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St. Luke's Weekly Magazine
January 19, 2020
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!

The Sun of Righteousness Shall Rise
(Fabric art) by Susan Tilt
ECVA Exhibit: Friendship with God

Artist Statement: I am intrigued by phrases and ideas derived from everyday life that spark the imagination, and with the help of the Spirit, emerge as fiber images and abstractions. I design and handcraft contemporary liturgical vestments and accept commissions.

Today is the Frets Day of Wulfstran, Bishop of Worcester, England, 1095

As friends of God we are appointed and encouraged to join God’s creativity, a life not of servitude, but of friendship. A humble man lacking education, yet one whose wisdom and integrity earned him the friendship and trust of kings. Working with them, he helped put an end to the 11th century slave trade that sold Englishmen into bondage with the Irish. He found himself well beyond. In friendship with God we too may find ourselves beyond our well-reasoned limits, in places and with people which are now seemingly unlikely. And not asking why, only be joyfully thankful—adjust keep on walking!
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 St. James Church in Midvale. And for all people within the world-wide Anglican Communion; pray for the Church in Bangladesh.

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 Volunteers and their families.

For those having Birthdays this week:
Abbey Cordery on Tuesday.

If your birthday does not appear on our list, please notify Beckie in the office so that she can add it.
The Scriptures
Epiphany 2a - January 19, 2020

COLLECT OF THE DAY: On this Second Sunday of the Season of Epiphany, we pray for the wisdom and strength to notice and follow the subtle voice of Love that speaks to us in each of our relationships. May we have compassion for ourselves and for all other living beings; with Jesus our Brother, Teacher and Lord. Amen.

FROM THE HEBREW TRADITION:
Our passage from the Hebrew tradition comes from the 49th chapter of the Book of the Prophet Isaiah. Please read with me by reading the parts in bold print.

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, “You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.” But I said, “I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God.” Here ends the reading.

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

O you who have believe, be helpers of Allah as when Jesus the son of Maryam said to the disciples: “Who are my helpers for Allah?” The disciples said: “We are Allah’s helpers.” So a group of the Children of Israel believed and another group disbelieved. So we aided those who believed against their enemy and they prevailed. The nations were shown to me; I saw some Prophets who had a group of followers, and another Prophet who had one or two followers, and a Prophet who had no followers. Prophet Muhammad said: “Both in this world and in the Hereafter, I am the nearest of all people to Jesus, the son of Mary. The prophets are paternal brothers; their mothers are different, but their religion is one.” Here ends the reading.

FROM THE CHRISTIAN GOSPELS:
Priest: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to John.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

John saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.” The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

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 you 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 NOW HAVE THE 4 VESTRY NOMINATION NEEDED

The following have consented to be nominated for election to the St. Luke’s Vestry: Don Wood for the 1-year term vacated by Deb Walters and Kate May, Jerry Brewer and Emily Fiscus for 3-year terms. The Parish By-Laws require that during our Annual Celebration we ask if there are additional nominations desired. If none are heard, we will accept these 4 by acclamation. Let each of them know that you are grateful for their willingness to serve.

Our Annual Celebration will following a 10:30 service of Morning Prayer on Sunday, February 2nd. The meeting will begin at approximately 11:45.

We will have a parish potluck lunch that day so please be prepared to bring an entree or dessert to share with others.

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 Director 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.
ATTENTION ALL MINISTRY AND MISSIONS LEADERS.....IT'S TIME FOR THE ANNUAL CELEBRATION REPORT BOOKLET:

Our Annual Celebration is scheduled for the first Sunday in February. In preparation, Beckie will assemble a booklet containing reports from the leaders of every ministry and mission in our parish. If you are one of those leaders, please send Beckie a brief report (with photos if possible) of the accomplishments of your ministry/mission during 2019, your hopes for 2020 and how someone interested can learn more and/or get involved.

Please send it before Sunday, January 26th.

Our Annual Meeting is on Sunday, February 2nd. Plan on attending!
Art and Soul Saturday

Friendship with God

2020 Sessions begin the first Saturday of February, Feb. 1st, 10:00 am until noon.

(Based on images from the Episcopal Church in the Visual Arts’ exhibit “Friendship with God”)

A variety of art materials will be used to reflect on images from the exhibit, making connections with the image and your own life experience, your hopes and dreams. There is a $5 fee for materials. Register at giacomaclaudia@gmail.com or call or text Claudia+ at 435 513 0441

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 Area

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.
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.

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.  

DONATIONS WELCOME  
No energy to climb up to the attic to put away all your Christmas decorations? Or cleaning out closets to make room for all your Christmas gifts? Please consider donating your extra Christmas decorations or unwanted items to our Missions Table.  All proceeds go to support local non-profits or St Luke's ministries.  Just leave your items under the table (or on the table, if there is room) and we will make them available to support our mission fund.  Thank you!  

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.  

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.  

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

DID YOU HAVE A CHECK SENT FROM CHARLES SCHWAB?  
We received a check at the end of December from Charles Schwab in the amount of $4,500.  This check did not have a name attached to it.  If you made this donation, please contact Beckie at beckie@stlukespc.org, so that she can give you credit for it.  

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.  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 bible study group will be starting a new book on January 15, 2020.  We will be studying Richard Rohr “Falling Upward”.  We meet on Wednesdays in the library from 6:30-7:45.  Please let me know if you can join us this time.  All are welcome.  For more information, please contact Mary Parsons at Mary.Parsons@hsc.utah.edu.  

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!  PCIS senior, John Reko, will be picking up our donations and making regular deliveries to the Christian Center.  Thanks for supporting this important ministry!  

ROAD HOME  
The Road Home is in need of volunteers, January and February, to serve the men lunch and dinners at the MRC, located in South Salt Lake.  You can sign up individually, with friends or as a group.  The time goes quickly and the men are so appreciative.  Below is the link for the signup!  Thanks so much!  
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e084daef2aa194-mens1  

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@stlukespc.org  All are welcome!