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# The Angelus

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# Time to Grow in Love

*I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word..."*  
*(from the Liturgy of Ash Wednesday, BCP, 265)*

Lent is soon upon us, a time for reflection, repentance, and spiritual renewal. The days of this holy season provide us with opportunity to answer Jesus's fundamental call to discipleship – to follow him as one who loves. This love is borne out in the timeless and essential virtue of hospitality.

Hospitality is not merely about hosting guests or offering a warm welcome to strangers. It is a profound expression of love, kindness, and openness. Our Lord Jesus Christ, the ultimate example of hospitality, welcomed all with open arms as he broke bread with sinners, embraced outcasts, and showed unconditional love to those he encountered. During this Lenten season, we must strive to emulate his example.

Our Lenten practices should seek to cultivate that same spirit of hospitality in our hearts by:

- **Welcoming the Stranger:** Jesus often emphasized the importance of welcoming strangers. In our fast-paced world, it is easy to overlook those who may feel like strangers in our midst. This Lent, let us make a conscious effort to reach out to those who may be marginalized, lonely, or in need of a comforting presence.
- **Feeding the Hungry:** Christ fed the hungry multitude with five loaves and two fish, demonstrating the power of generosity. As we engage in acts of self-denial during Lent, let us also remember to share our blessings with those who are hungry, both physically and spiritually.
- **Offering a Listening Ear:** Hospitality extends beyond providing for the physical needs of others; it involves creating space for others to share their joys and sorrows. Take some time during Lent to be present to those who may need a listening ear, offering compassion, understanding, and a sense of belonging.
- **Creating Inclusive Communities:** Jesus dined with tax collectors, embraced people with leprosy, and befriended those at the margins of his society. In our community and our neighborhoods, let us work to create an atmosphere of inclusivity, where every person feels valued, respected, and loved for who they are.
- **Forgiving Others:** True hospitality requires a forgiving heart. During Lent, let us reflect on any grudges or resentments we may be holding onto. By forgiving others, we open our hearts to the transformative power of God's love and mercy.

May this Lenten season be a time of deep spiritual growth and renewal as we embrace the theme of hospitality. Through our actions, may we reflect the love of Christ and create a community that truly embodies the welcoming spirit of our Savior. There is no better time to grow in love with Christ and one another.

With you as a pilgrim on The Way, I remain faithfully,

*David +*

## STEWARDSHIP

# Lent and Hospitality

BY FATHER DAVID ZWIFKA, RECTOR

In a world often marked by division and indifference, hospitality provides a beacon of light, as it embodies the love and compassion that is central to our Christian journey.

Hospitality, at its core, is more than an act of welcoming; it is a transformative force capable of reshaping hearts, fostering unity, and drawing us closer to the divine – the very purpose of our Lenten observance.

Hospitality is itself a fundamental act of stewardship: it goes beyond the responsible management of resources as it nurtures a community where love and acceptance abound. As stewards of God's grace, we are called to create spaces where individuals can experience the transformative touch of genuine hospitality.

### How can we embrace Transformative Hospitality?

- 1. Radical Welcome:** By adopting a radical spirit of welcome, embracing everyone who crosses our path with love and acceptance, we can actually mirror the boundless love of our Creator.
- 2. Empathy and Understanding:** Hospitality flourishes in an environment of empathy and understanding. Take time to listen to others, seek to understand their stories, and let compassion guide your interactions.
- 3. Inclusive Fellowship:** Do whatever you can to make our community a haven for inclusivity. Celebrate diversity among our members as we recognize each person as a unique reflection of God's image.
- 4. Acts of Kindness:** Simple acts of kindness have the power to transform hearts. Whether through a warm greeting, a helping hand, or a thoughtful gesture, our actions can speak the love that resides within us.
- 5. Reconciliation and Forgiveness:** True hospitality paves the way for reconciliation and forgiveness. Lent provides us with an opportunity to mend relationships, extend forgiveness, and experience the healing power of God's grace. ~



## Strangers No More

Annual Membership Campaign 2023-2024

*The Power of Christian Hospitality*

### A Lenten Challenge:

As a Lenten challenge, commit to practicing transformative hospitality in your daily life. Challenge yourself to extend hospitality beyond your familiar circles of family and friends by reaching out to others who may feel marginalized or forgotten. By doing so, we participate in God's transformative work in the lives of others and in our own.

May this Lenten season be a time of profound transformation as we open our hearts, homes, and lives to the transformative power of hospitality. ~



Thank you all for your calls and letters of love and support for me and my family since Warren's passing. At such a time as this, it means so much to have the strength of a church family.

Appreciatively,  
Katherine Hoopes and Family



Let Your  
**LIGHT**  
Shine

**Capital Campaign**  
**UPDATE 1/26/24**

Campaign Goal \$610,000 ✓

Challenge Goal \$660,000

\$618,130

## LENT

### Ash Wednesday, February 14

12:05 PM Holy Eucharist with Distribution of Ashes  
7:00 PM Holy Eucharist with Distribution of Ashes

### Sundays in Lent

*Saturday*

5:00 PM

Vigil Eucharist - "Rite III"

Celtic, Taizé, other less formal celebrations  
in the Lady Chapel

*Sunday*

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist (Recited)

Christian Formation Opportunities between Divine Services  
as scheduled (see weekly bulletin)

10:30 AM Holy Eucharist (Choral)

### Wednesdays in Lent

10:00 AM Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing

### Thursdays in Lent

Online Bible Study

Join Father Zwifka and others for a bible study on one or more of the readings for the following Sunday each Thursday at 10 AM. Information on each study and the links to our "Virtual Page Room" (ZOOM) are found weekly on our website and in the bulletin.

### Following Christ

Join us for a series of simple soup suppers on Thursday evening through the season of Lent that will also feature a presentation on the ways and traditions of discipleship within the Anglican/Episcopal tradition. This series is an ideal way to meet and greet your neighbors as well as to "brush up" on what, why, and how we believe -- or to explore a new way of believing and following Jesus.

### Monday through Friday in Lent

Trinity Chapel in The Parish Hall is open for quiet prayer, meditation, and reflection 9 AM – 3 PM

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available with parish clergy by appointment.

### Living Lent Daily

Living Lent Daily is an e-mail series will be filled with lessons of hope and courage delivered directly to your in-box. Inspired by a variety of resources. Daily reflections will encourage us through this holy season. Messages will include suggestions for further exploration of different Lenten themes through additional online articles and prayers. Subscription information is found on our website or by calling the parish office. ~



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## SOLEMN CHORAL EVENSONG

FOR  
TRANSFIGURATION  
SUNDAY

SUNDAY  
FEBRUARY 11, 2024  
6 PM  
ST. LUKE'S AUDITORIUM

This Evensong will be an intimate service of sung and recited scripture contemplating the transfiguration of Jesus in the presence of the Prophets Moses and Elijah. Also on this occasion, the Church observes the last use of the "Alleluia" before the reflective liturgical season of Lent begins on the following (Ash) Wednesday.

The St. Luke's Festival Choir will offer the following pieces:  
The Preces and Responses of Jason Yannuzzi  
Psalm 114 set by Terry Heisey  
The Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis of F. H. Shera  
"Transfiguration," an anthem by Joel Martinson  
"Alleluia" by William Boyce

The Service will be sung by the St. Luke's Festival Choir, led by Jason Yannuzzi (Choirmaster) and accompanied by Terry Heisey (Music Director).

A F R E E W I L L O F F E R I N G  
W I L L B E T A K E N

## LENT



BY FATHER DAVID ZWIFKA, RECTOR

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### Session 1: Daily Personal Prayer [Feb 15]

This session presents Jesus's call to a daily prayer life and practical suggestions to establishing a daily personal prayer time.

### Session 2: Hearing God in the Scriptures [Feb 22]

This session builds on the first session "Daily personal Prayer" by emphasizing the importance of Scripture. How we can learn to hear God speak to us through Scripture and instruction on how to read Scripture within the context of daily personal prayer.

### Session 3: The Power of the Sacraments [Feb 29]

This session seeks to help people embrace the sacraments as an essential part of the Christian life. It looks at how the Eucharist becomes the source and center of our ongoing life in a Christian community and helps to tie all the other sacramental rites together.

### Session 4: Forgiving One Another [Mar 7]

This session seeks to help people see the necessity of forgiving others as a necessary element of healthy relationships and as a key aspect of our relationship with God. Flowing out of this talk is a period of forgiveness prayer time rooted in the phrase of the Lord's Prayer, "Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us."

### Session 5: The Spirit Empowered Life [Mar 14]

This session seeks to make participants aware that the Church teaches that the Holy Spirit is giving a renewed Pentecost, which is instilling a new and unforeseen power in our own day. The Holy Spirit is the one "who brings about events of amazing newness; he radically changes persons and destinies." Scripture teaches us that it is the Holy Spirit who makes real our status as children of God, sanctifies, empowers, and gives us gifts for mission and ministry.

### Session 6: Advancing the Mission of the Church [Mar 21]

This session is designed to help us better understand that the Church's purpose is to make the Good News known to all who want to accept it and enter into a relationship with Christ. This leads to a generous and compassionate lifestyle of loving service. ~

Please register at

[www.stlukeslebanon.org/soup-suppers/](http://www.stlukeslebanon.org/soup-suppers/) or scan



# Multi-Diocese Evensong at St. Luke's March 10

BY STEPHEN DOSTER, SENIOR WARDEN

Please join us on Sunday, March 10, 2024, at 4:00 PM at St. Luke's as Bishop Audrey Scanlan (Diocese of Central PA) and Bishop Kevin Nichols (Diocese of Bethlehem) jointly welcome parishioners throughout the two dioceses to a special Evensong to celebrate the conclusion and impact of the "Help, Healing, & Hope" medical debt relief effort.

Father Bradley Mattson of Hope Church, Manheim, shares this update on the project:

*Welcome to Phase III of Help, Healing & Hope!*

*In Phase I and Phase II we raised a total of \$17,238.78.*

*It has been a humbling experience to be able to help so many people who struggle with stifling medical debt for our neighbors right here in Pennsylvania.*

*Over half of all collections activity in this country is medical related. With our help, RIP has been able to purchase this debt for pennies on the dollar.*

*What has encouraged us the most is that these funds were raised starting with Hope Church, Manheim and St. Luke's, Lebanon: two churches that over their history have worked together since the days of their founding, and are now in two separate Diocese in Central Pennsylvania, and Bethlehem. We are finding occasion to work together again.*

*Loving our neighbors, with our neighbors has helped us discover common mission together and we are thrilled. What's even better is that Phase I was funded by dozens of Episcopal Churches in both dioceses, as well as through a number of special offerings, personal donations, and support by faith communities.*

*Phase III allows us to work together to keep this good thing going. We are honored to work with all of you on this common mission and are very appreciative of your generosity!*

*Together, let us in Jesus' name offer Help, Healing & Hope!*

Following Evensong, St. Luke's welcomes you to stay for a Lenten soup supper in the church auditorium. To ensure adequate seating, please register for the dinner at: <https://forms.gle/48yf8bwehVhb3ULg9> or contact the parish office.

To learn more about Help, Healing, & Hope, please visit:

<https://stlukeslebanon.org/help-healing-and-hope/>

You can still donate to this effort through St. Luke's via PayPal - click on the "Donate" button and write "Med Debt III" in the notes section or mail a physical check to St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 22 S 6th Street, Lebanon, PA 17042 with "med debt III" in the subject line. All collected funds will go directly to forgiving medical debt. ~



scan here to donate to Help, Healing, & Hope



scan here to register for the March 10 supper



## CHRISTIAN FORMATION

BY MOTHER MARY KISNER

### Remember the Reverse Advent Calendar?

Here is a small sampling of the non-perishable foods we collected during the month of December. Instead of opening a private Advent Calendar that held small gifts for ourselves, the Reverse Advent Calendar featured a list of dates followed by a suggested food item to buy. Each day had a non-perishable item listed such as cereal, crackers, soup, vegetables, etc.

Eight or nine persons/families participated. About ten bags and boxes of all these canned and boxed foods were taken to the Food Pantry at the Chestnut Street Community Center. Laurie and David Funk will manage the distribution of these items along with some fresh and frozen items which others help to supply on a regular basis. Also, at least one church member delivered their groceries to Lebanon County Christian Ministries.

It's a small step, but a vital one, and it is helping to fill the hunger gap for our neighbors who live close by and their children who attend Harding Elementary. THANK YOU to everyone who participated. ~



### Easter Egg Hunt -- With a Twist



Once again we are planning an Easter Egg Hunt for Easter Sunday morning at 12 noon. Along with a piece of candy or a trinket, eggs will contain "Saint Luke's Bucks." Children will be asked to collect the Bucks from their eggs and place them into one of the large containers that will be labeled with the names of three children's ministries on them. Each child will then decide into which container they will put those Bucks. They can divide them up however they wish.

Since last year's event was so well received, we will once again be honoring three different Children's Ministries in and around Lebanon.

**\*Paloma School** is a bilingual Christian School and has recently moved to the former St. James Lutheran Church on Chestnut Street.

**\*Girls on the Run** "We envision a world where every girl knows and activates her limitless potential and is free to boldly pursue her dreams." There are currently three locations in Lebanon County.

**\*LCCS Youth Chorus** invites students in grades three through eight to rehearse with their new youth director, Gabrielle Quandel Umholtz. The Children and Adult Choruses then perform at concerts twice a year.

We are asking parishioners to donate "real" dollars to the cause. Then enough "Saint Luke's Bucks" will be made up to put into the children's eggs. At the end of the hunt when all the "bucks" are given to the ministries, each child can take their own Easter treats home with them.

We hope you will be generous in making this both fun and meaningful for our children and the ministries we will be supporting. Specially marked **Children's Egg Hunt donation envelopes** can be found in our Sunday bulletins. Envelope donations should include your name (for tax purposes) and may be dropped in the collection plate or mailed directly to the church. ~

### Confirmation Classes Continue



Our four Confirmands continue their studies and activities in preparation for receiving this sacrament. You will see them active around the parish especially as readers, and ushers during our services.

How can you help them along this journey? Continue praying for Alex, Colin, Catherine, and Adrien. And encourage them with stories of your own faith life, and how it gives meaning to your day to day joys and struggles. ~

## CHRISTIAN FORMATION

### What is Christian Healing?

BY MOTHER MARY KISNER

*For the past several years I have been including a column about "Real People."*

*These stories have highlighted the lives of people who, throughout the centuries, have been instrumental in spreading the Christian faith through the witness of their work and their lives. All of them were active in using their God-given gifts to make Christ known in every aspect of human endeavor. If you enjoy biographies of the saints and other faithful witnesses, I can point you in several directions to continue your reading.*

*This month I am beginning a new series. I will be exploring several aspects of Christian Healing ministry. I hope to make us more aware of the many aspects of healing as we already practice it, and to help us understand how much more is available for us to use in our day to day lives.*

When we observe the work of Jesus in the Gospels, we see that healing is a major part of his approach in making God's will known in the world. Each time he reaches out and heals a person by word and/or touch, he brings wholeness to the person who receives his ministry. Therefore, a definition of Christian (or Spiritual) Healing is that it brings health to the whole person, including soundness of body, mind and spirit.

There are several ways that Spiritual Healing can be effective. All of us at one time or another pray for healing for ourselves and others. Then there is, laying on of hands and anointing with Oil of the Sick, confession, and receiving the sacraments, especially Holy Communion, and these can also do much to bring health and wholeness to those in need. They are all avenues through which the power of the Holy Spirit can enter one's life and bring an increase in health to body, mind, and spirit.

Although such prayers and spiritual works may result in physical healing, it is important to note that these avenues of God's grace are not meant to be a substitute for medicine or surgery. Instead, these prayerful interventions can work closely with the work of allied professionals who have dedicated their lives to the healing sciences and arts. Many who have been trained in the health professions realize and appreciate the great value of faith in the healing process. It is important to note that all healing comes from God. Individuals are only God's instruments regardless of their profession in the area of healing.

Christian Healing (or Spiritual Healing) is theologically sound and is in harmony with our Christian theology, the teaching and life of Jesus, and the continuing practice of the apostolic church. When Jesus first sent out the seventy disciples to prepare the people for his coming, he told them to do three things: first, to wish peace on the places where they stayed, then to heal the sick who were there, and also to proclaim that the kingdom of God had come near to them. (Luke 10)

When such practices become common in our lives and in the life of the Church, many blessings occur. Individuals are inspired to a greater devotion to God, leading to richer experiences in worship, and a deeper understanding of the Bible. ~



## Spring Church School Begins 2/4

Our Spring schedule begins on February 4 at 9:05 AM for all our students. The older class will be following the stories about Knowing Jesus in a New Way, which look at what Jesus was doing and saying after his resurrection. Younger students will become more familiar with what we do during our services in church and why we do it. This will help prepare those who will be receiving Holy Communion for the first time, and for those who already receive that sacrament.

At the last class on Sunday, March 17, all our students will help Mother Mary with a presentation in which ALL these elements from both classes will be incorporated into one whole circle. This lesson is called, "The Liturgical Synthesis," and it melds together the stories and the practices we hold dear, showing how they form a cohesive whole. ~

## Bible Study

10 AM Thursdays in our ZOOM room at

<https://zoom.us/j/190727051>

Find the readings for each Sunday on the homepage of our website under "This Week at St. Luke's," "Online Bible Study."

<https://stlukeslebanon.org/>

## Wednesday Healing Services

10 AM in Holy Trinity Chapel

## HOSPITALITY Coffee Hour

BY EILEEN SIDELNICK

Coffee Hour hosts are needed for the 8:00 and 10:30 Coffee Hours in February. You can sign up online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4baaa92ba4face9-coffee#/>,

on the sign up sheet on the office bulletin board, or by calling the church office. If you need assistance, please contact Eileen Sidelnick or Matt Haag. Thank you for volunteering! ~



## COMMUNICATION

# Follow St. Luke's on Social Media

BY JEN HACKETT, COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR

Do you follow St. Luke's on social media? If you're online, please follow our pages and share our posts--it's a great way to let people know about the fantastic things going on in our parish.

Since the first day of Advent, our **Facebook** page followers have increased by 118--for a total of 793 followers. Wouldn't it be wonderful to hit a thousand followers by summer?

Our **Instagram** page is newer and still finding its audience, so please follow us there, as well. Instagram tends to be more image-oriented, while Facebook contains more information, but both are good ways to stay in touch with what's going on in our parish.

Our **YouTube** page, managed by Matt Haag, includes professional-quality videos of past sermons and music highlights. It is also a source for livestreamed events for those times you can't attend church in person.

Of course, our **website** also includes a weekly update of the church schedule, along with a slide show at the top of the screen with upcoming events. ~

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website: [stlukeslebanon.org](http://stlukeslebanon.org)



# MARDI GRAS

at ST. LUKE'S  
on 2/10

PANCAKE SUPPER 5 PM (\$10)\*  
DIXIELAND BAND 7 PM (FREE)  
KING CAKE RECEPTION (FREE)

\*ADVANCE TICKETS REQUIRED  
FOR SUPPER; ORDER AT  
[WWW.STLUKESBAZAAR.ORG](http://WWW.STLUKESBAZAAR.ORG)



## MUSIC

# A Historic Year for the Music Ministry

BY DR. TERRY HEISEY, MUSIC DIRECTOR

Not all history is ancient, or even antique. We could say that we make history every day, every year. Yet some years are noteworthy for historical turning points that break old patterns and start new ones. We include this review here because 2023 was an eventful year for St. Luke's choirs—a year of change and transition and yet great accomplishments. And if this is not recorded, preferably publicly, memories fade quickly, and it is lost to the scraps and snapshots of contemporary events that are history for future historians. We hope that some historian in years to come may find this as invaluable as I find the scattered remains of the past that I use for my historical articles here.

The year began on a high note with a first annual choir appreciation dinner hosted by Fr. David at the Lebanon Country Club, but Choirmaster Bill Claxton retired at the end of February, and Organist Terry Heisey was out for several weeks in March recovering from cranial surgery. Acting Choirmaster Jason Yannuzzi suddenly found himself thrust into musical leadership at a very busy time of year. Fortunately, he had the support of the volunteer singers, two paid adult singers, and three paid student singers from Lebanon Valley College. During the first several weeks of the new Choirmaster's tenure Sean Hackett, music leader of the parish's weekly Saturday evening Eucharists, graciously volunteered time each week to attend choir rehearsals and tutor Jason Yannuzzi in choral conducting. Through it all, the Chancel Choir maintained its ministry of leading psalms, hymns, and service music and offering anthems at Sung Eucharists on Sunday mornings and holy days through the choir year.

Through the close of the 2022-23 choir season the Festival Choir continued its schedule of monthly traditional Choral Evensongs with accompanying concerts by Elena Millar (piano) and Nikita Buralovsky (violin) in Jan., Seung Hee Cho (organ) in Feb., and The Eaken Trio in May. In April the Choir sang Easter Lessons and Carols and in June Solemn Benediction for Corpus Christi Sunday. The Choir also toured to Saint John's Episcopal Church Marietta in March to offer Choral Evensong in cooperation with their Organist Karl Moyer. This event represented both a mission outside of our Parish as well as outside of our Diocese (they are in the Diocese of Central PA) and was warmly received by Saint John's, which was having their first large Parish event since the health crisis.

In another instance of outreach and cooperation, Saint Luke's Choirs led the sung aspects of the non-denominational liturgy designed for the opening event of Lebanon Pride on June 25. For this event we gave an open invitation for people to sing with our Choir, and we hosted about fifteen guest Choristers from other Parishes. During this liturgy, we debuted the piece 'God is Love' for Congregation, Choir, Organ and Woodwinds that was composed by our Staff specifically for this liturgy.

As a new choir year began in September the choirs welcomed two additional LVC students. During Lisa Herzing's maternity leave Gwendolyn Bowers graciously lent her voice to the choir and provided contacts with some of her students for additional voices. The Evensong schedule continued as previously planned with a St. Luke's Day Choral Evensong and organ recital by Thomas Mellan and the All Saints' Requiem Mass featuring Philip Ledger's Requiem, but change was coming. Over the summer, a tough programmatic decision was made to separate the Evensong liturgies from the Concert Series in an attempt to allow the Evensongs to be more versatile in concept. This decision seemed necessary since offering grand-scale Evensong liturgies monthly with concerts and receptions has become very labor intensive for the Choirs. With this change, we are able to continue to offer a monthly Evensong schedule but with some of the liturgies more meditative in tone and simpler for the Choir. And concerts could more easily be scheduled at times other than Sunday evenings. The first of this type of Evensong was offered in December. Under the leadership of Jason Yannuzzi we experimented with using the Auditorium so we could use the 'little' organ as well as the piano, and the Choir sang two-part pieces instead of 4-part ones. This liturgy seemed to be enjoyed by those who attended and will continue to evolve this year.

And the music ministry continued its outreach into the community. In October at the Parish's first Fall Block Party, the Music Program produced an elaborate sung street show which consisted of sets of pieces from five musicals sung live by costumed singers. It is estimated that we performed for approximately 800 people at the party. The production was the idea of Choristers Lisa Herzing and Jason Yannuzzi who performed alongside Saint Luke's Musician Sean Hackett as well as LVC Students Jacob McGovern and Hailey Trump. Technical aspects of the show were run by Parishioners Nancy Proctor, Matt Haag, Alex Sidelnick, Colin Sidelnick, Olivia Sidelnick, and Anna Heitmann.

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Later, beginning in November, our Program developed and offered an educational workshop in Advent, 'Introduction to Hymn Singing.' This program was designed to teach the basics of hymn singing through the study of Advent hymns as well as specially composed music featured in the masses and Evensong during Advent. The class was attended by parishioners from both Saint Luke's and Hope Church; it was taught by the Choirmaster and chaperoned by Choristers Sarah Vakili and Debby Tanico. The class concluded with the Choral Evensong for Advent and featured several compositions by Jason Yannuzzi.

Although it may not be well known, there is a strong tradition of in-house music composition in Anglican Church music. This year our Program has featured the original compositions of several of our parishioners. During the Epiphany season the church used a Mass setting composed for the parish by Dr. Scott Eggert. The Festival Choir gave its first liturgical use of his setting of Psalm 23 at our annual Requiem Mass this year, and we sang hymns of his composition in the morning and evening services on Saint Luke's Day. As mentioned earlier, we used several of Choirmaster Jason Yannuzzi's compositions, including his Etude Mass during Advent in the morning services and his Etude Canticles, Psalm 103, and Two Part Preces and Responses at the Advent Evensong. Jason sang the debut of his setting of "The Cherry Tree Carol" alongside Jacob McGovern's debut of his saxophone setting of "Love Came Down at Christmas" on Christmas Eve. Music Director Terry Heisey's compositions have been offered regularly as well, this year during Saint Luke's Day (Preces and Responses) as well as on Christmas Eve (Descant for "Angels We Have Heard on High").

We have had the pleasure of working with many Lebanon Valley College Students this year on multiple projects. Principally, we are proud of and thankful for our Student Section Leaders who receive stipends from the Parish to augment the Choirs. This year these Students are Anna Heitmann, Zachary Krause, Jacob McGovern, Lexi Seidenstricker, and Joseph Polhill. We have been fortunate to have Jacob and Anna perform both solo and in their ensembles on various instruments at several liturgies this year using several instruments often unusual in liturgy.

The Chancel Choir is presently composed of Legacy Members (volunteer): John Gragson, Julie Keller, Debby Tanico, Sarah Vakili, Bernie Yohn, Kathy Yohn. The Festival Choir also includes Mike Fry. The Student Section Leaders from LVC are Anna Heitmann, Zachary Krause, Jacob McGovern, Lexi Seidenstricker, and Joe Polhill. The Professional Section Leaders that have sung during the year include Gwendolyn Bowers, Lisa Herzing, and Eric Pope. The Choirmaster is now Jason Yannuzzi and the Organist and Music Director is Terry Heisey. ~

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## MUSIC

# Wilt Thou Forgive the Sin, Where I Begun

BY DR. TERRY HEISEY, MUSIC DIRECTOR

Hymn 140 is one of our Ash Wednesday standards. The text is a poem by John Donne (1571/2-1631), Dean of St. Paul's Cathedral and noted poet, preacher, and scholar of the 17th century. It was first published in the 1633 edition of his poems.

The poem is universal, yet highly personal. Donne calls attention to himself by emphasizing the word "done" at the end of each stanza. This pun on his name establishes one of 2 rhyming schemes that wind throughout the poem. The other is based on the word that actually ends each stanza: "more." This is a pun on the maiden name of his late wife, Anne More. Donne's love for Ann had shaped his life in much the same way that his interweaving of rhymes on their names shapes the poem. The poem bears affinities to Psalm 51, and the topic is sin, but for Donne the theme is assurance and comfort. Izaak Walton quotes Donne as saying that "the words of this Hymn have restored to me the same thoughts of joy that possessed my soul in my sickness [a near fatal illness in 1623] when I composed it. And, O the power of church music! That harmony added to this Hymn has raised the affections of my heart, and quickened my graces of zeal and gratitude, and I observe that I always return from paying this public duty of prayer and praise to God, with an inexpressible tranquility of mind, and a willingness to leave the world."

Donne commissioned a musical setting for this poem to be sung by the choristers at St. Paul's Cathedral. It is possible that the musical setting we in hymn 140 by John Hilton (ca.1599-1657), organist at St. Margaret's, Westminster, is the one Donne commissioned. The melody and bass line survived in a manuscript in the British Library. Elizabeth Poston added harmonies for *The Cambridge Hymnal* (1967). Ralph Vaughan Williams had earlier set the text to a German chorale SO GIEBST DU NUN. That pairing is also included in our Hymnal at hymn 141. ~

## EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN

# ECW News



### No ECW meeting in February.

Valentines will be sent to shut-ins and nursing home residents. First two Sundays in February during coffee hour the ECW will be preparing valentine cards during the first coffee hour. Please join us.

On **March 12**, we will have dinner at Angelo's Italian Restaurant on 5th Avenue in Lebanon at 5 PM. RSVP any ECW member. Dinner will be ordered and paid individually, followed by a brief meeting. We will then attend a presentation at Good Samaritan Hospital at 7 PM. Mike Kuhn will speak about the founding of the hospital in the 1800s and the role played by the ECW in that process.

On **April 8** at 5:30 PM, ECW will visit Align Pregnancy Services, 132 S. 8th Street, Lebanon, for a tour of their facilities and a program on the work that they do there. Look for more details in the announcements.

### St. Luke's annual Easter candy sale is coming up!

New flavor this year - TEABERRY, as well as those old favorites: peanut butter, coconut cream, butter cream, and salted caramel! **Volunteers are needed** during Lent to help make the eggs: Please check the Sign-up Genius for candy sales volunteer. Production begins Thursday, February 15. ~



## MILESTONES

# February

### Youth Birthdays

Camden Kilmoyer 2/10  
Dante Cook 2/22

### Adult Birthdays

Gloria Pettinelli 2/1  
Rebecca Gilbert 2/1  
Bryan Houser 2/1  
John Gragson 2/2  
Matthew Baker 2/2  
Elizabeth Nazeeri 2/3  
Jason Reilly 2/4  
Alexandra Hockley 2/4  
Trey Kalbach 2/4  
Judah Centeno 2/5  
John Tylwalk I 2/6  
Norman Weise 2/6  
Nicholas Maria 2/7  
John Drenning Jr 2/8  
Joe Dellaquila 2/8  
Bryan Bowser 2/10  
Robert Sullivan III 2/11  
Debra Drum 2/13  
Katelyn Baker 2/13  
Edwin Keath Jr. 2/15  
Tim Nieman 2/15  
Christopher Maria 2/15  
Bud Katzmann 2/17  
Rachael Dechert 2/18  
Robert Daub Sr 2/20  
Lisa Herzing 2/22  
Bruce Kilmoyer 2/23  
Sean Hackett 2/23  
Cheryl Feeman 2/25  
Dolores Coleman 2/26  
Zachary Boehler 2/28  
Elaine Feather 2/29

### Anniversaries

Steve and Deb Harris 2/13  
Stanley and Linda Sandoe 2/14  
Jim and Helen Bowers 2/21



# SCHEDULE OF RESPONSIBILITIES

February 2024

	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	
<i>4-Feb</i>			
<b>LECTOR</b>	Diana Hynson	John Shott	
<b>CRUCIFER</b>	Wiley Parker	Bryan Bowser	
<b>TORCH/ACOLYTE</b>		David Dowhower	
<b>TORCH/ACOLYTE</b>		Ryan Schies	
<i>11-Feb</i>			
<b>LECTOR</b>	Beth Yocum	Katherine Hoopes	
<b>CRUCIFER</b>	Wiley Parker	William W. Claxton	
<b>TORCH/ACOLYTE</b>		Ryan Schies	
<b>TORCH/ACOLYTE</b>		David Dowhower	
<b>EVENSONG</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>		<b>FEBRUARY 14 - ASH WEDNESDAY 7 PM</b>
<b>THURIFER</b>			<b>LECTOR</b> Diana Hynson
<b>CRUCIFER</b>	Bryan Bowser		<b>CRUCIFER</b> David Dowhower
<b>TORCH BEARER</b>			<b>TORCH/ACOLYTE</b> Bryan Bowser
<b>TORCH BEARER</b>			<b>TORCH/ACOLYTE</b> Ryan Schies
<i>18-Feb</i>			
<b>LECTOR</b>	Wiley Parker	John Feather, Jr.	
<b>CRUCIFER</b>	Wiley Parker	Ryan Schies	
<b>TORCH/ACOLYTE</b>		David Dowhower	
<b>TORCH/ACOLYTE</b>		Bryan Bowser	
<b>CHALICE BEARER</b>		Samuel Bowser	
<i>25-Feb</i>			
<b>LECTOR</b>	Pam Weaner	Emily Guilliams	
<b>CRUCIFER</b>	Wiley Parker	David Dowhower	
<b>TORCH/ACOLYTE</b>		Ryan Schies	
<b>TORCH/ACOLYTE</b>		William W. Claxton	



St. Luke's is grateful to the young parishioners who serve our congregation and community!