

# 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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### New Life -- If We Dare

By Pastor Shane Phelan

We are in Eastertide, the great 50 days between Easter and Pentecost. Since the earliest days of the Church, this time was recognized as the greatest festal season of the year. Through these days we see that Jesus' resurrection, which seems like the end of the story, is really the midpoint. The story of salvation begins before Jesus, with God's creation of the world and later with the call to Israel to witness to God's love and power. Then Jesus renews that message through his life and his death and his rising to new life. But the story continues.

Throughout this season, we read the Acts of the Apostles. One writer has suggested that this book should really be called the Acts of the Holy Spirit, for it is a record of what God's Spirit did through the apostles and disciples. After Jesus' ascension to God, the disciples were left again. They returned to an upper room, like before. But this time they were visited by the Holy Spirit, which filled them and gave them new power to speak and witness to

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### Outreach and World Vision: An Update

By Pastor Kathleen Rusnak

To date, twenty-one members of our shared community have chosen to sponsor a World Vision child from one region of Mozambique. Many of the children know each other and go to school together. The children will know too, that St. Luke's-Our Saviour is the community that sponsors them.

By now, most of us have received confirmation of our sponsorship, outlining what to do and what to expect next.

#### What's Next for Individual Sponsors?

Our sponsors will begin to get to know their child by writing letters, and receiving letters in return. If they wish, they will be able to send very small gifts as well, such a soap, toothbrushes, pencils, paper, and small toys. There is always the possibility to send money too. When money is sent, local World Vision representatives sit with the family and discuss what they need or want to buy, and then buy the items for them.

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God's acts in the world. This is the promise of the Holy Spirit. If we are willing, if we dare, the Holy Spirit will continue to act – through us.

The apostles were not supermen. They were not "perfect." They were chosen by Jesus as companions, but no Gospel tells us why. No more than they do I know why God did not give up on me. No more do I know why God has not let our churches fade into obscurity. But I know this: we are here, and we aren't going away. New life is ours, if we dare.

New life *is* a dare. It may sound good, but new life means new ways, new challenges. It means looking through the eyes of hope, with courage. So many people are not up to the challenge. It's often easier to

sit and regret things than to change them. "I remember when . . ." New life calls us to shift from "I remember" to "I imagine." "I hope." "I dream." "I'll try."

There is an ebb and a flow to life, but God is continually renewing life even in the ebb tide. Every day is Easter, if we look. Every day is Pentecost, when the Spirit descends on us, if we are willing to let it. Our churches are about new life. But we have to give that concrete shape and direction if the Spirit is to do its work. The Spirit did not force Peter to heal or Paul to preach. They had to do the hard work.

In the coming months we will have many chances to practice inviting new life. We are forming joint committees to examine our worship, our social ministry, and our welcome to newcomers. We

begin this work in the faith that new life is beckoning. We will try new things, and perhaps let go of old things. We will all be stretched in new ways.

Are you ready?  
I dare you.



## A Message from St. Luke's Wardens

Yes, Springtime has finally arrived with much anticipation and with that comes the sense of enlightenment and growth as we witness this new life around us. It is truly a blessing to have both Pastor Kathleen and Pastor Shane guiding our congregation to a new beginning .

Taking the first steps in planning a single service for both the Episcopalians and Lutherans to use as one will be a joint venture. I was moved after reading a scripture and prayer from the publication *Forward Day By Day*: Mark 7:1-23 "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders?" We are at a point in our church history which has been experienced by very few -- creating

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## JANET BEDDOE HONORED FOR OUTREACH



*Pastor Shane and Janet Beddoe enjoy a great lunch and company at the ECW World of Women at Church of the Saviour/Denville. The annual event honors women throughout the Diocese of Newark.*

**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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For example, in 2009, I gave a financial gift to a child that I sponsor through World Vision in Swaziland. My child, Celumusa, is 15. His mother is deceased, and he and his three brothers and two sisters live with their aunt and uncle, while his father works away from home (a hut). They basically do not have anything. They grow corn to eat, not to sell.

Celumusa's family decided to use the money to buy a cow, which allows the family to sell the milk and move towards financial self-sufficiency. They expressed such gratitude for this gift that gives them an opportunity that they would not have otherwise had.

Sponsors can make such a positive difference in the lives of their child and their child's family.

[Millie Vanderpool and World Vision](#)

Millie is our contact person at World Vision's Church Department. She will be visiting our region of Mozambique on May 2. Millie offered to personally deliver our sponsors' first letters, pictures of themselves, and a small gift. A number of our member-sponsors took advantage of this opportunity,

and we are looking forward to hearing how our children responded.

Millie will also see for us if our children's region has a well. If not, we will be digging and building a well for the community. If they do have a well, we will use our designated money for the well to purchase mosquito nets. Many of the children are dying from malaria. We await Millie's report and seeing the pictures she will be taking for us.

[What's Next: World Vision Within Our Church Community](#)

After our member-sponsors receive their first letters from the children, we will offer an inspirational Sunday of sponsors sharing their letters and pictures with other sponsors and with the entire congregation. We will begin to see our children, not only as individuals, and as part of their community at large, and as our kids. The sponsored children will begin to see themselves as loved and cherished by our community of St. Luke's & Our Saviour. This will be the first of many sharing events.

[World Vision In Our Neighborhood](#)

We don't plan to keep our relationship with our children in Mozambique in-house news. We will determine the right moment and means to share our kids with our

neighbors, and invite them to also sponsor kids from our St. Luke's Our Saviour community. This will be part of our outreach to the community, a way of letting them see that we as a church are living out our faith, to love others, to serve the poor, to clothe the naked, and to see Jesus in each child.

[Visiting Our Mozambique Community](#)

We will have the opportunity to visit Mozambique and our sponsored kids and their families through World Vision. What a unique and wonderful experience it will be to meet the kids we have been writing to, their families, to see where they live, and to see the effect our sponsorship has made on their community. We will determine who will go and when to go as a community.

[You can still sponsor](#)

We still have one children remaining that needs sponsorship. Please see either pastor if you are interested. Want to sponsor in the future? You can be a sponsor at any time. We hope more of you and our neighborhood will be inspired to join with us and our kids in Mozambique.



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a blended service. How much of what we have known in the past will be changed?

"We all tend to cling to what is familiar and fear the newness that invites change. A new prayer book, a different minister, or children whose values challenge ours can be painful catalysts for our faith.

Letting go is a vital part of growth in the natural world and in our spiritual quest, and grasping at the past can become a form of idolatry. Today's reading is an invitation to ponder the question: What do I really need to retain from the past as I embrace the present and move toward the future?"

Please take a moment and reflect on that final question with an addition

of one word : "...as I embrace the present and move toward the future"-TOGETHER.

God Bless.

-Carol Maxfield

\**Forward Day By Day* is published four times a year and includes daily prayers and meditations. Copies can be found in our tract rack hanging on the Parish Hall wall.

## Soul Food

Shared Visions would like encourage everyone to consider submitting their own “recipes,” meditations or a reflection on those moments when you have felt God’s touch.

### The Promise

“I’ll take care of you, my darling,” gently crooned the mother,  
“I’ll guard you, guide you, stay with you, and love you like no other,  
I’ll be your shield and comfort all throughout the day,  
And when the sandman comes to call, I’ll watch you slip away;  
You’ll drift into the land of dreams, so peaceful and so warm –  
With ne’er a thought of worry for the shadow or the storm.

And as you grow, my hand will be extended for you, dear,  
And you will know to reach for it, if you should want me near.  
But there will be, if I’ve done right, a time when you’ll not reach.  
I’ll proudly watch you stand alone, with your own child to teach.”

“I’ll take care of you, my darling,” to the mother crooned the child.  
“I’ll guard you, guide you, stay with you when life has you beguiled.  
I will be your shield and comfort all throughout the day,  
And when the Savior comes to call, I’ll watch you slip away.  
You’ll drift into the land of dreams, so peaceful and so warm  
With ne’er a care or worry for the shadow or the storm.  
And as you go, my heart will be so sad to lose you, dear –  
But you have taught me to believe that you will still be near.”

“I’ll take care of you my children,” said the voice within the light.  
“I’ll guard you, guide you, stay with you, both in the day and night.  
I will be your shield and comfort; I will be your sun-  
And you may dwell with me in peace until my work is done.  
For on that glorious morning, all those still joined in heart,  
Will walk toward each other, nevermore to part.”

-- Maureen Bownes

*Editors’ note: This was first printed in “Visions” in May, 2003. Maureen wrote this when her mother, Alice Bownes, a long-time member of St. Luke’s, died in 1992. As Mother’s Day 2010 approaches, we felt this poem should be offered again to everyone at St. Luke’s & Our Saviour who has ever been a mother or child.*

## New Services Set at St. Luke’s & Our Saviour

We are having **Evening Prayer** Monday through Thursday at 5:00 P.M. This 20-minute service is a nice way to end the day (or refuel for the next few hours!). Come and thank God for the day. We also now have a **healing service and Eucharist** on Wednesday evenings at 7:30. This is a quiet service with prayers for ourselves and others, and laying on of hands for those who desire it. All are welcome.

## God’s Glory

*A dramatic reflection on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius*

Written and Performed

by Roberta Nobleman

Thursday, May 13<sup>th</sup>

7:30 P.M. to 9 p.m.

Refreshments \* Donation requested

Wisdom has given us valuable healing frameworks, often very simple, always useful and tailor-made for the times in which we live. In the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> centuries, “12-Step” programs have helped millions of souls to connect with a Higher Power beyond the chaos of addiction. In response to the havoc of 19<sup>th</sup> century empire-building and civil wars, to slavery and industrialization, different orders and societies within Roman Catholicism and various Protestant denominations became spiritual havens for millions. Eighteenth century Methodism was a response to the *disorder* of the Anglican church, *reordering* lives, through the Word, preached by John Wesley, and sung by his brother, Charles, in thousands of hymns. In the 16<sup>th</sup> century, one of Lady Wisdom’s best ideas was presented to a Basque soldier, Ignatius of Loyola. The backbone of the Society of Jesus is “The Spiritual Exercises”, which St. Ignatius began to devise on his sick bed. He ultimately shared them with anyone who needed them.

Fifteen years ago, I was asked by the Jesuits to create a show on “The Exercises.” At first I thought of playing a 16<sup>th</sup> century prostitute who had been helped to a new life through “The Exercises,” but the Jesuits said: “No, be St. Ignatius! Tell his story.” So I do, reviving the show every May for a group on Long Island who have completed this “spiritual spa” training. I use story, mime, music, poetry and song, and am delighted to share my show. Come and join us!

-- Roberta Nobleman

## OUTREACH UPDATE

### Funny Hat Day, aka the Walk-in Dinner in Hackensack

Bergen County regulates hair covering, so check out our high fashion hosts. We are not permitted to take photographs of our guests but the hosts are fair game. The dinner was served for the first time for St. Luke's & Our Saviour at the new Housing, Health and Human Services Center (HHHSC) on River Road on April 7<sup>th</sup>, a day when August elbowed out April. It was a great communal experience for all present and they were joined in spirit by all those who made the much appreciated shepherd's pies. They were a success with our 100 guests, some of whom reside in the shelter and others are literally hungry "walk ins," and we had an abundance of food. Next dinner is October 6<sup>th</sup>. Come join the fun and help the community at the same time!



Servers were: Carole and Bob MacDonald and friend, Carol Maxfield, Gloria Jonassen, Jack Pallatta, Roberta Nobleman, Pastor Shane and Janet Beddoe. They were joined by Chris Stout and Bruce Anton from Family Promise, which coordinates the program. The Reverend Bill Parnell from Christ Church, Hackensack, also dropped by.



### Update on Hygiene Kits for Haiti

Nine hygiene kits were packaged and delivered to the local drop-off site at the First Congregational Church in River Edge. From there they will be picked up by truck and delivered to a Church World Service center for transport to Haiti, where there continues to be a great need. Drop-off and pick-up here for CWS kits is once a year, in April, so if we want to collect kits again – Hygiene kits are always needed, also Baby and School Kits – we need to bear this in mind for another year.



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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 Gemmel, Adolfo Salvatore Magnifico, Muriel Bauer, Roxanne Gabriel, Keith, Betty-Ann & Jim Wilkie, Anne Caloz, Alma Gottlieb, Krysta Williams and the family of Debra Shanley.



## SAVE THE DATES: Special Sunday Services Coming Up

Immediately following the 10:30 service on **Sunday, May 9**, we will have a **Rogation Procession** around the church. This brief service is a traditional blessing of our grounds and works in the season of new life. Help us welcome spring in the world and in our lives!

**May 23, Pentecost Sunday**, will be special for many reasons. At the 10:30 service, we will celebrate the **confirmations** of three young members of Our Saviour: **Kristen Finckenaue**, **Corrin Kassis** and **Samantha Monaco**, who have been taking classes for the past several months. In the Lutheran Church tradition, Pastor Kathleen may confirm the candidates.

In addition, we will celebrate our two congregations and the anniversary of our joint ministry. Yes, we know that it's not the exact date, but we need to celebrate – and when better than the feast day of the Holy Spirit? We will have a catered lunch, balloons, and fun for all. We will be advertising that day in the newspapers, so be sure to come and show your (holy) spirit!

PLEASE NOTE: We will NOT have an 8:30 service that day, so that all may join in at 10:30.

## CAKE SALE

The ELCW will hold a cake sale fundraiser on Sun., May 16.

## ELCW Meet 6/9

The Episcopal Lutheran Church Women will hold their next planning meeting Sun., June 9.

## Coming Events

### Sunday, May 2

Fifth Sunday of Easter  
8:30 AM Contemporary Eucharist  
9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal  
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist  
11:45 - St. Luke's Special Meeting

### Monday, May 3

5:00 PM - Evening Prayer

### Tuesday, May 4

5:00 PM - Evening Prayer

### Wednesday, May 5

5:00 PM - Evening Prayer

7:30 PM - Holy Eucharist & Healing

### Thursday, May 6

5:00 PM - Evening Prayer

### Friday & Saturday, May 7 & 8

New Jersey Synod Assembly

### Sunday, May 9

Sixth Sunday of Easter  
8:30 AM Contemporary Eucharist  
9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal  
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist and Rogation Procession

### Monday, May 10

5:00 PM - Evening Prayer

### Tuesday, May 11

5:00 PM - Evening Prayer

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

### Wednesday, May 12

5:00 PM - Evening Prayer

7:30 PM - Holy Eucharist & Healing

### Thursday, May 13

5:00 PM - Evening Prayer

### 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 ELCW Cake Sale  
12:15 - Our Saviour Council meets with Bishop Riley

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## Coming Events

### Monday, May 17

5:00 PM - Evening Prayer

### Tuesday, May 18

5:00 PM - Evening Prayer

### Wednesday, May 19

5:00 PM - Evening Prayer

7:30 PM - Holy Eucharist & Healing

### Thursday, May 20

5:00 PM - Evening Prayer

7:30 - Book Club Meeting

### Saturday, May 22

4:00 PM Our Saviour Council

### Sunday, May 23

The Day of Pentecost

NO 8:30 Service

9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal

10:30 AM Confirmation and

Holy Eucharist followed by Confirmation Reception Lunch

### Monday, May 24

5:00 PM - Evening Prayer

### Tuesday, May 25

5:00 PM - Evening Prayer

### Wednesday, May 26

5:00 PM - Evening Prayer

7:30 PM - Holy Eucharist & Healing

### Thursday, May 27

5:00 PM - Evening Prayer

### Sunday, May 30

The First Sunday After Pentecost:

Trinity Sunday

8:30 AM - Contemporary Eucharist

9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal

10:30 AM - Holy Eucharist

## STORM CLEANUP

Sincere thanks to David Emerson for weeks of work in cleaning up fallen branches on the property and to Pastor Shane's friend, who helped cut up the big tree trunk.

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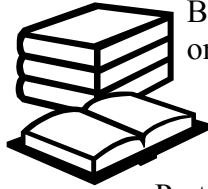
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## ST. LUKE'S SPECIAL PARISH MEETING

Following the 10:30 service on Sunday, May 2, St. Luke's will hold a special parish meeting in order to vote on the use of proceeds from the Trust Fund.

## BOOK CLUB MEETS



Book Club will meet on Thursday, May 20 at 7:30. The book is "Revolution is Not A Dinner Party" by Ying Chang

Compestine. Books are reserved at the Dumont Library. You may pick up a copy or, Carole or Heidi will be happy to pick up the book and deliver it to you. Call Carole MacDonald at 201-724-0627 or Heidi Plinio at 201-387-7438.

## WELCOME TAGS

Don't forget to wear your name tags at Coffee Hour on Sundays. We want everyone to get to know everyone's name -- especially any newcomers who may arrive!

## MAY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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## ART SHOW/ AUCTION

The April 25 auction/sale of paintings by longtime St. Luke's parishioner Anne Connolly was a success. The committee put paintings on display after the 10:30 service. The small paintings took in approximately \$300. At the 2:30 PM event, bids for the large paintings totalled more than \$1,000.

The balance of the small paintings will be on display again for sale after church on Sun., May 2.

Thank you to all committee members: Laura Cardine, Gloria Jonassen, Louis Meyer, Christine Emerizy, Karen Moylan. Special thanks to auctioneer Junius Stephenson and his able assistant, Norm Cardine.

- Jo Stephenson, Chairperson

## On the Lighter Side

DID NOAH FISH?

A Sunday school teacher asked, 'Johnny, do you think Noah did a lot of fishing when he was on the Ark?' 'No,' replied Johnny. 'How could he, with just two worms.'





*Breakfast together on Easter morning -- St. Luke's parishioners share in an Our Saviour tradition. Visit with us inside!*



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