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The Blessing. The Benefit & The Bishop



All creatures great and small, regardless of whether they are furry, finned, winged or scaled, are welcome to attend the service with their people companions and to receive a special blessing on Sun., Oct. 4 at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Haworth. The blessing takes place in the middle of the 10:30 service of Holy Eucharist, where no one minds the cacophony that punctuates the preaching.

This year, St. Luke's will be honored to have the Right Reverend Mark Beckwith, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Newark, as celebrant and preacher at the service. Bishop Mark will also officiate as "blesser" of the animals whose people companions bring them to church.

In a brand-new ministry this year which dovetails with its current outreach efforts on behalf of the homeless and hungry in Bergen County, St. Luke's will accept donations of food, blankets, toys and funds to benefit several local animal welfare organizations that minister to lost, homeless and abandoned pets, including C.L.A.W.S., FOCAS and the Bergen County Animal Shelter.

The service, which is one of the most popular of liturgies all year, offers special prayers in honor of St. Francis of Assisi and celebrates the beauty of the natural world, especially the gifts offered to us by our animal companions. The 10:30 A.M. service of Holy Eucharist is followed by a time of fellowship and refreshments in the parish hall, a forum led by Bishop Beckwith and, at approximately Noon, a Pet Adopt-a-thon courtesy of volunteers from C.L.A.W.S (Closter Animal Welfare Society) and FOCAS featuring local pets ready to head to their forever home.

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Suggested donations:

Towels, sheets, blankets, comforters
Pet carriers, crates, heating pads
Treats, canned/dry dog and cat food,
KMR for kittens, meat-only baby food
Plastic cat toys, unscented baby
wipes, cat litter, plastic litter boxes
Squeaky toys for dogs,
Martingale collars,
Rabbit, gerbil, hamster supplies,
bleach, paper towels
Monetary donations are always
welcomed

ALL CRITTERS WELCOME!



"Mark," as the Bishop prefers to be called, has four specific questions he is asking of every congregation he visits:

When are you as a congregation at your best?

What is the congregation's purpose?

What are your challenges – "What gets in the way of living out your mission?"

What would you like to ask me, or want me to know so the Diocese can be of assistance in supporting your mission and ministry?

It's time now to ponder these questions, and to make notes. Come prepared to enter into dialogue with the other members of the congregation and with your Bishop.

Bring your best buddy, critter, or creature along with you for a fantastic morning and glorious celebration!

New Visions, the newsletter of St. Luke's Episcopal Church, is published 10 times per year. Submissions for the upcoming month's issue should be mailed to New Visions, St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Massachusetts Ave. & Grant St., Haworth, NJ 07641; or e-mailed to claudiasmith@msn.com by 20th of month

Annual Holiday Fair: ECW Update

FAIR DATE: SAT., NOV 7 · 10 A.M.— 4 P.M.

Please note that we are requesting donations of the following items:

BAKERY (Crew: Jen Plunkett & Christine Pellegrin) — Breads, Cakes, Cookies, Cupcakes—Bring A.M. Fair Day

DELI (Crew: Norm & Laura Cardine)— Casseroles, Salads, Mac 'n'Cheese, Hard-boiled Eggs, etc.Bring during week or A.M. Fair Day

BOOKS (WE NEED A CREW) Bring all books during the week before the Fair. Fiction or Non Fiction (paperbacks preferred)

BOUTIQUE (Crew: Linda Brescia) — New gifts. Please bring during week before Fair.

JEWELRY (Crew: Jean Esposito)
Please bring during week before Fair

CRAFTS (Crew: Heidi Plinio & Gladys Astorga) Handmade gifts. Please bring during week before Fair

TOYS (WE NEED A CREW)

RAFFLES (Crew: Helen Shaw & Evelyn Rosenblatt)

WHITE ELEPHANT/SLIGHTLY USED (Crew: Chris Emerizy, Karen Moylan, Louise Meyers) — Bring items and/or toys (cleaned, please) during the week before the Fair.

KITCHEN (Crew: Tammy Lynch & Claudia Smith, Kay Lynch-Cashier)

FLOATERS—(Crew: Jo Stephenson)
ALL booths need extra hands. We
also need help to give folks staffing
the booths an occasional break

SET-UP & DISMANTLE—WE NEED ALL THE HELP & MUSCLE WE CAN GET. IT'S A BIG JOB!!!

The Parish Hall will be staffed during the week before the Fair as follows:

Mon.-Fri. 2-4 P.M. (EXCEPT Tues.)

If you prefer to bring your donations after 5 P.M., please leave them behind the kitchen door.

The Fair is our biggest fundraiser of the year. With the proceeds, we are able to fund our Outreach programs to the various local charitable organizations we support PLUS give back something to the parish.

Thank you for your participation and donations!

— Jo Stephenson

FAIR BONUS

Chris Emerizy and Karen Moylan plan to bring their wonderful, friendly poodle named Chatty for the CHILDREN'S CORNER

In a twist on an old pastime, kids can tell Chatty a story — with a little help from their friends...!

Electronic Giving: Fast, Easy & Secure!



An analysis of Electronic Giving was undertaken in an effort to more effectively make St. Luke's more consistent with the world's capabilities in handling and managing its collection of funds. At the urging of Father Joe, the Diocese of Newark and, with the full support of the Vestry, Greg Paller performed an analysis to assess the ability of Vanco Payment Solutions (www.vanco.com) to fulfill this potential collection capability at St. Luke's.

This analysis is now complete and we are excited to announce the implementation of an Electronic Giving capability at St. Luke's. Now congregation members will be able to make their offerings electronically. The new system makes it even easier for you to support the work of St. Luke's.

We have indeed chosen Vanco Payment Solutions as the third-party service provider St. Luke's will be using to manage member profiles, create the necessary reports in support of counting and bookkeeping, and to efficiently process the electronic banking transactions involved. Vanco Payment Solutions is an industry leader in electronic collections solutions and comes highly recommended by several other churches in the Diocese.

With Electronic Giving, you can have your weekly or monthly offerings debited from your checking or savings account and electronically transferred directly into the St. Luke's operating accounts safely, easily and securely. Alternatively, you can set up your profile so that regular charges to your credit or debit card can be processed. You'll never have to remember to bring your checkbook and envelope to church again!

No matter which payment method you choose, the frequency and start-up date is totally up to you. Even when travel, illness or other circumstances prevent you from attending services, your offerings will continue to be received electronically on an uninterrupted basis.

To set up your profile and get things started, please visit the St. Luke's don at i on web page at www.bit.ly/StLukesOfferings and click the "Create Profile" m link in the lower right hand side of the page. From there, you will be given easy-to-follow instructions.

Another option is to email Greg Paller (gjp215@optonline.net) in order to set up a meeting over the phone where Greg will walk you through the online steps involved in creating your profile. Don't worry, there's no obligation, you can cancel your account at any time.

Future enhancements to the St. Luke's website and Facebook page will include further descriptions of the available capabilities; as well as links to the Donation webpage. Greg has taken the responsibility of managing this new process so, if you have any further questions, don't hesitate to contact Greg.

We are all looking forward to getting this system up and running effectively so that any member of the congregation who so desires can be set up with Electronic Giving!

So, why don't you get started today?

— Greg Paller



Confirmation Prep

Preparations for Confirmation have begun! Our District 9 Confirmation date is Sun., April 4, 2016, in an afternoon Service at the Cathedral in Newark at 3 P.M.

Many of our District congregations have only one or two people at an age appropriate level to begin the preparation for Confirmation. St. Luke's is pleased to support two canidates for confirmation this year: Patrick Plunkett and T.J. Pellegrin.

If you are interested in joining the church for the first time, being received into the Episcopal Church from another denomination or renewing your baptismal vows, you are welcome to do so. Please see Fr. Joe about instructions for preparing.

Confirmation classes will take place on Sunday afternoons from 5 P.M. to 6 P.M. at varied locations, rotating among four District congregations.

Reminder: In order to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, the Confirmand must come to class prepared and on time. All brief assignments for class must be completed within the designated time frame. The Confirmand is also expected to take active role in the life and governance of their home Parish. Only one unexcused absence is permitted, and arrival to class after 5:05 PM as well as unpreparedness, also counts as an absence

Sunday, October 18 Church of the Holy Communion, Norwood

Topic: The worldwide Anglican and Christian Communion and The Book of Common Prayer.

Sunday, November 2 St. Andrew's, Harrington Park

Topic: The Bible

Sunday November 15 St. Luke's, Haworth

Topic: Prayer Book Spirituality Sunday December 6 Holy Trinity, Hillsdale

Topic: Sacraments and Seasons of the Church

Sunday December 13 Church of the Holy Communion, Norwood

Topic: The Ministry of all the Baptized

Sunday January 10 St. Luke's Haworth

Topic: Your gifts and Talents: Putting Faith into Action

Sunday January 24 St. Andrew's, Harrington Park

Topic: Lent, Holy Week and The Easter Season

Week of February 14 St. Andrew's, Harrington Park

Special Project with Family Promise

For all that has been.

For all that is.

For all that is yet to be.

We give you thanks, O Lord!

Dag Hammarskjöld

Sunday February 21 Holy Trinity, Hillsdale

Topic: Liturgy and Worship in the Episcopal Church

Sunday March 6 Church of the Holy Communion, Norwood

Topic: Your Commitment to God, Church and Community

Sunday March 13 St. Andrew's Harrington Park

Topic: Your Commitment to God, Church and Community; continued, Confirmation Logistics

Sunday April 10 — 3 PM
Trinity & St. Phillip's Cathedral,
Newark

A Prayer
by
Francis De Sales

Do not look forward to what may happen tomorrow; the same everlasting Father who cares for you today will take care of you tomorrow and every day. Either he will shield you from suffering, or He will give you unfailing strength to bear it. Be at peace then — put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginations, and say continually: The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart has trusted in Him and I am helped. He is not only with me but In me and I in Him.



Outreach Report By Janet Beddoe: Feed My People!





The Walk-In Dinner on Sept. 30th at the Bergen County shelter in Hackensack was a grace-filled experience. It was the end of the month and a very busy time. We served 121 guests — although it seemed like more — but the only food we ran out of was salad dressing. Everyone was happy on this grey day to eat the comfort foods of sausage, pepper and potatoes, salads, rolls, cake and bananas.

It was a pleasure to see again our friends from the Lutheran Church of the Savior, Paramus, especially Laura and Norman Cardine, back from their long Florida stay of mercy only the previous day. I quote the Savior's wonderful coordinator, Carol, who emailed "What a blessing to be at the shelter in such a humbling way. Thanks for making it possible."

Can you match the St. Luke members to their fashionable headgear? *Clue*: servers were Edith Biondi, Maureen Bownes, Kay and Tammy Lynch and Jack and Greta Pallatta,. Thanks be to God for all those members who made dishes. They were eaten with gusto. I also wish to thank **Family Promise of Bergen County** who organizes the walk-in dinners for the needy in our area and makes this blessing possible.

Now for the next important date – Sunday, October 18th – the North East Bergen CROP Walk to end hunger locally, nationally and globally. The walk will begin at the Presbyterian Church, Tenafly at 1:30 P.M. and end at St. Luke's Rectory where we will welcome walkers – human and dogs – with light refreshments. It's 4.3 miles and anyone who would like

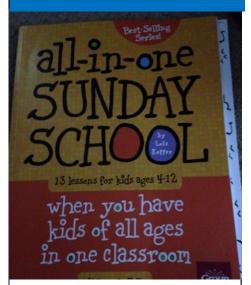


to walk and raise money for the hungry, please see me **ASAP** for information, a map and a pledge envelope. If you would like to help serve or provide refreshments, please see Maureen Bownes or myself.

Remember! We assemble **Snack Packs** for needy children in some
Englewood schools the fourth Sunday of every month. Next assembly is **October 25th**. Join the team!



St. Luke's Sunday School Resumes



St. Luke's begins an All-in-One Sunday School program set up as 13 lessons that build on each other from week to week, but each lesson may also stand alone. Week 1 was "Caring for God's World."

Each lesson starts with scripture lessons, the first one with the two stories of creation in Genesis and Psalm 104. The students will be challenged to explore God's creation and their roles as children of God, the creator.

The curriculum will include activities and involvement based on students' abilities.

Licensed handouts will be completed each week. All elementary-aged children are welcome. It will be held during coffee hour on Sunday morning for approximately 1/2 hour.

-- Karen Moylan

Please put St. Luke's on your email "safe" list!
Office@StLukesHaworth.org

St. Luke's Extended Sacramental Ministries

Join us in visiting and sharing Communion with our Neighbors, our Friends, and their Friends. All are welcome!

| Month | Sunrise Sen- ior Living Center Old Tappan | Gallen Adult Day Care Center Rockleigh | Spectrum for Living Haworth |
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| Service Times Leaving Church | 2:00pm | 1:45pm | 6:30pm |
| | 1:30pm | 1:15pm | 6:20pm |
| | Driving | Driving | Walking |
| October | 10/7/2015 | 10/29/2015 | 10/29/2015 |
| | Wednesday | Thursday | Thursday |
| November | 11/24/2015 Tuesday | 11/9/2015 Wednesday Veterans' Celebration | 11/19/2015 Thursday |
| December | 12/22/2015 | 12/9/2015 | 12/23/2015 |
| | Tuesday | Wednesday | Wednesday |
| | Christmas | Advent | Christmas |
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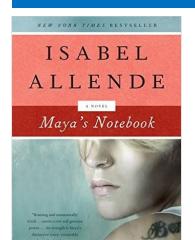
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Between the Lines Book Club



October 22 Maya's Notebook

by Isabel Allende

Maya's Notebook is a startling novel of suspense from New York Times bestselling author Isabel Allende.

This contemporary coming-of-age story centers upon Maya Vidal, a remarkable teenager abandoned by her parents. Maya grew up in a rambling old house in Berkeley with her grandmother Nini, whose formidable strength helped her build a new life after emigrating

from Chile in 1973 with a young son, and her grandfather Popo, a gentle African-American astronomer.

When Popo dies, Maya goes off the rails. Along with a circle of girlfriends known as "the vampires," she turns to drugs, alcohol, and petty crime--a downward spiral that eventually leads to Las Vegas and a dangerous underworld, with Maya caught between warring forces: a gang of assassins, the police, the FBI, and Interpol.

Her one chance for survival is Nini, who helps her escape to a remote island off the coast of Chile. In the care of her grandmother's old friend, Manuel Arias, and surrounded by strange new acquaintances, Maya begins to record her story in her notebook, as she tries to make sense of her past and unravel the mysteries of her family and her own life.

November — No meeting

December 3

Gray Mountain

by John Grisham

The year is 2008 and Samantha Kofer's career at a huge Wall Street law firm is on the fast track--until the recession hits and she gets downsized. Samantha is offered an opportunity to work at a legal aid clinic for a year without pay, after which there would be a slim chance that she'd get her old job back. Samantha moves from Manhattan to Brady, Va., population 2,200, in the heart of Appalachia. Mattie Wyatt, lifelong Brady resident and head of the town's legal aid clinic, is there to teach her how to "help real people with real problems." Her new job takes Samantha into the murky and dangerous world of coal mining....

What a Pet Can Teach a Person About Stewardship



Miss Zarah enjoying her fave resting position

Cats do it, dogs definitely do it. Those are the only ones I can mention with any personal knowledge. They look at you with those soulful eyes, watching every movement of your fork toward

your mouth. Silently (or sometimes not), they say, "I'm your friend! Share your dinner with me!" Even just resting, they always manage to live their lives to the fullest.

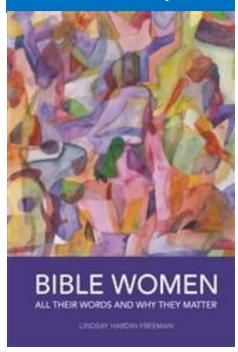
Our St. Francis Sunday Blessing of the Animals reminds us that animal companions are completely dependent upon us for their shelter, their food, their medical care, their general wellbeing. What anyone who loves a pet knows is that for everything we give to them, they return it *tenfold*. Like God's love for us all, their love is unconditional.

Of course, that number 10 is definitely Biblical. As we approach our annual Stewardship Campaign at St. Luke's, we recall the Biblical directive to tithe – give back a tenth – as a sign of thanksgiving for all God has given us. God has made us stewards of this earth and everything in it. Give back your tithe prayerfully and joyfully – your time, your talents, your financial support – to our parish family as we strive to be the body of Christ in our part of the world.

— Claudia Smith

Save the Dates · Save the Dates · Save the Dates

Bible Study



1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:30 P.M. Next: October 6

Bible Women: All Their Words and Why They Matter

In this groundbreaking book, Episcopal priest Lindsay Hardin Freeman identifies every woman who speaks in the Bible, providing their words, context, and historical background. We learn which women speak the most (hint: it's not Mary!) and which books of the Bible have the fewest words from women. We hear the only conversation in the Bible between a mother and daughter (and it's not pretty), the words of a woman who eats her own child, and the triumphant exclamation of a woman telling the world about the risen Christ.

Lindsay Hardin Freeman is an award-winning author who is passionate about the Bible women.

Crafting

The Group meets 1st Thursday at 7:30 P.M. — Next: Nov. 5

Healing Sunday
During 10:30 Service
Next: October 11

CFA Food Ingathering

The ingathering of food items for Center For Food Action takes place on second Sundays. **Next: Oct. 11**

Vestry Meeting 7:30 P.M., October 13

Choir Rehearsal Next: October 14, 10 A.M.

All voices are welcome to sing! Rehearsals are usually held the first or second Saturday of the month at the discretion of the group with extras added as needed.

Book Club

See Page 12 for details on the Book Club meetings for this Fall. NEXT: Thursday, October 22; No Meeting in November; Thursday, December. 3.

Snack Packs

Assembly of Snack Packs for underprivileged school kids in Englewood via Center for Food Action's program takes place the 4th Sunday of the month. Next: October 25



On October 18th St. Luke's will once again be the end point of our local Church World Service CROP Hunger Walk. Please save the date and help us in welcoming and refreshing the walkers in the Rectory. See Page 5

Annual Holiday Fair November 7

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Interfaith Community
Thanksgiving Service
Temple Beth-El/Closter
November 22, 7 P.M.



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October Birthdays & Anniversaries

6 Deb & Jim Riede

23 Erin Plunkett

Parish Prayer List

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers these members of our parish and extended family:

Lou Fifer, The Gonci family, Michael, Donna Sisti, The Klie family, Rachel Lynch, Donna Sardella, Roxanne Gabriel, Carol Finstad, John Zehr, Cathy O'Donnell, Edyth Davis, Gunther Fox, Richard O'Donnell, Sheri and Tyler, Julia Moylan, Scott Lewis, The Rev Joy Rose, Maryellen Pais, Pastors Barbara & Phil Laucks, The family of Anthony (Tony) Hotz, The Garguilo family Jackie, Annette, The Giacalone family, Kenneth Calderon, Edo Barzelatto, Linda Maples Richardson, Gloria Jonassen, The Fortgang family, Shirley Price, Eleanor Abrahamsen, Lisa Prisco & family, Veronica James, Paul, Nikki

To add names to our prayer list, please call:

Sue Gonci., 201-220-3090 OR

Email the Church office at Office@StLukesHaworth.org

You may also write names in the book on the Chapel Altar. Persons listed there are prayed for regularly during the Healing Service.

If you don't see your special day in our monthly listings, please e-mail the editors and we'll gladly add it!

OUR SANCTUARY

The table is set, but why are there stuffed animals and pet supplies in front of the altar at St. Luke's? Guess you'll just have to come to church to find out, won't you?....



Pastoral Care

If you need pastoral care, you may call the Rectory at (201) 384-0653 OR Church Office at (201) 384-0706

Fr. Joe has established regular office hours as follows:

TUESDAYS

10 A.M.— 2 P.M. Church office

WEDNESDAYS

7 P.M.— 9 P.M. Rectory office

Fr. Joe will *usually* be with us three out of four weeks during the month. Should you require pastoral care while he is away, please contact one of our Wardens for assistance.

Sue Gonci, Sr. Warden 201-220-3090, sgonci@optimum.net

Tamera Lynch, Jr. Warden 201-638-9384 Tamera@TriStateComputerFloor.com

Church: Office@StLukesHaworth.org

Please note: Fr. Joe will leave for Florida on Oct. 14 and return to us on Oct. 23. Thanks be to God!

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Tri-Valley: Parish Fundraiser

Have breakfast, lunch or dinner at Tri-Valley Restaurant on Monday and Wednesday an St. Luke's will receive 10% of your bill. Tri-Valley is located on the corner of Knicker-bocker Rd. and DeLong Ave. in Dumont. Be sure to tell the cashier that you are a member of St. Luke's so we get credit for your visit!

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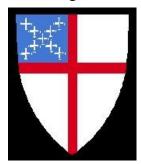
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