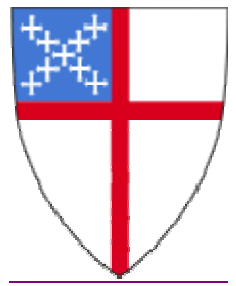


St. Luke's Episcopal Church

"Heaven in the Hills"

Newsletter—August 2009



From Father Bye... "Our Ministry"

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We read in the Gospel of Luke: "After this the Lord appointed seventy others, and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to come. And he said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few (Lk.10: 1-2b)". These verses represent the beginning of the laity's mission and ministry.

As Thomas Keating points out in his book *The Mystery Of Christ* when he discusses the above referenced scripture, the training of the seventy before they were sent out seems to be somewhat limited. Today it might be referred to as "on-the-job training."

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Linda Appleton's Mexico Mission Trip

Muchas Gracias from El Buen Pastor, El Colosio Colonia, Periodistos Colonia and Me!! Thanks for rallying so fast with your donations and rice and beans, I'll try to give you more notice next time!

After leaving St Luke's on Sunday, July 19, I joined 13 people from Church of The Resurrection (San Antonio) and by 5:00 PM we were unloading beans, rice, toys, clothes, mats, school supplies and

Bishop's Committee Meeting - August 17th, 6 PM

The Bishop's Committee will meet on August 17th at 6 PM in the Parish Hall. All are welcome to attend.

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From page 1, Father Bye...

The three lay missionaries from St. Luke's who have recently returned to us probably hold several things in common with the "seventy" that were sent out that we read about in the Gospel of Luke. However I believe the most important things they hold in common is their faith in Jesus Christ and their willingness to be sent out. There is such a hunger in the world for people to make contact with God and to cement that contact. There are many who have tried to establish such contact, succeeded for a period of time only to fall into separation again. Others have heard about the Lord Jesus but never come to know him as Savior.

All of this is, of course, God's business, a business in which he calls us to assist in by serving Him when He so calls us. Just as those seventy were sent before Jesus to places he was about to come, so are those who are about the mission of Christ today being sent into places where He is about to come. It may be to another country, it may be to a city close by or it may be just in the presence of another individual. In any event of answering God's call to be sent out, make no mistake about it being a time or place or person to which Jesus is about to make an appearance. What might appear to be a failure to us or the rest of the world will ultimately be used in God's eternal plan of salvation.

Some will work behind the scene in support of those being sent out. No matter what part one plays in the work, the ultimate end is that the great mystery of Christ is being brought into fruition in both those we serve and in ourselves. At least part of that mystery is that through His work He is giving us the ability to do the thing that makes us more complete than all else, to come ever nearer to loving Him with all our heart, all our mind and all our soul.

Fr. Bye +

Women's Coffee Gathering for Paula Sumners

Liz Manning is hosting a women's coffee gathering for Paula Sumners at Liz's house on Saturday, August 8 from 9:30 - 11:30. Contact Liz for details.

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 Upcoming Weeks

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

“CHURCH OF SANTA FE”, SAN ANTONIO, TX

Last spring members of St. Luke’s Mission Committee visited Church of Santa Fe, a mission church in San Antonio, and met with the Bishop's Warden (Faye) there. The church is similar to St. Luke's in the number of parishoners and the age of the church, also the number of children present. We discussed with Faye the concept of beginning a “Sister Church” relationship between St. Lukes and Church of Santa Fe and she was very happy that someone was taking an interest in the church. They struggle as many small churches do and always need encouragement. Some ideas for formulating the Sister Church relationship are arranging an introduction covered dish lunch at the Church of Santa Fe to meet parishoners and see first hand their needs and where we might help. A few things suggested by Faye was a need for Children's Sunday School materials, which St. Luke's could possibly supply beginning this fall. The inside of the church needs repairs and painting and some people from our church are interested in having a work day there in the fall, with help from those in San Antonio also. The church has a nice shaded courtyard but no furniture or landscaping.

A “Sister Church” relationship is a new idea for us and also for the Diocese . It’s an exciting idea. Be thinking of suggestions for our Mission Committee on this topic.

St. Luke’s Worship Services

Wednesday –Morning Prayer at 9 AM, Holy Eucharist at 11 AM;

Sundays - Holy Eucharist (no music) at 8 AM, Holy Eucharist w/music at 10:15 AM

PLAY THE "NAME" GAME

Find the names of at least 34 who are often found at St. Luke's (all last names except for three). The letters within the names may be found left to right, backwards, upside down, reversed, or diagonal (or any combination thereof). Let Don know if you find 30 or more of the names. Contact Don Gray for an answer sheet if you get totally frustrated with this!

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O	D	L	M	C	L	A	U	R	I	N	X	B	J	R	E	A	B	M	Y	E	B	O	D	Y	F
N	C	E	Y	S	R	W	V	B	X	M	F	G	K	L	U	Y	A	R	G	T	S	H	T	E	W
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If you liked this game, how about making one for future newsletters? Maybe focusing on Biblical names, Books of the Bible, etc? Easy to create using Word or Excel software.

Important Contacts...

Vicar - Tommy Bye 817-308-5850 ; Email: byetommy@yahoo.com

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

Church Office - 830-825-8001

Linda Appleton's Mexico Mission Trip, continued from page 1

The minute I walked into the church I knew big things would happen in this place where the Spirit of the Lord truly abides. Our Diocesan mission representative, Robert Houser, met us there and mapped out the week for us. Robert is a tremendous asset to our mission efforts and everyone from Burger King to the poorest colonia knows him and the big heart he has for them. Between Robert and Father Miguel of El Buen Pastor, this is the most coordinated mission I have ever been involved in. The hotel, church and colonias are all within five miles of the border and I felt just as safe as Robert promised I would be.

We did VBS at the church in Piedras Negras, which was much the same as at St. Luke's, but without air conditioning or English language. This was also the situation in the other colonias. I stayed at the church the first 2 days and worked with the 5 yr olds and spent the next 2 days in the colonia. One of the church members in the colonia offered her home and yard where we spread mats under the trees and had church. All the children were so attentive and obviously loved our attention. I never knew how happy throwing a ball could make a child. After VBS the first day we went door to door in the colonia (El Colosio) handing out food and clothes. The worst part of my trip was on the last day when we went to Periodistas Colonia and all we had left were clothes to give even though the people were asking for food. We were not even able to have VBS in this colonia as usual because of the lack of volunteers to serve.

We were also expecting to do some habitat projects, but there were no funds available for the additional project. Resurrection Church had brought some paint and brushes so we were able to paint a cinder block wall surrounding the church.

There are so many other things I would like to share with you about the mission and the many opportunities for us there. I hope you will all come to St. Luke's on August 2 during the Christian Education hour for more details, pictures and a possible vision for missions in Piedras Negras.

In Christ, **Linda Appleton**

Learn more about Linda's Mexico Mission experience by attending the Adult Sunday School class on August 2 (9 AM to 10 AM in the Parish Hall). Linda will be present to tell us of her experience. The Keith's will share their African Mission trip with us very shortly, also at Adult Sunday School.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

- Connie Bye

Thank you, thank you.....

- To our parish volunteers who have committed time and talents to teach our children of St. Luke's. The unexpected blessing of so many volunteers who teach once every four to six weeks is that so many of us have had the opportunity to know our children better and we are familiar faces to them.
- To the parents who put their children in our hands to share the joy of Christ with them.
- To the children who wake up early, get themselves dressed, and come join us.
- To Alejandra, our wonderful nursery worker.

Alejandra has such a sweet spirit and is wonderful with our children. She cares for children four and under during the service. If you would like your little one to come to church with the bigger children for communion, just let Alejandra know when you bring them in. Otherwise, you may pick them up after the church service.

If you are available to volunteer for a Sunday occasionally to teach Children's Sunday School, please let me know. We have one person who brings his guitar and they sing and learn songs when it his turn to teach. Another teacher usually comes with crafts, stringing beads, making sock puppets and they do crafts. A few others a professional teachers and do an excellent job in their teaching. You may have talents and gifts you would like to share with our children.



CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHING SCHEDULE

August 2
August 9
August 16
August 23
August 30

Ann Bond
Connie Bye
Carol Cole
Linda Appleton
Connie Bye

Helping the Colonias of Piedras Negras.....

-Connie Bye

As Linda Appleton saw so clearly, food is greatly needed. We will be gathering food throughout August to be taken to Piedras Negras sometime in early September.

Suggestions from the Diocese are:

Bulk pinto beans	Quart size ziplock bags	Flour	Baking soda	Chili in gallon cans
Oranges	Bath soap	Canned milk	Children's shoes	Toothpaste / brushes

Sewing Machines: One way the women of the community earn money is by making quilts to sell. The fabric is donated from stores in Eagle Pass. The older women are helping the young mother's, who are often unwed, learn the craft in an effort to support themselves. The church has a room prepared for the sewing machines and hope to also add computers in the future. New, portable machines are needed. Three people from St. Luke's have already purchased one machine to deliver sometime in the fall. Talk to a few friends to purchase a machine as a group. Ideas for a fundraising dinner are being discussed and we will have more in the next newsletter. There is also discussion of having a sewing day of instruction when we deliver the sewing machines. We have many talented quilt makers in our midst who might help the women and offer suggestions of including embroidery. It might be helpful to take quilts to be shown. Let the Mission Committee know of your ideas.

Altar Guild Schedule

August 2—Gail Moreman & Sally Smith

August 9—Paula Sumners & Sandi Burleson

August 16—Sandy Hodges & Sue Peterson

August 23—Rita Reiner & Connie Bye

August 30—Gail Moreman

September 6—Gail Moreman & Sally Smith

September 13—Paula Sumners & Sandi Burleson

September 20—Sandy Hodges & Sue Peterson

September 27—Rita Reiner & Connie Bye



Lay Reader/Acolyte Schedule

	Lay Reader 8 AM	Lay Reader 10:15 AM	Acolyte 10:15 AM
August 2	John S.	Thomas S.	None required
August 9	David G.	Monique R.	Joseph S.
August 16	Frana K.	Marie M.	Thomas S.
August 23	Liz M.	Pat B.	David M.
August 30	John S.	Frana K.	Joseph S.



Above: Children attending Vacation Bible School in the Colonias of Piedras Negras, MX.

Below: Shelters in the Colonias



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