Christian Formation at St. Luke’s: Ready, Set, Grow

Dorothy Tarbox

Christian Formation at St. Luke’s not only has something for everyone, it has it all! So often people will tell you they don’t have time or there’s not a program that interests them, but that just can’t be the case at St. Luke’s. They should look at the booklet called Becoming. They’re sure to get excited about all that’s available to them and their family. It doesn’t matter if you’re interested in current events or prefer a discussion on history, theology, and spirituality, you’re sure to find a program that sparks your interest.

There are, in fact, five Tracks of varying interests that meet on Sunday mornings for adults. There is also Sunday morning programming for children, youth, and music; and Wednesday night programming for adults, children, youth, and music, men’s Bible study, women’s Bible study, house groups, Cursillo, meditation group, quiet days, and many other opportunities for individuals and families.

The adult side of Christian Formation has seen remarkable growth under the direction of Bp. John MacNaughton, Fr. Chip Prehn, and the Adult Education Committee led by James Dennis and Gill Cook, with the quality of the programming achieving new heights. The Christian Formation Team, consisting of staff members, meets every week for planning, trouble-shooting, and prayer. Recognizing that lifestyles and families with young children dictate that an occasional class must be missed, there are optional Tracks with subjects that can easily be followed even if a class is missed. The five Tracks offered on Sunday mornings for adults are: Scripture Studies; Living a Christian Life; Children’s Ministries, 7

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through fifth-graders at a level they can understand and relate to. From Bible teachings and stories to activities, nursery and fun, Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings are filled with friendships, smiles, life lessons, and a strong Christian foundation. Nurseries are available for infants through Kindergarten. This is where children belong and find strength to go forth into their world and learn to stand strong.

The youth at St. Luke’s are an active and thriving group. Under the direction of Chris Mitchell, Youth Ministry at St. Luke’s has flourished. There are, of course, all of the traditional offerings that you expect, the Youth Group, the Confirmation preparation, mission trips, etc., but Chris has included numerous other opportunities for youth to gather and to learn about the Lord, giving and sharing, and about being in His world and interacting with others.

Activities for youth at St. Luke’s may be Sunday or Wednesday offerings such as Highway 146, Dinner and a Bible, Mission and Outreach, or maybe a friendly game of paintball!

If music is more your passion, David Eaton has a music program for you. Beginning pre-K through Kindergarten (Kinder Choristers), first and second grade (St. Cecilia’s Choristers), third grade and up (St. Luke’s Choristers), choir opportunities are available at St. Luke’s. The Music Program at St. Luke’s is known as one of San Antonio’s finest. Even if you’re one of those people who thinks you can’t sing but have never really tried, now’s the time to try. Give your voice to the Lord and rehearsal time to David!

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House Groups: One group’s perspective

Jane Gidney

Each member of the ladies’ Monday Night House Group was asked to describe our group. Their responses were:

“Hospitality, growth, new friends, intimacy, good fun, learning to laugh at ourselves.”

“My house group gives me so much: weekly fellowship, sharing our individual spiritual journeys, a time for study and reflection, and an opportunity to reach out as a group.”

“It gives me a community to study with intellectually and spiritually. With that, it also gives me friends who share of themselves and invite me in.”

“I’m drawn to our group by the sharing, open-heartedness and trust developing among us.”

“I’m enjoying seeing deep friendships which are developing along with spiritual growth.”

“One of the things I like about our group is the commitment to trying to deepen our relationship with God which results in our ability to minister to one another.”

“It’s been a great blessing to me. I’ve enjoyed the books we’ve read. We’ve learned to be close to each other as trust has built.”

“I like the opportunity to know better other members of St Luke’s, the intimate sharing of our faith journeys, the mutual support of one another in response to what is happening in our lives, the intercessory prayer we do, and the good food.”

“It’s good to be with a group of women who value me and one another. The creative salads, desserts, and humor are both healthy and delicious.”

“Every Monday night I have the opportunity to share God’s Grace and Love with my house group. It is such a special time to me, and it has helped me to grow in so many ways. Through laughter and tears, we have all shared our lives and challenges that each day brings us. The studies that we have presented together have introduced thoughts and feelings that make me aware of my spiritual growth. Thank you St Luke’s for this wonderful fellowship.”

“Each one of us came away from our latest study of Addiction and Grace with a greater awareness of how addiction is about us; each of us stands in need of Grace.”

When we restart in January, our study will be John Claypool’s Stories Jesus Still Tells.
Perhaps you’re a person who prefers smaller settings in which to gather. Maybe a book club (the Inklings), a Bible study, or a house group is for you. St. Luke’s has eight different house groups! What is a house group? It’s a ministry built on the model of the early Church, where Christians met, not only in the temple, but also in their homes, where they “partook of food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people.” (Acts 2:46-47)

At St. Luke’s, groups of eight to fourteen people meet in someone’s home or at the church on a regular basis to share fellowship, study, worship, and outreach. If this sounds like something you might like to be a part of, it’s as easy as contacting Jane Fleischer in the Parish Office (828.6425, x206, jane@stlukes.net) or Gillian Cook (822.3873, gillian.cook@worldnet.att.net). They will be happy to connect you with a house group that fits your schedule.

On a personal level, you might want to make an intense spiritual connection through a parish quiet day, the meditation prayer group, or Cursillo. These are excellent ways to become aware of the Holy Spirit in your life. There was a quiet day sponsored by the Daughters of the King on December 9, and there will be another in March. The Meditation Class will be held periodically and will teach us how to develop our relationship with God and deepen our spiritual lives.

Cursillo, meaning “short pilgrimage”, is a phenomenal four-day spiritual retreat providing an intensive re-introduction to the Christian faith. For more information on these classes and programs, contact the Administrative Assistant for Christian Formation, Jane Fleischer (828.6425 x206, jane@stlukes.net).

St. Luke’s has placed wonderful opportunities before us so we may grow and shape ourselves into Christians who are aware and caring. At St. Luke’s, we can feed ourselves not only with relationships but with knowledge and spirituality. Every door we walk through holds opportunity for us. We simply need to pause and listen to what is going on in the rooms. Walk in, sit down and be a part of it, Christian Formation— it’s happening at St. Luke’s for children, for youth, and for adults. Be a part of it. Ready, Set, GROW!®

My wife traces the origin of News and Reviews to the time I sat in a Bible study with a former rector, armed with my Greek New Testament, and proceeded to ask irritating questions. In truth I had already proposed the creation of the class, but she believes the rector consented just to get me out of his class.

Irritating and provocative questions are our stock-in-trade today at News and Reviews. The class expects leaders to say their piece and then be prepared to field questions and opinions from a variety of more or less well-informed participants. We have had as regular or occasional members a bishop, a former Catholic, a current Episcopal priest, a former Unitarian minister, and a current Lutheran pastor and senior military chaplain. Others have made their careers in education, the military, the law or politics, psychiatric therapy, and a variety of other fields, providing an impressive array of instructive insights.

New and Reviews was intended in part to move those lingering in the parlor to discuss politics, movies or church matters into a Christian Education class and offer them a forum where we still could talk about the same things and try to agree on a Christian (or at least an Anglican) perspective. Another concern was that class members be exposed to different views on things. People would have their received ideas tested. We rarely reach a firm conclusion, but sometimes people ponder the topic during the following week.

No subject is off-limits. Our inspiration, taken from the Rite of Baptism, remains: “Give us an enquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere.” The class often addresses political or theological subjects which the clergy may not want to discuss for fear of alienating someone. We provide a forum where these matters can be discussed without official attribution or responsibility.

We have fun. We sometimes gently tease each other, but we give everyone a fair and respectful hearing. Along the way we have come to learn something valuable about community and about the Anglican way. We are a broad church. We can learn from each other if we learn to listen properly. Constructive, respectful engagement and debate serve us better than returning to our bunkers, playing to our base, and demonizing the opposition. Perhaps we will be able to negotiate a middle way, perhaps not. But in any case we will understand that good people can see things differently and that probably none of us has been given all the correct answers by God.

Like good Episcopalians we end in a prayer, usually led by the incompa- rable Bill Killam, Wayne Knutson, or Tim Turner. Each has the uncanny ability to recombine us, refocus us, and send us out in service to the same Lord, refreshed and renewed.
Sunday Mornings in Lent: Forty Days of Purpose

Dates: Lent Feb. 25 - Apr. 1
Location: Parish Hall

The entire Parish is invited to participate in this six-week Sunday morning class. Led by Dr. Ellis, Father Prehn, and a team of facilitators, we shall enter upon a common quest to go deeper into our purpose in life as Christian persons and families. In the Bible, the number 40 is an important symbol of fulfillment, fruition, and completion. God can accomplish much in 40 days! Using materials provided by Rick Warren, the best-selling author of *The Purpose-driven Life* and *The Purpose-driven Church*, members of St. Luke’s Church – and, by all means, bring your friends and neighbors! – will have a chance to “grow in the knowledge and love of the Lord” and to learn how God wants to transfigure our hectic days and weeks into purposeful and satisfying lives. Begins February 25. More information about *Forty Days of Purpose* will be available after the first of the year.

Women of the Bible

Leader: Diane Thrush, a member of St. Luke’s Church and a gifted group leader
Location: Parish Hall
Dates: Apr. 15 - May 20

The Bible is full of stories about women of faith who have played important roles in the history of our faith. We will look at some of these women, from the famous Mary to the not so famous Huldah, and learn the unique gifts they bring to us today.

Leap of Faith

Leaders: Will and Kim Russell & others
Location: Room 201
Dates: through - May 20

This is a class where fellowship and open discussion are of paramount importance. The offering is geared but not limited to parents with children of all ages. We meet each Sunday morning for fellowship and open discussion that is focused on a single topic in the following areas:
- Studying and living a Christian lifestyle
- Helping our children become better Christians
- Bible study and its application to our lives, and
- Prayer

We invite you to join us, and bring your thoughts and ideas to share.

An Introduction to Rowan Williams

Leaders: Gillian Cook and James Dennis. Both are members of St. Luke’s Church and gifted teachers.
Location: Room 202
Dates: Lent, Feb. 25 - April 1

We will examine the work of Dr. Rowan Williams, the Archbishop of Canterbury and the leader of the Anglican Communion. He is a noted poet and widely recognized as perhaps the best Anglican theologian of our time. Like our Church, Dr. Williams at times presents a very orthodox theological vision and at other times seems quite progressive. Thus, he is not a stranger to controversy. Some believe the breadth of his vision may help to bridge the widening chasm in the theology of the northern and southern hemispheres, between liberal and conservatives, and between high church and low church.

Islam—A Very Short Course

Leader: Dr. Frank Garcia-Treto, Farris Railey King Professor of Religion, Trinity University, San Antonio, TX

Location: Room 202
Dates: Apr. 15 - May 20

Although the influence of Islam and of the Islamic world in the development of Western Civilization has been considerable and goes back to the times of late antiquity, we have unfortunately tended to ignore this third of the “Abrahamic religions” unless, as at present, a tragic crisis
develops. While extremist factions in contemporary Islam, such as the Taliban and jihadist groups like al-Qaeda, present a hostile and aggressive face of Islam to the West, they do not represent the majority of Muslims, nor the entirety of Islam as a religion or as a culture. There is much that we need to know about Islam in order to be able to enter into constructive dialogue with our Muslim neighbors, and even to understand the roots of the current conflict.

This course will attempt to begin the process of learning about Islam. Topics that will be discussed include Muhammad and his world; The Qur’an; Islamic practice: the “Pillars of Islam;” Islam as an “Abrahamic religion;” Jesus in the Qur’an; Islamic views of Christianity and of Judaism; the spread and varieties of Islam; fundamentalism and Islamic alternatives.

**Track V: Newcomer Class & The ABCs of Discipleship**

A Newcomer Class will meet on the first Sunday of each month of the year (except July). All Newcomers to St. Luke’s are urged to attend this class. This is a basic orientation to St. Luke’s Church, an introduction to our faith, our mission, our worship, and our many opportunities to serve the Lord and advance the Gospel through ministry and mission.

Location: Room 204
Dates: Year round, except July, next meeting January 7

In addition to the monthly Newcomer Class, St. Luke’s Church will offer a series of short Sunday morning classes through the course of the program year geared to those who are new to the Parish, the Episcopal Church, or the Christian faith. The ABCs of Discipleship will explore the most basic Christian doctrines and Anglican theology but also offer participants practical steps and guidelines for becoming committed disciples of Jesus Christ. The series is comprised of the following components:

**A is for Alpha**
The 10-week Alpha Course, an introduction to the heart of our Faith, will be offered to anyone who wishes to participate on Wednesday evenings, beginning on August 30 (a second Alpha Course will be offered beginning in January of each year). For more information about the Alpha Course, please see the Wednesday Night on the Hill section on page 15.

**B is for Believing**
The Believing class is an introduction to Anglican theology, the Episcopal Church, and how we at St. Luke’s Church in particular live out the baptismal covenant. This 4-session course is required for those who wish to be confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church.

**C is for Commitment** (see box at right)

**D is for Discipleship**
The Discipleship class will reflect upon what Jesus taught about believing, commitment, and true discipleship in the real world. This several-session class is an opportunity to deepen our spirituality and see how to be Christ’s committed people at home and in the workplace.
Life Line Screening
Tuesday, January 9, Parlor
Four different health screenings will be offered for people 40 years old and older: 1. carotid artery screening —visualizes the build up of plaque in the carotid arteries, which leads to stroke. 2. abdominal aortic aneurysm (AAA) test — looks for an enlargement in the abdominal aorta that could lead to a ruptured aortic artery. 3. ankle brachial index (ABI) — screens for peripheral arterial disease in the lower extremities, which is closely linked to carotid artery disease. 4. bone density screening — tests for the early detection of osteoporosis.

You must Pre-Register by calling 800.324.1851. These screenings are painless, non-invasive, and require less than one hour to complete all. The cost is $45 for each vascular screening or $109 for all vascular screenings and $35 for osteoporosis or $119 for all four screenings. Ask your Life Line Screening Representative for details when registering. The results will be sent directly to you and referred to your doctor.

Life After Loss class for the bereaved
January 10 - February 14, 4.00-5.30 p.m., Large Conference Room
Dealing with the death of a loved one is one of life’s most difficult and stressful experiences, and many people have found that meeting with others who understand helps them to heal and find meaning in life again. For several years, St. Luke’s has offered Life After Loss, a six-week education and support group for anyone grieving the death of a loved one, which combines teaching, discussion, and learning activities.

Co-facilitators for the group are Gretchen Bealer, LCSW, Volunteer Bereavement Coordinator at St. Luke’s and Darwin Huartson, M. Div., BCC, Bereavement Director at VITAS Innovative Hospice and a member of Christ Lutheran Church. If you would like to know more about the group, contact Gretchen (824.6191) or Elizabeth Turner (828.6425 x212, elizabeth@saintlukes.net). Or feel free to simply join us on January 10.

Stephen Ministry continuing education
January 16, 7.00-8.00 p.m., Large Conference Room
St. Luke’s Stephen Ministry continuing education event for January will feature Jay Burchfield of Anger Solutions Network who will speak on dealing with anger. This event is open to everyone.

Blood Pressure Checks
The Parish Nurse Ministry will no longer check blood pressure on the first Sunday of the month. If you have any questions please contact the Parish Office (828.6425).

Fashion models wanted
for the upcoming Green Door Fashion Show and Luncheon
March 5
All men, women, and children who are interested in participating in this fun and worthy event should contact Anne Krause (930.4201, annekrause@marykay.com) for further details.

SAMM Shelter Volunteer Night
January 14, 5.00–8.00 p.m., SAMM Shelter
SAMMinistries (www.samm.org) is an interfaith ministry to help the homeless and those at risk of becoming homeless attain self-sufficiency by offering, with dignity and compassion, shelter, housing, and services. On second Sundays, volunteers have opportunities to be renewed and fulfilled as they serve. Contact David Schrantz (493.2771, sooeepigs@satx.rr.com) or Gaya and Allen Hamilton (490.2125, allengaya@yahoo.com).

Tuesday Lunch Bunch
Tuesday, January 16, 11.30 a.m., Church and Parlor
The Lunch Bunch program for January will be a talk by Jimmy Wilborn, Bexar County Constable, Precinct 2. Most of us have no idea what constables do even though we vote for them in our local elections. Constable Wilborn has a reputation for being entertaining and will enlighten us. We will follow our usual routine of Eucharist at 11.30 a.m., delicious lunch ($7) at noon with the program following. Please sign up on the reservations board in the Main Hallway no later than Sunday, January 14. Parishioners of retirement age and their guests are welcome.

Amigos
Friday, January 19, 7.00 p.m.
at the home of Carra and Jorge Garza
Amigos! is a group of singles and couples, ranging in age from mid-20s to 40-somethings, many with young children. They meet monthly for dinner at a couple’s home.

Annual Parish Meeting
Sunday, January 28
10.20–11.05 a.m., Church
Please plan to attend. We will discuss vital church matters and elect of new Vestry members.

Up and Coming
Sunday, January 28, 12.30 p.m., Flying Saucer (Huebner and I-10)
This group for single or married, twenty-to-thirty-somethings, meets monthly for lunch after the 11.15 a.m. Sunday service. For more information, contact Casandra Garcia (casandrm@lonestar.utsa.edu).

Wednesday Nights—The Early Class
This class (also called “Passing on the Faith”) meets in Room 202, 6.00-6.45 p.m. Beginning January 10 and for the following Wednesdays (January 17, February 7 and February 14) Diane Thrush will lead a series on a basic “walk through the Bible.” Diane is a member of this parish and is a gifted and accomplished Bible teacher. She will provide an overview of the Bible which will be so helpful both for us as adults and for those of us who have the responsibility to share God’s word with our children. This class is open to all, and childcare is provided.
First Communion Class
beginning Sunday, January 7
We will offer a special Sunday School class in First Communion instruction beginning on Sunday, January 7, and for the next eight Sundays. This series is geared for children who are first grade age and takes the place of their regular first grade Godly Play class for those nine weeks. Parents of first-graders should have received a letter and registration form in the mail. If not, please contact Ann Allen (828.6425, ann@saintlukes.net). The class is also open to older elementary-age children. Parents of those children who are interested should contact Ann Allen.

Rolling Stones
January 7, 4.00-5.30 p.m., Ice Center at Northwoods (17530 Henderson Pass)
Hey fourth- and 5th graders! We’ll meet at the Ice Center at Northwoods. The cost is $8 per person (plus money for the snack bar). Bring a friend!

December Thank-You’s
There was an abundance of activities for children and families during Advent and Christmas, and, as always, their success was based on the involvement of many dedicated volunteers. Among those who helped to coordinate these activities were: Bonnie Giddens and Kelly Goodrich for the Advent Event (they were also assisted by some of our wonderful teens!); Mary Klefforth and Day and Elizabeth Smith for the Caroling on the Trolleys Event; and Katy Dahlman, Carra Garza and Laralee Wahr mund for the Christmas Pageant. Heartfelt thanks to each of them, and to all others who gave of their time to help make these events so memorable for our children and families!

South Texas Wind Soloists Concert
Sunday, January 14, 7.00 p.m., Church
The South Texas Wind Soloists consists of six wind players—two clarinets, two horns, and two bassoons—who are members of the U.S. Air Force Band of the West, the Mid-Texas Symphony, the Victoria Symphony, the Corpus Christi Symphony Orchestra, and the Laredo Philharmonic. The music played by the STWS is drawn from a rich tradition of outdoor music that was wildly popular from 1750 to 1825 in the palace courtyards of the nobility and in the gardens of wealthy patrons of music.

The St. Luke’s program will open with Mozart’s Serenade in E-flat, K. 375 and continue with several waltzes by Conradin Kreutzer, a contemporary and friend of Beethoven. The concert will conclude with F. H. J. Castil-Blaze’s Sextet No. 1, a brilliant work in romantic style.

Donations sought for acolyte trip
The hardworking, well-trained St. Luke’s acolytes are planning a trip to participate in Texas Day at Washington Cathedral in Washington, D.C. this April, and they need your financial assistance to help make this trip possible. If you can help, please contact Fr. Chip or Michael Mortensen (240.2637, michaelmort@sats.rr.com).


Vacation Bible School 2007
Mark your calendars for June 11-15!
These are the dates for our annual VBS.
More details to come.

Music, Liturgy & the Arts

MUSIC AT ST. LUKE’S

Sunday, January 7, 8.00 p.m.
1st Sundays @ 8: Compline
Sunday, January 14, 7.00 p.m.
South Texas Wind Soloists
Saturday, January 20, 5.00 p.m.
Texas Bach & Collegium

While church services are always free and open to the public, there may be a charge for some concerts and other events. For tickets and information, please contact David D. Eaton (828.6425, eaton@saintlukes.net).

Texas Bach Choir and Collegium
Saturrday, January 20, 5.00 p.m., Church
The Texas Bach Choir and Collegium examines the music of three “friends” during the Baroque Era: Bach, Handel, and Telemann. This concert will feature instrumental works of Bach and Telemann with soloists David Eaton, harpsichord; Lee Lattimore, Baroque flute and Boel Gidolm, violin, including Bach’s monumental Brandenburg Concerto No. 5. Concert attendees will also delight in the excitingly youthful choral work, Dixit Dominus by Handel.
Wayne Knutson has such a trim figure and boyish face that it is hard to believe he has spent 27 years in the Air Force. He is also remarkably cheerful and upbeat for a chaplain who is always on call to attend to airmen and their families.

Knutson, his wife Molly, and children Christopher and Chloe enjoy everything about St. Luke’s. They love the Eucharistic liturgy, especially as enhanced by the musical efforts of David Eaton and the Parish Choir. The Knutson’s find “spirit” here—a sense of community around word and sacrament.” From his background of ministering to many faiths, Wayne cherishes the diversity at St. Luke’s and likes the interplay of ideas in the News and Reviews Class.

Knutson was graduated from St. Olaf College in 1973 and spent six years as an officer in the Air Force, serving at an ICBM site. He resigned his commission in 1980 to attend Luther Seminary in St. Paul. In 1985, he got a call from the Air Force. He married Molly shortly after his ordination.

For many years he provided a “Liturgical Service” to Episcopalians, Lutherans, Jews, Buddhists, Hindus, and even Wiccans. About this same time, Wayne and Molly were looking for a church centered on a weekly Eucharist which they could attend as a family. Because they had already been to one service at St. Luke’s, they thought of our church first.

The services the Knutson’s found in Our First Duty

The Rev. Dr. Walter L. Prehn, III, Assistant Rector

One tried-and-true means by which we may abide in the worship of the Church of Christ is the Daily Office. “Office” comes from the Latin word for duty. The Daily Office of Morning and Evening Prayer is a wholesome part of our Anglican tradition. The Office is a happy duty because it is a practical way to be devoted and loyal to Jesus, to offer the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving with regularity, to make intercession for ourselves and others, and to consume systematically the Word of God in the Scriptures and offer it back to him in praise.

It is increasingly obvious that Christendom is no more. It could very well be that we are even living in a post-Christian society. While this does not at all mean that people are less religious, it is our duty more than ever to participate as much as possible in what the Creed calls “the communion of the saints” and to work overtime to allow the Spirit to give us “the mind of Christ” (I Corinthians 2.16; Colossians 3.2) in the life of Grace.

This life doesn’t just happen. We must give ourselves to it. The Daily Office is an almost perfect way to immerse ourselves in that alternative world that is represented in the Scriptures. As one Swiss theologian put it, “To clasp the hands in prayer is to begin the overthrow of the world.”

No activity is destined to be more neglected in our current culture than the Daily Office. We are addicted to “experiences” of all kinds, and where we are not mad about personal thrills and spiritual hedonism, we are committed to what amounts to self-help religion. But self-help gets old, and even Christian service is ruined if it is not the fruit of the self-denial that is the essence of Christian worship.

The Divine Office reminds us that we have souls and not just appetites; that when we allow the Spirit to drive us into the invisible chambers of the heart, we find again our radical need of God and even our love for him. Mature faith is getting to the point where we are not so often asking what God can do for us as what we—recognizing on a deep level what He did for us—can do for Him. When we understand that we are the first cause of the Lord’s eternal solicitude and of Christ’s Passion and that He actually saves us, then the New Life can begin in earnest. And then we will worship without ceasing.

We offer up the Divine Office at St. Luke’s Church and School each day. We pray Matins or Morning Prayer at 9.10 a.m. It is the School’s Chapel. We also must thank those devoted persons who hold up, day by day, week after week, the Daily Office of Evensong or Evening Prayer in this Parish. These Parishioners go to the church and offer up the Office at 5.30 p.m., Monday through Friday. They are there holding up the corporate worship of the Church rain or shine, summer and winter, and I am very proud to know them; for there is hardly anything more important. These souls (who know their blessing) are: Judy Durbin, Chris Caddell, Kathryn Cocke, Jeff Craig, Kay Fitch, Joe Franzello, Carroll Fultz, Victor Harding, Bill Killam, Colette Kohler, Bob Mitchell, Kelly Smith, Kathy Warmack, and Quintin Stansell, Sr. (Captain of the Lay-Readers).
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Special to Tidings

During January I will be away from St Luke’s. January 2-6, I will take my General Ordination Exams. This is an opportunity to sum up what I have learned by writing seven three-and-one-half-hour exams in such areas as scripture, theology, and ethics. Please pray for me!

After these exams, I will be in Mexico for three weeks continuing my Spanish immersion course. I anticipate that using Spanish will be an important part of my future ministry and am looking forward to gaining more skills and comfort with the language and culture. I will miss you and keep you in prayer. I look forward to seeing you in February.

Susanne Methven
Seminarian-in-Residence

On behalf of the brave men and women that make up our Armed Forces and fight for our freedom—and in Honor of my grandpa—I would like to take this opportunity to thank my St. Luke’s Family. The Stuff A Soldier’s Stocking (SASS) program was very successful in its first year. We received 80 stocking bags and $361 in donations for shipping costs. Thank you to the Eighth Grade of St. Luke’s Episcopal School for writing letters to our soldiers. Each bag received a letter or a card. Thank you to Miss Jane for helping us to secure the gift bags for shipping. I would like to give a special thank you to Chris Mitchell, Fr. Prehn, and Fr. Ellis for helping me to make SASS happen. And lastly, thank you to my Mom for her help and encouragement.

Cameron Planas

Former St. Luker attends Presiding Bishop’s installation

Laurie Eiserloh

[Editor’s Note: St. Luke’s parishioner Helen Eiserloh attended the Installation Service of Katharine Jefferts Schori as Presiding Bishop with her daughter Laurie, who now lives in Austin. Laurie grew up in this Parish and used to be an acolyte here.]

A bishop, I remind myself, is not quite as other men.” Herbert Hensley Henson, Bishop of Durham 1920-39

On November 4, Katharine Jefferts Schori, or Bishop Katharine, as she wishes to be called, was installed as the twenty-sixth Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church of the United States. She is the first woman to lead a branch of the Anglican Communion in its five-hundred-year history.

I attended the installation service with my mother, Helen Eiserloh, who is a member of St. Luke’s in San Antonio. The service was at the Washington National Cathedral, with over three thousand attending. Near us were people from all lands: three generations of Episcopalian women from Alabama (the youngest age 9, the oldest 91); Tibetan monks; an Indian woman in exquisite green and gold sari; Episcopal nuns in habits; a woman with clerical collar in a wheelchair who could not sit up without someone holding her.

The ceremony opened with an Indian chant by a tribe native to Bishop Katharine’s home Diocese of Nevada. Native Americans in ceremonial dress processed with burning sage and cedar bundles which they fanned with eagle feathers in a purification rite. About three hundred bishops processed dressed in red and white, each carrying a silver bowl with a sprig of green leaves. Large blue urns of water, bread, and wine were moved in close to the Altar.

After being presented with a gospel book, water, bread, wine water and the primatial staff, Bishop Katherine asked the people to renew their baptismal vows. The bishops then filled their silver bowls with consecrated water and with the sprigs of leaves sprinkled water on the people while we sang the spirited African hymn “We are marching in the light of God.”

At the end of the service, many in the crowd moved into to greet Bishop Katharine or to shake her hand. Other bishops surrounded her to keep the crowd from overrunning her. I was reminded of how hungry we are for spiritual leadership.

It is my sincere hope that Bishop Katharine’s homily will set the tone for her tenure. Her message was one of inclusiveness and reconciliation, a message that we need not only in our church, but also in our broken world. She stated:

“We all ache for a community that will take us in, with all our warts and quirks and petty meannesses and yet still celebrate when they see us coming! That vision of homegoing and homecoming that underlies our deepest spiritual yearnings is also the job assignment each one of us gets in Baptism: go home, and while you’re at it, help to build a home for everyone else on earth. For none of us can truly find our rest in God until all of our brothers and sisters have also been welcomed home like the prodigal.” The Presiding Bishop’s sermon is available online at www.episcopalchurch.org/ens/.

On behalf of the brave men and women that make up our Armed Forces and fight for our freedom— and in Honor of my grandpa—I would like to take this opportunity to thank my St. Luke’s Family. The Stuff A Soldier’s Stocking (SASS) program was very successful in its first year. We received 80 stocking bags and $361 in donations for shipping costs. Thank you to the Eighth Grade of St. Luke’s Episcopal School for writing letters to our soldiers. Each bag received a letter or a card. Thank you to Miss Jane for helping us to secure the gift bags for shipping. I would like to give a special thank you to Chris Mitchell, Fr. Prehn, and Fr. Ellis for helping me to make SASS happen. And lastly, thank you to my Mom for her help and encouragement.

Cameron Planas
Welcome to Family Matters! Each month we hope to provide examples of family oriented themes that are easy to do and will bring family members closer to each other and closer to God. With a new calendar year, what a great time to spread God’s love and blessings all over our homes.

Scripture
Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home in them. John 14:23

Choose this day whom you will serve...as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord. Joshua 24:15

As God’s children, we have the power to bless others and spread God’s word!

Suggested Activities
Gather either outside the front door or in a central part of the house. As a family bless the house with this prayer: “Lord our God, come and bless this house. Surround this shelter with your Holy Spirit. Encompass all its four sides with the power of your protection so no evil or harm will come near.” Make the sign of the cross on the door. (For a complete list of blessing for other rooms in your house, please visit St. Luke’s web page under Family Matters.) As a family, discuss the topic “How can we serve the Lord in our house?” Decide on one way (or more) in which everyone in your household will focus on serving the Lord in your house. Then talk about how successful you are at achieving this goal at dinner once a week.

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White
Shelley White
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Deaths
Cindy Deegear
Wanda Tassos
Dr. Robert V. West, Jr.

Marriages
Elizabeth Frances Fite &
Patrick Allen Blissche

Births
Piper Catherine Smith

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3 Ruth & Tom Moore
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5 Ivan & Chris Caddell
6 Gail & Patrick Greener
7 Gaye & Brian Werner
8 8 Catherine McGanity
9 Kurt Wahrmund
10 Pre Ball
11 Carolyn Elliott
12 Maggie Houston
13 Nicholas Rhodes
14 James Dickson
15 Catharine Whittingburg
16 Bill Gowen
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3 Michael Nelson
4 Nancy Avellar
5 Karen Helveston
6 Debbie Ryniker
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8 Cameron Ocker
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**SERVICE SCHEDULE**

**Sunday**  
Holy Eucharist  7.45, 9.00, 11.15 a.m., Church  
              6.00 p.m., North Chapel

**Monday**  
Evening Prayer  5.30 p.m., North Chapel

**Tuesday**  
Evening Prayer  5.30 p.m., North Chapel

**Wednesday**  
Holy Eucharist  10.00 a.m., North Chapel  
Evening Prayer  5.30 p.m., North Chapel

**Thursday**  
Holy Eucharist  7.00 a.m., Christ the King Chapel  
Evening Prayer  5.30 p.m., North Chapel

**Friday**  
Evening Prayer  5.30 p.m., North Chapel

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**Baptismal Dates**  
The Parish clergy have established the dates for Holy Baptism according to the prescription of the *Book of Common Prayer* (page 312) and our own Parish needs.

**2007**

- **January 7**  Baptism of Our Lord  11.15 a.m.
- **April 15**  Second Sunday in Easter both services
- **May 27**  Pentecost  10.00 a.m.
- **August 5**  Transfiguration  10.00 a.m.
- **November 4**  All Saints’ Sunday  9.00 a.m.
- **November 25**  Sunday after Thanksgiving  11.15 a.m.

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