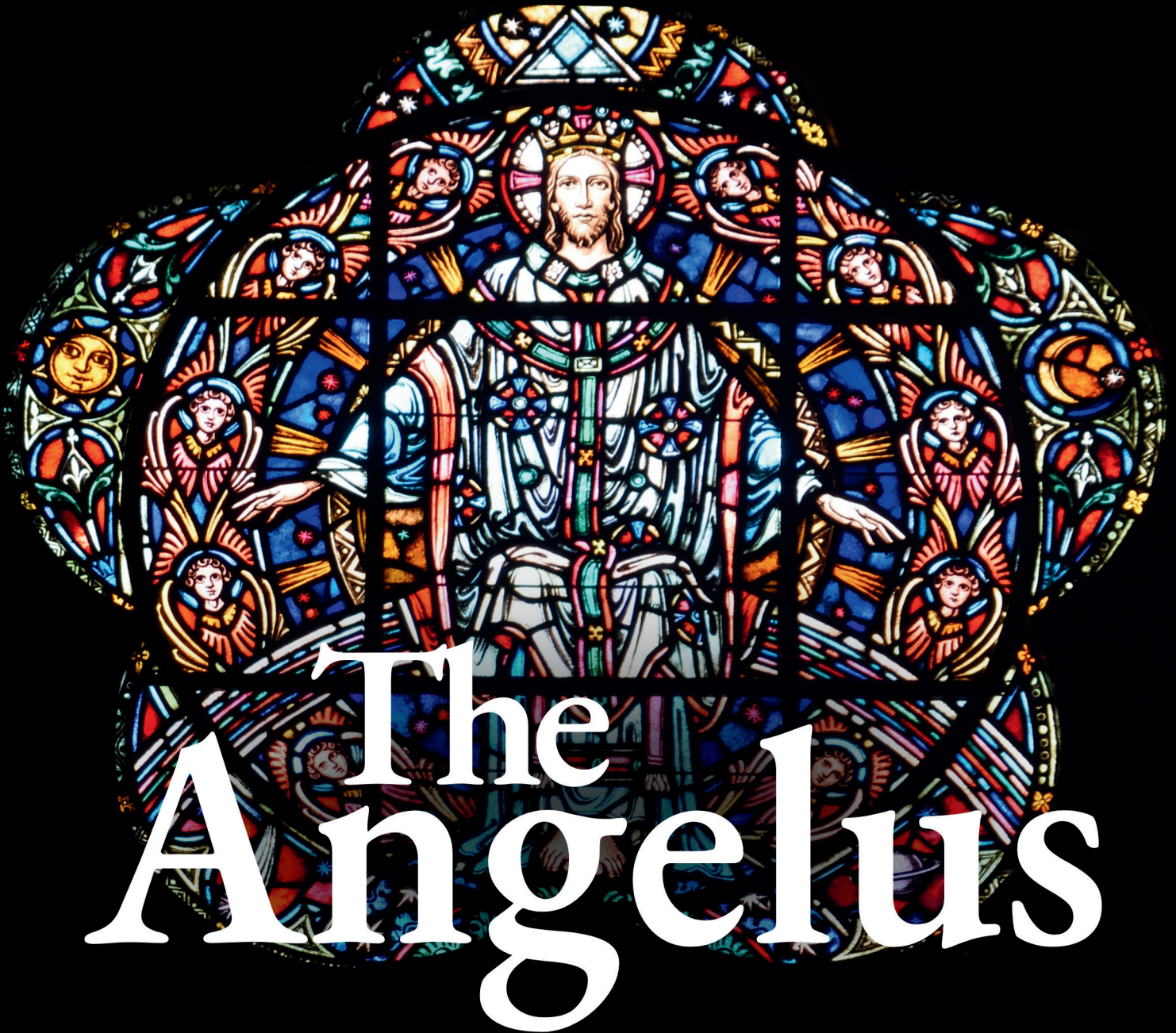


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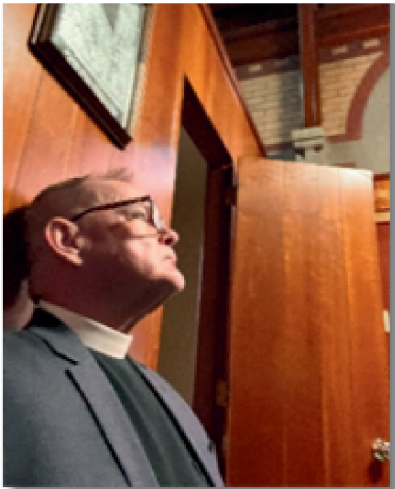
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The Angelus

The Monthly Newsletter of St. Luke's Episcopal Church,
Lebanon, PA



*Fr. Zwifka in the sacristy
reflecting before liturgy*

To Set Captives Free

*"The Spirit of the Lord is on me,
because he has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners
and recovery of sight for the blind,
to set the oppressed free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." (Luke 4:18-19)*

On March 10th, St. Luke's will host a unique celebration. We will join at a special Evensong with the people of Hope Church, Manheim; All Saints, Hershey; and others to welcome the bishops of Bethlehem and Central Pennsylvania to mark the end of our joint project, Help, Healing, and Hope – the initiative that began last year to erase thousands of dollars of medical debt for families in Pennsylvania.

This project was more successful than anyone imagined. Thanks to the leadership of these several parishes and the collaboration of diocesan leadership, we were together able to amass over \$30,000, which will in turn, provide relief for over \$3,000,000 in medical debt. These are no mean numbers. I'd like to take a moment to reflect on the impact that your efforts in this project will have on the everyday lives of real people in our region.

Information provided by KFF [the Kaiser Family Foundation] indicates that unexpected medical bills and health care costs top the public's list of greatest financial concerns and are the greatest drivers of personal indebtedness. Substantial shares of adults carry debt from medical bills that they may have paid off by *taking on other forms of debt*, including credit cards, personal bank loans, or loans from family and friends. The KFF Health Care Debt Survey finds that *four in ten adults have some form of health care debt*. About half of adults – including three in ten of those who do not currently have health care debt – are *vulnerable to falling into debt, saying they would be unable to pay a \$500 unexpected medical bill without borrowing money*. While about a third of adults with health care debt owe less than \$1,000, even lesser amounts of debt can have significant financial consequences for some. Though a third of those with current debt expect to pay it off within a year and about a quarter expect to pay it within one to two years, *nearly one in five adults with health care debt think they will never be able to pay it off*.

Debt due to medical bills can have broad consequences. Some specific problems experienced as a result of health care debt include the necessity to cut back spending on food, clothing, and basic household items; using up all or most of any savings, often bringing about an increase in credit card debt for other necessary purchases. It often requires someone in the family system to take on an extra job or work more hours and skip or delay paying other bills or debt because of the health care debt. Money saved for down payments on the purchase of a home can evaporate or plans for educational advancement are delayed or eliminated.

These outcomes are particularly acute for families whose annual incomes are under \$40,000. For those with slightly higher incomes (\$40-65,000) the situation is slightly better but still precarious. I might note that the median per capita income in Lebanon County is approximately \$38,000 and the median household income is \$78,000. That means that half of the population of our county is below, and half is above, those numbers.

In the time of Jesus, prisons were not places where lawbreakers were incarcerated as we understand them. They were places where debtors were housed "until they paid the last penny." What we will witness on March 10th is a great work of the Spirit of Lord as it works in the Body of Christ *"to proclaim good news to the poor ... to proclaim freedom to prisoners ... to set the oppressed free."* You are that Body. This is the Spirit working in you. Thanks be to God.

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

David +

STEWARDSHIP

Hospitality, Healing, and Hope



BY FATHER DAVID ZWIFKA, RECTOR

In a world where compassion and responsibility intersect, the concepts of stewardship and hospitality emerge as guiding principles in our quest to eliminate the scourge of medical debt. The complexities of healthcare systems make it difficult to strive for equitable access to essential medical services. This makes it clear that fostering a culture of stewardship and hospitality is not only a moral imperative but also instrumental to address this pressing issue.

Stewardship, rooted in a mandate for responsible management and care, calls upon us to safeguard resources and prioritize the well-being of others. In the arena of healthcare, stewardship compels us to ensure that medical resources are utilized efficiently and equitably, with a clear commitment to alleviate the burden that medical debt can impose on those most vulnerable. Our baptismal covenant calls us to challenge inequities that exist in access to care and to advocate for policies that uphold the dignity of all individuals, regardless of their socioeconomic status.

At the heart of stewardship lies the principle of hospitality – that welcoming and inclusive embrace of others manifested to us in the mission and ministry of Jesus – especially toward those in need. Hospitality transcends mere transactional interactions; it embodies a spirit of generosity, empathy, and solidarity. In the context of healthcare, hospitality calls upon healthcare providers, institutions, and whole communities to extend compassionate care to all patients, regardless of their ability to pay. It reminds us that every individual seeking medical treatment deserves to be treated with dignity, respect, and compassion, regardless of their financial circumstances.

Eliminating medical debt requires a multifaceted approach that integrates the principles of stewardship and hospitality into every facet of the healthcare ecosystem. Here are some key strategies that can help pave the way towards a more equitable and compassionate healthcare system:

Promoting Affordable and Accessible Healthcare: Stewardship dictates that access to essential healthcare services should not be determined by one's financial status. Efforts to make healthcare more affordable and accessible, through measures such as price regulation, subsidies, and expanded insurance coverage, are essential in preventing individuals from falling into medical debt traps.

Cultivating a Culture of Compassionate Care: Healthcare providers play a pivotal role in embodying the principle of hospitality by providing compassionate care to all patients, regardless of their ability to pay. Emphasizing patient-centered approaches, fostering trust-based relationships, and offering culturally sensitive care can help create a welcoming and supportive environment for patients facing medical debt.

Empowering Patients Through Education and Advocacy: Stewardship entails empowering individuals with the knowledge and resources needed to navigate the complexities of the healthcare system. Patient education initiatives, financial counseling services, and advocacy efforts aimed at promoting healthcare literacy and consumer rights can help individuals make informed decisions and advocate for their own interests when faced with medical debt.

Building Collaborative Partnerships: Addressing medical debt requires collective action and collaboration among diverse stakeholders, including healthcare providers, policymakers, community organizations, and advocacy groups. By forging partnerships and working together towards common goals, we can leverage our collective strengths and resources to enact meaningful change and eliminate barriers to healthcare access.

Fostering Community Support Networks: Hospitality thrives within communities that prioritize solidarity and mutual support. Establishing community-based support networks, such as mutual aid groups, volunteer-driven clinics, and crowdfunding initiatives, can provide immediate assistance to individuals facing medical debt while also fostering a sense of belonging and collective responsibility.

Advocating for Systemic Change: Stewardship compels us to address the root causes of medical debt by advocating for systemic reforms that promote equity, transparency, and accountability within the healthcare system. This may involve lobbying for policy changes, supporting legislative initiatives, and holding institutions accountable for their role in perpetuating healthcare disparities.

St. Luke's has a legacy that began long ago when its St. Katherine's Guild founded the free clinic that eventually became Good Samaritan Hospital. We have taken up that legacy in our recent collaborative efforts with *Help, Healing, and Hope*, which we celebrate this month. But it cannot stop there. Under the patronage of the St. Luke, the great physician, we can make a real difference in our community by looking deeply into the root causes of why so many are impacted by medical debt. Perhaps by our careful stewardship in this area, we can truly declare a *year of favor from the Lord*. ~

STEWARDSHIP

Think Spring: Sponsor a Tree!

BY STEPHEN DOSTER,
SENIOR WARDEN

As part of the 6th Street Parking Lot refurbishment, five new trees will have to be planted to comply with the ordinances of the City of Lebanon.



St. Luke's is now offering the opportunity for memorial donations to underwrite the cost of this effort. Trees make a perfect memorial gift. They let you express sympathy and condolences at the loss of friends and loved ones in a unique and spiritual way. The gift of a memorial tree is enduring, symbolic, and will grow stronger, and blossom with life, year after year. It is a gift of life, which helps support and heal not only our spirits but also our planet.

Here are some interesting facts about trees and why they are so important to our urban landscape:

- ✓ A tree can absorb as much as 48 pounds of carbon dioxide per year and can sequester 1 ton of carbon dioxide by the time it reaches 40 years old.
- ✓ One moderate sized tree can lift up to 60 gallons of water out of the ground and discharge it into the air in a day.
- ✓ Trees make their own food from sunlight, water, carbon dioxide and nutrients from the soil.
- ✓ Trees alter the climate of a region by moderating its climate, improving its air quality, conserving water and encouraging bio-diversity.

To establish a memorial tree, St. Luke's requests a donation of \$650. A small plaque will mark each tree in a tasteful and appropriate way. For more information, please contact the church office (717-272-8251 or admin@stlukeslebanon.org) or speak with Steve Doster directly.

WORSHIP

Wednesday Healing Services

10 AM in
Holy Trinity
Chapel

Help, Healing, & Hope *Laetare Sunday*

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AND



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WORSHIP

Holy Week Schedule

Vigil of Passion (Palm) Saturday, March 23

5:00 PM - *A less formal service* - The Lady Chapel - North Transept

Passion (Palm) Sunday, March 24

8:00 AM (Recited)

Holy Eucharist

10:30 AM (Choral)*

Holy Eucharist

*Blessing, Distribution and Procession with Palms
Dramatic Recitation of the Passion*

Monday of Holy Week, March 25

12:05 PM—Holy Eucharist*

Tuesday of Holy Week, March 26

12:05 PM—Holy Eucharist*

Wednesday of Holy Week, March 27

12:05 PM Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing*

7:00 PM Tenebrae*

Maundy Thursday, March 28

5:30 PM - Agape Meal – St. Luke's Auditorium

7:00 PM - Solemn Eucharist with Washing of Feet

Procession to Chapel of Repose to follow.*

Good Friday, March 29

Joint Services at Hope Church, Manheim, PA

12 Noon — Meditation Service: The Seven Last Words

2:15 PM – Family Stations of the Cross

Joint Service at St. Luke's Church, Lebanon, PA

7:00 PM — Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion*

Holy Saturday, March 30

Trinity Chapel (Parish Hall) remains open for prayer and meditation

All liturgical services marked with () will be webcast on St. Luke's YouTube channel. ~*

Easter Schedule

THE GREAT VIGIL of EASTER

Saturday Evening, March 30, 7:15 PM

Blessing of Easter Fire

Proclamation of Easter Joy

Readings about the History of Salvation

Solemn Eucharist

THE FEAST of THE LORD'S RESURRECTION

Easter Sunday Morning, March 31

8:00 AM —Festival Eucharist

10:30 AM—Solemn Choral Eucharist ~

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CHRISTIAN FORMATION

BY MOTHER MARY KISNER

Healing in Jesus' Name

What is the Goal of Spiritual Healing?



Note: When I write here about spiritual Healing, I am using that term synonymously with Christian Healing.

For our purposes here, I consider them one and the same. It is the healing we receive through the merits and intervention of Jesus Christ.

The question, "What is the goal of spiritual healing?" can be answered very simply. The goal is always Jesus Christ. Many people might think that the goal of such healing must include physical or emotional healing, and well it might, but not always. The goal is always to know the one through whom the healing is done. And that someone is the Great Physician, Jesus himself. Though a physical or emotional healing is desired, it would not be sufficient to simply receive such a healing. Instead the objective behind any healing that takes place is to open the eyes and the heart of the one who is healed to a newly enhanced relationship with Jesus himself. That is our greatest gift.

There are many stories and testimonies of a healing that seemed nearly impossible through only human means, but which did occur following prayer. In such cases the power of Jesus Christ to heal was prayed for and received, sometimes with immediate results or through a steady process of improvement.

A while ago a story came to my attention. A couple were once-a-month church goers, when one night their eight-year-old son was hit by a car and taken to the hospital, unconscious. Their pastor joined the parents in laying on of hands and praying for the boy, and three days later the child woke up and began to improve steadily after that. The father had not joined the church when the rest of his family did, but after the roller coaster of emotions he went through with his son's predicament, he vowed to accept Jesus into his life. So two were healed when only one was prayed for – the son was physically healed, and the father was healed in spirit.

We can then say that the main purpose of praying for healing is to give people a unique opportunity to encounter Jesus Christ and to bind themselves more closely to him by faith. That being said, Spiritual Healing means more than a physical cure aided by spiritual means. The outcome of Spiritual Healing is the new or renewed union with God in Christ Jesus the Healer.

We would do well to remember that Jesus never said that you must be physically perfect, but he did say, "No one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again." (John 3:3) To see the kingdom of God is akin to knowing the Holy Spirit and living in union with God, being directed and aided by the graces given in such a union. It is through this union with God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – that health and wholeness of body, mind, and spirit come to be. ~

Easter Egg Hunt Traditional Treats and Support for Local Children's Ministries



Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place on Easter Sunday morning, March 31, at 11:45 am. 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.

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 Quandt 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 Ministries 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.

P.S. Can you donate some candy to fill the eggs? Small, individually wrapped candies work the best. Donations can be left in the box in the cloister hallway. ~

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

BY MOTHER MARY KISNER

Souper Bowl Sunday Is a Resounding Success

While other folks were busy preparing for the championship football game of the season, children from our parish were busy thanking parishioners for their soup donations at each of the weekend services.

The Church Schoolers decided to ask everyone to bring a can of soup to church on SOUPer Bowl Sunday, and did you ever! All kinds of soups (109 cans) AND \$76.55 were collected. Pictured are some of the soups and the produce that was bought with the \$\$\$\$\$. All the donations went to our neighbor, the Chestnut Street Community Center. These will help feed our neighbors and some of the people who fall through the cracks when it comes to government programs.

As of February 21 there were only 6 cans of soup left, and the fresh food items were gone within a week.~



Children's Church School

March 3 and 17 - 9:10 - 10:15 am
(NO SCHOOL March 10)

Meet in Holy Trinity Chapel outside church office

Mark your calendar - Church School Party:

Sunday, April 14, 9:10 am in the Auditorium
Mother Mary will have the children help her with a presentation that combines stories and other lessons.

Everyone is welcome to come.

Confirmation Scheduled



Confirmation is scheduled for Sunday, March 10, at 10:30 am. **There will be no 5 PM or 8 AM service that weekend.**

We are happy to announce that Bishop Kevin Nichols will be visiting us for two services on that Sunday. In the morning he will be leading us in a service which includes Confirmation of our students.

Confirmation is a sacrament in which we express a mature commitment to Christ, and receive strength from the Holy Spirit through prayer and the laying on of hands by a bishop.

In it we reaffirm our baptismal vows which include reiterating our belief in God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, along with a series of questions which remind us of what our commitment to God means. Finally, the bishop lays hands on each individual and prays that the Holy Spirit will strengthen, empower, and sustain them in their everyday lives.

Please continue to pray for and encourage our confirmands, Catherine Hackett, Adrien Ortiz, Colin Sidelnick, and Alex Sidelnick. ~



Doing good in the neighborhood!

Recently the nurse at Harding Elementary School let us know that there was a need for backup clothing for the students. St. Luke's was happy to provide, using money from the Harding Fund. Thank you for allowing us to help our neighbors! ~

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/>

COMMUNITY

Thank You

Dear St. Luke's Parishioners,

We want to express our gratitude for your kind donations to Chestnut Street Community Center's Community Fridge. With your donations of fresh produce and non-perishable foods assistance was given to individuals and families in our neighborhood who are facing food insecurity. We currently have funding to stock the refrigerator once a week. It is typically emptied in a single day. Your support extends our reach.

It is inspiring to see what can happen when we work together to make a positive impact.

We are blessed to be St Luke's neighbor!

Laurie and Dave Funk

Information about the Community Fridge:

The Community Fridge is located at 607 Chestnut Street. The door is open from 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM (when there is food available). Food is free for the taking; no questions are asked or registration required.

Donations of fresh produce, non-perishables, and grocery bags are appreciated and accepted.



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HISTORY

St. Luke's Crypt

BY DR. TERRY HEISEY, MUSIC DIRECTOR

As most of you know, the crypt under the High Altar was built in May 1880 for the remains of Lillie Clark Coleman, first wife of Robert Habersham Coleman. Robert had married his college sweetheart on Jan. 5, 1879. In August 1879 he came into control of his estate and immediately commenced construction of a mansion for his bride, a modern industrial iron furnace, and a new church for his parish. Tragically, Lillie died of malaria in Paris on May 10, 1880. Work on the mansion ceased immediately, but the walls of the church continued to rise. Robert brought Lillie's remains to Lebanon, arriving by train at 4:30 on May 26. Ten construction workers carried the casket from the hearse through a ground level door in the north transept (the choir room/Page room addition was in the future) directly to a "new vault just finished" in the undercroft. The family and clergy sang the hymn 'Nearer My God to Thee,' "and its echoes mingled beautifully with the rays of the afternoon sun streaming through the open floor above and glancing into the depths of the new tomb." The vault was constructed of solid masonry, lined with red peerless brick below and buff above. It has both a solid iron door and an iron gate that would allow Robert to sit and view the casket. The church would now be Lillie's memorial.

At the urging of his family Robert married again in Oct. 1884. His new wife, Edith Johnstone, had been raised with him and his sister and knew full well of Robert's continuing devotion to Lillie. The second wife refused to take Communion over the remains of the first, and in early 1885 Lillie's remains were removed to the family burial plot in Laurel Hill Cemetery, Philadelphia.

The crypt apparently remained quietly in the basement with a furnace and mounds of coal until 1914. By then the church's Roosevelt organ was outmoded and failing. There was now electricity in the church, and the parts of the new Hall organ (console, pipes, etc.) could be placed anywhere a wire could reach. The organ blower (a turbine pumping air into the organ pipes) was placed in the undercroft and on the only part of the floor that was not dirt—the brick floor of the crypt (was the vestry trying to save the cost of laying a floor?) with a hole punched through the ceiling of the vault for the wind pipe. For the next 60 years the vault was used to house the air pump for the organ and scare new choir boys locked in it in the dark when the blower rattled to life. The oil stains on the floor bare witness to this era.

In 1978 the Hall organ was replaced by a new Austin organ with its blower on the church's main level in a closet off the choir restroom. Since the Scouts used the area in front of the crypt for their meetings, it may or may not have served some purposes for them, but by the 1980s the crypt and the area around it were the workroom and hideout of the sexton. Paint smears on the bier, or table on which the casket rested, bear witness to this era.



entrance to the crypt



altar in the crypt, with niches crafted by John Thomas

Sexton Bill Hauser, Jr., died in Jan. 2009, and the new sexton did not use the space. In 2014 Terry Heisey, with the permission of Fr. Wible, began work on restoring the crypt to its original purpose, as a columbarium for the repose of cremated remains. The bier was repositioned as an altar with a wooden cross from Trinity chapel and candlesticks, a carpet covered the oil stain, and John Thomas constructed 18 wooden cubicles or niches (3 rows of 6) for urns. The niches have been used several times for the temporary repose of cremains, often between the death of one person and final deposition elsewhere after the death of a spouse. In 2023 at Fr. David's request John added glass doors to the niches for more appropriate permanent repose of cremains. Future plans include new lighting and continued enhancements.

I've been told by someone who claimed to know such things that one of Lillie's rings was built into the fabric of the crypt. Who knows? ~

MUSIC

Senior Recitals Scheduled

BY JASON YANNUZZI, CHOIRMASTER



St. Luke's choir member Anna Heitmann will give her Senior Recital on Tuesday April 16th at 7:30 PM at Lutz Hall in the Blair Music Center of Lebanon Valley College. It will be a shared recital with her colleague Jazmine. Good luck and congratulations, Anna!



St. Luke's choir member Joseph Polhill will give his Senior Recital on Wednesday March 13th at 7:30 PM in the Zimmerman Recital Hall of Lebanon Valley College. Best wishes and congratulations, Joe!

MUSIC

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

BY DR. TERRY HEISEY, MUSIC DIRECTOR

Written when the poet Ray Palmer was only 21, this text, matched with this tune, after almost 200 years of usage, has gained a secure place in the singing traditions of congregations of many denominations around the world. This is ironic in the sense that, because of the deeply personal nature of the text, the author did not intend for its use by others or as a hymn.

Ray Palmer (1808-1887) was newly graduated from Yale University when he took a job teaching "in a select school for your ladies" in New York City. It was his habit to write down thoughts and inspirations in a little notebook he carried in his pocket. He later said that the words of the hymn "were born of his own soul" and that the last verse brought him to tears.

After a year he returned to New Haven to study theology and conduct the Young Ladies Institute. On a visit to Boston in 1830 Palmer by chance met noted musician Lowell Mason on the street. Hearing that Palmer wrote poems Mason asked him if he had anything that might be usable in a new hymnal Mason and Thomas Hastings were compiling. Lowell Mason (1792-1872) had already established a national reputation as a hymnal compiler and was at the pinnacle of the Boston music scene, being organist at Park Street Church and director of the Handel and Haydn Society. Palmer showed Mason the poem in his notebook. The two men stepped into a store so Mason could make a copy of Palmer's words. It wasn't until he reached home that evening that the now immortal stanzas were read, and Mason immediately wrote the tune OLIVET, the only tune ever used for Palmer's poem. Mason would compose over 1600 hymn tunes, but this tune has been one of his most popular. Palmer would go on to a highly successful ministry as a pastor, author, and denominational administrator in the Congregational Church, but Mason later told Palmer that "you may live many years and do many good things, but I think you will be best known to posterity as the author of 'My Faith Looks Up to Thee.' "

The hymn and tune Mason wrote for it were published together in *Spiritual Songs for Social Worship* (1832). They entered Episcopal hymnody in *Episcopal Common Praise* (1867). ~

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN

ECW News



Parishioners and friends have been invited to Lebanon's Good Samaritan Hospital on **March 12** at 8 PM to hear a presentation by Mike Kuhn, Director of Development for the Good Samaritan Hospital Foundation. Mike will discuss the founding of the hospital under the auspices of St. Luke's St Katharine's Guild. His program will be highlighted by the showing of artifacts from St. Luke's that have been housed at the hospital, since its inception in the late 1800s. RSVP to Laurie Daub 718-413-1821. The hospital has graciously offered to serve light refreshments to our group and will need an attendance count. The ECW will be meeting prior to the GS program at Angelo's Pizza, 1032 S 5th Ave, Lebanon (formerly Pucillo's) for dinner and a brief meeting. RSVP Laurie Daub by Sunday, March 10, if you plan to attend or need a ride for the evening. Dinner will be the responsibility of each person.

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!

Please see the ad on page 5 of this *Angelus* for details.

Volunteers are needed during Lent to help make the eggs: Please check the Sign-up Genius for candy sales volunteer.

The ECW wish to offer a grateful thank you to all who contributed to the **annual soup sale!**

There were soup makers, bakers, consumers, advertisers, bookkeepers, distributors...in other words, the VILLAGE came together to make this effort, another success, for our church. We topped \$2,000, this year, for a one-day-only sale! Excellent work!

With minimal overhead, this sale remains a great fundraiser. All monies are earmarked for ECW mercy work, which will be distributed after the March ECW meeting. It is a great blessing to share our many gifts with others!

Thank you...Laurie Daub

HOSPITALITY

Coffee Hour

BY EILEEN SIDELNICK



Coffee Hour hosts are needed for the 8:00 and 10:30 Coffee Hours in March. You can sign up online at

[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4baaa92ba4face9-coffee#/,](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! ~



MILESTONES

March

Youth Birthdays

Anna Tillie Drexel 3/17

Taylor Weaver 3/18

Peyton Weaver 3/18

Theodore Wenger 3/21

Adult Birthdays

Karen Sensenig 3/1

Kathleen Koons 3/2

Katherine Hoopes 3/4

Mackenzie O'Donnell 3/4

Yvette Faiola 3/9

Pauline Good 3/10

Kim Kessler 3/14

Margaret Hollinger 3/15

Peter Gebhard 3/16

Jackie Parker 3/16

George Shaak 3/17

Sakunvery Var 3/17

Romeo Pettinelli 3/18

William C Claxton 3/18

Mike Brewer 3/18

Debra Brewer 3/19

Owen Faiola 3/23

Sophia Gilbert 3/24

Sandi Mesics 3/25

Nick Sidelnick 3/26

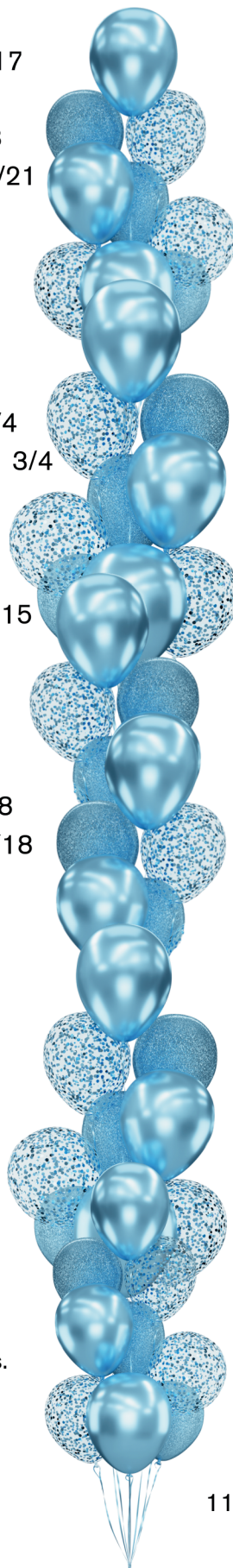
Jason Yannuzzi 3/28

Barbara Bross 3/29

David Yocum 3/30

Lynn Heisey 3/30

No March anniversaries.



SCHEDULE OF RESPONSIBILITIES

March 2024

	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
<i>3-Mar</i>		
LECTOR	Scott Eggert	John Feather, Jr.
CRUCIFER	Wiley Parker	Bryan Bowser
TORCH/ACOLYTE		David Dowhower
TORCH/ACOLYTE		Ryan Schies
<i>10-Mar</i>		
LECTOR	Diana Hynson	The Daubert Family
CRUCIFER	Wiley Parker	William W. Claxton
TORCH/ACOLYTE		Ryan Schies
TORCH/ACOLYTE		David Dowhower
EVENSONG	4:00 PM - Note Special Time	
THURIFER		
CRUCIFER	Bryan Bowser	
TORCH BEARER		
TORCH BEARER		
<i>17-Mar</i>		
LECTOR	Beth Yocum	Katherine Hoopes
CRUCIFER	Wiley Parker	Ryan Schies
TORCH/ACOLYTE		Bryan Bowser
TORCH/ACOLYTE		Samuel Bowser
TORCY/ACOLYTE		David Dowhower
<i>24 March Palm Sunday</i>		
LECTOR	Pam Weaner	Kara Wenger
CRUCIFER	Wiley Parker	David Dowhower
VERGER		Bryan Bowser
TORCH/ACOLYTE		Ryan Schies
TORCH/ACOLYTE		William W. Claxton
<i>31 Mar Easter Sunday</i>		
LECTOR	Sue LeBaron-Tonini	Emily Gulliams
CRUCIFER	Wiley Parker	William W. Claxton
TORCH/ACOLYTE		David Dowhower
TORCH/ACOLYTE		Ryan Schies
THURIFER		Bryan Bowser

