

SHARED VISIONS

St. Luke's Episcopal & Our Saviour Lutheran

An Episcopal-Lutheran Ministry
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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What a Welcome

By Pastor Shane Phelan

As I write this, I've been at St. Luke's for one week. I moved in on the day of our big storm. I got here at 1 p.m., and at 5, we lost power. The basement of the rectory flooded, and soon I had no light, no heat, no gas. Those of you who came to church that first Sunday know that we had Eucharist by candlelight in the parish hall. It was wild, and wonderful. It was a perfect beginning for our ministry together.

You may think I'm joking. You may think I'm putting a good face on a bad situation. But I'm not. I think the storm was a blessing for me, in the way that Lent is a blessing. It can be hard, and not what we would choose, but Lent always reminds us that God is with us.

Because we lost power, nothing could be "as usual." We all had to adapt. I couldn't be "perfect," or pretend to know what I was doing. I didn't. We made it up as we went. You all had to adapt. Together, we had a wonderful spirit that day.



Pastor Shane Phelan speaks at her first service at St. Luke's & Our Saviour.

Because we lost power, we had to stick together. I stayed two nights with Carol and Randy Maxfield. Carole MacDonald and her family welcomed me for dinner, and Bob showed me the sights on Monday because his job was canceled for the day. Rich Gonci, Bob Plinio, Bob MacDonald, Randy Maxfield, and Glenn Kassis all helped get my power back and the house and church restored. Thank you to all of you for your dedication and hospitality.

Because we lost power, we had to trust God and seek God in one another.

Isn't that what it's all about? As long as we think we can and should rely on ourselves for everything – as long as we think we can and must "earn our way" – we miss the opportunity to remember that we are

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first and foremost God's beloved children. Nothing I can do comes close to the gifts I receive from God. But I have to "lose power" to remember that.

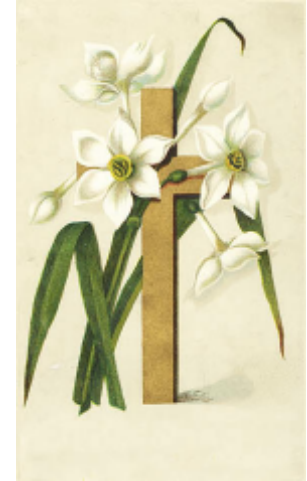
The Gospel for my first service was the Prodigal Son. As Pastor Kathleen said in church on the fifth Sunday of Lent, many people hate this parable. They agree with the older son that the younger son doesn't deserve to be welcomed so richly. They want the younger son to have to earn his way back in. They want to see him punished. But the younger son has already been punished. He thought he was the

source and the center of his life, and that led to disaster. When he lost power, he was ready to come home. It's good news for all of us who find ourselves up against our own weakness. God is always there, waiting to be asked.

The electricity is back on, but we are still without power. What we have is better. We have the light of God among us and within us. With that light, we will never be lost. Stick together, where the light is stronger. Don't be afraid. Easter is just around the corner.

Thanks be to God!

P.S Thanks, too, to the ELCW, for your generous welcome gift. I'm on my way to J.C. Penney



WELCOME, PASTOR SHANE!



Above, l-r: Pastor Shane assists Pastor Kathleen at Eucharist. At right, top: Sr. Warden Carol Maxfield presents Pastor Shane with a keychain flashlight on her first Sunday -- right after the big storm. Middle: Pastor Shane cuts the cake. Bottom: Pres. Linda Brescia presents a welcome from the Episcopal-Lutheran Church Women. Photos courtesy of Carole MacDonald.

Shared Visions, the newsletter of St. Luke's Episcopal Church, is published 11 times per year. Submissions for the upcoming month's issue should be *mailed* to Shared Visions, St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Massachusetts Ave. & Grant St., Haworth, NJ 07641; *placed* in the Shared Visions mailbox in the church office; or *e-mailed* to claudiasmith@msn.com. Firm deadline for submissions is the 20th of each month.

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St. Luke's & Our Saviour Parishioners To Support World Vision Kids

Child Sponsorship



As a major outreach project, Our Saviour's Congregation voted at its annual meeting to support a program of child sponsorship through World Vision International. The Council invited St. Luke's to join the effort. Sponsorship of 23 children from Mozambique has been offered to St. Luke's & Our Saviour parishioners. A commitment of \$35 per month has been made to 20 of the children so far.

According to Courtney MacDonald who has helped coordinate the effort, none of us should expect to hear from the children for several weeks until all of the donations have been processed.

Once everyone has communicated with their child, we will have special Sundays to share pictures and stories. Our World Vision representative will be visiting the region where our children are located, and will take some of our letters and pictures to them from us. Stay tuned for details. We hope to build a well and donate mosquito

nets, and one day, have some of us visit the village.

Why Sponsor a Child?

The problems children face in the developing world differ, but the cause is always the same—poverty.

According to World Vision International's Web site, it's easy to feel hopeless, but through child sponsorship, you truly can do something about it, something extraordinary.

You can personally reach out and connect with a child and community. You get to see and feel the difference your support makes, through the eyes of your sponsored child and their letters and photographs.

Sponsorship provides resources that go into programmes that are usually ten to 15 years in length and are custom-designed in collaboration with community leaders to address key needs. Programmes are child-focused but

also benefit non-sponsored children and families.

How does child sponsorship work?

Child sponsorship establishes a relationship between a sponsor and a child in a way that personalises the challenges of poverty and development. The sponsor makes a direct contribution to the community's goal of improving life for the child.

Sponsors' contributions help deliver health and educational improvements and support vital development in the communities where the sponsored children live. Sponsored children participate and benefit from these programmes. Sponsors receive regular progress updates.



A Word from a St. Luke's & Our Saviour Vestry/Council Person

To All: Well, it seems as though the storm is over. The calm after the storm, if you will. To recap what has been going on in the past month, many have lost their electricity after the crazy weather.

Pastor Shane had her first service in the Parish Hall due to the power outage. We had lovely candlelight service and it was great to see so many come and welcome Pastor Shane and to worship, despite the inclement weather. Many of the members of St. Luke's & Our Saviour helped out in preparing for the arrival of Pastor Shane and making her feel at home. Many thanks to all who contributed with their hard work and time in cleaning,

scrubbing, painting and moving furniture in the rectory.

The past two Thursdays, Pastor Shane, Carole MacDonald, Carol Maxfield and I attended seminars on lay leadership at Grace Episcopal Church in Madison. We were given ways to improve on being better lay leaders in the church and to try and stop the declining numbers of members in the pews.

Leading up to Easter, we have some ideas forthcoming for Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. This would include the likes of suppers and an Easter breakfast. And a decision was made not to have an 8:30 AM service on either Palm Sunday or Easter

Sunday. There will only be a 10:30 AM service on these days.

This should allow the early service worshippers to get to know the 10:30 worshippers and vice versa.

The next topic of concern is the organ repair. Claudia is getting multiple estimates on making much-needed repairs and we will be evaluating each of them.

Thank you, and God bless.

--Paul Nobleman
Warden, St. Luke's



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.

Most Needed Items

- Canned Meat (tuna, chicken, etc.)
- Canned Hearty Soup
- Canned Vegetables
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Peanut Butter & Jelly
- Cereal (low sugar kids cereal welcome)
- Dry Milk (e.g., boxed Parmalat)
- Canned Fruit



Ever wonder what happens to those monthly food collections? Well, here are Chris and Dieter, staff and volunteer at the Center for Food Action, Englewood, ready to sort it out before distribution to hungry local families.

- Instant Potatoes
- 100% Juice
- Baby Formula & Diapers sizes 4, 5 & 6
- Bar Soap
- Toothpaste & Toothbrush
- Supermarket Gift Cards



Outreach Spotlight: Saving the Earth, One Congregation at a Time

Occasionally we will be profiling some of the organizations that our two churches support, either through donations of money or of goods. April 22nd is Earth Day so it seems appropriate this month to profile GreenFaith, a recipient of proceeds from St. Luke's Trust Fund and whose Executive Director is St. Luke's former rector, the Reverend Fletcher Harper.

GreenFaith, founded in 1992, is New Jersey's inter-religious coalition for the environment. but its influence is growing beyond our state. Its mission is to "inspire, educate and mobilize people of diverse spiritual backgrounds to rediscover their relationship with the sacred in nature and to restore the earth for future generations." It is founded on beliefs shared by the world's great religions and has three core values: Spirit, Justice and Stewardship in relation to the earth. To quote its website, it makes its impact by first *inspiring* people of faith "to rediscover their relationship with the sacred in nature", secondly by *uniting* people of diverse faith to care for the environment, thirdly through *support*, by providing practical tools to help religious institutions to put their beliefs into action, fourthly through *transformation*, by helping "faith communities grow through deepened spirituality and a renewed commitment to a healthy environment."

Some of its more recent educational work has involved reaching out to children and when I attended a GreenFaith workshop recently as part of the New Jersey Council of Churches annual meeting, participants were invited to recall their first memories as children of the

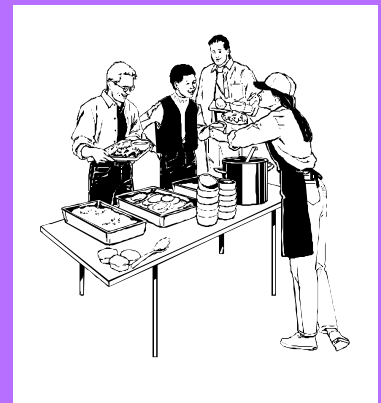
natural world. Some recalled explorations after school of woods, fields, rivers and parks, or picking wild berries, gaining strength and confidence from their experiences. Most children today do not have this natural interaction with the outdoors and there is a real fear of the outside, "ecophobia." They have to get to know the earth before they can want to save it. We were recommended a book by Richard Louv: "Last Child in the Woods: Saving our Children from Nature-deficit Disorder."

On March 4th, Pastor Shane went to Trenton for a day of learning and witnessing sponsored by GreenFaith. Clergy and lay people of several faiths met with activists and legislators to learn about upcoming legislation. Primary among these are extensions of the 2007 Global Warming Response Act., which would allow for community solar projects and reform of current laws concerning toxic waste. This would include retraining in "green chemistry" for workers whose jobs are lost through bans. Local congregational leaders and lay members of all faiths have been invited by the National Council of Jewish Women of Bergen County in partnership with GreenFaith to attend an Earth Day program at **Temple Emeth, Windsor Road, Teaneck on Tuesday, April 20th at 12:30 p.m.**, "From Generation to Generation – Creating an Environmental Legacy." This is a community teach-in and anyone interested in going should speak to Pastor Shane.


Lutheran readers, please note that the Evangelical Church in America New Jersey Synod. has been in the forefront of partnering with

GreenFaith. Its Hamilton Square Headquarters have installed energy efficient lighting and an energy efficient furnace, and a Lutheran church in Mendham was the first to come on board GreenFaith's "Lighting the Way" campaign to place solar arrays on religious buildings. The Reverend Bruce Davidson, Director of the Lutheran Office of Governmental Ministries in New Jersey, is Chair of GreenFaith's Advocacy Committee. To learn more about GreenFaith, visit www.greenfaith.org. or, better yet, attend the **April 20th** event.

-- Janet Beddoe
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St. Luke's & Our Saviour will host the first Walk-in Dinner of the year in the new facility in Hackensack on Wed., April 7. As always, your financial contributions are welcome. Those who can prepare the recipe and/or serve the meal may sign up in the Parish Hall or call Janet Beddoe at 201-894-1727.



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PRAYERS FOR ST. LUKE'S & 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, Keith, Betty-Ann & Jim Wilkie and Anne Caloz.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Ksenija Kassis
- 4 Carol Maxfield
- 8 Karen Moylan
- 15 Bob MacDonald
- 15 Gloria Jonassen
- 18 Kaitlyn Plinio
- 19 Helen Shaw
- 22 Debi & Fr. Dewey Brown
- 26 Carol & Randy Maxfield
- 28 Jane Coleman
- 30 Susan Gonci

THANKSGIVINGS

Rich and Sue Gonci report that their grandson Sean has had his tracheostomy removed and is breathing nicely on his own.

For those who are not familiar with his story, Sean Gonci and his twin sister Caitlin were born on Oct. 23, 2006. Caitlin did just fine, but Sean was born with two holes in his heart caused by a heart condition called patent ductus arteriosus (PDA). He struggled to survive. The immediate surgery that was required to deal with his heart problem complicated his condition by paralyzing his vocal cords, making it necessary for him to undergo a tracheostomy.

The St. Luke's parish family rallied around the Goncis by hosting a major fundraiser.

Today, the St. Luke's & Our Saviour family can rejoice with the Gonci family.

STAY IN TOUCH

Doris Rosa has asked to keep in touch with us. If you wish to have her address to write to her, call the parish office at (201) 384-0706

Coming Events

Sunday, March 28, 2010

Palm Sunday

10:30 AM - Single Service of Holy Eucharist

Thursday, April 1

Maundy Thursday

7 PM - Holy Eucharist, Footwashing and Vigil in the Chapel from 9 PM on Maundy Thursday to Noon on Good Friday

Friday, April 2

Good Friday

Noon - Stations of the Cross
7 PM - Good Friday Service

Saturday, April 3

9:00 AM Holy Saturday Prayer Service followed by light breakfast and Altar Guild PolishFest

Sunday, April 4

Easter Sunday

9:00 AM Parish Breakfast
10:00 Choir Rehearsal
10:30 AM Single Service of Holy Eucharist

Wednesday, April 7

Walk-in Dinner - Hackensack

Sunday, April 11

Second Sunday of Easter

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

Tuesday, April 13

7:30 PM - St. Luke's Vestry Meeting

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Coming Events

Sunday, April 18

Third Sunday of Easter

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

Sunday, April 25

Fourth Sunday of Easter

- 8:30 AM Contemporary Eucharist
 - 9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal
 - 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist
 - 2 PM Anne Connolly Artwork Fundraising Auction & Luncheon
- Details TBA

Sunday, May 2, 2010

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

Sunday, May 9, 2010

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Rogation Sunday

- 8:30 AM Contemporary Eucharist
- 9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal
- 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist and Rogation Procession

Tuesday, May 11

7:30 PM-St. Luke's Vestry Meeting

Sunday, May 16

Seventh Sunday of Easter:

Sunday After Ascension

- 8:30 AM Contemporary Eucharist
- 9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal
- 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist
- 11:45 AM ELCW Meeting

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ART SHOW

The family of Anne Connolly, a local artist and longtime member of St. Luke's Episcopal Church who passed away last October, has donated her paintings to St. Luke's. On Sun., April 25 at 2 PM, there will be a church luncheon with a sale/auction of Anne's artwork. There will be a \$5 admission and refreshments will be served. The acution will be a major fundraiser for St. Lukes & Our Saviour's outreach program and open to the public.

NO PLANT SALE

The ELCW plant sale scheduled for May 9th has been canceled.

BOOK CLUB

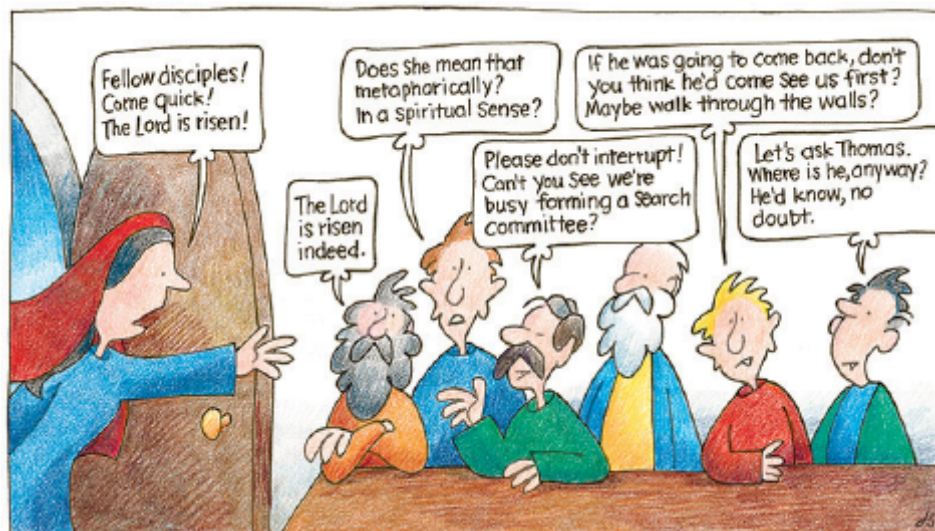
The Book Club will discuss *The Memory Keeper's Daughter* by Kim Edwards at its next meeting on Thurs., April 15 at 7:30. Copies of the book are available at the Dumont Public Library.

IDENTIFY YOURSELF!

We won't make you show your driver's license and insurance card, but we will ask you to wear your name tag both during church AND at coffee hour or the coffee police will be after you! Seriously, Pastor Shane would love your help in getting to know who everyone is and newcomers who are sure to come will appreciate your hospitality!



ON THE LIGHTER SIDE...



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This month, we are including a cartoon by the Rev'd. Jay Sidebotham, an Episcopal priest in Lake Forest, Ill. Before his call to ministry, he worked in NYC in animation, illustration and advertising. He is grateful for the abundance of material for cartoons in parish life. Humor is not limited to Episcopal

parishes, so please feel free to point us to a Lutheran cartoonist! For more cartoons, visit www.cpg.org/cartoons

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