In other words, by forcing the superior to use his left hand you are quietly and subversively disorienting the rigidly held hierarchical social order. You cause the aggressor to act below his station and thereby you challenge and disrupt Rome’s demand for tyranny-based Roman order. And if the aggressor continues to use his left hand, he is effectively saying to everyone who sees and is watching him that he is acting from a malicious or contemptible motive. In essence, therefore, Jesus is saying to the powerless and the subjugated, here’s how you stand up against injustice; here’s how you resist those more powerful who abuse their power; here’s how you can say “No” to evil without stooping to the use violence the way they use violence. Resist and do it nonviolently!

What about the saying about going the second mile? According to Roman military law, Roman soldiers could compel Jews to carry their gear for one mile, but never a second mile. By volunteering to carry a soldier’s gear a second mile, someone puts the Roman soldier in the position of disobeying standard orders and exposes his willingness to abuse his power. The moment the soldier chooses to take advantage of a member of a subjugated nation that soldier upended his position of superiority because he was choosing to act outside the domain of normative or prescribed military convention. It also vividly showed everyone watching the contrast between the character of the one who is willing to abuse others for his own comfort sake vs. one who gives of oneself generously and with kindness to serve his enemy; kindness even to one who mistreats you and takes advantage of you. By willingly carrying the soldier’s gear a second mile, one manifests the kind of love that is the real power in this world; the kind of love that has the power to transform the world, even the world of the Roman Empire.

“If anyone wants to sue you and take your coat, give your cloak as well.” Most common folk in ancient cultures had an outer coat and an inner shirt or cloak. If someone asks you for your coat, and you give them also your cloak they are effectively making you naked. In ancient middle eastern culture the shame was attached to the person viewing a naked body, not to the naked person themselves. That would mean if they did not return both your coat and your cloak, they would be revealing themselves as shameless perpetrators. The shame would be on their head.

In each of these examples, what Jesus’ prescribed response actually does is show up the person of superior social status and power as a perpetrator who is the one in the wrong, and, therefore, on the side of malevolence and dishonorable action. It is effectively “outing” the privileged and powerful for committing an evil act. And if they do not move to quickly to rectify the situation by not striking the other cheek, by giving back the coat, or by not forcing anyone to carry the burden that is up to them to shoulder themselves, they manifest their shameful abuse of power for all to see. The important point, then, is that following these prescriptions of Jesus, the malevolent motives of the perpetrators are shown to be evil and shameful. Therefore, such nonviolent actions are judgments against and resistance to the corruption of the status quo. Jesus, Buddha, Gandhi, Martin Luther King, and Cesar Chavez were courageous leaders who changed their societies through the creative employment of nonviolent resistance. It’s appropriate for all of us to stand against the abuse of power and privilege in the same way. Blessings+

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The Trouble with Resurrection
A Jesus Seminar on the Road (JSOR)
March 15–16, Salt Lake City, Utah
First Unitarian Church, 569 S 1300 East, Salt Lake City

REGISTER EARLY FOR BEST RATES

Early Christian communities were convinced that Rome had not defeated Jesus when they crucified him. They employed a host of metaphors to express that conviction. The single English word “resurrection” fails to convey the different words and metaphors used in Greek. Furthermore, it is not at all clear to what extent the earliest Christians believed in a physical resurrection. Paul certainly calls this into question. In this Jesus Seminar on the Road (JSOR) we ask, what does the New Testament really say about the resurrection?

Lectures:
Friday evening, 7:30–9 pm: Earliest References to Jesus’ Resurrection
Saturday, 9:30–10:30 am: Foreign Influences on Hebrew Notions of Resurrection
Saturday, 11 am – noon: Mary Magdalene and The Resurrection
Saturday, 1:30–2:30 pm: Christian Heresies and The Resurrection
Saturday, 3:00-4:00 pm: An Interfaith Panel Discussion on Resurrection and Related Religious Concepts involving Buddhist, Hindu, Jewish and Christian Teachers

All Sessions
* Individual Rate $75
* Pre-registration Rate (by March 1) $60
* Additional Family Members $50

Single Sessions
* Friday Evening Lecture $20
* Saturday Morning Workshop $30
* Saturday Afternoon Workshop $30

Refunds are available until two weeks before the event if requested in writing, minus a $10 administrative fee. No refunds will be given after that date.

Continuing Education Units (CEUs) (optional) – Attendance at Westar events qualifies for CEUs for clergy and other educators.

Register at this Web Address:

Questions???? Call Charles at 435-649-4900 Ext. 11.
Bwindi, Uganda Vision Expedition
August 7-22, 2019
This is an experience of a lifetime! Join our group as we navigate through the Bwindi Impenetrable Forest to serve rural areas with eye exams and glasses! Optional activities include trekking to see Silver-back Gorillas and learning about the Batwa Pygmies. No experience necessary.

Cerro del Oro and San Lucas, Guatemala Vision Expedition
June 7-16, 2019
Join us on an expedition to Lake Atitlan, where you will experience the beauty of Guatemala and serve the communities in Cerro del Oro and San Lucas! No experience necessary, we will train you!

Local Volunteer Opportunities
March 15, 2019
Volunteer at our monthly vision clinic in Park City and help us give quality eye exams and new prescription eyeglasses to those that don't have insurance.

May 18, 2019
Travel with us to the Goshute Reservation located 60 miles south of Wendover to serve tribal members with vision care services.

For more information go to www.thehopealliance.org
There are more Expeditions, Go to the website and see how else you can help.
PLEASE Help Us Finish Our Last Large Interior Project of the Church TLC Refurbish

So much has been done to improve the interior of the church
and finally New Carpet will be installed throughout the building.

BUT WE STILL NEED YOUR HELP!
Please bring any empty boxes & moving dollies that you have.

THANK YOU to the people that showed up and helped out on this week.

THAT’S NOT ALL
SUNDAY IS GOING TO BE A BIG DAY

Today following the 10:30 service we will need a whole lot of people to help out. All of the office area furniture will need to be put back into the office rooms and then comes part two.
On that same Sunday, we will NEED A LARGE GROUP OF PEOPLE to remove everything from the education wing. This will be the library, nursery, hallways, classrooms and the education office. I’m sure we will need as many people as possible. There will be boxing of items, moving all the children’s toys etc in the Nursery. There will also be some of the heavier items such as desks, televisions, many heavy tables, ping pong table, crib, children’s building tables etc. Please come and participate, even if only for a short time, the More People That Are Willing To Participate, The Quicker It Will Go.

AND FINALLY
Everything will need to be put back into the classrooms to be ready for classes on Sunday. As classrooms are completed, we will ask some of the groups that use the building to help put items back into the classrooms. We will also ask the Luz Y Verdad congregation to move what they can following their Friday evening service.
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.

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**SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE DINNER:**

Looking for a volunteer to lead St. Luke’s Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. Shrove Tuesday falls on March 5th this year, Katherine Martz, who has organized the dinner for several years is unable to do so this year but is available to assist in planning. Please contact Katherine at katherinemartz@comcast.net if you are interested.

**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.

**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.

**MISSIONS TABLE:** If you have any items to donate, please place it on the table. If you have a holiday themed item (e.g. Christmas, Easter, 4th of July, fall themed, etc) please place that item UNDER the table. Please, no electronics, we often end up paying to have them recycled when no one wants them, and we won't really have the space for books. All items will continue to be offered for voluntary donation only. Lastly, donation receipts are available from the church office. Or, contact Bonnie Brown. Thank you for your support!

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

**WOMEN'S GATHERING:** We meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM. Please being a drink or a dish to share.

**WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY:** The next women's study will be "The Problem of Pain" by CS Lewis. We meet Wednesday evenings 6:30-8 pm in the library and will be using the study guide by Alan Vermilye for this study. The study will run from Wed. 2/20/19 through Wed. 4/24/19. Please contact Mary Parsons at Mary.Parsons@hsc.utah.edu if you would like to join us!

**THE CHAPEL IS LOOKING FOR TWO MORE CHALICE BEARERS:** John Hoener will gladly train someone at the pub of their choice on how to hold a wine glass, as well as what a Chalice Bearer does. Please help if you can.

**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 "Character is Destiny: Inspiring Stories Every Young Person Should Know and Every Adult Should Remember" by John McCain and Mark Salter (2005). 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.

**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@stlukespc.org or 435-901-2131.