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Rector's Corner: *Where there is no vision . . .*

Dear Friends in Christ

Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he.

Proverbs 29:18 (KJV)



Some have used this verse to emphasize the importance of vision in leadership: without a long-term plan—without a vision—people are doomed to wander aimlessly. I don't think, however, that this is the essence of this verse. Another translation puts it this way: "Where there is no revelation, people cast off restraint; but blessed is the one who heeds wisdom's instruction." (*New International Version*). In other words, when prophets fail to articulate the vision that God has for God's people, the people will forget their purpose, who they are, and why God called them together into a community.

Vision in this verse refers to what a prophet sees in a dream, revelation, or prophetic utterance. Interestingly, the same word is used in another place where the writer bemoans the rarity of the word of the Lord and the scarcity of prophets to speak that word (I Samuel 3:1). A lack of vision, then, is a lack of God's divine communication.

The Feast of the Epiphany begins a time when Scripture reveals "visions galore": the dreams of the *magi*, the utterance of Simeon at the presentation in the temple, doves descending at the Lord's baptism. And that's only the beginning. The season goes on to manifest the identity of Jesus as the promised Messiah beginning with the wedding at Cana and ends with the glorious vision of Jesus transfigured – a vision entrusted to Peter, James, and John – Jesus' closest friends on Transfiguration Sunday.

These are all supernatural events. But the kind of vision we need is not miraculous. Rather, its key lies in the second part of the verse: *he that keepeth the law, happy is he*. Again, the NIV guides us: *blessed is the one who heeds wisdom's instruction*.

In this sense, vision becomes the roadmap of what God wants us to do. It is God's view of our future as those marked out as his own (BCP 308). Vision provides an answer to the question, "What should we do?" When what comes into view is from God, it is more than merely a dream – it is vision. Yet, if we fail to acquire clear vision then passion and confidence will be lacking and others might not see the value of faith in God. Even members of our own community may drift away – casting off restraint. When we fail in clarity of vision, we fail as a community of faith to bring Christ to all– the core message of Epiphany.

Every good planner knows that vision isn't everything. Every vision must result in a statement of mission – and a mission must be reduced to its basic strategies. As we begin to emerge from our long COVID winter, we must recall the vision and the mission goals we established in VISION 20/20 – our *Gran Sueno*, our big dream. But even that is not enough. Just like the vision God had for ancient Israel, our mission is a living, developing thing. Grounded in unchangeable values, the strategies inevitable shift as we adapt to new circumstances.

Through the next year, we will lean into the vision God has given us and explore new ways to fulfill our mission—to make it real in our world. Only with such vision, and a dedicated effort to "heed wisdom's instruction" will we confidently enter a new chapter in the life of St. Luke's.

In the loving heart of Word made flesh, I remain faithfully,

Senior Warden Report

by Beth Yocum

Have a Happy
New Year!

Souper Bowl Soup Sale

The new year brings with it some parish wide fundraising opportunities, one of those opportunities is the Souper bowl Sunday soup sale. The Super Bowl in the upcoming year is on February 13, 2022, and it is a great time for a hearty bowl of soup to keep you warm on a cold winter's day. The parish needs volunteers to make soup to sell online. We are looking for individuals to make 20 quarts of their choice of soup. Last year we sold Italian Tortellini Wedding Soup, Mushroom Barley Soup, Tomato Bisque, Vegetable Beef Soup, two types of Vegan/Vegetarian chili, Clam Chowder, Chicken Corn Noodle and Gumbo. There are many types and varieties of soups to choose from beside the ones listed above, choose your favorite to share with us.



The timeline for this event is as follows:

- Call parish office at 717.272.8251 to let Lisa know you are signing up for the soup sale and if possible what kind you are making
- Soup types with ingredients must be dropped off or emailed ([mailto:admin@stlukeslebanon.org?subject=Souper Bowl Soup Sale](mailto:admin@stlukeslebanon.org?subject=Souper+Bowl+Soup+Sale)) into the parish office for uploading onto website by January 16th
- Goes live on website January 31st
- Week of Sunday, February 6th to Friday, February 11th Soups are dropped off at church (containers can be picked up at the church the week before for filling)
- Pick up day is Saturday, February 12th

Please consider sharing your talent or passion for a great bowl or cup of soup to warm another up on a cold winter's day. The cost of each quart of soup will be \$8.00 and all proceeds will be given to LCCM to help support the transition of the Fresh Start Program to the Chestnut Community Center. We here at St Luke's parish appreciate your talents, contributions, and support in every endeavor undertaken, so thank you from all of us to all of you who help make a difference in our parish life.

Stewardship: God is Faithful . . . Always.



GOD IS FAITHFUL!
Annual Membership
Campaign 2022

The idea that foreign royalty, whether kings or their priestly magi, came to pay homage to a poor infant king born in a backwater town a few miles outside Jerusalem shakes

up our cultural ideas of wealth and power. The message of God's gift in the form of this vulnerable child speaks volumes about God's sacrificial desire to be with us and God's faithfulness to his promises.

In the middle of the story of how God enfleshed his love for us in Jesus, we cannot forget that these Gentile visitors from afar brought gifts to lay at the feet of the Christ Child, gifts from secular sources that represented a recognition of Jesus' sovereignty in the world. This giving provides an opportunity to reflect on just how faithfully we recognize Jesus as king of our lives by how we offer our own gifts: our time, our God-given abilities and our financial and material resources.

The Epiphany, as the revelation of Jesus to the whole world, gives us the opportunity to understand how we seek to shine the light of Christ on the community outside our doors through our works of mercy (outreach projects). Fresh Start (in its new form across the street from St. Luke's) will need not only financial donations, but also the donations of time and energy given by parish volunteers. We await the restart of Free Noon Meal, Power Packs, and Tower Roast Coffee. These, along with the Almoner's Fund (Rector's Discretionary Fund) are just a few of the ways in which we currently look to spread that light. Later this year, Vestry will undertake a deeper dive into just how we can improve and expand our stewardship of God's gifts to see ourselves as light-bearers to a cold and darkened world.

As we finalize our annual reports and get ready for our annual meeting at the end of this month (January 30th), we can bring focus on our parish budget and look for ways to fulfill God's vision for our parish. Keeping clarity of vision can help us avoid anxiety, as we focus our giftedness as a parish community –how richly God has blessed us and how our parish can continue to extend that blessing to others.



The Capital Campaign: Let there be Light!

Even though we are still in the planning stages of our Capital Campaign, one of the proposed projects pressed us with urgency as we struggle through the dark days of winter. As one of the hold-over projects from the last campaign, we are moving forward on improvements to the lighting system in our church building.

Design proposals were considered by the Capital Campaign Steering Committee that resulted from extensive consultation with professional lighting design experts. These plans were sent on to Vestry, which determined that we should proceed with all due haste. This was made possible because of a special donation in advance of the official campaign that will underwrite most of the costs involved (\$117,000). With vestry's approval, contracts have been signed and fixtures have been ordered. Final logistical arrangements are being worked out, so that the contractors can begin installa-

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History Notes: St. Luke's Fourth Rector—John Mitchel Page, Part III

by Terry Heisey



By 1912 John Mitchel Page had been rector of St. Luke's for 16 eventful years, although he was only in midlife, being 44 years of age. He loved the parish and its people intensely, and the parish and its choir, Sunday School, and other organizations were thriving. He could look back on a string of major accomplishments, including the Parish House (1902), the Endowment Fund (1903), the Weimer window in the north transept (1906), electric lighting for the church (1908), the cloister (1909), the Men's Club addition to the Parish House (1911), and Sexton's House (1911). Yet, Page was not a man to rest on his laurels. Since his mother's death his time had been fully occupied with building projects, but now, suffering from ill-health, he was haunted by the feeling that he had accomplished all he could in Lebanon and the time had come to move on. Page had represented the Diocese of Bethlehem at the General Convention of 1910, and possibly he had made contacts there, but however it happened he came to the attention of the Bishop of Springfield IL, who in 1912 extended a call to the chaplaincy of the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign. He visited the campus and felt it was his duty to accept the call. He submitted a letter of resignation to the Vestry on October 8, 1912, effective November 30, which he urged them to accept.

His time at the University had its share of handicaps and discouragements. World War I, during which he served as a military chaplain, disrupted campus life, as did the ensuing influenza pandemic and economic turmoil of the early 1920s. Soon afterward his strenuous efforts to fund an Episcopal chapel on campus allowed construction to begin, but money ran out in 1927, and a wooden lean-to had to be built to cover the west end of the building. (The Chapel of St. John the Divine was only completed in 2008.) Discouraged, Fr. Page was ready to make another drastic move and resigned in 1927 to become Rector of the American (Episcopal) Church in Dresden, Germany, but he soon found that advancing age and weakened health, together with difficult problems left by the World War, made permanent exile from home unwise and unsuitable. In the summer of 1928 in England he met Philip Rhineland, former Bishop of Pennsylvania and current Warden of the College of Preachers on the close of Washington National Cathedral. The Bishop invited Page to come to the College as his assistant, and Page began what he saw as the culmination of his ministry.

Father Page had always maintained contact with friends at St. Luke's. He advised the Vestry when they had to secure a new rector and returned for special services like St. Luke's Day in 1919, when the Rev. Arlington McCallum began his tenure in Lebanon. He was planning another visit to Lebanon in May 1929 when another new St. Luke's Rector, Rodney Brace, spent a week at the College of Preachers in January 1929. Brace recalled that "wherever we began, our conversation soon came around to something about St. Luke's. Here Fr. Page had that vital interest and love which men achieve for the work of their youth. The whole parish—buildings, grounds, families and individuals—was brought up for discussion. There was pleasure because of the improvement in the conduct of the services, the choir, the lights, the vestments and the decorations, in all of which he said he hoped to have credit. It seemed to me important that he should feel that here, at least, he had not failed. We spoke of the expense of modern upkeep of beautiful build-

ings which were built in a different day. We listed the young men and women who had worked [sic], been baptized and confirmed in the days of his rectorship and checked with great satisfaction those who are now fulfilling the ambitions which he shared with them. But I must not fail to mention his concern over those whom I did not know or those whom I knew to be failing in the loyalty which he had hoped to instill. Through all our conversations he was able to impress the kindly interest, that all pervading love which is characteristic of those who are working close to our Lord."

Unfortunately, Page's time in Washington DC was short. On March 15, 1929, he became confused in the swirl of traffic on Wisconsin Ave. while crossing the street to his apartment after a service at the Cathedral and was struck by a delivery truck. He died a few hours later without regaining consciousness. His funeral was held in Washington National Cathedral on Monday, March 18. His remains were buried in the Woodlawn Cemetery in the Bronx. Immediately St. Luke's mobilized to create a suitable memorial to him. Based on his special interests, suggestions included a new altar or reredos, a memorial window, a fund for the choir, but since his concerns covered the entirety of the parish, Vestry began raising funds for a John Page Memorial Endowment Fund. A memorial plaque, now in the Page Room, was dedicated by Bishop Sterrett and placed under the organ in the church sanctuary.



Music Notes: Hymns for Celebrating the Baptism of our Lord

by Terry Heisey

Decades of scholarship on the liturgies of the early church bore fruit in the drastic liturgical reforms of Vatican II and, among others, the 1978 Book of Common Prayer. Among these reforms was a new feast day in the church calendar, the Baptism of Our Lord on the first Sunday after Epiphany, which sought to reflect the origins of Epiphany as a celebration of Jesus' manifestation in his baptism and the church's renewed emphasis on baptism. Unfortunately, the Episcopal Hymnal 1940 contained only two baptismal hymns, and both were appropriate only for infants. Anglican churches throughout the world began searching for existing hymns and commissioning new hymns that would support the new prayer book and new feast day.

A priest of the Anglican Church of Australia wrote to the F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984), retired Rector of Christ Church in Savannah GA, requesting him to write a hymn for the Baptism of Our Lord. The result in April 1973 was our hymn no. 121 "Christ, when for us you were baptized," set to a tune from the Scottish psalm book of 1635. The combination was immediately published in the hymn supplement Hymns III published in 1973.

At the same time the English church commissioned a text from the George B. Timms (1910-1997), Archdeacon of Hackney, that is our hymn no. 120 "The sinless one to Jordan came." This was also published in Hymns III with a tune from a Parisian Graduale of 1685 as harmonized by Ralph Vaughan Williams.

Also in 1973, responding to the same need for new music, California composer and hymnologist named George Brandon (1924-2001) composed an anthem that our choir sings regularly, "Carol of the Baptism." His text was brought to the attention of Marion Hatchett of the Standing Committee on Church Music of the Episcopal Church. Paired with a medieval English tune arranged by Vaughan Williams it became our hymn no. 116 "I Come," the great Redeemer cries."

This year, as every year, we will use these hymns as we celebrate the Baptism of Jesus.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

by Mother Mary Kisner

Real People:

Andrei Rublev

January 29

Generally acknowledged as Russia's greatest iconographer, Andrei Rublev was born around 1365 near Moscow. While very young he entered the monastery of The Holy Trinity and in 1405, with the blessing of his igumen (the Orthodox equivalent of abbot), he transferred to the Spaso-Andronikov monastery where he received the tonsure and studied iconography with Theophanes the Greek and the monk Daniel. Among his most revered works are those in the Dormition Cathedral in Vladimir, Russia.



The icon ("image" in Greek) is central to Orthodox spirituality. It finds its place in liturgy and in personal devotion. An icon is two dimensional and despite being an image of someone it is not a physical portrait. Western art, especially since the Renaissance, has sought to represent figures or events so that the viewer might better imagine them. A western crucifix seeks to enable us to imagine what Golgotha was like. Icons seek to provide immediate access to the spiritual and the divine unmediated by the human, historical imagination.

For Andrei, writing an icon was a spiritual exercise. It involved the ritual of preparing the surface, applying the painted and precious metal background and then creating the image, first outlining it in red. Throughout he would repeatedly say the "Jesus Prayer" ("Lord Jesus, Son of God, have mercy on me"). He was creating a window into the Divine which he knew was always before him but which was invisible to the human eye. He knew he was able to create such an image of God because he himself was made in the image of God. His object was to be totally focused on receiving God's love and loving in return. He

died peacefully in 1430.

As Jesus was the icon of God, so each one of us is also. Ascetic practice aims at freeing that image from sinful distraction and claiming it more and more. To venerate an icon is to find some of the ineffable beauty that is God, that is manifest in Christ and the saints, and is also in each one of us.

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Pictured here is one of Rublev's most recognizable icons, the Holy Trinity. Click here for an interesting article on the details in this icon. <https://www.tretyakovgallerymagazine.com/articles/%E2%84%963-2013-40/andrei-rublev-image-holy-trinity>

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 podcasts [weekly bible study](#) and more!

ZOOM Feast Sunday, January 9 at 9 AM.

ZOOM Feast is open to all our children and their families. We light a candle which reminds us that Christ is the Light of the World, then we have a brief check-in from everyone. We take turns praying, out loud or in our hearts. Then we set out our napkins, drink, and a small treat and eat it together.



Before each Feast, families (who have joined us in the past) will be contacted by email so they can reply and let us know if you can join us once again. Others who want to join in will need to let Mother Mary know by calling the parish office or by emailing her youth@stlukeslebanon.org

We need your email address, so Mother Mary can send out the link for our Zoom Feast. Then, on the Friday before, one of our teachers will personally deliver a Feast Package that will contain the items each child will need to participate in our Zoom Feast.

When we begin meeting in person for Christian Formation on Sunday mornings, we will have our Feast together in our classrooms! In February we hope to begin again to see each other for Godly Play and other class time together.



Videos Online

Each Sunday we include new videos on our Christian Formation website. This month the Godly Play videos will highlight the life of Jesus and many

of his parables. Other videos will look at the stories from the Revised Common Lectionary as we follow it during this Epiphany season.

You can always find something new and interesting there - <https://www.journeyinfaith-stlukeslebanon.org/> - click on "Grow" to find these liturgical resources.

Let's Begin Again - Christian Formation for Children - in person

Tentative plans are in process for opening our classrooms on Sunday mornings for our children. We are so thankful that COVID vaccinations are now available for our young ones. *Soon* we will be welcoming them back for Godly Play, in two classes for children age Pre-K to grade 5, and another experience for our middle school students. Watch our weekly bulletins and emails for details as they become available.



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>

International Mind-Body Wellness Day— January 3 and National Hugging Day— January 21

by Parish Office

You may be asking yourself, why two more days to think about celebrating this new year besides the usual—New Year's Day (1st) and Martin Luther King Day (17th) is needed? Well the answer is International Mind-Body Wellness Day and National Hugging Day are two days that our pandemic challenged spirits need more than ever before.

International Mind-Body Wellness Day is a way for us to keep our minds and emotions healthy, thereby allowing for our bodies to stay healthy or take on a more healthier aspect of itself. This day also coincides with starting off the new year with creating the best you possible.

Aspects of our life that affects our minds and impacts our body consist of emotions, purposes, spirituality, experiences, goals, beliefs, habits, and actions. Beneficial ways to help create a more mind-body wellness consist of being cognizant or conscious of our decisions, meditation, diet changes, gratitude, changing of perspectives, finding purpose, smiling or offering encouraging words to another, a good night's sleep, consistently healthy routine habits, changing décor or colors can all help bring improvements in one's life. (Source: <https://nationaltoday.com/international-mind-body-wellness-day/>) Take a moment to look at your life, not those around you but your life and ask yourself, "Am I the best I can be?" If your answer is a resounding yes, then congratulations on achieving mind-body wellness. If it is a no, like most people will agree, then ask yourself, "What changes, small or large, can I take to make my life better, not perfect but better?" No one can live a perfect existence and not have to deal with a health issue, dark thoughts or want to disappear even for just a moment. Don't expect perfection but strive for happiness or being true to yourself at least.

National Hugging Day is an expression of love and security that allows for each of us to feel safe and comfortable. Hugging gives our spirits a recharge that helps our immune system to improve because it releases in our brain what is known as oxytocin. Oxytocin is a neurotransmitter that promotes bonding and lifting of our spirits. Hugging also teaches us how to give, receive, and

to share within a relationship. National Hugging Day is relatively young in its infancy since it was first celebrated in 1986 on January 21st in Clio, Michigan. Kevin Zaborney is credited with the idea of having a national hugging day. In this continuing time of pandemic induced restrictions, hugging seems almost obsolete but hugging has transcended and transformed with the changing times to include word and image hugs (messages of love, intent, wishes, and hope). A hug is a gift that keeps on giving and can never not be returned. Give a warm loving hug to yourself, a family member near or far, and know we here at St. Luke's



always have our arms open for you, just as God welcomes each of us with loving open arms.

(source: <https://www.indiatoday.in/information/story/national-hugging-day-2021-history-significance-wishes-and-messages-1761329-2021-01-21>)

Don't let the pandemic challenges stop you from being the best you can be, the best God has given you the opportunity to be, and the best you deserve to be. Show your love to yourself, your family and friends by sharing a hug, be it in person, word of mouth, or virtually, the intent behind the hug will come through, just as God has shown each of us His unconditional love throughout the centuries, in birth, in servitude, in death, and in life everlasting.

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tion by early to mid-February – God and supply chains willing.

While we were in our COVID lockdown, the lack of adequate lighting might have faded into memory -- until we finally returned to worship in the dark of the winter solstice. While subdued lighting can set a comfortable tone for certain celebrations, it is not always functional. Even with all lights on full in our church building, it can be difficult to see even for the individuals with acute vision. Those of us with less than perfect vision can find it hard if not impossible to read our prayer books or hymnals in the same light.

When the engineers went to work, they measured light levels at 1.5-2.0 on a scale used to determine the adequacy of existing lighting. We were advised that the level should be near 20! So, from a merely functional perspective, this is an essential project. New lighting will not only be brighter but will eliminate inappropriate shadows as much as possible.

The project will use architectural lighting to provide adequate light in the side aisles and to highlight the structural beauty of the church. The globes will remain but will be re-lamped and be more decorative than functional. The great windows (the Rose Window above the narthex and the Tongues of Fire Window over the south transept) will be backlit to highlight their beauty for passersby in the evening hours. This will help give witness to the vibrancy of our parish community as a vital anchor institution in our neighborhood.

Perhaps it was *bona fortuna* (good fortune) that the project was delayed until now. All fixtures will employ the latest technologies, including LED lights that will be more energy efficient and that can be easily controlled via wireless Bluetooth controllers! Pre-programmed lighting scenes and smoother transitions will help our worship space communicate the mystery of our liturgy in ways not previously possible.

While the installation takes place, we may be inconvenienced as we worship, though we have been assured it will not be for a long time. We will ask for patience, since good things come to those who wait!

The Capital Campaign Steering Committee hopes that this project will be a foretaste of what can be done to enhance

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Feed the hungry.
Give drink to the thirsty
Clothe the naked.
Shelter the homeless
Visit the sick
Visit the imprisoned
Grieve the dead

MercyWorks

Outreach Ministries at St. Luke's Episcopal Church

Share the faith
Counsel the troubled
Admonish the sinner
Suffer wrongs patiently
Reconcile others
Comfort the afflicted
Pray for all

Pastoral Care

by Soon Slayman

Now I lay me down to sleep, I pray the Lord my soul to keep. If I should die before I wake, I pray the Lord my soul to take.

As a little girl, I would kneel and say this prayer every night. The Lord was my keeper and it did not occur to me to be afraid of dying but I did not know what to think about death or what to say to someone about death. In my fear of saying "the wrong thing," I basically said nothing. I was frozen into silence which, I now know, was interpreted by some as my not caring.

In my 47th year, my husband was returning from work when the car he was driving hit a patch of black ice, skidded into a telephone pole and he was killed. Very gradually as I emerged from the shock and aimless depression of grief, I became better at looking at and speaking to death. This began two years later when I spent the last weeks of Tad's aunt's life helping to care for her. One day she said to me, "Soon, why are you doing this for me?" Without a moment's thought I said, "Because I never had a chance to say goodbye to Tad." This was the beginning of healing which continues to this day. Since then, I have tried to learn more about our relationship with death. My life is fuller because it is no longer a topic I avoid.

Recently, you may have seen an invitation to attend a virtual "Death Cafe." sponsored by a Lebanon county group, the Aging Inspired Advance Care Planning Coalition. The Death Cafe is described as "an open, constructive and life-affirming conversation about death and end-of-life thoughts and concerns..." with the Death Cafe, created in the 1980's, being a "group-directed conversation in which people, often strangers, gather to talk about the topic of death."

I attended. There were eight of us, several of whom had expertise in death related matters and the rest of us who were inquirers. It was just as described. We spent an hour and a half talking on Zoom. One woman from York asked about donating her organs to science. This raised more questions than I had imagined and proved valuable in hearing the options. Not only did I learn a lot, but I had the experience of talking about death in a comfortable, respectful way.

Father David is preparing a booklet which will be tremendously helpful. As he writes, "If we believe that life is a gift, then it makes sense to recognize how the conclusion to life is just as special as the beginning. Christianity itself has always taught that for the believer "Life is changed, not ended."



Please pray for our Homebound

Barbara Bross, Joe Dowhower, and Joan Miller

Lebanon County Christian Ministries

by Bryan Smith, Executive Director, LCCM



LCCM

Greetings from Lebanon County Christian Ministries! I pray you had a blessed Christmas season and an opportunity to

share with friends and family, all while remembering the impact of Christ's birth. Jesus is the greatest leader and servant ever. In fact, there is a great book, written by one of my favorite authors, called Lead Like Jesus.

In November of 2021, the LCCM Board of Directors approved the 2022-2024 strategic plan. The plan will focus on three priorities: Best Practices, Shelter Operations, and Sustainability Programs. We are excited for the future of our ministry and the impact we have the opportunity to make in the Lebanon Community. As we implement the next steps, we will need your continued support in the form of prayer, volunteer time, and financial resources.

Please consider checking out the opportunities to volunteer with LCCM, specifically the Homeless Shelter. As we transition from the COVID protocols, we will need individuals to step up and provide for those needing shelter. Please check out our website and/or our social media for current needs and information. Jesus led by doing. Jesus led by showing. Jesus led as a servant. Let's led like Jesus.

Our Mission

Lebanon County Christian Ministries shares the love of Jesus by providing emergency food, clothing, shelter, and guidance toward personal sustainability.

LCCM WISH LIST

- **Food Needs**—Canned Pasta, Canned Meats, Soups—Chicken Noodle, Tomato, and Vegetable, Instant Hot Cereal, Applesauce, Canned Sliced Potatoes
- **Personal Care Item Needs**—deodorant, body wash, toothpaste, shampoo, toothbrushes, combs/brushes, tissues, etc.
- **Specific Needs**—Sneakers (men's, women's, boys, and girls, all sizes); Men's Boxers (small, medium, and large); Men's Briefs (Size 2x and 3x only) Bras (Size 32, 34, 36, and 38); Infant and Toddler Socks (Size 0 to 4T); Women's Socks (Size 9 to 11 only); No Men's or Women's Sock Except those Requested Above; Girls' Pants (sizes 2 and 4); Boys' Winter Shirts (Size 5 and larger); Women's Sweatpants (sizes small, large, XL, 2X and 3X); Women's Sweatshirts (sizes 2X and 3X); Women's Winter Pajamas (sizes 2X and 3X); Men's Sweatpants and Sweatshirts (sizes 2X and 3X); Men's T-Shirts (sizes small, 2X and 3X); Men's Shorts (Size 2x and 3x); and Blankets (sizes full, queen, and king) (Note: at this time there is an overwhelming supply of winter coats, hats, gloves and scarves).

The Angel Tree

by Sue Kilmoyer

St. Luke's spread Christmas Joy to seven families from Harding Elementary School this year. This included 12 boys and 4 girls who all received a clothing gift and a toy gift. One family recently had a fire in their home and had to relocate. Another family is part of the Fresh Start Program and staying at a local hotel. All of the parents were very, very grateful and appreciative of our gifts. Thank you to all who participated in this special project.



Altar Flowers and Candles

by Parish Office

The altar flowers and candles that beautify our worship every Sunday are given to the glory of God by St. Luke's parishioners. You may give flowers in memory or honor of loved ones on a Sunday of your choice, with an acknowledgment printed in the weekly announcements. (Flower donation is unavailable during the season of Lent, and Palm Sunday.) To give all parishioners the opportunity to choose dates that are meaningful for them, multiple acknowledgments may appear in the bulletins on any given Sunday.

Each year there is a new sign-up sheet to sponsor flowers and candles. Your name will not automatically be carried over to the next year, you must contact the Parish Office every year to be added to the list. To sign up for altar flowers or candles please contact Lisa at the Parish Office, 717.272.8251 or admin@stlukeslebanon.org

The suggested donation for flowers is \$35 per Sunday and candles is \$20 for one month.



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our buildings for more effective mission and ministry. Just as a reminder, other projects currently under consideration include:

- A remodel of our Fellowship Hall/Kitchen area to facilitate its nature as a multi-purpose room and integrate its dining functions into the workflow of the kitchen with the creation of storage spaces that will enhance the welcoming feel and efficiency of the space.
- Addition of a "butler's kitchen" in the auditorium.
- Accessibility enhancements in the Page Room.
- Relocation of the Nursery closer to our worship space.
- Addition of rest room space.
- Enclosure of the South Entrance portico and addition of street level accessibility.
- Addition of a vestibule space on the 6th Street entrance of the Parish Hall.
- Air Conditioning for the Church
- Subsidy to assist in the first phase of renewing our church organ (needed repairs and upgrading the console).
- Reconstruction of the stone and iron fence surrounding the parish buildings

Before we can enter the campaign in earnest, all these projects must be fully designed with specifications that enable us to estimate the financial commitments required. We hope to move forward to the full campaign in 2022. Watch for information to abreast of the campaign's development.

De-Greening of the Church

by Sharon Weaver

Brian and I would like to thank the people who took the time prior to Christmas to come out to help us make the church look beautiful for Christmas. The help was so much appreciated. We are now already looking for help to take down the greens, which will be after Epiphany. We are planning to do that on Thursday, January 13th at 6:00 PM. Things tend to come down faster than they go up but help would make it so much easier. Looking forward to seeing you.

Happy New Year,

Brian & Sharon Weaver

2022 Offering Envelopes

We were notified by the company that prints our offering envelopes that they have experienced a delay in getting the 2022 envelopes printed. There is a huge shortage in both paper and envelopes as well as transportation to receive ordered goods. They have been working since early Fall to try to obtain a sufficient supply but have been unsuccessful. They are experiencing staffing shortages as well. They cannot provide a definitive shipping date but are working as quickly as possible to get our order to us.

We will let you know as soon as the envelopes arrive.





Donald & Sandra Stabilito	January 10
James & JoLynn Gates	January 14
John & Heidi Tylwalk	January 18
Stanley & Florence Asbury	January 23
Brian & Nicole Hockley	January 28

ECW News

by Rose Brown

Women of St. Luke's there will be no meeting in the month of January. Please have a wonderful blessed *NEW YEAR*. The next ECW meeting will be on Sunday February 13 at 9:15 AM with sharing of a light repast with another.



Bazaar Raised—\$7,787



To Our Parishioners

Youth

Eden Centeno	January 10
Jude Penniston	January 16

Adults

James Bowers Jr.	January 01
John Shott	January 02
Nicholas Weaver	January 02
Zina Rittle	January 02
Sarah Centeno	January 03
Cortney Koener	January 04
Trudy Nasta	January 04
Lisa Kristovensky	January 05
Scott Eggert	January 05
Susanne Kilmoyer	January 06
Catherine Roth	January 07
Irene Van Tassel	January 11
John Heffner	January 13
Shane Moyer	January 13
Robert Rechter	January 14
Antonio Aguilar	January 15
Helen Bowers	January 15
Seth Brock	January 15
Ilena Faiola	January 16
Debra Houtz	January 20
Zachary Keffer	January 20
Karen Kane	January 23
Sue Ann Richards	January 23
Florence Asbury	January 26
Eliza Furchman	January 27
Penny Sullivan	January 28
Pamela Colban	January 30
Robert Tonini	January 31

Note from Parish Office: If you do not find the name of a individual listed above in the directory that just means they prefer to keep this information confidential. Out of respect for their wishes, St. Luke's will not divulge their information.



**Ceremony of Lessons and Carols
for Epiphany
celebrating
The Feast of the Lord's Baptism**

St. Luke's Festival Choir
William C. Claxton
Choirmaster

**Sunday
January 9, 2022
6 PM**