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Sunday Services:

9:00am Sunday School/Bible Study
10:00am Holy Communion

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The In-Between Times

Senior Warden Update

Several years ago when I was still running marathons before my right leg decided to retire from distant running I never ran to be the fastest but to finish. I always said my goal was, "to finish the marathon the same day I started." When asked how can you run 26.2 miles my response was, "I don't set out to run 26.2 miles but to run one mile twenty-six times."

We have been on a discernment marathon these past two years. Did we think when we started it would be this long of a journey? Probably not, because we didn't know what God had in store for us on this journey.

Several weeks ago I read this in a book that I have quoted before, "When the Heart Waits" by Sue Monk Kidd. I made note of this for future use as I thought it a great reminder that it is not in our time but in God's time. "If you want to be impressed, note how often God's people seem to be waiting. Noah waits for the flood waters to recede; Daniel waits through the night in a den of lions; Sarah waits in her barrenness for a child; Jacob waits for Rebecca's hand. The Israelites wait in Egypt, then wait forty more years in the desert. Later they wait seventy years in Babylonian captivity. Jonah waits in a fish's belly; Mary waits;

Simeon waits to see the Messiah; the apostles wait for Pentecost; Paul waits in prison." Do you see a trend? God makes his people wait for their blessings and then He delivers.

I feel we may be coming close to the end of our discernment journey, how soon I cannot not predict but as in running a marathon you just keep putting one foot in front of the other until you cross the finish line.

Patience means awaiting God's time without doubting God's love.

Prayerfully Submitted,
Roger A. Koch
Senior Warden



Year to date Financials

Operating Fund January-December
Full reports are available in the church office

Receipts	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Pledges	\$109,884	\$110,000
Plate Offerings	\$11,855	\$13,000
Holy Day	\$2,293	\$3,100
Preschool	\$2,400	\$5,600
Building Use	\$1,470	\$1000
Other	<u>\$4,169</u>	<u>\$3,200</u>
	\$132,215	\$135,900
Expenses	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Salaries	\$75,610	\$121,336
Office	\$6,359	\$5,700
Utilities	\$14,387	\$16,030
Mortgage/Tax	\$26	\$0
Insurance	\$12,795	\$11,660
Program Materials	\$1,417	\$1,300
Maintenance	\$25,639	\$20,680
Outreach/Preschool	\$350	\$300
Diocesan Pledge	<u>\$2,500</u>	<u>\$2,500</u>
	\$139,083	\$179,707

Who's Doing What in the Month of February

February 5

Altar Guild: Mary Miller, Sally Nolan
Lectors/EM: Roger Koch, Bruce Ward
Ushers: Phil Davis
Readings: Isaiah 58:1, 1 Corinthians 2:1-16, Matthew 5:13-20
Altar Flowers:

February 12

Altar Guild: Kathy Joslin, Cynthia Farrar
Lectors/EM: Chris Sturgeon, Kathy Joslin, Dennis Farrar
Ushers: Carol Guarino
Readings: Deuteronomy 30:15-20, 1 Corinthians 3:1-9, Matthew 5:21-37
Altar Flowers: Steve and Wendy Wirkus in Thanksgiving for their anniversary

February 19

Altar Guild: Kaye Weerts, Marcia Imrie
Lectors/EM: Wendy Wirkus, Roger Koch, Bruce Ward
Ushers: Gary Ahrens
Readings: Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18, 1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23, Matthew 5:38-48
Altar Flowers: Julie Ray in Thanksgiving for Kevin's birthday

February 26

Altar Guild: Linda Bell, Wendy Wirkus
Lectors/EM: Marion Lyons-Koch, Dennis Farrar, Dave Miller
Ushers: Kathy Joslin
Readings: Exodus 24:12-18, 2 Peter 1:16-21, Matthew 17:1-9
Altar Flowers: Kathy Joslin in Memory of George Ogburn

February Anniversaries

4 - Carol & Ted Guarino
23 - Wendy & Steve Wirkus



February Events at St. Luke's

Monday, February 20
Vestry Meeting
Services Meeting

Tuesday, February 21
Community Concerns
Meeting 7:00pm

Wednesday, March 1
Ash Wednesday
12:00pm and 7:00pm

Tuesday, February 28
Pancake Supper
5:30-7:30pm

Saturday, February 18
ECW Breakfast Meeting
9am

February Birthdays



- 1 - Kaleb Imrie
- 4 - Julie Sturgeon
- 10 - Rev. Sarkissyan
- 12 - Steve Bell
- 13 - Marion Lyons-Koch
- 20 - Tim Farrar
- 25 - Gerald Lommen
- 26 - Alice Daniels, Luke Karg,
Nick Mester
- 27 - Jennifer Novak

Chili Luncheon Thanks!

The Community Concerns Chili lunch was a huge success. \$392.25 was collected and has been donated to the U.S.O. Thank you for staying for the lunch and fellowship and your generous donations.

Barb Rumley and the Community Concerns Committee

Vestry Notes

January 16, 2017

- 1) Reviewed and set agenda for Annual Meeting.
- 2) Discussed Discernment and moving forward with clarification of additional questions and reference checks.
- 3) Reviewed Vestry member and Trust Fund prospects.

Date for Vestry workshop will be set at Annual Meeting.

Roger



Notes from the Church Office

OFFICE HOUR REMINDER

Just a reminder....church office hours are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from **9:00am – 2:00pm.**

Volunteer Schedules/Calendars

Any group leader who makes a calendar or schedule, please don't forget to get Amy a copy of the calendar for use in creating the bulletins and weekly inserts.

Newsletter Articles

Newsletter articles for the March newsletter are due to the office by Tuesday, February 21, 2016.

Offering Envelopes for 2017

Offering envelopes for 2017 are available on the table in the Narthex. Please take a box if you would like and write your name beside the number of the box on the sheet provided.

Meal-A-Month Requests for February

February collections for our Assist-a-Families:

Pot & noodle mixes

Canned veggies

Salad dressing

Canned fruit

Cake mixes

Frosting mixes

Pre-sweetened drink mixes

All your contributions are greatly needed and appreciated. Please place your donations in the red plastic container in the narthex.



**Feeding the
Community**

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

The Pancake Supper will be on **February 28th from 5:30 to 7:30**. This is a Youth Group sponsored event that aids in fundraising. Please plan to come and enjoy an evening with the youth as they serve those who attend. The event is no cost, but a Free Will offering will be greatly appreciated. Your continued support has helped many and we look forward to seeing you on February 28th.



Upcoming Events

Saturday, February 18th at 9AM for the women of the church. A sign up sheet will be on the board for those planning to attend, we hope to see you there, Thank you!
Wendy

Planning Meeting for Community Concerns

Tuesday, February 21st at 7 PM.
You are welcome to join us. The meetings are held twice a year and are very short.
Contact me with any questions,
Barb Rumley (636-225-5738)

Bingo Night

Saturday, April 22 at 7 PM. More details to follow, if you know of any businesses I could contact for a donation to be used as a prize, please let me know at 636-225-5738 or rumleydb@gmail.com.
Thank You! Barb Rumley

Pre-School Registration

Sue Cahill is now accepting applications for the fall school year 2017-2018.

Please see Sue for an application if you are interested in enrollment.

St. Luke's families have an opportunity to enroll before the program is opened to the general public on February 1, 2017.

Monthly Ministries

February Mission/Ministry of the Month: University of the South, School of Theology

Known familiarly as "Sewanee" by its students, faculty, staff and friends, The University of the South offers an unmatched educational experience. The university remains purposefully small and dedicated to building a sense of community. All classes are taught by professors, not graduate teaching assistants, and close faculty-student interaction ensures that each student enjoys a rich and personal educational experience. It is not unusual for students and faculty members to work shoulder to shoulder on research projects and journal articles, to meet for coffee at a local eatery, or to serve together as members of the university orchestra, volunteer fire department, and other civic groups.

SEWANEE
THE UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH

February 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 6pm Praise Ensemble	3 8pm AA	4
5 8pm AA	6	7	8	9 6pm Praise Ensemble	10 8pm AA	11
12 8pm AA	13	14	15	16 6pm Praise Ensemble	17 8pm AA	18
19 8pm AA	20 Vestry Meeting 7:00pm	21 Newsletter articles due! 7:00pm Community Concerns meeting	22	23 6pm Praise Ensemble	24 8pm AA	25
26 8pm AA	27	28 Pancake Supper 5:30-7:30pm	March 1 Ash Wednesday Services To be announced			
					<u>AA Group meetings</u> Sunday 8:00pm Friday 8:00 pm	<u>Service Schedule</u> 10:00am Holy Communion

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