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Rector's Corner: *Things Will Never Be the Same*



Dear Friends in Christ,

We recently heard these words from Jesus, “and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it.” The gospel lesson, of course, was [Matthew 16:13-20](#). Peter had just blurted out, “You are the Messiah, son of the living God.” Jesus responds by acknowledging Peter’s affirmation of faith and promises the disciples the keys of the kingdom. In the time of COVID-19, it may feel like we are sometimes being assailed by the forces of Hades. But still, we need to hear Jesus’ promise and to believe it.

There are many in Christian churches that are still in denial about the impact of the pandemic. I have even heard some pastors preach that God would protect the flock from this often-lethal germ. When I hear that, I am put in mind of the temptation of Jesus in the wilderness – and Jesus’ answer: “Thus it is written, ‘You shall not tempt the Lord, your God.’” To me, such thinking seeks to manipulate God into a position of showing his power – to prove us right. This is the heart of the temptation to what is classically called *hubris* or “pride.” I hope that no one in our community thinks that way.

On the other hand, there are those who still believe that the threat is overblown, and that this will all go away soon. History teaches that this is the kind of thinking that led to the Great Depression. It was the same mental process that led to the appeasement before the start of WW II that led to its outbreak. Quite frankly, I would rather be accused of overreacting rather than not doing enough to keep danger at bay.

Why do I bring all this up now? We’ve been living with this “COVID thing” for over five months. Surely, we have weathered the worst of it. Well, yes and no. Just like the world in the aftermath of the Depression and WWII, our world is being changed as each day passes. I am trying to brace myself for the reality that *nothing will ever be the same* as it was pre-pandemic. I am not sure what the world, even our little piece of it, will be like once a global vaccine and effective therapeutic medicines are in place. One thing I can be sure of, it will not look much like what we knew at the end of March 2020.

I hope that by then we will have learned many lessons. I hope that we will continue to reflect on what is genuinely important and valuable. I hope we will have acknowledged how essential it is to look beyond ourselves and our own well-being to the “other” in our midst. Hashtags like #inthisogether are only words, unless they represent a real shift in our thinking – a shift away from the self-centeredness that has become part and parcel of our culture – toward the other centeredness that is at the core of Jesus’ teaching, where the well-being of our neighbor becomes one of our highest priorities.

As we prepare to return from summer activities to the more settled routines of work and school, we take yet another step away from “normal”. Even now, we are being reminded that it is not and will not be the same, ever again.

This is no cause for despair. Far from it. Scripture testifies that when God’s people trek through the worst, they are better able to recognize the hand of God at work among them, whether it was in the vast desert wilderness of the Exodus from Egypt, the exile to Babylon, or the seemingly unending hours between Jesus’ death and resurrection. What we need to remember is that God’s ways are not our ways and that for God’s faithful people, there is *always* a way forward.

With you as a pilgrim along The Way,

David +

Senior Warden Report

by Beth Yocum

Wash hands, wear a mask, and use social distancing! We are now on month seven with the COVID pandemic. I can only encourage people to use their common sense when going places. Remember...you can come to church but you can "livestream" the services on Wednesday and Sunday. We have bible study and Mother Mary has the youth services on the website. Visit that to learn stories, new and old...young and older people. We are now trying to do our Church Bazaar in a different environment. I hate to say it, but this is the "new normal" right now. Will it get back to what it used to be? Probably not. But let us except what we can and cannot change and move forward. AND remember...God is always on ROAM!

November Bazaar Offerings

On Saturday, November 21st we will be offering Polly's Pantry. This will be a pick-up after you order something. How that is going to happen is what we are working on. Polly is busy working on making jellies, jams, preserves, salsa, butters, chutneys, house dressing, mustards, and cranberry orange relish. Requesting clean glass salad bottles. Availability details will follow by the end of September/October.

What is your NUMBER?

Now that we are in this COVID pandemic I would like to know what is your birthday and/or your anniversary date if you are married. If you would like to include the years feel free. Call Lisa at the parish office...717-272-8251 OR Beth Yocum...717-273-0347. Something that I have been thinking about for a quite some time (before the pandemic)!

Liturgy and Life: You May Have Wondered . . .

by Terry Heisey

In last month's Angelus, we saw that Christian worship has for centuries followed two tracks: the Daily Office (including Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer) and the Holy Eucharist. Many of us have participated in St. Luke's monthly Evensongs (sung Evening Prayer). You may have noticed differences in worship practices from the morning Eucharist. Until July most of us experienced the Eucharist primarily and thought of it as our "normal" worship. Now, because of the limitations imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic, we have once more experienced Morning Prayer as a common occurrence. Rather than being exceptional, we may need to acknowledge that Morning and Evening Prayer are also "normative" prayers of the Church. Until recently, this a parallel worship tradition was mostly hidden from our view.

Since July you may have asked:

Where are the altar candles? Since the altar is not used for the consecration of the elements of Holy Communion, there is no need to set the Holy Table with candles, linens, and silverware. We use only the "office lights" on

the reredos behind the altar.

Why are the priests vested differently? White albs and colored chasubles over them are considered Eucharistic vestments. For the Daily Office priests wear "choir dress," that is a cassock with a white surplice over it. During the Middle Ages and in very traditional settings even today, the cassock has been normal dress for daily church activities. Clergy need only put on a surplice over the cassock when prayer times interrupt their daily activities.

Why do we use so many Psalms and canticles? As was explained in last month's Angelus, the Daily Office has its roots in worship practices of the Jews in temple and synagogue alike. The Book of Psalms was their hymnal. Christians adopted these practices and have, over the centuries, maintained devotion to the Psalms as the ultimate expression of every human emotion and every type of prayer to God. Some Eastern monks prayed the entire Book of Psalms every day, while Roman monks recited the entire book each week. When Archbishop Cranmer devised Anglican Morning Prayer in 1549, he set out a course of psalms that read through the entire book each month. Canticles (poems/hymns contained in other books of the Bible) were also parts of the Daily Office services that Cranmer combined into Morning and Evening Prayer.

Why do we say the Gloria Patri so often? We all agree that the mystery of the Holy Trinity is beyond the human comprehension or explanation. We believe, as we state in our creeds, that three persons exist in one godhead: the Father is God, the Son is God, and the Holy Spirit is God, and yet God is One. The bible does not explain how this is so, but in the early years of the church many Christian communities grappled with this mystery and came up with different answers. Once the Emperor Constantine brought Christianity out of the shadows and into the glare of imperial favor these differences explanations became a problem for the unity of his empire. Constantine's conversion came just as the powerful see of Alexandria was split into warring factions between the adherents of Patriarch Athanasius and a popular priest named Arius, who denied the eternal co-existence of the Son with the Father and the Spirit, claiming the Son was begotten sometime later in time. The First Ecumenical Council of Nicaea in 325 condemned Arianism as a heresy and provided a creed to which all genuine Christians had to agree. This is why the Nicene Creed is so prominent in our prayer. Today, nearly all Christian denominations (Orthodox, Coptic, Eastern and Roman Catholic, and Protestant) profess faith in the Trinity. It took several centuries for the church to finally overcome Arianism, which had been carried by missionaries to the Germanic tribes that conquered the Roman Empire. There was no doubt about the Trinitarian nature of the Eucharist, but as the church used the psalms, canticles, and responses in the Daily Office so extensively that repeated Christian affirmations of "Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, **as it was in the beginning . . .**" became a way to "Christianize" the use of so much of the Jewish scriptures.

History Notes: The Cloister Windows

by Terry Heisey

On Trinity Sunday, June 19, 2011, the Cloister of Saints that joins the nave of the 1880 church building with the Parish House (auditorium) was renamed in honor of Father Gerald Richards, XI. Rector of St. Luke's from 1972-1996. This date was the fiftieth anniversary of Fr. Richards' ordination to the Episcopal priesthood. It was fitting that this should be done, since the cloister owes its present appearance almost solely to the efforts of Fr. Richards.

In 1974, as a result of substantial efforts led by Betty Conner, the 1880 building of St. Luke's Church was awarded a place on the National Registry of Historic Places along with the Union Canal Tunnel and the Cornwall and Lebanon Railroad Station, joining previously designated Lebanon County sites in Cornwall, Schaefferstown, Myerstown, and Millbach. Soon afterward (May 1975) the Trinity Chapel on West Cumberland Street was sold and members transferred to St. Luke's. There was understandably a desire to create a permanent memorial to the Chapel in the St. Luke's building, but the historical designation came with a mandate to retain and maintain the historic appearance and architecture of the building, so it would not be possible to change the church by placing a memorial window, for example, in the church. On Jan. 20, 1977, Thomas E. Lowe, son of St. Luke's parishioners Thomas and Shirley Lowe, was accidentally shot and killed at age 18 at Clarion State College. The Lowe family also wished to memorialize their son. The result was a plan to place a memorial window in the cloister hall outside the 1880 building and eventually a plan for all 11 windows in the cloister, a plan conceived and brought to completion by Fr. Richards.

The first window, depicting Archbishop Thomas Cranmer in memory of Thomas E. Lowe and the people of Trinity Chapel, was created in 1979 by Byron L. White, Jr. (1928-1992) of the Grand Rapids Art Glass and Mirror Works and installed by Saltzer Stained & Leaded Glass in Harrisburg. Later, in 1985 when the family of Eleanor Groh Davis wished to provide a similar memorial for her Fr. Jerry had a plan to commemorate holy people from roughly every 200 years throughout the Christian era in stained glass in the cloister. Davis was memorialized in a window depicting St. Thomas Aquinas dedicated on July 16, 1987. Byron White wrote in a Nov. 17, 1986, letter to Jim Saltzer that at the rate St. Luke's was commissioning windows it would take 150 years to finish the series, but he underestimated Fr. Jerry and the people of St. Luke's. The children of Donald Moudy (1914-1988) saw the 2 windows and commissioned another in memory of their father. As for all the windows, Fr. Jerry provided the family with advice on possible names of holy people from each century to be represented, and once they had chosen from the list he wrote to libraries, art galleries, churches, and clergy around the world in those pre-Internet days to get copies of pictures of people for reproduction in glass. Fr. Jerry approved or stipulated changes in sketches ("cartoons") from the artist and provided for installation of each window. The Moudy window of St. Antony was

approved in 1990 and dedicated in Jan. 1991, and as each window inspired other donors the project moved forward rapidly and was finished before Fr. Jerry's retirement in 1996.

Byron White created the windows of Saints Peter and Paul and Bishop William White before his death On Feb. 6, 1992. The 1993 windows depicting St. Hilda of Whitby and St. Elizabeth of Hungary were created by Paul J. Marshall (1924-2004) of Kasmark and Marshall in Luzerne PA and installed by the Saltzer Company. (Kasmark and Marshall windows may also be found in our pro-cathedral of St Stephen in Wilkes-Barre.) The St. Patrick window (1994) and subsequent windows were created by Rolfe's Stained & Leaded Glass in Mount Vernon NY and installed by Saltzer. The windows of the cloister in their intended order are:



Saints Peter and Paul [installed 1991] in memory of Donald S. Moudy



St. Antony (251-356) [1990] in memory of David and Frances Long Shroyer



St. Patrick (400s) [1994] in memory of Eleanor Groh Davis



St. Augustine of Canterbury (died 605) [1995] in memory of Ernest A. Sugitan, Vicente A. Augustin, and Felicisima P. Augustin



St. Hilda of Whitby (614-680) [1993] in memory of Richard C. and Hilda Houser Kimmel



St. Elizabeth of Hungary (1207-1231) [1993] in memory of Hayward and Edna Dale



St. Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274) [1987] in memory of Eleanor Groh Davis



Archbishop Thomas Cranmer (1489-1556) [1980] in memory of Thomas E. Lowe and the people of Trinity Chapel



Bishop William White (1748-1836) [1992] in memory of Homer Gebhard



Bishop Charles Henry Brent (1862-1929) [1995] in memory of Hsi Jen Wei and Hsu Soi Ang Wei



Father James Otis Sargeant Huntington (1854-1935) [1995] in memory of the Acker and Molesavich Families

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CHRISTIAN FORMATION

by Mother Mary Kisner

Real People

Paul Jones— September 4

Paul Jones was born in 1880 in the rectory of St. Stephen's Church, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. After graduating from Yale University and the Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge, Massachusetts, he accepted a call to serve a mission in Logan, Utah. In 1914 Paul Jones was appointed Archdeacon of the Missionary District of Utah and, later that year, was elected its Bishop. Meanwhile, World War I had begun.



As Bishop of Utah, Paul Jones did much to expand the Church's mission stations and to strengthen diocesan institutions. At the same time he spoke openly about his opposition to war. With the United States entry into the war, the Bishop of Utah's views became increasingly controversial. At a meeting of the Fellowship of Reconciliation in Los Angeles in 1917, Bishop Jones expressed his belief that "war is unchristian," for which he was attacked with banner headlines in the Utah press. As a result of the speech and the reaction it caused in Utah, a commission of the House of Bishops was appointed to investigate the situation. In their report, the commission concluded that "The underlying contention of the Bishop of Utah seems to be that war is unchristian. With this general statement the Commission cannot agree ... " The report went on to recommend that "The Bishop of Utah ought to resign his office," thus rejecting Paul Jones' right to object to war on grounds of faith and conscience.

In the spring of 1918, Bishop Jones, yielding to pressure, resigned as Bishop of Utah. For the next 23 years, until his death on September 4, 1941, he continued a ministry within the Church dedicated to peace and conscience, speaking always with a conviction and gentleness rooted in the Gospel.

In his farewell to the Missionary District of Utah in 1918, Bishop Jones said: "Where I serve the Church is of small importance, so long as I can make my life count in the cause of Christ ... Expediency may make necessary the resignation of a Bishop at this time, but no expedience can ever justify the degradation of the ideals of the episcopate which these conclusions seem to involve."

Christian Formation Website

www.journeyinfaith-stlukeslebanon.org

We continue to post new resources and information for our spiritual growth on our website, dedicated to Christian formation. Especially helpful is the page [For Children and their Parents](#). There are also resources [For Adults](#); access links to the Presiding Bishop's podcasts on [The Way of Love](#). Links to the [weekly bible study](#) and more!

Christian Formation



Godly Play

We are pleased to announce that our Core stories in Godly Play will be supplemented this fall with *NEW* stories. These new stories will be labeled Extension."

Our familiar lessons on Creation, The Great Family and others will once again be told to help reinforce key concepts at the heart of our curriculum. In addition Extension stories are more detailed and will feature people who are the central characters of some of the Core stories. Children will hear about how God interacted with Abraham, Sarah, Joseph, Moses, and David.

The Core Stories are important for all of us since they form the general basis for our growing understanding of how God works in our lives. These are especially important for our youngest students (age 3 to 6 years). The Extension stories of individual people help to flesh these out by showing how God both challenges us and leads us through many of life's circumstances. These stories will give our children more to think about as their own faith grows. As such they are geared toward older children (age 7 to 9 and beyond).

We will be posting Core stories every Sunday this fall, and Extension stories on most Sundays. Story tellers whom the children have seen in the classroom will be the people who tell the stories for our video presentations.

These stories will be posted to the website "Journeyinfaith-stlukeslebanon.org." Scroll down to the heading "Grow" and click on it. Then click on resources in the current liturgical season." Check out the resources under each Sunday.

ZOOM Feast for Godly Play Students - Sunday, September 27 - 11:15am



One of the important components of the Godly Play classroom is the Feast near the end of each session. After hearing a story, wondering about different parts of it, and working out a response to it, children gather in a circle to pray together, and help set out napkins, a small snack, and a drink. When everyone is ready, we consume our feast together.

Our teachers have discussed how much they miss this time together with our children. So once a month we would like to gather everyone, children and teachers, in a Zoom meeting so we can see each other, pray together and have our feast together, and chat about any questions or comments about the stories we have posted.

After contacting the families of our children, our teachers will personally deliver a Feast Package (on the Friday before) that will contain the items each child will need to participate in our Zoom Feast. Then at the

appointed time on Sunday, September 27, we will gather together on Zoom to pray, prepare, and feast together. We hope we can make this a monthly feature.

Mother Mary will be contacting each family to help make these arrangements. A link will be emailed to you so your children can join us at that time.



“Living the Good News” Church School for Children 10 - 13 years old

Plans are under way to continue offering this interactive class with our middle school age students. We will be using the “Living the Good News” curriculum this year. After some short presentations on key events in the life of Jesus, the weekly sessions will include one of our Sunday readings to explore and discuss.

We are aiming to make this an interactive meeting with students and teachers so this will be held online, probably through Zoom. There will be two adult team leaders present at each online meeting. Mother Mary will be talking to parents to find out a best time for this group to get together. Watch for more information in the weekly Sunday bulletins.

Bible Study

10 AM Thursdays
in our ZOOM room at
<https://zoom.us/j/190727051>

Find the readings for each Sunday at
<http://www.journeyinfaith-stlukeslebanon.org/lectionary-texts-for-this-sunday.html>

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St. Nicholas (270—343) [installed 2016] rendering by
The Reverend Father Gerald Richards rector of
St. Luke’s between 1973—1996



In 1988 the first 2 windows were remade to replace darkened background glass with clear glass. The Augustine, Hilda, and Elizabeth windows were moved to the elevator lobby off the Auditorium after the elevator was constructed. A new window depicting St. Nicholas drawn by Father. Jerry and crafted by Frank Weidman of Lebanon

St. Luke’s Godly Play Needs

**St.
Valentine
\$24**

**Mother
Teresa of
Calcutta
\$24**

**St. Thomas
Aquinas
\$24**

**St. Julian of
Norwich
\$24**

**St.
Augustine
of Hippo
\$24**

**St. Teresa
of Avila
\$24**

**St.
Elizabeth
of Portugal
\$24**

**St.
Margaret
of Scotland
\$24**

**St.
Columba
\$24**

**St. Patrick
\$24**

**St.
Catherine
of Siena
\$24**

**St.
Nicholas,
Bishop of
Myra
\$24**

The Ten Best Ways to Live

Is one of our most popular stories in our Godly Play curriculum. The children love hearing how Moses went up Mt. Sinai to receive the tablets from God. They will often choose to retell the story themselves using the heart box and tablets. Right now we have only one set for younger students and we could use a second set for our older ones.



**2 donations
of \$32 each**

Introduction to the Communion of Saints

Included with Each Saint

- 1 figure to represent them
- 1 flag for the country in which they lived
- &
- 1 booklet about their life

Included with Whole Set of Saints

- 1 World Map

In most religious education children are told what God did.

In Godly Play children discover who God is.





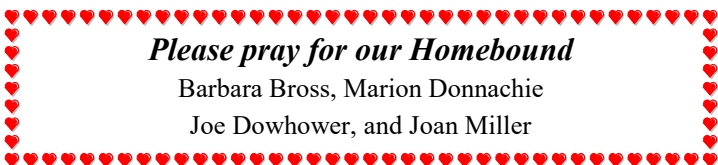
Pastoral Care:

by Soon Slayman

I am basically an optimistic person but sometimes the COVID 19 isolation and uncertainty have made me feel alone and a little frightened. Music is one of the most reassuring ways to lift my spirits. Recently from unknown depths of my memory this verse* which is part of the hymn, “I bind unto myself today”, has come to protect and comfort me. I believe that its complicated history relates to St. Patrick’s prayer before going to battle, which seems appropriate given our current global struggle.

Christ be with me, Christ within me,
 Christ behind me, Christ before me,
 Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
 Christ to comfort and restore me,
 Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
 Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
 Christ in hearts of all that love me,
 Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

*Rather than try to explain any further, I will defer to Terry Heisey to clarify this for me.



Please pray for our Homebound

Barbara Bross, Marion Donnachie
 Joe Dowhower, and Joan Miller

Lebanon County Christian Ministries

by Bryan Smith, Executive Director, LCCM

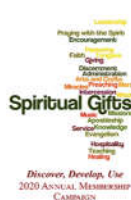
LCCM Wish List

- **Food Needs**—Unsweetened Dry Cereal & Canned Soups and Meals
- **Personal Care Item Needs**—deodorant, body wash, toothpaste, shampoo etc.

Special Note: Vestry determined that St. Luke’s should take an active role in supporting LCCM during the COVID-19 health crisis. Funds were appropriated from various sources to assist in their critical ministry. Beyond the monthly Free Noon Meal, LCCM has undertaken to continue housing those in need through their *Fresh Start* program. Individuals are being housed at a motel to keep them and others safe from infection. This is increasing costs substantially. St. Luke’s hopes to help in any way we can. Other donations are gratefully



Stewardship: The Spiritual Gifts



With this newsletter, we bring the 2020 Annual Membership Campaign to a close. “To a close you say. I thought that the stewardship campaign ended in November with the ingathering of pledges.” Yes, in a way, the ingathering ends a period of intense prayer and reflection on certain aspects of stewardship in our parish. But stewardship *never ends*. It is always part of our discipleship response to Jesus’ call to follow him. That was one reason we changed the name of the “stewardship drive” to the Annual Membership Campaign – to help us realize that every season is a season of stewardship. Every day is a time to reflect on how we are using the gifts that God has given us – gifts both spiritual and temporal.

This year, we reflected intensely on a most important aspect of stewardship – the Spiritual Gifts. It is strange how God guides us. We entered this time of reflection just long enough to think about how the spiritual gifts sustain us in good times and in bad – and then COVID-19 hit. What an opportunity to deepen our awareness of our inner life as we confront so many unexpected events and circumstances.

During this time, people have “stepped up” faithfully. Just about every pledge is well on its way to being fulfilled. You cannot imagine how grateful your parish leadership is that this has been the case. We can assure you; it is not this way in every church. And as we had to cope with no in-person worship, we discovered the gifts of our virtual parish – something that the Church Growth and Development Committee had been working on for a couple of years. Our YouTube channel and our capacity to record and now to webcast services live (a.k.a. livestreaming) were in development long before we even heard about coronavirus. When we could not gather, we were ready with next best thing to being there.

Godly Play team members started recording lessons to post to our Christian formation website along with other resources. Our web-based resources are now available not only to our own families but also to many beyond our own parish. Our weekly Lenten bible study morphed into a weekly offering on Thursday mornings using our ZOOM Rooms. Soon we will move our adult forum into one of those rooms as well!

Over the last three years, we had been developing a way of exercising pastoral care that was carried out by many people and not just the clergy. With stay-at-home orders, parishioners naturally reached out to check on one another. Members of Vestry undertook to make sure no neighbor was left behind among our number. And networks of support emerged to support the sick and those who are grieving the loss of someone they love. These are all the practical products of

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ECW

by Eileen Sidelnick

ECW will meet on Zoom on Tuesday, September 8 at 6:30 pm. Please check St.Luke’s Email Announcements on Friday, September 4 for a zoom link to our meeting. All women of the church are invited to join us!

Apple Dumpling Sale is Back!

ECW will be making and selling apple dumplings during the month of October. The cost will be \$5.00 per dumpling. Pick up dates are October 11, 18 and 25. Please look for more information about pre-ordering and payment in the coming weeks. If you would like to volunteer to help, please contact Eileen Sidelnick (717-926-4238) or sign up during our September ECW Zoom meeting.

Requested Donation Needs

- 16—5 lb bags of flour
- 6—4 lb bags of sugar
- 15 lbs of salted real butter
- 9—2 lb bags of light brown sugar
- 8 dozen eggs
- 21—3 pack butter flavored Crisco
- 2 quarts apple cider vinegar
- 2 quarts lemon juice
- 2 pints light cream

Wreath Sale

by Linda Arguedas

History Lesson: The wreath was meant to represent the crown of thorns worn on the cross, with the red berries meant to be Christ’s blood. The use of evergreen branches in a wreath is to signify eternal life. By hanging one of these on their door, Christians were inviting the spirit of Christ into their home.



This year St. Luke’s will help you continue the Christmas wreath tradition by selling fresh wreaths (and may door swags). We will be partnering with a local nursery to provide the items. At this time we are contemplating all sales will be by pre-order/payment. Pick-up will at St. Luke’s Saturday, December 5, 2020. Can’t pick-up ? We deliver!

This December ... invite the spirit of Christmas into your home and plan to order your wreath from St. Luke’s Episcopal Church.

More info to follow in the next month, or contact Linda Arguedas at ccialinda@aol.com.

Apple Dumpling Sale

\$5.00 per Dumpling
Deadline to Order—October 4th



Thank you

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Pick up on Sunday, October 11 (11:00 AM—12:30 PM)

Number of Apple Dumplings _____

Pick up on Sunday, October 18 (11:00 AM—12:30 PM)

Number of Apple Dumplings _____

Pick up on Sunday, October 25 (11:00 AM—12:30 PM)

Number of Apple Dumplings _____

Total Order:
October 11 _____

Total Amount of Dumplings: _____

October 18 _____

Total Amount Paid: _____

October 25 _____

A Capital Campaign for St. Luke's – What's Been Happening?

You may not have heard very much about our planning for our Capital Campaign. That's because there is a lot of "quiet work" being done. We are currently in the phase of planning that needs us to attach numbers to our dreams – to get a realistic idea of what each individual aspect of the project may cost. Among the elements currently being addressed:

- We have a proposal for development of a master plan for any renovations and construction that may be needed to make our dreams a reality.
- We are near to having a solid proposal for new lighting in the church that will be effective and energy efficient.
- We began the process of working out what we need to do to air condition the church so that we can use it year-round. (Our experience when returning to in-person worship in mid-July might have convinced several people that this is really a good idea!)
- In examining our HVAC systems, we discovered that even with the major repair we made to the boiler last year, we need to address our heating system in a major way (more on that later when we have gathered the data we need).
- We soon will make plans to move the Heritage Room to the second floor of the Rectory to free up space for our Christian Formation programs once we return to in-person teaching.
- We will soon have completed a use study for the space now designated as the Fellowship Hall to design an efficient multi-use space for outreach and other activities.

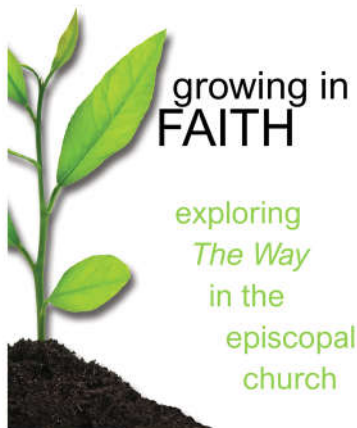
Once these and any other projects are fully "priced out" we will submit the information to our consultant at the

Episcopal Church Foundation, who will conduct a feasibility study to see just what we can afford and what we may have to postpone to another time. So, while things may seem to be quiet, there is a hum of activity just in the background. We will keep you updated on these and any other developments.

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our spiritual gifts. At first, they may not seem all that "spiritual" or lofty, but they are gifts nonetheless – and they teach us their purpose in the plan of God: to sustain and to build up the Church.

Yes. God is generous and has lavished us with so many gifts – some of which we may still discover, and which are still waiting to surprise us. Just because our Annual Membership Campaign will shift to a new emphasis in October does not mean that we no longer think on these things – rather, it is our devout hope that we have become so much more aware of them and how best to use them that we do whatever we can, whenever we can to continue to **Discover, Develop, and Use** the many gifts given us by God. Like many things with God . . . it's not over, it's just beginning!



Are you experiencing a longing for something more in life.

Are you curious about what Christian discipleship means.

Are you seeking the sacrament of baptism, to be confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church.

Do you know anyone else who is?

. . . then Growing in FAITH is for you.

Watch for more information on a most interesting program designed to help individuals grow in committed discipleship within the Episcopal Church.

The program will use online resources to help prepare for a fuller experience of our church community