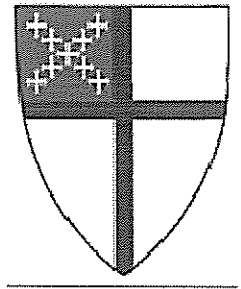


St. Luke's Episcopal Church

"Heaven in the Hills"

Newsletter—June 2009



From Father Bye...

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The many contrasts in this life are what gives us the perspective necessary for deeper gratitude. Having recently been away from St. Luke's for a short period has made me grateful for the worship that is available there.

First of all, there is an immediate sense of Holiness that most people experience when they enter the church. Some even have that experience when they step onto the grounds. That sort of experience is about the indwelling presence of God in this place.

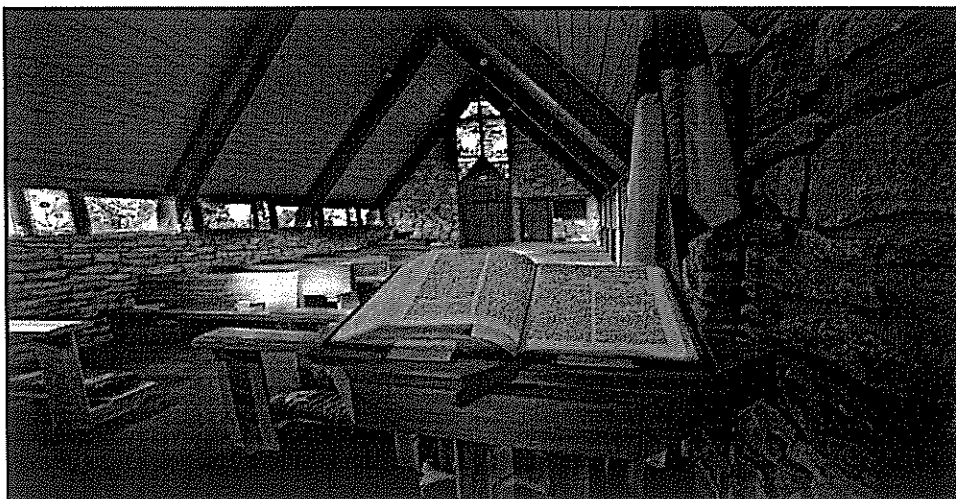
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Hamburger Cookout, Thursday, June 18th @ 6 PM

Just for fun and to say "hi" to neighbors. Starts at 6 PM. St. Luke's Church provides burgers, buns, plates, utensils, garnishes, and tea. Neighbors and church members bring lawn chairs, salad, beans, chips and desserts. More details to be provided from Church announcements. Sign-up sheet will soon be posted in the Parish Hall.

Bishop's Committee Meeting - June 15th, 6 PM

The Bishop's Committee will meet on June 15th at 6 PM in the Parish Hall.



"St. Luke's from the Lectern"—photo by Charlie Jordan

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Worship Services

Wednesday -11 AM

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From page 1, Father Bye...

More specifically I believe it to be the presence of Jesus Christ, enhanced by the movement of the Holy Spirit. Before the Ascension of Jesus into heaven He promised His Disciples that He would be with them always, even to the end of the ages. We can see the promise kept as the scriptures further identify the assembly of the faithful, the church, as the Body Of Christ, through which He is made present. In addition to this the Holy Spirit moved upon the gathered body on the feast of Pentecost, which we recently celebrated at St. Luke's. It should be of no surprise then when we have that special experience of God when we enter St. Luke's or any other church. That special feeling that visitors and our parishioners experience is truly the presence of God in this place. It reminds me of that old Hymn with the chorus, "there's a sweet, sweet spirit in this place and I know that it's the presence of the Lord." Of course there are some places that seem more "anointed" than others. However I can't help but wonder if that seemingly greater anointing is about the place or about the person who experiences it.

The second thing about the worship at St. Luke's is the completeness of it. That is that it contains the "catholic faith." As most of you will remember, this word "catholic" refers not to the Roman Catholic church, but is the scriptural reference to the totality of the faith. That means all of the faith, the total (catholic) faith, excluding no part of the faith. For us this comes down as both Word and Sacrament. This is central to our worship each Sunday and at both funerals and weddings. The "Word" is presented to us in the readings and in the proclamation of the Gospel as the revealed word of God (the word of the Lord). However this proclamation is not the end of our worship. The worship continues in the second half of the liturgy every Sunday with "The Word Made Flesh (the Gospel of John)," through the Holy Communion. The Word made flesh was God's way of permanently establishing himself in the world through the incarnation of Jesus Christ. His real presence with us now is most visible and obvious in the Holy Eucharist.

Once again, it should be of little surprise to anyone who understands the Christian faith that there would be a special experience upon entering St. Luke's. God fulfills His promises and His prophecies and is certainly always with us at St. Luke's. In the days to come in this season after Pentecost let His word always "be upon our lips and upon our hearts, that we may more worthily proclaim the Gospel."

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Bye+

Why I Love Worshipping at St. Luke's...

"We're all family!" - The Reiners

"When I walk in, I immediately feel the love and support of the community which allows me to be worshipful, contrite and filled with grace more easily than in any other place.

—Amy Keith

St. Luke's Website - A Wealth of Good Info...

The Church website can be found at <http://www.stlukes-cm.org/>. At the website you will find Daily Devotionals, this month's Church newsletter, archived newsletters, minutes from Bishop's Committee meetings, and much, much more. Check it often...

Greeter Schedule for June, July & August

| Dates | Service | Greeter | Phone | Email address |
|-------------|---------|-----------------|---------------|---------------------------|
| 7/26 & 9/13 | 10:15 | Pat Burleson | 830-825-0211- | sandiburleson@hotmail.com |
| 6/7 & 9/20 | 10:15 | Jorn Budde | 512-264-9685 | jibudde@aol.com |
| 6/14 & 8/2 | 10:15 | Don Gray | 512-496-3583 | donaldkgray@gmail.com |
| 6/21 & 8/9 | 10:15 | Rick Shroeter | 830-825-2102 | cypress@star.net |
| 6/28 & 8/16 | 10:15 | Ann Bond | 830-825-3003 | bond@star.net |
| 7/5 & 8/23 | 10:15 | Joe McShane | 512-261-6780 | Mmcs56309@aol.com |
| 7/12 & 8/30 | 10:15 | David Greene | 830-832-5848 | Dwgreene1@copper.net |
| 7/19 & 9/6 | 10:15 | Ladd Smith | 262-844-6171 | hupandkatie@sbcglobal.net |
| Substitute | | Mike Kelley | 830-825-3490 | Mkelley5354@netzero.net |
| All dates | | Fielding Reiner | 830-285-3335 | reiner@moment.net |

Reasons to be an Episcopalian...

(Taken from "101 Reasons to be Episcopalian", compiled by Louie Crew and published by Morehouse Publishing)

"Ours is the perfect church for those who aren't perfect".

– J. Schwaller, Diocese of Minnesota

"The Bible says we should make a joyful noise unto the Lord. Laughter is as joyful a noise as you'll ever hear and there's a lot of it in the Episcopal Church!!!".

– D. Hunter, Diocese of East Tennessee

"We don't have all the answers, and we welcome others who love the questions".

W. Allen, Diocese of Southeast Florida

"Catholic, without the pope, and with the women; protestant without the gloom".

C. Gallouet, Diocese of Rochester

"Catholic lite. Great rite. Less guilt".

-W. Barnett, Diocese of Milwaukee

A Word from Christie...

Dear Friends in Christ,

It seems like only yesterday that I began the work of putting the monthly newsletter together. I remember worrying that I would not do nearly as good a job as Thomas Sumners had been doing when he handed over the reins to me. He was a tough act to follow, with all of the talent he brought to our publication. After three years, I am now passing the torch to Don Gray, who will, as Thomas did, do a fantastic job of bringing you the news and monthly schedules.

I have so enjoyed my time of putting it all together each month, hopefully so you could keep abreast of all the happenings within our church. It's been an honor to serve in this capacity.

God's peace,
Christie Schroeter

Alter Guild Schedule

June 7 - Gail Moreman & Sally Smith
June 14 - Paula Sumners & Sandi Burleson
June 21 - Sandy Hodges & Sue Peterson
June 28 - Rita Reiner & Connie Bye
July 5 - Gail Moreman & Sally Smith
July 12 - Paula Sumners & Sandi Burleson
July 19 - Sandy Hodges & Sue Peterson
July 26 - Rita Reiner & Connie Bye



Lay Reader/Acolyte Schedule

| | Lay Reader 8 AM | Lay Reader 10:15 AM | Acolyte 10:15 AM |
|---------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| June 7 | Frana K. | Pat B. | Joseph S. |
| June 14 | Amy K. | Mike K. | Thomas S. |
| June 21 | Liz M. | Monique R. | Christie S. |
| June 28 | David G. | Thomas S. | Ian S. |
| July 5 | | | |
| July 12 | | | |
| July 19 | | | |
| July 26 | | | |

New Church Directory on the way...

Its time for a new directory!!!! The "Communications Group" has been tasked with updating the church directory. We are excited about doing this and anxious to get started. Therefore, during the month of June we hope to receive any new information you may have such as; a new address, telephone number or e-mail address. To make sure your information is included and correct there will be information sheets available in Swope Hall on the piano. Please complete the form at your convenience and return it in the basket provided. Also we will be using e-mail and mail outs in an effort to reach everyone. Additionally, this time around we are going to attempt to photograph all church members so that new people in our congregation can put a face with a name. The photography will be done by one of our own, Wes Greene. Wes will be available to take photographs June 14, 21, and 28. If we have not photographed everyone on the above mentioned dates we will of course provide additional opportunities.

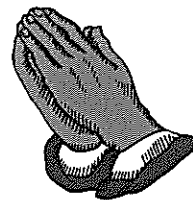
Please know that inclusion in the church directory is optional. If you prefer not to be included just let one of the committee members know. Committee members are: Rita Reiner, Sandy Burleson, Christi Schroeter, Jim and Corrie Furber, Wes Greene and Sandy Hodges, Chairperson.

It is our hope that all our church family will participate in this initiative. Anyone having suggestions or comments regarding the directory please feel free to share.

Thanks in advance for your help.
Sandy Hodges

Keeping in Prayer...

Cynthia, Frana B., Peggy, Chrissie, Juanita, Mary Nell, Carolyn, Quentin, Lucy, Jerry, Kayla, Lori, Norma, David, John, Sue, the church in Zambia, our high school graduates (Matt, Ian, Quentin, Alejandra, Shannon)



Important Contacts...

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Bishop's Warden - Liz Manning 512-264-8847; Email: lmanning@austin.rr.com

Church Office - 830-825-8001

June's Birthdays

6th: —Doreen B.
7th— Helen F.
14th—Tuckier Shane
L.
17th— Leigh C.
18th—Cynthia J

June's Anniversaries

6th—L. & S. Smith
11th—Randy & Celeste M.

- Please notify Don Gray of any omissions from the birthday/anniversary lists.
- Submit newsletter articles or ideas to Don Gray via email to donaldkgray@gmail.com by the 25th of each month (512-496-3583)
- **Church Camp, with help from PEC...**

A significant part of the church's ministry to youth is to pay for Camp Capers for members' children or grandchildren. This year, for the first time, PEC United Charities made a contribution to St. Luke's to be used for camp. Our thanks to Corby Craig, a PEC employee, for initiating this gift. It is our hope that children will experience Jesus "up close and personal" at camp and come home with their faith deepened and made alive.



St. Luke's "Way of the Cross"
- Photo by Mae Hernlund

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