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St. Luke's Weekly Magazine
January 12, 2020
Please take this home with you today.

When Morning Gilds the Skies by Barbi Tinder, (Photograph, 2005)
Christ Church - Norway ECVA 2006 exhibit “Friendship with God”

From the artist: My Role in God’s World: Love Astounding.
I am a wife, mother, daughter, sister. I live on the Chesapeake Bay in Hampton, Virginia. Each day I take the opportunity to walk along the bay’s shoreline. It is during those glorious walks that I meditate on my personal, family and professional life. It is during those walks that I have my conversations with God. I give thanks for those blessings given to my family, friends and to myself. I listen to the quiet voice of my soul, the voice of God.

Today, Sunday, January 12 is the Feast Day of Axelrad of Revelax. Axelrad (1167). He founded a Cistercian community marked by a profound understanding of friendship. (See “cover notes” on page 6)
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 Chaplain at St. Mark’s Towers in Salt Lake City. And for all people within the world-wide Anglican Communion; pray for the Church Australia.

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), Jennifer++++ (Strachan), Randy & Calvin +++++ (brother and grandfather of Beckie Raemer), Jane+++++ (friend of Leslie Wood) Julie++ (niece of Don Wood) Urs+++++ (brother in law of Stacey Reko) Gabrielle+++++ (daughter of Bernadette Rothman), Fred+++ (brother in law of Linda Sears) Derrell+++++ (Reeves), Melissa & Mike+++++ (daughter and son-in-law of the Jennings) Jayme+ (sister of Felicia Lundie)

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 Women’s Social Gathering Leader, Harriet Stephens and her family.

For those having Birthdays this week:
Mark van Hartesvelt today; Phil Archbold on Friday and Teresa McMillan on Saturday.

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.

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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**

Epiphany 1a - January 12, 2020

**COLLECT OF THE DAY:** Today we observe the first Sunday of the Season of Epiphany, the Season of Manifestation or Making Things Visible To All. We pray for the strength to live our lives in such a manner as to make visible to all the Divine Love, Compassion and Mercy that dwells quietly within each of us; with Jesus our Brother, Teacher and Lord. Amen.

**FROM THE HEBREW TRADITION:**
Our passage from the Hebrew tradition comes from the 42nd chapter of the Book of the Prophet Isaiah. Please read with me by reading the parts in bold print.

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights: **I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations.** He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: **I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness.** I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them. Here ends the reading.

**FROM THE HINDU TRADITION:**
Please read with me by reading the parts in bold print.

Most humbly we bow to You, O Supreme Lord. At Your command moves the mighty wheel of time. You are eternal, and beyond eternity. The one who loves all intensely begins perceiving in all living beings a part of oneself. She becomes a lover of all, a part and parcel of the Universal Joy. She flows with the stream of happiness, and is enriched by each soul. The human body is the temple of God. One who kindles the light of awareness within gets true light. The sacred flame of your inner shrine is constantly bright. The experience of unity is the fulfillment of human endeavors. The mysteries of life are revealed. Sing the song of celestial love, O singer! May the divine fountain of eternal grace and joy enter your soul.

May Brahma, (the Divine One), pluck the strings of your inner soul with divine celestial fingers, And feel Sacred’s own presence within. Bless us with a divine voice That we may tune the harp-strings of our life To sing songs of Love to you. Here ends the reading.

**FROM THE CHRISTIAN GOSPELS:**
Matthew 3:13-17

Priest: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew.

**People:** Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

**People:** Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**OFFERTORY SENTENCES:**
Priest: Now 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, soul and mind; and you shall love your neighbor as yourself.

**[Hebrew & Christian scripture passages are reprinted with permission from the World Council of Churches. Passages and commentary from World Scriptures were edited by Andrew Wilson.]**

Copies of the full text of the sermon are located on the Information Table in front of the sound booth [just in case your curiosity was piqued.] It will also be sent via the weekly St. Luke’s All Parish Email next Thursday. Please set your spam filter to allow emails from pastor@stlukespc.org Thanks! : )
WE HAVE ALL OF OUR VESTRY NOMINATIONS - YEA!

As of December 1st, Don Wood volunteered to be nominated for the 1-year term vacated by Deb Walters and Kate May, Jerry Brewer and Emily Fiscus have volunteered to be nominated for 3-year terms.

Here at St. Luke’s, we encourage each and every member of our congregation to take his or her turn in serving on our congregation’s “Board of Directors” or Vestry. The mission of the Vestry is to work cooperatively with the Rector and Church Staff to develop and grow our parish community. It is also to teach, practice and model the St. Luke’s Principles of Community.

What are the requirements for serving on the Vestry?
1. Be an official member of the Episcopal Church.
2. Have a history of making and fulfilling a commitment to support our parish community financially and with one’s time and abilities.
3. Attend worship regularly…well…at least as often as possible. : )
5. Attend most of the Vestry meetings throughout the year (usually about 6).
6. Be willing to be nominated and to stand for election at the next Annual Celebration (which will take place on Sunday, February 2, 2020).

Is it YOUR Time to Serve on the St. Luke’s Vestry?
To nominate yourself (i.e., volunteer to serve) or to nominate someone else, please contact either Charles+ or Beckie in the Church Office. Simple!

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN JOINING THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OR RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION?

Bishop Hayashi will make his annual visitation to St. Luke’s on Sunday, March 1st. If you would like to officially join the Episcopal Church or receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, March 1st is the day as both require the Bishop’s participation. For details and more info, contact Charles+.

NEEDED: SOMEONE TO VOLUNTEER TO SERVE AS THE ST. LUKE’S LIAISON BETWEEN OUR CONGREGATION AND THOSE PARTICIPATING IN THE ST. LUKE’S COMMUNITY GARDEN

It’s almost time for planting season and for our Community Garden to go into operation. Insa Riepen, former Direction of Recycle Utah, would like to act as administrator of the Garden, but before that can happen we must have someone within our congregation who is willing to serve as her partner and as liaison between the her and the St. Luke’s Rector-Vestry.

If you have a heart for the Community Garden and want to see it continue, will you please step up and volunteer to serve as the liaison? Insa said that she needs to have her partner in place by February 1st, so if you are interested in serving, please let Charles+ know right away.

Thanks for caring enough to step up and serve.
St. Luke’s Covenant of Safe Disagreement

As a friend/member of St. Luke’s, I want to support the dream of a community in which any topic can be discussed without fear of derision or desertion. Whenever I find myself disagreeing with a member of our community, I therefore commit myself to:

(1) Share my point of view with honesty and respectfulness recognizing that with disagreement comes learning and personal growth;
(2) Make curiosity, the desire to understand and the asking of probing yet respectful questions my primary practice;
(3) Take responsibility for the regulation of my emotions in order to maintain a calm and rational state of mind at all times;
(4) Never resort to personal attacks, sarcasm or rude behavior;
(5) Never walk out on my relationship with the person(s) with whom I disagree or on my community due to disagreement (ethical exception: no one should ever be asked to stay in a relationship or a parish community in which he/she is chronically unhappy and/or is repeatedly mistreated.)

Express your gratitude to these who have made St. Luke’s emotionally and intellectually safer for all of us by committing themselves to live by this covenant:

Joel Anderson  
Mike Andrews, Ph.D.  
Anne Bransford  
Bonnie Brown  
Susan Burkett  
Bill Case  
Bob Casey  
Janice Casey  
Maribel Cedillo  
Ted Clayton  
Nancy Conrow  
Julie Crittenden  
Pamela Davey  
Ann Deyo  
Linda Dugins  
Robert Dugins  
Elizabeth Fetter  
Dave Fiscus  
Julie Fiscus  
Edward Fiscus, Ph.D.  
The Rev. Claudia Giacoma  
Lou Giacoma  
Michael Giese  
Jane Hamilton  
The Rev. Jessica Hatch  
Marilyn Heinrich  
Myra Herzog  
John Hoener  
Rudi Kohler  
Matt Lindon  
Jeffrey Louden  
Diego Ize-Ludlow, M.D.

Felicia Lundie  
Jim Jennings  
Shelle Jennings  
Perry Martin  
Sherry Martin  
Katherine Martz  
Rusty Martz  
Gail McBride  
Mary McEntire  
Mike McFadden, M.D.  
Dudley McIlhenny  
Teresa McMillan  
Lee Osborne  
Mary Parsons, M.D.  
Cheryl Popple  
John Popple  
Suzanne Pretorius  
Robyn Ramsey  
Derrell Reeves  
Teddi Reeves  
The Rev. Charles Robinson  
Karl Sears, Ph.D.  
Deedee Sihvonen  
Carol Skony  
Steve Skony  
John Snyder  
John Swanger  
Karan Swanger  
Carol Syroid  
Betsy Tanner  
Iris Thompson  
Janet van Hartesvelt  
Deb Walter  
Barbara Wine  
Don Wood  
Leslie Wood

Will you please make the same commitment?
Axelrad of Revelajlx. Axelrad (1167)

On friendship

Friendship is a form of love, according to Axelrad. Sam Portaro in his companion book to Lessen Feasts and Fasts”, Brightest and Best, comments the deep meaning of “love” is lost or obscured in how we use the word in daily conversations to describe “love” for the detergent we use, our “love” new wristwatch, unthinkingly equating that love one holds for one’s spouse or child. For Portaro “friendship” denotes a profound relationship of choice, one in which the highest good of the other is of primary importance choice making. Remember, Jesus once told his disciples that he no longer called them “servants”, but “friends”. The Gospel of Luke tells the story of those who would follow him—be his friend—could not put culturally prescribed duties or traditions in first place in their lives. (See Luke 9:52 and following). Portoro suggests that here Jesus might be saying to those present with him that they were free to follow him or not, but that following him did not mean there would be no hard choices. And he loved them enough to challenge them to choose the larger life he offered. We ourselves love the friends that affirm us AND also encourage us to be more. Axelrad wrote of four qualities that characterize friendship: loyalty, right intention, discretion, and patience. Jesus showed these three qualities to the three who thought they might want to follow Jesus and decided to leave him. In truth, Jesus loved them.

PLEASE SAVE THIS DATE .... TUESDAY, JANUARY 21ST -
St. Luke's Serves Dinner at the Christian Center!
Calling all cooks and volunteers!

Who: St. Luke's Congregation
What: Providing Dinner and serving about 100 South American students who are on their "summer" vacation and working in Park City this winter
When: Tuesday , Jan 21st. Set up and food drop off starts at 5:15, dinner at 6:00 PM
Where: The PC Christian Center - 1283 Deer Valley Drive

There is a poster at the church for sign ups. For the pot luck we need main dishes, salads, vegetables and fruits. Drinks and desserts are provided by local restaurants.

We ask you to bring your dishes hot and ready to serve, in disposable containers unless you are planning to stay and can take your own dish home.

We also need many hands on deck to serve the food and to help clean up. It's also a great time to visit with and welcome these amazing kids to Park City!

If you want to sign up to help through email or text contact Linda, ldugins@gmail.com 435-640-2525. Be sure to let me know if you need help delivering your food on the 21st!

ATTENTION ALL USERS OF TITHELY

If you make your donations through tithely, and you made a change in your giving amount for 2020, please remember that you need to log in to your account and make that change. If you need any help with this, please contact Beckie and she will be happy to help you with that. You can reach Beckie at beckie@stlukespc.org or 435-649-4900 ext. 12
LET'S CONTINUE TO COLLECT WINTER SUPPLIES FOR HOMELESS CHILDREN AND ADULTS:

There is still a whole lotta winter remaining so let’s continue collecting clothing and supplies that will help little boys and girls and adult men and women survive the elements while living on the streets. Yes, many of the homeless are the age of your kids and grandkids.

Please set aside a portion of the money you would normally spend on Christmas presents and "other stuff" in order to be able to buy clothing and supplies that may make all the difference this winter for children and adults who are without stable, reliable shelter.

Here are some suggestions:
+ Buy a good-quality child's backpack and fill it with tooth-brushes, tooth-paste, other toiletries, socks (really warm socks), long underwear, regular underwear, winter shirts and pants, winter gloves, etc.
+ Go through your closet and donate the coats and winter apparel you and your kids will no longer be using.
+ Buy and donate a couple of heavy-duty sleeping bags: child-size and/or adult.
+ Snow-boots for children and adults - new or used in good condition.

What else can you think of that would be useful to you and your children or grandchildren if you were going to be sleeping in a park in January???

Bring all of your donations to St. Luke's in Snyderville anytime. If the front doors are locked and no one is in the Church Office, just leave your donations on the porch and we will take them inside later.

Thank you for your compassion and your generosity!

PLAN TO PARTICIPATE IN THE RECTOR'S NEXT BOOK DISCUSSION BEGINNING WEDNESDAY - JANUARY 22ND:


When: Each Wednesday at 4:00 PM beginning Jan. 22nd

Where: The Church Office Are

Preparation: Please purchase a copy of the book through your favorite bookstore and read the Introduction before Jan. 22nd.

The book discussion is the St. Luke's Beer & BS gathering for early 2020. Please bring your favorite beverage and snacks to share.

All are welcome and all perspectives will be respected.
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.

SHOP AT SMITH'S FOOD & DRUG & FLOURISH BAKERY WILL RECEIVE A DONATION!
To participate in the program, visit the Smith's Food & 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 fresh values card related to your account, Smith's will donate .5% of your purchase to Flourish Bakery. It's that simple! Flourish appreciates your support and this inspiring program.

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.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN THE CHOIR?
St. Luke’s Church Choir is looking for new members! A love of singing is the only requirement, although the ability to read music would be helpful. Whether you are a soprano, alto, tenor or bass, you’ll be most welcome! We meet to practice at 9am each Sunday, plus Thursdays at 6pm if you can make it. If you are interested, please see Manuel after the service, or email him at pianospecialists@gmail.com.

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 GATHERING:
We meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM. On Tuesday, Jan. 11th, we will meet at the big church. Bring an appetizer and a drink to share. Also bring a white elephant gift to exchange with others if you would like.

WEDNESDAY EVENING WOMEN'S BOOK STUDY:
The women's Wednesday night bible study will be using "Advent:The Weary World Rejoices" by Lifeway Women for our advent study. We will meet in the library Wednesdays from 6:30 to 7:45 on December 4, 11 and 18 and January 8. If you would like to join us please get the book so you can do the 1st week homework (through page 30). We will do the group discussion on page 42 on December 4. Hope to see you then! For more information, please contact Mary Parsons at Mary.Parsons@hsc.utah.edu. All are welcome.

CHRISTIAN CENTER FOOD PANTRY:
Please bring canned goods and non perishables to St Luke's as we will be making regular donations to the Christian Center's food pantry. Please donate only the kinds of foods you would want to feed your own family. Let's fill the red wagon each week in the foyer! PCHS senior, John Reko, will be picking up our donations and making regular deliveries to the Christian Center. Thanks for supporting this important ministry!

TAI-CHI:
Tai Chi is over for this year and will resume in the spring. Watch for the announcement.

ROAD HOME - MEN'S RESOURCE CENTER:
3380 South 1000 West, South Salt Lake, UT, 84119
No food to prepare, meals are provided. Responsibility is to serve the food (cafeteria style.) Any individual, group of friends or organizations can signup for a time slot. Call me with any questions. Teresa McMillan, 678-575-3781.

PLEASE JOIN ONE OF THE ST. LUKE'S DINNER GROUPS (a.k.a. Shepherding Groups)
There are numerous dinner groups at St. Luke’s that meet a few times each year for conversation and friendship building. If you would like to participate in one of our parish’s dinner groups, please contact Beckie in the Church Office at 435-649-4900 Ext. 12 or at beckie@stlukesp.org. All are welcome!

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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.