In Need of Prayer?  St. Luke’s Prayer Ministers are available during and after the 10:30 AM service to pray with you. Our Prayer Ministers are trained to be emotionally safe, supportive and maintain confidentiality. Seek them out during Holy Eucharist or after the service. If you would like a name added to our Prayer Chain, contact Tami Wrice with your request at 435-901-1128 or t-wrice@hotmail.com

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

THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY:
✓  Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Scott, our Diocesan Bishop and for ALL the people and parishes in our diocese. Pray especially for the ministry of the Laity in Utah.
✓  All people within the world-wide Anglican Communion; pray for the people & leaders of The Church of Central Africa.

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), Pat++++ (Sanger), Rita++++ (wife of Kevin Tischner), Alexa & Galen ++++ (granddaughter and friend of Deedee Sihoonen), Gerry ++++ (wife of Jim Brooks) Mildred & Tom ++ (mother and brother of Cheryl Popple) Cassie & Gabrielle++++ (daughters of Richard & Bernadette Rothman) Ron and Erin++++++ (friends of Beckie Raemer) Jan & Amanda++++++ (parents of Abbey Cordery) Quinton+++ (uncle of Harriet Stephens) Kelle and Wayne+++++++ (mother and friend of Aimee Altizer) Claudia++++ (friend of Beckie Raemer) Fr. Line+ (Ure) Linda+ (friend of Shelle Jennings)

THE HUMAN COMMUNITY AROUND THE WORLD:
✓  Safety for the Canadian firefighters, restoration for all of the people displaced by the fire and containment of the fire.
✓  An end to the wars in Ukraine, Syria, Iraq & Afghanistan and relief for all victims of these conflicts.
✓  For wise and merciful hearts in each of the E.U. leaders as they struggle to manage the refugee crisis with compassion and prudence.
✓  A lasting, permanent peace between Israel & her neighbors.

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED……
✓  For Ann Fiery, our A Course In Miracles leader and her family.
✓  And for those having birthdays this week: Gary Baily on Thursday and Marilyn Heinrich on Friday.

PLEASE GIVE THANKS FOR……
✓  For 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 Scripture Passages
7th Sunday of Easter - May 8, 2016

Collect of the Day: Dearest God, enable us to understand that the heart of Christianity, indeed, the heart of all true religion is unity in love. Let us understand that the fruits of true faith are not division, but unity; not conflict and enmity, but a profound respect for and recognition of our need for one another, especially for those different than ourselves; with Jesus, our Brother, Teacher and Lord. AMEN.

The Hebrew Scriptures:
Reader: Recent scholarly work on the book of Psalms has focused considerable attention on the collection to which Psalm 97 belongs -- Psalms 93, 95-99, the enthronement or God-reigns psalms. According to an emerging consensus, the shape of Psalms 1-89 reflects the rupture of exile. In response to this crisis, which involved the loss of land, temple, and monarchy, the next section of Psalms focuses upon praising God for the power demonstrated in delivering the people from captivity. Please read Psalm 97 with me by reading the parts in bold print.

The Lord is King; let the earth rejoice; *
let the multitude of the isles be glad.
Clouds and darkness are round about him, *
righetness and justice are the foundations of his throne.
A fire goes before him *
and burns up his enemies on every side.
His lightnings light up the world; *
the earth sees it and is afraid.
The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the Lord,
at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.
The heavens declare his righteousness, *
and all the peoples see his glory.
Confounded be all who worship carved images
and delight in false gods! *
Bow down before him, all you gods.
Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice, *
because of your judgments, O Lord.
For you are the Lord, most high over all the earth; *
you are exalted far above all gods.
The Lord loves those who hate evil; *
he preserves the lives of his saints
and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.
Light has sprung up for the righteous, *
and joyful gladness for those who are truehearted.
Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous, *
and give thanks to his holy Name.
Here ends the reading.

The Gospel: John 17:20-26
Deacon: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.
Jesus prayed for his disciples, and then he said. "I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. "Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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.
Former US Senator Sam Nunn once asked, “The day after a nuclear attack, what would we wish we had done? Why aren’t we doing it now?” For some time now I have been sharing with you my deep distress and internal dissonance that I experience when I think about the divisive role that religion has played and continues to play in human history. More often than not, the beliefs and rituals of a particular religion or a particular group within Christianity have served the psychological and sociological functions of identity formation and identity politics. Identity politics is defined as a tendency for people of a particular religion, race, social background, etc., to form exclusive political alliances, moving away from traditional broad-based party politics. This is increasingly prevalent in 21st century America. In other words, Christians and others divide themselves into ideological tribes which then work to sustain and reinforce each individual’s identity within the tribe.

For example, someone might say, “I know who I am…I am an orthodox Anglo-Catholic and believe that the Mass, when properly done, replicates the actual sacrifice of Jesus transforming the bread and wine into the literal body and blood of Jesus…Anyone who fails to believe the same is a heretic and must be condemned…I can only be with those who have the same understanding of the Holy Eucharist as me.” Or, “I am an Atheist and believe that there is no possibility of the existence of any dimension of reality beyond that of the physical universe…Anyone who fails to think the same way is not only naive, but pathetically stupid…I would never associate myself with anyone who believes in God.” These kinds of religious statements have been far too common throughout the history of humanity. Too often and in too many times and places, religious beliefs have been used to separate and divide people rather then bring them together. Religion has historically colluded with and encouraged our tendency to find safety and security by avoiding and rejecting those who are different and, thereby, religion has too often contributed to making our world more hostile and dangerous.

The First Humanist Manifesto, written in 1933, begins with these words: “The time has come for widespread recognition of the radical changes in religious beliefs throughout the modern world. [...] Religions the world over are under the necessity of coming to terms with new conditions created by a vastly increased knowledge and experience. [...] There is great danger of a final, and we believe fatal, identification of the word ‘religion’ with doctrines and methods which have lost their significance and which are powerless to solve the problem of human living in the Twentieth Century. Religions have always been means for realizing the highest values of life [...] religion itself remains constant in its quest for abiding values, an inseparable feature of human life.

Today man's larger understanding of the universe, his scientific achievements, and deeper appreciation of brotherhood, have created a situation which requires a new statement of the means and purposes of religion. [...] While this age does owe a vast debt to the traditional religions, it is none the less…….

Continued on the Next Page
obvious that any religion that can hope to be a synthesizing and dynamic force for today must be shaped for the needs of this age. To establish such a religion is a major necessity of the present.”

In other words, if religions, including the various interpretations of Christianity, are to ever cease being sources of separation, division and war between people with differing beliefs and practices, we must come to understand the meaning of our religions in a new way. We have to intentionally choose to focus on those parts of our traditions that elevate and celebrate our common humanity with the whole human race. We have to see clearly that the religious impulse or intuition, the “sensus divinitatus” first described by Calvin, the Call noted by Levinas and the whisper of one’s heart to love are all names for the same experience, the same internal phenomenon shared throughout history by men and women around the world. We must all come to acknowledge that the particular doctrines and dogmas of our religious communities are culturally and historically determined expressions of this universally-present core spiritual intuition. They are, if you will, the clothes a people wear to express their spiritual insights. People in India dress differently than people in Indiana; however, but no one thinks it makes any sense to reject, attack or kill each other because our clothes are different.

The author of John’s Gospel touches on the idea of the unity of the human community, but he does so in only a limited way. His idea of unity is for everyone to agree, convert to and accept his religious clothing. Embedded in the way he writes about Jesus is the assumption that human unity and universal peace and healing can take place only when everyone on the planet comes to think about Jesus and God in the same ways that he thinks of Jesus and God. The challenge for us in the 21st century is to read and respect our scriptures without accepting the limits and the exclusivism woven into them. Our challenge is to think of unity, not only in conservative Christian terms, but in terms of the interrelatedness and interdependence of every living being on our planet. I think that if Rabbi Jesus of Nazareth stood in front of us today, he would say something like this: “I urge you to accept the Call to love the Sacred, the Highest Good with all your heart, soul and mind and I urge you to express that love by living in respect, appreciation, harmony and unity every other human being, especially with those who are different from yourself. No matter what your religious clothing looks like, if you live this way you are following me.”

In closing, please allow me to share with you an excerpt from The Declaration of Human Unity: “{…} to maximize the prospects of all humans for a secure and full life, we hereby declare our unity as human beings beyond all our differences. We invite all people throughout the world to act together as humans in support of our shared priorities from survival to fulfillment. It is our lives as humans that we share in common beyond all our differences such as race, sex, religion, class, culture, and nationality. We affirm the simple fact of our humanness as the bedrock reality of our lives and institutions. By bringing our common humanness to the foreground of our lives, we will be able to act together with all other humans to meet our priority needs and shared aspirations.” To this declaration, I think Jesus would say, “Amen!” Blessings+
Summit County Community Mental Health Assessment

There is NO health without MENTAL health.

A select group of Summit County citizens, with the help of the Summit County Council, the Summit County Health Department, and Valley Behavioral Health, have created a mental health and substance abuse needs assessment for Summit County residents.

We are striving to improve behavioral health services for individuals and families in our county. To do this, we need to identify potential gaps and barriers to service through this community-wide survey. Based on information gathered through the survey, priorities will be set and a strategic plan will be developed to focus on better meeting community needs.

Your help is critical in spreading the word about this survey so that we may have high participation and a representative sample from our community. Please share the survey link with your organizations and others you know in the community by posting it to your websites, sharing on social media and emailing out to employees, staff and others. Also, please complete the survey yourself.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/summit-health

If you have additional questions, please contact:
Katie Mullaly, Summit County Health Department
kmullaly@summitcounty.org, 435-333-1503

Please take the time to fill out the survey.
HOSPITALITY GROUNDS
COMMUNITY GARDEN NEEDS

We are looking for an individual or a committee of individuals to take the leadership roles in our community garden. The tasks include:

Financial-
★ Collecting garden registration and payments
★ Being the liaison between the garden and St. Luke’s Executive Mission Council to assess financial needs.
★ Collecting receipts for supplies purchased and turning them in to Beckie for reimbursement.

Communications-
Taking over the email and facebook accounts and communicate to the gardeners throughout the growing season.

Projects-
Assessing any building projects that need to be completed, researching cost of supplies and working with the Financial chairperson to determine if there are funds to do so.

Whether you are a gardener or not, if you have any interest in participating in this St. Luke's mission, then please contact Shannon Van Der Bosch: 801.597.8560.
Hope to see you in the garden!

A BIG thank you to our St. Luke's family!

Thank you EVERYONE who helped make last weekends Wine and Swine Peace House fundraiser our most successful yet! Each member of this wonderful parish who participated had an important role, whether it be setting up, preparing dishes, helping manage the donation table and food coming from the kitchen, cleaning up afterwards or inviting friends to join you. The event wouldn't have succeeded without you!! Another big thank you to St. Luke's for continually housing and funding the event, to Deer Valley for donating and preparing the pork, to the Deer Valley Bakery and the amazing pastry chef Bobbye Sandman for creating and donating a delicious piece of art for dessert and to April Suuze for sharing her beautiful musical talents for our enjoyment. We are so grateful and humbled to know such a generous group of people!

Love, the Van Der Bosch family
Exciting Happenings

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS NEEDED: Recently we have had a difficult time finding Coffee Hour Hosts. If you can help with this, please sign up on the sheet on the coffee table. Or if you would like more information please contact Sharon Christiansen at 561-289-9528.

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

A COURSE IN MIRACLES: A study group meets in the St. Luke’s Library at 4:00 each Wednesday to study the Text and Workbook together. We explore and encourage each other to practice forgiveness rather than judgment, and we open our minds to experience the miracle of a change in perception. For more info. call Ann Fiery at 304-617-5714, or visit acim.org.

TEAM MEMBERS WANTED Wanted: Team members to work with Vestry member, Ed Fiscus, to develop a parish response to the question, "Should we help establish a mission congregation in Heber?" If interested, please contact Ed by email edfiscu@bgsu.edu or 435-214-7382 or If you are unable to serve but have thoughts to share, please communicate with Ed.

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: FOURTH SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 10:00 AM Meets on the fourth Saturday of each month, 10:00 - NOON. We are reading “Being Mortal” by Atul Gawande. Please join us for coffee, fellowship and a lively discussion! For more info. Please call Dyan Pignatelli, 435-782-3330 or Joyce Pearson, 435-659-0724.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY Meets in the library every Wednesday at 6:30 PM. We will start our last study of this school year on April 20. We will be doing Beth Moore's study on James. All women are welcome to join. Contact Mary at 645-3963 if you have questions.

TAI-CHI Bob Casey offers a beginner and continuing class on Tai Chi for Health and Arthritis. This is the only form of tai chi to receive the endorsement of the National Arthritis Association and the National Center for Disease and Control. This form is relatively easy to learn. Classes will resume on Wednesday, May 11, at 5:10 P.M., immediately following A Course on Miracles. Classes will last approximately an hour. A donation of $30 is requested for a six-week series. If interested or have questions, please email Bob at bob@journey4healthnow.com. You can also see Bob after church.

WOMEN'S GET TOGETHER Please join us on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM. We gather to get to know and support one another. Please bring an appetizer, dessert, main or drink to share. If anyone is willing to host June or July, please let me know. Teddi is making soup and Harriet is making salad. The May 10th gathering will be at the home of Teddi Reeves.

Directions: From Highway 224, turn at light onto Holiday Ranch Loop Road. Stay on Holiday Ranch Loop Road; go through first stop sign; then wind to back of Park Meadows (still on HRL Road). Make a right turn at four-way corner by gray house with big white fence. Turn left on first street, which is Arabian Drive (below American Saddler Drive and Risner Ridge). Third house, gray/blue Cape Cod on the right - 2970 Arabian Drive 435-901-9340 OR From Kearns Boulevard, turn at light onto Monitor Drive by Wells Fargo Bank and PC Cemetery. Go through stop sign and turn left at second stop sign by PC MARC onto Little Kate Road. Turn right onto Lucky John Drive skirting Park Meadows Country Club. Turn at first left turn onto Holiday Ranch Loop Road; then quick right turn onto Arabian Drive. See above.

NEEDED: USHERS AND GREETERS There is a need to expand our group of ushers/greeters. If you are willing to be a part of this ministry, please contact Julie (juliefiscus@yahoo.com) or Ed Fiscus (edfiscu@bgsu.edu). Your responsibility would be greeting people as they enter the church on Sunday mornings and you would only need to be available once every other month. Assistance with this ministry would be greatly appreciated.

THE AMERICAN WEST SYMPHONY & CHORUS Joel Rosenberg, Conductor with Park City Singers "Beethoven the Titan". Music from Beethoven’s Symphony No. 9. Debra Cook and Tyler Kofoed, Chorus Masters. - Libby Gardner Hall, University of Utah, May 16th and 17th. $12.50. All performances start at 7:30 PM. Tickets at the door.

REMEMBER that you can now donate online through our website to contribute to our church and its missions. Click in the “Make an online donation” button and you’ll be able to use your credit or debit card. www.stlukespc.org You can also fill out an offering card found in the pews to make a Credit Card donation.