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
November 17, 2019
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!

Jerry DiFalco: Window of God, Budapest (Etching)
ECVA 2019 Exhibit: Worship the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness

Artist Statement: Photography is key to the creation of my etchings because the images I employ originate from my original drawings, which are based on my own photographs, as well as from the images I find in the digital archives of universities, historical societies, libraries, and museums. I strive to create bridges between the metaphysical and physical perceptions of reality via a focus on the ordinary to unveil the extraordinary.

This etching — inspired by a friend’s photo — features a segment of the Dohany synagogue’s entrance in Budapest, Hungary. The Hebrew inscription is from Exodus 25,8 and translates as: “And let them make Me a sanctuary that I may dwell among them.”

Areas that inspire my art include architecture, history, religion, folklore, ancient culture, mysticism, archaeology, and mythology

For your reflection: Just for today, purpose to notice the presence of the Sacred in some material thing or in an event of experience. Give thanks!
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 clergy and people of St. Jude’s Episcopal Church in Cedar City. And for all people within the world-wide Anglican Communion; pray for the Reformed Episcopal Church of Spain.

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 & Dave (brothers of Beckie Raemer), Jane & Joanne (friends of Leslie Wood) Urs (brother in law of Stacey Reko) Gabrielle (daughter of Bernadette Rothman), Dick (brother in law of Derrell & Teddi Reeves) Fred (brother in law of Linda Sears) Derrell (Reeves), Chris (son of Elizabeth Fetter) Slob Family and the health of their new baby (friends of Maribel Cedillo) Steve (husband of Beckie Raemer) Melissa & Mike (daughter and son-in-law of the Jennings)

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.

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED......

PLEASE GIVE THANKS FOR.....
Our Coffee Hour Hosts and their families.

For those having Birthdays this week:
Jerry Brewer on Thursday and John Popple on Friday.

If your birthday does not appear on our list, please notify Beckie in the office so that she can add it.
The Scriptures
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COLLECT OF THE DAY: If the biblical literature is about anything, it is about hope. Human beings cannot live without hope; we cannot make it without confidence that tomorrow will be better. We pray for the faith to take responsibility for our future and the determination to work hand in hand to make this world a better place for everyone; with Jesus our Brother, Teacher and Lord. Amen.

FROM THE HEBREW TRADITION:
Our passage from the Hebrew tradition comes from the 65th chapter of the Book of the Prophet Isaiah. Please read with me by reading the parts in bold print.

For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent -- its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord. Here ends the reading.

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

In this world may obedience triumph over disobedience, may peace triumph over discord, may generosity triumph over selfishness, may love triumph over contempt, may the true-spoken word triumph over the false-spoken word, may truth triumph over falsehood. Here ends the reading.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down." They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them. "When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. "But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls."

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.] : )
Those Who Have Committed Themselves to the St. Luke’s Covenant of Safe Disagreement

As of this week, the following have made the commitment…..and in doing so they have made St. Luke’s emotionally and intellectually safer for all of us.

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  
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

If you haven’t yet made the public commitment, will you please consider doing so soon…..for all of us??

Are You Receiving the Weekly Email from Charles?

Each Thursday, Fr. Charles sends out an email that let’s each one of you know about upcoming events and any special projects that are going on.

Also, for those of you who missed his sermon or would like to read the full text version of his sermon, it is also attached to the email.

We have noticed that only about fifty percent of the emails are being opened. So….if you are not receiving the emails, please check your spam and junk email boxes just to make sure that the emails are not directly going to those folders. If for some reason you just are not receiving them but would like to please let Fr. Charles know at pastor@stlukespc.org.

Don’t miss out on the events!
Is it YOUR Time to Serve on the St. Luke’s Vestry?

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**).

If you are a recent or long-time member of St. Luke’s and you have not served on the Vestry anytime within the past 4 years, please consider filling one of the four positions that will open up in Feb. 2020 when Linda Dugins, Mike Fiery, Deb Walter and Rusty Martz leave the Vestry. Serving as a Vestry person is both educational (you find out what it takes to operate a parish church) and a leadership-personal growth opportunity (you are invited to work cooperatively with others to solve problems and make important decisions).

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!

Annual St. Luke’s Parish Evaluation 2019

It’s that time of year. We will collect your thoughts, feedback and good ideas from now until January 1st. The survey has these 7 questions:

1. What is the Rector doing now that you would like him to continue to do or do more of?
2. What is the Rector not doing that you would like him to begin doing?
3. What is the Rector doing that you wish he would stop doing?
4. What is the Vestry and/or Parish Staff doing that you would like them to continue doing or do more of?
5. What is the Vestry and/or Parish Staff not doing that you wish they would begin doing?
6. What is the Vestry and/or Parish Staff doing that you wish they would stop doing?
7. Our St. Luke’s Principles of Community urge is to deal with hurt and conflict in healthy ways by talking directly to rather than about those with whom there is a significant injury, resentment or disruption to others. Based upon your experiences at St. Luke’s, how are we doing as a parish community in living and practicing this principle?
8. Do you have any additional good ideas to share?

And at the very end, before you click on “Done,” you will be asked for your name and email address: “Please enter your name and email address in the box below. Thank you!! (P.S. If you are unwilling to give us your name, that probably means you are ashamed of something you have written. Would you like to go back and say it a different way? Only you can know. Only surveys with the respondent’s name and contact info will be read and included in the final report.)

To fill it out, put this web address in your browser: [https://www.surveymonkey.com/PMZW7HG](https://www.surveymonkey.com/PMZW7HG)
An Appeal for Help from Your Rector

Dear Friends and Family of St. Luke’s,

As the Spirit of Acrimony and Enmity build in our nation there is so much work to be done to combat it. There are a number of things I would like to accomplish in the next few months in this regard and I must have your help to accomplish them.

1st - The Third Better Angels Red-Blue Workshop on Saturday, December 14th:

A Better Angels Red-Blue Workshop is essentially a 3-hour experience of practicing how to listen carefully and respectfully to those with whom you may disagree politically. During the first half of the morning participants engage in an exercise that allows both sides to identify stereotypes that members of the other side have about them. We discuss what is inaccurate or distorted about the stereotypes and how they should be corrected. Both sides share their findings with each other in a respectful manner.

During the second half of the morning participants perform a “Fish Bowl” exercise in which each side gets to eavesdrop on a conversation among members of the other side and then talk about what they learned.

I need your help to recruit 14 men and women to participate in the listening exercises that compose the workshop. Joe Kernon will once again partner with me as my co-moderator, but I need to recruit 7 people who vote Republican most often and 7 people who vote Democrat most often. Will you please help me find these people? If yes, will you please tell me?

2nd - Our First Better Angels Debate - Tuesday, February 4th:

A Better Angels Debate is a debate structured upon Parliamentary Procedure rather than traditional debate rules. The purpose of the 2-hour conversation is not competition, but collaboration. About 30 people come together to think out-loud about a particular resolution, e.g., “Be it resolved that healthcare is a human right.” The debate consists of people taking turns making 2-minute arguments for and against the resolution. All follow-up questions to the presenters are directed at the chairperson, e.g., “Mr. Chair, the speaker said that healthcare cannot be a universal human right because that would conflict with free market principles. Did the speaker intend to assert that the rules of capitalism supersede human rights?” In this way no one directly confronts anyone else. This gives just enough emotional distance to help everything remain civil.

I need your help by agreeing to participate in the debate on Feb. 4th. (I will be back in touch soon with the resolution to be discussed.) AND, I need you to talk about the event with your friends and encourage them to sign up when the time comes. Will you please help? If yes, will you please contact me?

3rd - The Project for Deeper Understanding Planning Team:

Even with the Better Angels events coming online there will be a continued need for the Project for Deeper Understanding’s community forums. Most of the members of the current planning team have been with me in this effort for many, many years. And with the exception of two or three, most have grown weary and/or have become involved in other worthy community projects.

I need, therefore, about 6 people from our congregation to join the Project Planning Team. Between August and May, the Planning Team meets for one hour approximately 12 times to plan events and coordinate their implementation. The day and time of each meeting is or can be negotiated among team members.

Our next meeting will take place on Monday, January 13th at 4:00 PM in the Church Office. Will you please help? If yes, will you please contact me?

With Affection,

Charles+
WINTER SUPPLIES FOR HOMELESS CHILDREN AND ADULTS:

It's time for us to begin 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.

THE ROAD HOME

The Candy Cane Corner, a Christmas store that provides an opportunity for Road Home clients to obtain gifts for their family, is in need of the following FOR TEENAGERS.

Every item must be new, with price tags still attached, and nothing gift wrapped.

Ideas for TEENAGE gifts:
Sweaters, sweatshirts, boots, hats, gloves, scarves, underwear, bras, socks, jackets, pajamas/sleepers, dresses, jeans, electronic devices of any kind, i.e. (cases for mobile phones, ear buds, games, clock radios) backpacks, cosmetics and personal care items of any kind, i.e. (nail polish, hair dyers, curling irons, perfumes.) Gift Certificates to department stores for teenagers.

Monetary Donations are welcomed to help operate the store: Checks can be made out to the Candy Cane Store and mailed to the following address:
C/O The Road Home
Attn.: Development
210 S. Rio Grande St.
SLC, UT 84101

Credit Card donations can be made online directly to the Candy Cane Corner at: www.candycanecornerslc.org.

Between 2,500-3,500 kids and adults are served each year. The Candy Cane Corner partners with Volunteers of America and the YWCA.

There is a green trunk in the lobby to place your donations labeled Candy Cane Corner. For more information and volunteer opportunities google www.candycanecornerslc.org. The Road Home is always in need of volunteers.
For information contact Alexa or Rachel at volunteer@theroadhome.org. If you have any questions, please contact me at: teresa.b.mcmillan@gmail.com, or 678-575-3781. Thanks for your generosity, Teresa McMillan
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@stlukespc.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.

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

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.

ECUMENICAL BIBLE STUDY:
All women are invited to join an ecumenical Bible study led by Cheryl Popple at Park City Community Church on Thursday’s at 9:30 a.m. We will be using the book, Pleading, Cursing, Praising: Conversing with God through the Psalms by Irene Nowell. The book can be purchased through Amazon in new or used condition. If you have any problems finding the book, please contact Cheryl. 435-901-3978 crpopple@comcast.net

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. The November 12th gathering will be held at the big church.

WEDNESDAY EVENING WOMEN’S BOOK STUDY:
We are studying The Universal Christ: How a Forgotten Reality Can Change Everything We See, Hope For and Believe by Richard Rohr. We meet each Wednesday from 6:30-7:45 in the Library at the Church. Please order the book through your favorite book vendor. We will have discussion questions weekly. 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!

CHALICE-BEARERS ARE NEEDED AT THE 10:30 SERVICE:
St. Luke’s urgently needs you to volunteer to occasionally serve as a Chalice-bearer at the 10:30 service. We are very short-handed. Training is quick and easy and, if enough of us volunteer, the frequency of service will be minimal. To volunteer, please email Mary Parsons, M.D., Chalice-bearer Coordinator at Mary.Parsons@hsc.utah.edu.

Thanks for stepping up to help!!!