



# SHARED VISIONS

## St. Luke's Episcopal & Our Saviour Lutheran

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In Haworth, N.J.

**We welcome the faithful, the seeker and the doubter, for  
God's embrace is wide and God's Good News is for all!**

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### A Message from St. Luke's Wardens

Dear Friends,

A new year is upon us and the history of our church moves on. Whatever comes our way for the upcoming year, it is quite comforting to know that Saint Luke's and Our Saviour will get through both the good times and the uncertain ones together.

The untimely departure of Father Dewey moving to Florida this past year had made the workings of the church a bit challenging. The love and faith of this congregation has made the everyday tasks of the church a bit easier. There are so many who have given of their time and effort in order to make this happen. Thank you.

During the period of Lent, our annual Shrove Tuesday pancake supper had a great attendance and a night of fellowship was had by all who came. Our trusty kitchen crew led the way. The youth group pitched in as servers with the assistance of Girl Scout Troop #113 of Dumont. On March 29<sup>th</sup> the members of Our Saviour Lutheran Church joined our congregation.

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### Needs and Wants: *What Really Satisfies us Spiritually?*

By Pastor Kathleen Rusnak

Have you heard of the iPad? That's right iPAd. It is just out today, Jan. 27! "Our most advanced technology in a magical and revolutionary device," says a spokesman for Apple. What does it do? Everything you already can do with technology and more new apps (that's tech talk for "applications") all in one small technological tablet. There is "strong consumer interest," says an article, with many consumers ready to spend \$1000 for it.

We live in a consumer society where we are inundated with commercials and Internet ads about the latest in everything; the latest phones, cameras, computers, televisions, kitchen appliances, software, cars, technology, and more. Just when we think it can't get any better, a new product arrives that woos us. Recently I was in awe of a new phone product that is also a projector. Amazing!

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This transition has been nothing but a blessing with our dear friends. Great appreciation and special thanks go to Pastor Kathleen and the Reverend Bill Coats for giving stability to an otherwise challenging period. Bless you.

Many physical changes were also made during the past year: the addition of the beautiful wall hangings in the church, the complete transformation of our damaged sacristy, the upkeep of the lovely trees which surround our building and the latest renovation of the church office.

Please take a moment and carefully read through the annual report (*\*which all who came to the Annual Meeting of January 31<sup>st</sup> now have.*

*Extra copies are available at the back of the church for anyone unable to attend).* Take pride in our accomplishments from our “tireless” treasurer, to committee members and everyone in between. Just imagine how wonderful our future looks. We will be hiring a new priest in the near future.\*\* Our new office will be up and running with great efficiency giving us the ability to expand our future outreach projects to those in need. There is more work to be done in God’s name.

*Prayer for forward movement:* “O God, we ask your guidance and blessing on us and our work. Open our eyes to your glory and to the opportunities that lie before us to reach people everywhere with the good news of Christ. Grant that we may be both wise and daring

disciples and stir up in us the will to do joyfully and prayerfully the work we have undertaken. Let not this purpose grow slack, that the nations of this work may become one holy people under the kingship of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Jim Wilkie  
Carol Maxfield

*\*Editors’ comment*

*\*\*Carol told us during the Annual Meeting that there has been a very promising interview with a potential “priest in charge.” We hope to hear something definite within the next couple of weeks. Meanwhile, Father Bill Coats said “Goodbye” to us on January 31<sup>st</sup>, but an old friend to many of us, the Reverend Stephen Galleher, will be the celebrant on “Episcopal Sundays” through the end of March.*

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## **ST. LUKES’ ANNUAL MEETING ELECTS NEW LAY LEADERSHIP**

At the 88th Annual Meeting of St. Luke’s Episcopal Church, which was held on Sun., Jan. 31 after the 10:30 AM service, members of St. Luke’s & Our Saviour gathered in the Parish Hall for a potluck luncheon. The Lutherans were invited to attend the meeting, at which the 2010 budget was approved and the following slate was elected to office:

**Junior Warden:**  
Paul Nobleman

**Vestrymembers:**  
Dave Emerson  
Cindy Burmaster  
Betty-Ann Wilkie  
Janet Beddoe  
Linda Brescia

**Representative For District 9:**  
Betty-Ann Wilkie

**Alternate for District 9:**  
Junius Stephenson

**2011 Convention Delegates:**  
Carole MacDonald  
Courtney MacDonald  
Tammy Lynch

**Alternates for 2011 Convention:**  
Jo Stephenson  
Maureen Bownes  
Greta Pallatta

St. Luke’s is most grateful to outgoing Vestrypersons Gladys Astorga, Greta Pallatta, Doris Rosa and Andrew Todd. Special recognition was given to outgoing Senior Warden Jim Wilkie for his faithful leadership and long and dedicated service.



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*Pastor Kathleen, cont'd. from Page 1*

Forget taking my computer with me to do PowerPoint presentations. Just this little item will do. I'll take one, please!

The ads tell us these are must haves, and I must admit, I get sucked into it often. I need this, and I need that! When I start down this road, it never ends. There is always more I think I need. And just when I think I've got it all, something new comes along.

This is what makes our economy run and gives people jobs. We learned that truth in the recession. We must buy to keep everyone employed. But, our consumer mentality also teaches us, and we also believe it—that these things will make our life easier and happier! Even though we do not feel that life is easier, nor do we feel happier, we still pursue the same agenda; buying things that we think we need, thinking *this time* will be different. We work doubly hard to get these things. Busy?

We feel pressure to acquire new gadgets and to join new internet sites, such as Twitter and Facebook. Friends and family have said to me, "You mean you're not on Facebook. How can you NOT be on Facebook where everybody's life in words and pictures is available? Boy, are you behind!"

This past New Year's Eve, with family and friends, I listened carefully and added up the times that people actually said sentences with the words "too busy" in them. "He's just so busy." "I haven't seen you since last year because my

schedule is just so full." I actually made an appointment to see one of these friends in *January 2011*, just to make sure we got past all the "too busy now" words. To rest we 'consume' again by planning vacations with tiring agendas.

Lent starts this month. From beyond, not from within, our consumerist and busy world, we hear God calling to us to enter into an inner journey where we can reflect and pray. Interestingly, many people today are rejecting vacations as a get away, and are turning to spiritual retreats at Buddhist and Christian monasteries and retreat centers.

The irony is that for those who want to step into silence, reflection, and prayer, the journey is very difficult. Participants say they are plagued by thoughts of things they should be doing that constantly pop into their minds, interrupting their attempts to be with God. Some even feel guilty because they feel they should be "doing" something constructive, and fear others will see them as just wasting time.

Father Christopher Jamison, Abbot of Worth Monastery in Sussex, England, says that when people spend time in solitude and in silence, they inevitably have to wrestle with their own demons." To "wrestle with one's demons," he says, is a term the desert mothers and fathers coined to talk about the forces that tempt us away from God.

The term is probably derived, not only from the experience of monks who wanted to run away from the desert, but also from Jesus' 40 days in the

wilderness and the forces (called Satan in the text) that kept interrupting his prayer and reflection with God. Other things did pop up in his consciousness (to become great in the eyes of people, for instance) to distract him from discovering who he really was, or so he would lose sight of who he was.

Yet, silence for reflection and prayer is a way of being with God, to reflecting on our life, to deciding to change our ways, to becoming more conscious of others' suffering and our responsibility to others. In this kind of inner journey we discover, or perhaps reclaim who we really are and the real purpose God has for us. While silence can seem like a burden — a Buddhist monk claimed, "the silence will teach you everything." It is what *we need*.



## **FEB. BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

- 4 - Jack Pallatta
- 4 -Junius Stephenson
- 6 - Eleanor Abrahamsen
- 8 - Diane Craig
- 11- Kenzo Hashimoto
- 14- Sivert Hagen
- 19- Courtney MacDonald
- 20 - Susan Fox
- 21- Carole & Bob MacDonald
- 25 - Debi Brown
- 25 - Jeffrey Coleman
- 29 - Doris Rosa

## In Haiti, There is Anguish

ST. CHRISTOPHER 7.6.8.6.8.6.8.6 ("Beneath the Cross of Jesus")

In Haiti, there is anguish that seems too much to bear;  
A land so used to sorrow now knows even more despair.  
From city streets, the cries of grief rise up to hills above;  
In all the sorrow, pain and death, where are you, God of love?

A woman sifts through rubble, a man has lost his home,  
A hungry, orphaned toddler sobs, for she is now alone.  
Where are you, Lord, when thousands die—the rich, the poorest poor?  
Were you the very first to cry for all that is no more?

O God, you love your children; you hear each lifted prayer!  
May all who suffer in that land know you are present there.  
In moments of compassion shown, in simple acts of grace,  
May those in pain find healing balm, and know your love's embrace.

Where are you in the anguish? Lord, may we hear anew  
That anywhere your world cries out, you're there-- and suffering, too.  
And may we see, in others' pain, the cross we're called to bear;  
Send out your church in Jesus' name to pray, to serve, to share.

**Tune:** Frederick Charles Maker, 1881

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Those who were at the 10:30 service on Jan. 17, the Sunday after the world received the tragic news about the earthquake that devastated Haiti's capital city and environs, were privileged to sing a brand-new hymn dedicated to those affected by the disaster. Author Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, a co-pastor of Limestone Presbyterian Church in Wilmington, Del., is a friend of someone on the ListServ in our Episcopal Diocese and she sent along the text with permission for use by those who support Church World Service. CWS, the nonprofit organization we support via the CROP Walk in October and other programs throughout the year, has made the hymn available on its Web site as well. If you have not seen it, please allow this beautiful hymn text to inform your perspective on the event that has radiated across the entire globe.

"As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him...abounding in thanksgiving." – Col.s. 1:24-2:7

Those of you who know me know that I try to start my day by always reading the meditations in FORWARD MOVEMENT: DAY BY DAY and thinking about the lessons appointed by our church for each day. The excerpt from Paul's Epistle to the Colossians happened to be one of the texts for Jan. 9, my birthday, a day when, happily, my first instinct upon waking was to give thanks for just being here one more day! I spent a wonderful weekend in touch with friends, both old and new, in person and in the virtual world of social media that now seems to connect so many of us, at least in some way.

My first instinct is not always to give thanks, however. But, as I have watched the coverage of the disaster in Haiti, I have been struck by the need to give thanks first and foremost. Thank God for the strong faith of the Haitian people. In the midst of death and destruction all around, there have been reports of people making a joyful noise to the Lord in song. Thank God for people who have been helping people on the ground. Thank God for the new births that have taken place. Thanks God for the Dominican people on the other half of the island of Hispanola who have extended themselves to help their neighbors, opening their border to those with whom they have historically had an uneasy relationship and taking in victims who need urgent medical care. Thank God for the people from all around the globe have poured out their hearts, their resources, their financial support and their talents to help in any way possible. Thank God for the people have been comforting people who worry because they have no word about loved ones and those who mourn because they do.

I love the last verse of this new hymn that affirms WHY we need to remember to give thanks. God is ALWAYS there in the midst of everything. I can only imagine how much worse things would be if God were not there.



--Claudia Smith

*Shared Visions would like encourage everyone to consider submitting their own "recipes," meditations or moments when you have felt God's touch.*

## Outreach: Near and Far



*Through the generosity of our parishioners, children of YCS find help and hope.  
Visit [www.ycs.org](http://www.ycs.org) for more information.*

It's hard to think Outreach at this moment without thinking of Haiti, not only the terrible earthquake but of its history of poverty and neglect, human and natural disasters. God is in the suffering but also in the response to that suffering and the outpouring of aid has been everywhere amazing, from the local supermarkets to the telethon "Hope for Haiti."

Like congregations throughout the country and world, St. Luke's & Our Saviour had its own appeal, offering a special collection plate for cash and check donations. Pastor Kathleen, who had preached on the disaster, invited us to respond, even with a dollar, and \$134 in cash was collected, along with many checks for both the Episcopal Relief and Development Fund and the ELCA Disaster Response, whose flyers were included in our bulletin. The cash was split between the two charities. We sang a hymn during the offering which had been written

by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette for Church World Services, a charity which we support through our CROP walk and which members of our congregation were also encouraged to support during this Haiti appeal. The words are ones that could be echoed in many parts of the world, including our own:

"Where are you in the anguish?  
Lord, may we hear anew  
That anywhere your world cries out,  
you're there – and suffering too.  
And may we see, in others' pain, the  
cross we're called to bear,  
Send out your church in Jesus' name  
to pray, to serve, to share."

Haiti, as we know, needs far more than help to recover from the current disaster. Long after Haiti no longer receives daily media coverage, charities helping there will need donations. Choose your own charity, for example American Red Cross, Doctors Without Borders, Habitat for Humanity, Food for the

World, or another you trust, or continue to support those listed in our bulletin:

ELCA Disaster Response, PO Box 71764, Chicago IL 60694-1764, or [www.elca.org/disaster](http://www.elca.org/disaster); Episcopal Relief & Development, PO Box 7058, Merrifield, VA 22116-7058, [www.er-d.org](http://www.er-d.org), Church World Service, PO Box 968, Elkhart IN 46515 (indicate Haiti earthquake), [churchworldservice.org](http://churchworldservice.org).

Finally, lest we forget the suffering in our own backyard, a local charity, YCS, sent us a letter, expressing their deep gratitude to St. Luke's & Our Saviour, for their generous support of the Secret Santa program this year:

Dear Church Members,

"We want to express our sincere appreciation for your donation of gifts and for sharing your holiday spirit with the children of YCS. The holidays are a bittersweet time of year for the children in our care, and we strive to keep each one of them as happy as possible. Not only did your donation bring smiles to these children, but it allowed them to experience holiday traditions they are not accustomed to, but so truly deserve.

... YCS provides a safe, secure living environment for at-risk children in New Jersey, where they can rebuild their lives, find hope, and develop the skills to reach their potential."



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# PRAYERS FOR ST. LUKE'S AND OUR SAVIOUR PARISH FAMILIES



*Please keep in your thoughts and prayers the following parishioners and members of our extended families:*

Pat Stephenson, Lillian Nelson, Penny Elie, Bill O'Daniel, the Gonci family, Pauline Pedreira, Lawrence H. Horn III, Rita Wagner, Zack Dochnahl, Jeb Magda, George Stubbs, Murray & Roberta Nobleman, Deb Riede, Darren Garrish, Carol Maxfield, Jean Turner, Kimberly Roig, Marrine Romaine, Doris Rosa, Erica DeLuca and her family, Bill Repp, Charlie & Fran Napolitano, David Storicks, Nancy Smith, Noel, Jeffrey, John Casper, Betty Meyer, Jeanean & Peter Chraplewski, Dot Dillinger, Laura Reutlinger and family, Bishop Mark S. Hanson, Presiding Bishop of ECLA, Bishop E. Roy Riley, Jr., Bishop of New Jersey Synod, ECLA, James Penney, Jamie, Laura Smith, Linda Brescia, Venetta Smith, Pat Kay, Muriel Andersen, Jimmy Russell, Beverly Pitsenberger, Jane Denny, Caroline Kouta, the family of Louis Egan (nee: Rusnak), Cathy Klie and her family, Dave Gemnel, Adolfo Salvatore Magnifico, Muriel Bauer, Roxanne Gabriel and Fred Joachim.



# IN MEMORIAM



Members of St. Luke's & Our Saviour were deeply saddened to learn of the death of longtime St. Luke's parishioner Warren Lynch on Jan. 28 in Florida. A requiem eucharist was held at St. Luke's on Tuesday, Feb. 2. The Rev'd. Alex MacDonell, former rector of St. Luke's, officiated. In lieu of flowers, Warren's family has requested donations to Leukemia Society, Northern New Jersey Chapter, Westfield, NJ 07090 in his memory.



## Monthly Ingathering For Center For Food Action, Englewood



St. Luke's & Our Saviour's collection for the Center for Food Action in

Englewood takes place on the second Sunday of each month. As a result of low summer donations, the Center advises that the following supplies are desperately needed: **high protein soups, canned beans and instant potatoes.**

# Coming Events

Sunday, February 7, 2010  
*Fifth Sunday in Epiphany*  
8:30 AM Morning Prayer  
9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal  
10:30 AM Morning Prayer  
6:30 PM Parish Fun Night

Tuesday, February 9, 2010  
7:30 PM St. Luke's Vestry Meeting

Sunday, February 14, 2010  
*Sixth Sunday in Epiphany*  
8:30 AM Contemporary Eucharist  
9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal  
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist

Wednesday, February 17, 2010  
*Ash Wednesday*  
Noon and 7PM Imposition of Ashes and Holy Eucharist

Sunday, February 21, 2010  
*First Sunday in Lent*  
8:30 AM Contemporary Eucharist  
9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal  
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist  
6:30 PM Parish Fun Night

Sunday, February 28, 2010  
*Second Sunday in Lent*  
8:30 AM Contemporary Eucharist  
9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal  
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist  
11:45 AM Our Saviour Annual Meeting

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## Coming Events

### Sunday, March 7

#### *Third Sunday in Lent*

8:30 AM Contemporary Eucharist  
9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal  
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist  
11:45 AM Combined Adult Study/  
Confirmation Instruction  
6:30 PM Parish Fun Night

### Sunday, March 14

#### *Fourth Sunday in Lent*

8:30 AM Contemporary Eucharist  
9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal  
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist  
11:45 AM Confirmation instruction

### Saturday, March 20

4:00 PM Our Saviour  
Council Meeting

### Sunday, March 21

#### *Fifth Sunday in Lent*

8:30 AM Contemporary Eucharist  
9:15 AM Joint Committee Meeting  
9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal  
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist  
11:45 AM Combined Adult Study/  
Confirmation Instruction  
6:30 PM Parish Fun Night

### Sunday, March 28

#### *Palm/Passion Sunday*

8:30 AM Contemporary Eucharist  
9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal  
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist

## Another Way to Help HAITI



## Book Club Meeting TBA

In addition to financial donations for emergency relief for the victims of the earthquake in Haiti, Church World Service has requested help with its Emergency Kits program. A brochure on the various types of kits has been posted in the Parish Hall, but the most urgent need is for Hygiene Kits.

### To assemble a Hygiene Kit you will need:

- One hand towel measuring approximately 16" x 28" (no fingertip or bath towels)
- One washcloth
- One wide-tooth comb
- One nail clipper
- One bar of soap (bath size in wrapper)
- One toothbrush (in original packaging)
- Six standard-size Band-Aids®

Place all items in a one-gallon plastic bag with a zipper closure, remove excess air from bag, and seal. Please do not add toothpaste to the Hygiene Kit. Cartons of toothpaste that have an extended expiration date will be added to Hygiene Kit shipments just prior to shipment.

Bring your kits to church **no later than Feb. 14** and place them in the box provided on the pool table in the Parish Hall.

Thank you for your generous donations.

Copies of *Death Comes for the Archbishop* by Willa Cather are available at the Dumont Public Library. The date for the next meeting will be announced in church and will be posted on our Web site calendar at [www.stlukeshaworth.org](http://www.stlukeshaworth.org).

## Grocery Certificates

When you buy grocery certificates, the church receive 5% of each dollar you spend to use toward our outreach projects.



You don't pay anything extra -- and you can use 'em like cash at checkout. See Linda Brescia after the 10:30 service..

## SHARED VISIONS: IT'S GOOD TO BE GREEN

Beginning with the February issue of *Shared Visions*, the staff hopes to e-mail the newsletter to all those who can receive it electronically. It will save a tremendous amount of effort, the cost of postage and a large number of trees.

To receive *Shared Visions* as a PDF, send your e-mail address to Claudia Smith at [claudiasmith@msn.com](mailto:claudiasmith@msn.com). We will mail printed copies to those who do not have e-mail.



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Survivors tend to the injured the day after a magnitude 7.0 earthquake devastated Haiti. To learn how our churches and the organizations they support have been working to meet the need, look inside. Photo: Episcopal Life Weekly at [www.ecusa.anglican.org](http://www.ecusa.anglican.org).



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