In the desert landscapes of Egypt, Palestine and Syria during the third through sixth centuries, men and women felt a powerful spiritual call to leave the world behind, resulting in the monastic movement. These Desert Mothers and Fathers taught and guided the spiritual communities that grew up around them. One of the most well-known Desert Mothers was Amma Syncletica of Alexandria, who was quoted 27 times in “Sayings of the Desert Fathers”. Born c. 270 AD to wealthy parents, she was well educated and lived into her eighties. After the death of her parents, she sold everything she had and gave the money to the poor. She moved outside the city with her blind sister, living as a hermit among the tombs outside of Alexandria. Gradually a community of women ascetics whom she served as their spiritual mother formed around her. She taught moderation and counseled her followers not to view asceticism as an end in itself.

Amma Syncletica said, "In the beginning there is struggle and a lot of work for those who come near to God. But after that there is indescribable joy. It is just like building a fire: at first it is smoky and your eyes water, but later you get the desired result. Thus we ought to light the divine fire in ourselves with tears and effort."

**Amma’s Prayer**  
(Voiced by Christine Valters Paintner, online Abbess of Abbey of the Arts)

I belong to that which cannot be seen. Scorpions sing, snake’s slow hiss, heat of the stone cave’s walls, a portion of the bread meant to last for days, desert draws forth what is essential in me.

I belong to that which cannot be spoken. I open my parched mouth to sing, choke on grit and gravel. Feeling the gray forces of the storm rising, I am stunned into silence.

I belong to that which cannot be heard. I live stretched thin across the landscape’s aching silence. Great fields of darkness invite me to rest a while. I am born of skin and breath, flesh and fears, bitter earth, ground cracked open.

I belong to that which cannot be known. The sky is burning now. No respite for warriors, I invite them in for tea scrounged from roots and leaves.

I belong to the One who dwells within. See, a river of light flows from my lips. I am she who knows the sun does not rise, but it is we who stand on the circling earth and plunge ourselves into the fiery embrace.

Hmmmmm….. How is your fire building coming along? Smoking? Looking for a match? Glowing embers? Or, like that of the tenth leper in today’s Gospel, blazing with thankfulness?  

Mother Claudia+  

TO OUR GUESTS - WELCOME - THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE TODAY!  
St. Luke’s Episcopal Church is a Christian community composed of free thinkers who include: conservatives, moderates, & liberals; agnostics, skeptics & atheists. 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.
The Rev. Charles Robinson, Rector  
Cell Phone: 435-901-2131  
Email: pastor@stlukespc.org

The Rev. Claudia Giacoma, Asst. Priest  
435-513-0441  
Email: giacomaclaudia@gmail.com

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. 

If your birthday does not appear on the list, please contact Beckie in the office, 649-4900 ext. 12

The human community around the world:

- An end to terrorism and the wisdom to find a way to live together in peace.
- Recovery for those effected by Hurricane Matthew.
- An end to the conflicts in Ukraine, Syria, Iraq & Afghanistan and healing for all victims.
- A lasting, permanent peace between Israel & her neighbors.

In need of prayer of 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, contact Tami Wrice with your request at 435-901-1128 or t-wrice@hotmail.com. If you know of someone who needs Home Communion, contact our Lay Eucharistic Visitor Team by calling or emailing the Church Office. Blessings!

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 Diocesan Lay Staff.
- All people within the world-wide Anglican Communion; pray for the people & leaders of The Province 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++++ (granddaughter of Deedee Sihvonen), Gerry++++ (wife of Jim Brooks) Mildred & Tom++++ (mother and brother of Cheryl Popple) Gabrielle++++ (daughter of Richard & Bernadette Rothman) Tom++++ (brother of Joe Cordery) Kelle++++ (mother of Aimee Altizer), Alone++++ (sister of Teddi Reeves) Mary Gene++++ Scott++++ (mother & brother of Sharon Christiansen) Sandor++++ (friend of Harriet Stephens) Joan++++ (friend of Barbara Wine) Ryan++++ (son of Christy Bergrin) Rick & Craig++++ (sons of Neil & Theresa Wilcox) Jeff++++ (Volmrich) Jill++++ (friend of Susan Brewer) Molly++++ (sister of Julie Crittenden) Linda++++ (friend of Shelle Jennings) Jeff+ (son in law of Maureen White) Brad+ (friend of Jim & Shelle Jennings)

Normal Sunday Schedule

7:45 AM Holy Eucharist at the Chapel  
9:00 AM Choir Practice  
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist at the Church  
Children’s Church School  
1:00 PM Blessing of the Animals

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THOSE SERVING TODAY:

- 7:45 AM  
  Altar Guild: Ann Deyo  
  Layreaders: Lou Giacoma  
  Prayers of the People: Bob Casey  
  Cruicfer: Lou Giacoma  
  Chalice Bearers: Teddi Reeves, Barb Wine  
  Ushers/Greeters: Joyce Pearson, Sharon Christiansen  
  Coffee Hour: Ted Clayton

- 10:30 AM  
  Lay Eucharistic Visitor Team

THIS WEEK AT ST. LUKE’S

Sunday - October 9th
7:45 AM Holy Eucharist at the Chapel  
9:00 AM Choir Practice  
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist at the Church  
Children’s Church School  
1:00 PM Blessing of the Animals

Monday - October 10th
9:30 AM Centering Prayer

Wednesday - October 12th
5:10 PM Tai-Ci  
6:30 PM Women’s Bible Study  
“Existentialism” Class with the rector

Thursday - October 13th
7:00 PM Project for Deeper Understanding Forum

Friday - October 14th
10:00 AM Centering Prayer  
Serve dinner at The Road Home

Sunday - October 16th - The Feast of St. Luke
+Normal Sunday Schedule  
Start of the Poker Run

Please do not hesitate to contact us.
Collect of the Day: Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; with Jesus, our Brother, Teacher and Lord. AMEN.

The Hebrew Scriptures:
Reader: Today’s reading from the Hebrew scriptures comes from the 29th chapter of the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah. Jeremiah’s words here astonish. The people thought that their temple in Shiloh would magically protect them from foreign invasion. Such was not the case and they had to watch as the Babylonians destroyed their place for worship. Jeremiah had warned the people repeatedly that superstitious beliefs would get them nowhere. Now that catastrophe has finally struck, Jeremiah fundamentally changes gears and offers the people words of hope and a way forward. Jeremiah introduces the process of understanding God’s presence with us always and everywhere. Ezekiel will finish this, but today’s words are full of hope and point forward. Please read the passage with me by reading the parts in bold print…..These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles, and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon. Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon:

Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce.

Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease.

But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

Here ends the reading.

The Buddhist Scriptures:
A sense of gratitude to others is an important well-spring of a generous and virtuous life. All people can recognize that they are indebted to their parents, who gave them birth, but our indebtedness extends much further than that. Fundamentally, we are indebted to God and the powers of nature that nourish and sustain our life. Then, since the food we eat travels from the soil to our dining table by passing through many hands—that cultivate, harvest, clean, package, transport, sell, and prepare it—we should recognize that we rely on the labors of many people in order to survive. A sense of gratitude to others is thus acknowledging our interdependent existence; it is an antidote to the illusion of egoism. Please read with me from the Anguttara Nikaya by reading the parts in bold print……The unworthy man is ungrateful, forgetful of benefits done to him.

This ingratitude, this forgetfulness is common among those who are unkind.

But the worthy person is grateful and mindful of benefits done to him.

This gratitude, this mindfulness, is congenial to the best people.

Here ends the reading.

The Christian Gospels:
Luke 17:11-19

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

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.

Here ends the reading.
Charles+ will offer a blessing of the animals today at 1:00 PM in honor of the Feast of St. Francis. Please bring your pets (with appropriate leashes, cages, etc.) to this special gathering where we will gather on the lawn to celebrate the beauty of God’s creation and give thanks for our beloved pets.

Utahns for Religious Scholarship presents
The Jesus Seminar on the Road:
5 Lectures on Contemporary Research Concerning the Historical Jesus and the Origins of Christianity

2 Visiting Scholars
Opening Lecture - Friday Evening - Feb. 24th
4 Additional Lectures - Saturday - Feb. 25th
Gore Auditorium on the campus of Westminster College (1300 E., SLC)
Tuition: $60 if you register BEFORE Feb. 10th

REGISTER TODAY at:
https://www.westarinstiute.org/regional-programs/jsor-registration/
ON CELEBRATING THE FEAST OF ST. LUKE

Next Sunday, Oct. 16th, we will celebrate the Feast of St. Luke—remembering that he was both physician and artist. It is celebratory that both the non-religious and religious worlds are discovering that artistic expression can be a powerful means of personal transformation and emotional and spiritual healing. Practitioners of both medical and spiritual care are focusing more on “healing” and “wholeness” than medical “curing”.

The origami art installation of individually hand-folded origami cranes will be raised during next week’s service and will symbolize our prayers of thanksgiving and petitions for healing. It will celebrate St. Luke’s mission: the “reconciliation of all people in Christ.” It will visually celebrate the healing, reconciling power of a spiritual community gathered in Christ and sharing life together for their good and the good of the world. Collectively, the origami cranes will express our parish identity with our namesake, Saint Luke, as both healer and artist.

“Art & Soul” takes place on the first Saturday morning of each month. It is a gathering of those willing to risk exploring the healing and transforming processes of artistic expressions. It is a courageous group of people, risking the vulnerability of openness to the unknown and to creating something new. It has become evident that this vulnerability is key to expanding and deepening one’s inner life – for change and ongoing growth. As we are changed, our responsiveness to the world around us leads us to greater wholeness.

While playing with paper and scissors, glue, paint, sometimes clay and other materials, we engage in a widening spectrum of activities aimed at experiencing art’s traditional healing function. Our focus is not on creating a product of some kind. Our focus is upon spiritual practice: to learn to trust the process of art-making that can reveal the challenges and affirmations necessary in on our spiritual journey toward deepening our inner lives…..And to experience the joy and freedom of that journey!!!

Our spiritual practices include:

- The "practice of imagination" as a powerful force for transformation.
- An affirmation and celebration that all images of artistic expression – even the disturbing ones— carry inherent properties for healing and wholeness of mind, body and soul.
- Making art and sharing in the processes involved in creating art in community. Through these we create an environment conducive to free expression and non-judgmental responses.
- Encouraging the healing effects of community where individuals create alongside one another and are interacting in life affirming ways.
- Moving toward the freedom of “Total Expression:” combining arts such as movement, storytelling, writing, role playing and music with painting, drawing, collage, clay and other media.

If you would like to share the experience, please set aside the first Saturday of each month to playfully engage in soul-making!!! For details, please call me at 435-513-0441.

Blessings,

Mother Claudia Giacoma+
Our Annual Pledge Drive
(“The St. Luke’s Poker Run”)
in Support of Our 2017 Operating Budget
Begins on Sunday, October 16th

What is an “operating budget?”
It’s the family’s bills: utilities, insurance, maintenance, salaries and benefits, supplies, etc. Just like your household, St. Luke’s has bills to pay each month…about $35,000 each month. Our operating budget does not include the money we need for our community outreach missions. We try to raise that money during our Annual Lenten Campaign for missions.

What is the St. Luke’s Poker Run?
It’s our fun way of getting everyone involved in the financial support of their parish church and its operations and ministries.

What is the participation goal?
100%, that is, our goal is to have every household in our parish submit a 2017 Estimated Giving Card during our Poker Run - October 16th through November 13th. An “Estimate of Giving” reflects your intention and your best guess for 2017.

Why should you participate?
Because St. Luke’s is your parish community. Because our congregation makes a difference in the lives of people in our town, state, nation and world. Because Summit & Wasatch Counties would be diminished if our parish became too financially impaired to carry out our work.

How much do we need?
We will need about $270,000 in operating budget donations from our parish households during 2017. We have other sources of funding that help out (such as the many 12 Step Groups and other congregations who use our buildings), but the bulk of our operating funds come from our parish’s approx. 110 households.

I know you get a hundred requests for a donation each week from all kinds of non-profits. It can be exhausting. I just ask that you remember that the ongoing health, success and well-being of our parish church depends on each of us doing our part. If you are already tithing, I hope you will continue… If you are currently giving 2% of your income, I hope you will try to allocate 3% for St. Luke’s during 2017… If you are currently giving 5%, please commit to 6% for next year… etc. Your generosity will be deeply appreciated.

With Gratitude,

Charles
A Couple of New Sales Taxes?
Transportation System Development in Summit County
A Public Forum Hosted by the Project for Deeper Understanding

Two new sales taxes will be on the November ballot. Each sales tax supports the development of the transportation system in Park City and Summit County. Come and hear an informational presentation by transit experts followed by an hour of audience Q&A.

This Thursday Evening - 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM
at St. Luke’s in Snyderville
All are Welcome!

Sunday - October 16th
A CELEBRATION OF THE FEAST OF ST. LUKE THE PHYSICIAN

A special healing service
An opportunity to invite friends and neighbors to “check out” St. Luke’s.
As part of the service, we will raise our prayers toward the sky by raising ribbons of beautiful, colorful origami cranes. Each crane will represent one of our our prayers.

ALL OF OUR PRAYERS CRANES MUST BE MADE AND TURNED IN TO THE CHURCH OFFICE BY NO LATER THAN THIS WEDNESDAY.
Write your prayer requests and hopes on a piece of origami paper (located in the back of the church), fold the paper into a crane and turn it in to be added to the Ribbon of Prayer that will hang above the Table of the Lord.
Pick up the instructions for making our prayer origami cranes when you pick up the origami paper. Thanks!!!
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 beginning a new book, "A New Harmony: The Spirit, The Earth, and The Human Soul" by J. Phillip Newell. 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.

CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE:
WWW.STLUKESPARKCITY.ORG
We are still working on a few sections, but there is enough content to make it worth a visit. On the website newcomers will find info about our church and what to expect when they visit. In addition, there is information about all of our missions, finances and programs. You can view previous sermons through a link to You-Tube on your phone or home computer. Happy exploring!!!

SAVE THE DATE - ROAD HOME DINNER
St. Luke’s will be providing dinner for the families at the Midvale Family Shelter for the homeless on October 14th. Volunteer space is limited to 20. Please contact Katherine Martz at kathermartz@comcast.net. We will also be seeking support in helping to purchase the food and supplies needed. More information will be provided at church and in the weekly magazine during October.

WOMEN'S GET TOGETHER
Please join us on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM. The October gathering will be on Tuesday, October 11, 2016. Nancy Conrow has offered her house for the event. AND we'd like to work together that evening to make some of the origami birds needed for the feast of St. Luke's. Don't worry if you have never made one, we'll show directions and, of course, you don't even have to if you don't want to. Just come and enjoy the fellowship. We gather to get to know and support one another.
Directions: Jeremy Ranch North side of freeway. Go West at the Jeremy Ranch 4 way stop, through the round about and turn right on the first street, Silver Spur. 12th on the right, 8800 Silver Spur

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.

TAI-CHI
Tai Chi will meet on Wednesdays at 5:10. However, registration is closed until next round. Many thanks to those who have shown interest.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY
We are doing the Priscilla Shirer study "Breathe-Making Room for the Sabbath". We have a total of 7 books and will bring them to the 1st session. If we need more later they are available at Lifeway in SLC or on Amazon. Hope to see you there!

CENTERING PRAYER: Meets Monday mornings at 9:30 AM & Friday mornings at 10:00 AM in the Jerusalem room. Please join us in this contemplative practice of Holy Silence. For any questions contact Jan at jan.e.hafner@gmail.com