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Please take this home with you today.

Love God….Think for Yourself!

Terry Puckett:  The Puzzle of Life

This enamel on copper symbolizes stages of life’s journey. The trip is universal, but the way the viewer interprets it is personal.

The upper left panel symbolizes coping, facing sorrows, changes, maturing, nurturing.. Green connotes growth and change.

The upper right is the juggler, connoting the balancing act of life and the responsibilities involved. With God, all things are possible. Red indicates activity, living and learning.

Lower left is a sacramental vessel, with gifts to share for all God’s people. Orange connotes mystery of the choices one has to make in using the gifts, receiving grace.

Lower right is a white dove, symbolizing tranquility when in the hands of God. The serpent below symbolizes prayers. Ancient Indians used serpents in incised petroglyphs to ask God for rain.

For Reflection:  The Good News in today’s Gospel is Jesus’ proclamation to all who follow him on this journey: “no one can snatch them out of the Father’s hand.”

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.”
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 All Mothers and mother figures. And for all people within the world-wide Anglican Communion; pray for the people & leaders of The Anglican Church of Korea.

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++++ (brother of Beckie Raemer) Phil & Robin++++ (parents of Cathy Callow-Heuser), Claudia++ (wife of Lou Giacoma) Anne++++ (mother of Jane Hamilton) Sharon++++ (Christiansen) Janee++++ (friend of Leslie Wood) Urs++++ (brother in law of Stacey Reko) Burr++ (grandson of Barbara Wine)

THE HUMAN COMMUNITY AROUND THE WORLD:
† For safety for all people effected by severe weather across the central United States.
† 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.....
All of our Acolyte Leader and our Acolytes and their families.

For those having Birthdays this week:
Gary Baily today; Marilyn Heinrich on Monday and Shana Hopperstead on Friday.
The Collect of the Day: O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

From the Christian Tradition in the 2nd Century:
Acts 9:36-43
Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.
Here ends the reading.

From the Christian Gospels: John 10:22-30
Priest: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ
People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.
At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."
Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Psalm 23: Dominus regit me
1 The Lord is my shepherd; *
   I shall not be in want.
2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *
   and leads me beside still waters.
3 He revives my soul *
   and guides me along right pathways
   for his Name's sake.
4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow
   of death, I shall fear no evil; *
   for you are with me;
   your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
   you have anointed my head with oil,
   and my cup is running over.
6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
   and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.
Here ends the reading.

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SPRING CLEANING:
As you do your spring cleaning this year, please consider donating items to the St Luke's Mission table located in the coffee hour area of the main church building. Last year we raised $909.00 for our Mission Fund through the items you donated. We would like to continue this important ministry, but donations have been slow so far this year. If you have any items to donate, they will be greatly appreciated! Just leave them on or below the Missions Table. Donation receipts are available: just contact Beckie Raemer (church administrator) or Bonnie Brown. Thank you! (PS: please no electronics. We often end up having to pay to recycle them when no one wants them)

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

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. Please bring a drink or a dish to share.

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.

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.

TAI-CHI:
A new round of Tai Chi and Qigong begins on Wednesday, May 22. Whether you are in peak shape or haven't done much physical exercise other than lifting the remote, Tai Chi for Health and Arthritis for Fall Prevention is something you should consider, especially if you are concerned about falls and/or high blood pressure, to name just two. We also offer simple qigong exercises to benefit overall health. Registration for new students closes on May 29. Classes are held at the church Wednesdays from 5:10 to 6:00. A donation of $30 is requested for six classes. We have instructors there to assist beginning students along with our continuing ones. We can accommodate most mobility issues. We have two basic rules, Be Safe and Have Fun. If you have questions, please email Bob Casey at bob@journey4healthnow.com or call him at 740-398-0489. If interested, simply show up on either May 8 or 15.

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