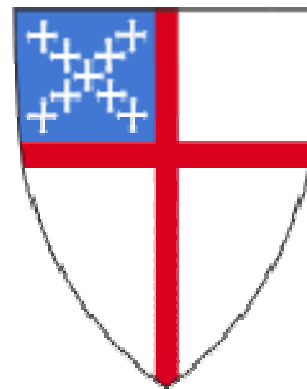


St. Luke's Episcopal Church

Cypress Mill, TX

“Heaven in the Hills”

July 2010 Newsletter



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From Our Vicar...

As we approach the "dog days" of summer in Texas we also continue in the church in what is referred to as the season of "normal times," or the season after Pentecost. The time of year seems to be about vacations and visits from family and friends or hopefully just a little extra time off for relaxation. The concepts of summer sometimes spread into the church as we are aware of the absence on Sundays of parishioners on vacation.

While it is a wonderful season of the year, it might also lend itself to being a rather slow time spiritually, especially when compared to the excitement that is in the air when we are either preparing for or celebrating the life of Christ during Advent, Christmas, Holy week and Easter. For the next few weeks we will have an opportunity for renewal of spirit by revisiting the excitement and joy of Holy week through experiences that were written about by your fellow parishioners immediately following the event. They were asked them to reflect and write about their experiences in anticipation of an opportunity to have a certain "spiritual refreshment and renewal later in the year.

Our July newsletter features the first Christian witness of the series, provided by Christi Schroeter below. –Tommy Bye

Holy Week

I really have no words to adequately describe all the emotions I felt during Holy Week. I have never experienced church services that moved me the way the ones held at our church did. The Holy Spirit was so evident, working in each and every person that gave of their time and talents.

(“Holy Week” is continued on page 2)



John 8:32

And ye shall know
the truth, and the
truth shall make
you free.

(Holy Week, continued from the cover page)

Maundy Thursday was particularly moving. Father Bye, to me, was the picture of a Christ-led pastor as he so humbly washed the feet of each person who came forward. He had to have been on his knees for an hour! And the voices of those who provided the music added to the feeling of being held in God's arms.

Rick and I missed the Easter service because we were out of town with relatives. But the Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services gave us more than we could ever have asked for with a feeling of being with a wonderful "faith family."

God's peace, Christie Schroeter

Bishop's Committee Meeting

July 26, @ 5 PM

Swope Hall

All are welcome to attend

All Enjoyed the "Smoking For Jesus" Event

Well over 100 gathered at St. Luke's on June 10 to enjoy the gospel music and picnic dinner. The music was non-stop and enjoyed by all. Many thanks to our new friends from the "Smoking For Jesus" ministry for making the wonderful evening possible.

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Important Dates

- July 17, Mae's "Open House" at her home, 9AM to 11AM
- July 26: Bishop's Committee meeting, 5 PM, Swope Hall
- First Wednesday each month: Men's Prayer Group, 6 AM, Swope Hall
- Every Wednesday, Women's Bible Study, 9:30-11:00 AM, Swope Hall

St. Luke's Services & Events

Sundays

8:00 AM: Holy Eucharist (no music)
 9:15 AM: Adult Christian Education (in parish hall)
 9:15 AM: Child care while parents attend Adult Education (white Sunday School building)
 10:00 AM: Children Sunday School (assemble in parish hall)
 10:15 AM: Holy Eucharist (with music)
 10:15 Children's education (white Sunday School building)
 11:15 AM: Coffee and snacks (in parish hall)

Other Days

Monday 9:00 AM: Morning Prayer
 Tuesday 9:00 AM: Morning Prayer
 Tuesday 9:30 AM: Women's Bible Study
 Tuesday 6:30 PM: English as a Second Language Class
 Wednesday 6:00 AM (first Wednesday of each month): Men's Prayer Group
 Wednesday 9:00 AM: Morning Prayer
 Wednesday 11:00 AM: Holy Eucharist
 Wednesday noon: Women's Small Group
 Wednesday 12:30 PM: Men's Small Group at La Feria restaurant, Hwy 620 near Hwy 71, across from Home Depot

Lay Reader, Acolyte, and Greeter Schedule

Date	Service Time	Greeter	Lay Reader	Acolyte
7/11	8:00 AM		Scott D.	
	10:15 AM	David G.	Pat B.	Pat B.
7/18	8:00 AM		Sandy H.	
	10:15 AM	Ladd S.	Marie M.	Joseph S.
7/25	8:00 AM		David G.	
	10:15 AM	Pat B.	Loie R.	Monique R.
8/1	8:00 AM		Linda A.	
	10:15 AM	Jorn B.	John S.	Joseph S.
8/8	8:00 AM		Scott D.	
	10:15 AM	Rick S.	Monique R.	Lonnie R.
8/15	8:00 AM		Sandy H.	
	10:15 AM	Don G.	Pat B.	Christie S.
8/22	8:00 AM		Liz M.	
	10:15 AM	Joe M.	Scott D.	Scott D.
8/29	8:00 AM		Lonnie R.	
	10:15 AM	David G.	Linda A.	Linda A.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUP

The Women's Bible Study will continue to meet through the summer. We meet from 9:30 to 11:00 Tuesday mornings in Swope Hall. We are currently studying the Book of Acts. For more information, please contact Christie Schroeter (830-825-2102), Rita Reiner (830-825-3335), or Beth Preston (830-613-4324). All women are welcome!

Matthew 7:7 Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

Philippines 4:13 I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

Isaiah 43:1-3 Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine. When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee. For I am the LORD thy God

FROM OUR SENIOR WARDEN...Sandy Hodges

To All,

Progress continues on the plans for the new building. The Bishop's Committee voted unanimously to enter into a contract with Lake Country Construction Company, located in Marble Falls for the construction of the new Parish Hall. The signing of the contract is pending until we have final approval from the diocese to move forward. A July 21 meeting has been set with the diocesan planning/construction committee. A copy of the building plans was forwarded to Jaime Browning, chairman of the review committee and we have received preliminary comments. We will have all issues addressed before the final review July 21. Pending any unforeseen circumstances we continue to expect that construction will begin the first part of August. (See more information about the Parish Hall on page 5)

Many have asked where we will meet during construction.....

Mr. and Mrs. Maples have generously agreed to let us use the "little store" across the street from the church for our Adult Sunday School, Bible Study, etc. during construction of the new Swope Hall. We will move tables and chairs over there and it should be a great place to gather. Much appreciation is extended to the Maples for their kind gesture.

Thanks to everyone that stopped by to review the new Parish Hall building plans. Thankfully it provided a time for everyone to ask questions and get clarification about any issues they may have. It was a beneficial time and many positive comments and requests for clarification were shared. Everyone's interest in this project is so much appreciated. Please do not hesitate to ask any questions you may have.

-Faithfully, Sandy Hodges



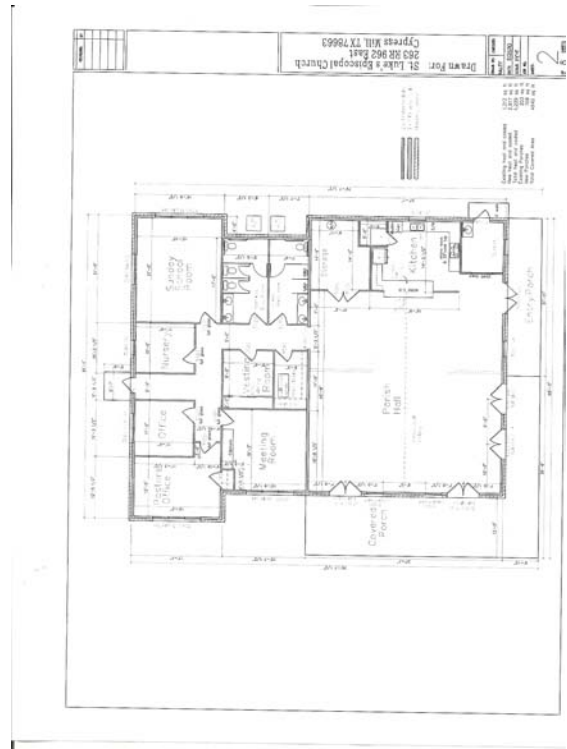
"St. Lukers" at the recent American Cancer Society's "Relay for Life" in Marble Falls

Pictured left to right: Scott Dawson, Glenn Preston, Beth Preston, Linda Appleton, Mike Kelley, Sandi Burleson, Betsy Stephenson. Other parishioner volunteers not pictured include: Sally and Ladd Smith, Doreen and Jorn Budde, Leigh Craig, Rita Reiner, Eric and Patrick Fruin, Thomas and Paula Sumners, Joseph Stephenson, David Greene, Veronica Preston, Grace Preston, Mercy Preston, and Peace Preston, Rick Schroeter, John and Susan Dunham. Christie Schroeter donated jewelry to sell and everyone else donated bread, sweets, jewelry, etc. Marti Spruiell made a cake. It was a great experience!



Plans for Our “New” Swope Hall

- all new construction (only existing concrete slab will remain)
- pretty much doubles in size as compared to the existing hall
- total heat and cooled is 4,029 sq ft
- total covered porches 911 sq ft
- stained concrete floors
- masonry exterior to match our Church (as close as possible)
- metal roofing
- all new kitchen cabinets (alder veneer), marble counter tops and new appliances
- Handicap access to entire facility, handicap commodes in bathrooms
- metal railing on porches



Above , right: Floor plan, with the top of the drawing being the side toward the street. Below, exterior view from the east side. Additional drawings are on display in Swope Hall.



From Our Youngest Missionary, Mercy Preston, who will soon be traveling to Haiti...

This will be my second mission trip. The first was going to New Orleans to help clean up and rebuild after Hurricane Katrina. When I heard about the earthquake in Haiti, I wondered if God might want me to go and help. This was confirmed at a youth conference called "Acquire the Fire," when I heard the song "Far Away," that was written in Haiti.

I am going to Haiti with a Christian group called Global Expeditions. We are going to rebuild an orphanage and build a house in Sant Marc. We will leave from Dallas July 22 and return to the U.S. on August 1. We will have a couple of days of training and getting to know each other before we leave the country, and a couple of days to decompress when we get back.

I'd like to thank you all so much for your financial support. It has made all the difference in enabling me to go on this trip. I would appreciate your prayers as well. I have never been out of the United States before, so I am both excited and a little nervous.

-Mercy Preston

Let's Help Shelly & Putter...

Shelly Fruin needs help in locating a good home for a black lab-mix dog named Putter. Shelly found Putter abandoned and has been with Putter since March. Putter is about 5 years old, He is neutered, micro-chipped and current on all vaccinations. Putter is fully house broken and responds to several commands. He's a very well behaved, friendly, loving and happy dog. He loves to ride in the car. To meet Putter or to learn more about him, contact Shelly at 512-577-6413.

Isaiah 40:31 But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not

Oh Lord, Be My Rock

Oh Lord, be my
Rock
In the surging sea;
Be the Rock
That steadies me.
The waves are so
high,
And my boat is so
small:



Sometimes I can't seem to maneuver at all.
Be the Rock that guides me.

*In the eye of the storm,
I'm the Rock that steadies you,
Preparing for battle,
The Rock that readies you.
I'm the Rock of all peace, of all hope, of all love.
I'm the Bright Morning Star
That shines above.*

*In the densest fog,
I'm the Rock that brings clarity,
In the midst of loneliness,
The Rock of all charity.
I'm your constant companion,
The friend at your side,
Your Maker, your Savior, your helper, your guide.*

*I AM the Rock
That you hold in your hand.
I AM the Rock
On which you stand.
I do not change
Like shifting sand.
I AM the Rock that saves you.*

Oh Lord, You're my Rock,
My anchor, my stay.
You are the Rock that lights my way.
You're my shield and my shelter,
My plate and my cup.
You are the Rock
That lifts me up:
You are the Rock that saves me.

-Beth Preston

Mae's "Open House"

Mae continues to make progress in her recovery from her stroke. She is able to stand for brief periods without assistance and without holding on to something to steady her. Her speech and swallowing functions continue to improve. The Summit has scheduled her discharge for July 16 to return home.

Mae is planning to host an Open House at her home in Round Mountain on the morning of her 90th birthday. Friends and family are invited. Saturday, July 17th, 9:00 to 11:00 AM. Refreshments are being provided by the Round Mountain Extension Club. Might be a good idea to bring a lawn chair just in case.

Directions to Mae's:

Mae's house is in the Round Mountain area. From 281, turn east on 962 (toward St. Luke's) and drive 3/10 of a mile. You will make a right turn into her open gate entrance, right before where 962 crosses the little creek gulley named "North Cypress Creek" that goes under 962". Her entrance is marked with the number 426 on a little blue sign. From Cypress Mill, (the creek crossing on 962) head west on 962 for 6.4 miles toward Round Mountain, take the first left (the driveway into her property) after crossing the little gulley named "North Cypress Creek".

**Welcome home,
Mae!**

You've earned it!

BIRTHDAYS



Gweneth Appleton (Linda's Granddaughter, on the left above) and Tyler Craig (Garrett & Tatum's youngest, on the right) joined us at Church on July 11th.

John 14:6 "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

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