



**The In-Between Times**  
A Newsletter of  
St. Luke's Episcopal Church

**April  
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As I write this article I am beginning my third full week of service at St. Luke's Church, with Holy Week and Easter just two weeks away. "***Time and tide wait for no man,***" wrote Chaucer (who apparently got his inspiration from St. Marher who wrote it about 100 years earlier.) The meaning of the saying seems clear enough, but the meaning of the word "***tide***" is actually not what we might think. In Old English the usage of tide referred to a period of time, a season, as it were. So, while the notion of holding back the oceans' tides may seem equally as implausible as holding back the passage of time, what the saying really is referencing is the passage of seasons.

Seasons refer to many things. There are, of course the seasons of the natural order, spring, summer, fall, winter. In the church, especially in liturgical traditions, such as ours, we observe seasons as well. We currently are rounding out the season of Lent, to be followed by the seasons of Easter, Ordinary Time (or Sundays after Pentecost), Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, and back to Lent again.

In fact, the old use of the term tide is sometimes used still to refer to the Church's seasons. ***Eastertide***, for example, is often heard.

Yet, there is another use of the idea of tides or seasons, and it is one that we at St. Luke's would be wise to consider. Sometimes we speak of entering into a new season when we know that change is happening. The season we are in is not so easily identified, as with dates on the calendar. It is, however, identified by the qualities and attributes that make up our everyday living, as individuals and as a faith community.



For example, I know personally that as I begin my ministry with you here at St. Luke's I am entering into a new season, a season of growth, a season of change, a season of discovery. It is a season that will in some ways seem familiar to me, resembling mission and ministry that I have engaged in the past with other communities of faith. Yet, it is without question a season that will be new and unknown, one that can only be understood by living into it.

The same can be said for St. Luke's as a whole. Together we enter into a new season. Will our shared life as a parish remain familiar? Most certainly there will be the familiar things that ground us, regardless of time or tide, worship rooted in the Sacraments, God's word heard and proclaimed and taught, and prayer and ministry shared in Christ's name.

However, make no doubt, we are about to embark on a season characterized by change, a shift of tide in which our assumptions about how we go about the task of being the church are held to greater scrutiny and open to the transformative power of God's Spirit, in Christ, who would have us remember;

***"I am making everything new. Write down what I have said. My words are true and can be trusted."***  
(Revelation 21:5)

- Fr. C. Earl Mahan

## Year to date Financials

Operating Fund February 2017  
Full reports are available in the church office

<b>Receipts</b>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Pledges	\$17,367	\$16,000
Plate Offerings	\$2,160	\$2,100
Holy Day	-	-
Preschool	\$1,600	\$1,600
Building Use	\$330	-
Other	\$644	-
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$22,101</b>	<b>\$19,700</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Salaries	\$5,402	\$3,687
Office	\$1,435	\$1,255
Utilities	\$3,522	\$3,620
Mortgage/Tax	-	-
Insurance	\$3,929	\$3,700
Program Materials	-	\$50
Maintenance	\$3,385	\$3,860
Outreach/Preschool	-	-
Diocesan Pledge	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$17,674</b>	<b>\$16,172</b>
Disbursements		

### April Birthdays

6 - Firyal Sarkyssian  
16 - Wendy Wirkus  
20 - Sarah Warren  
26 - Bruce Ward



### April Anniversary

24 - Barb & Gerald Lommen



## April Services 2017

### April 2 - Fifth Sunday in Lent

Altar Guild: Kathy Joslin, Cynthia Farrar  
Lectors/EM: Dave Miller, Bruce Ward, Chris Sturgeon  
Ushers: Julie Ray  
Readings: Ezekiel 37:1-14, Romans 8:6-11, John 11:1-45

### April 9 - Palm Sunday

Altar Guild: Kaye Weerts, Marcia Imrie  
Lectors/EM: Bruce Ward, Kathy Joslin,  
Ushers: Phil Davis  
Readings: Matthew 21:1-11

**April 10 - Monday in Holy Week - Morning Prayer 8:00 am**

**April 11 - Tuesday in Holy Week - Morning Prayer 8:00 am**

**April 12 - Wednesday in Holy Week - Evening Prayer 7:00 pm**

### April 13 - Maundy Thursday - Washing of Feet

Altar Guild: Linda Bell, Wendy Wirkus. Lectors/EM: Kathy Joslin, Wendy Wirkus  
Readings: Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14, 1 Corinthians 11:23-26, John 13:1-17, 31b-35.

**April 13-14 - Altar of Repose - (Thursday) 9:00 pm to 12:00 pm (Friday)**

### April 14 - Good Friday - Liturgy 12:00 noon

Altar Guild: Mary Miller, Sally Nolan  
Lectors/EM: Kathy Joslin (Noon), Dave Miller (7PM)  
Readings: Isaiah 52:13-53:12, Hebrews 10:16-25

### April 15 - Easter Vigil - 7:30 pm

Altar Guild: : Kathy Joslin, Cynthia Farrar  
Lectors/EM: Dennis Farrar, Kathy Joslin  
Readings: Romans 6:3-11, Psalm 114, Matthew 28:1-10

### April 16 - The Sunday of the Resurrection Easter Sunday

Altar Guild: Kaye Weerts, Marcia Imrie  
Lectors/EM: Roger Koch, Bruce Ward  
Ushers: Carol Guarino  
Readings: Acts 10:34-43

### April 23 - Second Sunday of Easter

Altar Guild: Linda Bell, Wendy Wirkus  
Lectors/EM: Bruce Ward, Kathy Joslin, Marion Lyons-Koch  
Ushers: Cynthia Farrar  
Readings: Acts 2:14a,22-32, 1 Peter 1:3-9, John 20:19-31, Psalm 16

### April 30 - Third Sunday of Easter

Altar Guild: Mary Miller, Sally Nolan  
Lectors/EM: Marion Lyons-Koch, Dennis Farrar, Roger Koch  
Ushers: Gary Ahrens  
Readings: Acts 2:14a,36-41, 1 Peter 1:17-23, Luke 24:13-35, Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17

## Confirmation Service

This year, St. Luke's has 3 youth attending Confirmation Service at Christ Church Cathedral downtown. The service will be on Saturday May 13th at 10:00 am. Our Confirmands are Kaleb Imrie, Sarah Lommen, and Joe Novak. The Confirmands will need to arrive by 8:45 am, and we'll gather at the Nave of the church to check in. There will be a welcoming reception at St. Luke's on Sunday May 14th after our service to celebrate their Confirmation. There will be some gift bags outside in the Narthex if you wish to show your support for all the work they did this year. These Confirmands have been studying using the curriculum "My Faith, My Life" which goes through all of the aspects of the Anglican faith to prepare them for their faith journey in the Episcopal Church

## From Deacon Kevin McGrane, Sr.

### Dear Diocese Clergy: The Task Force for the Hungry needs your assistance.

We are running our annual Hunger Awareness Month in the month of May this year. May has been the most successful time of year for us to hold a campaign, and this year we need help more than ever.

In the past three years, the request for assistance has tripled, and we are trying to meet every need we can from the parishes in our diocese who are feeding the hungry.

No one is turned down, but with the increase in need, the percentage we award is getting smaller and smaller. We get requests from parishes in the city, the suburbs, and our tiny rural parishes both north and south.

Over the next three weeks, TFH will send you a few flyers we put together so that you might be able to share them with your congregations to create awareness about the need. There is one attached below. We will also include some jpeg's in the future that you might use for your own bulletins if you so desire.

If you could be so kind as to help us out in the month of May, we would be very grateful. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 314-552-1813. Thank you.

Deacon Kevin McGrane, Sr.

### UPDATE: Healing, A House Divided • April 4, 2017

Micheal B. Curry the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church public lecture's venue has changed to:

**Graham Chapel at Washington University 5:30 – 6:30 pm  
Reception Immediately Following**

### Meal-A-Month Requests for APRIL

During this month we will be collecting the following food items for our

Assist-a-Families Easter Dinner: Potato & 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.

## Notes from the Church Office

### Office Hour Reminder

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9:00am – 2:00pm.

### Father Earl's Office Hours

Monday & Wednesday

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM,

Tuesday & Thursday

1:00 PM – 4:00 PM,

Friday • Day off

### Newsletter Articles

Newsletter articles for the MAY newsletter are due to the office by **Tuesday, APRIL 18, 2017.**

Please help us keep the newsletter current by submitting up to date information.

### Camp Phoenix 2017

**Sunday, July 30 - Saturday August 5. Registration is open.**

In order to best support a high quality summer camp experience for all youth, Camp Phoenix is introducing a three-tiered payment structure for 2017. Families are asked to select which tier — \$325, \$350, or \$375 — they are able to pay to support their child's experience.

Camp Phoenix has held its cost to families consistent since 2010, despite increases in costs for transportation, food, supplies, and staffing during that time frame. The Diocese of Missouri generously supports a portion of the cost of camp, and discounts previously provided to families will continue to apply (\$25 discount for returning campers and \$25 discount for families with multiple campers). Finally, in its efforts to ensure that no child miss camp due to family financial situations, additional assistance will continue to be made available on a case by case basis through the Daniels Scholarship Fund.

# Spring Work Day



## Altar Guild Work Day • April 8th -8am

### St. Luke's Get Ready for Easter Work Day! • April 8th - 9AM to 12 Noon

- Weather permitting, plant spring flowers in the front bed
- Clean Sanctuary Windows and the Entry Doors
- Move small altar to parish hall for Palm Sunday
- Wipe down the kitchen
- Volunteers are needed to help Bruce finish installing new ceiling tile in the kid's bathroom and the clean-up
- Volunteers are needed to help make palm crosses, the children may be good at this

**A big thank you to all who helped with the March Work day!**

Respectfully, Kaye Weerts, Jr. Warden

### Easter Flower Donations – 2017

If you wish to make a donation in thanksgiving or memory of loved ones, please fill out one of the envelopes on the bulletin board and place the envelope in the Altar Guild box in the office **by APRIL 10TH**. Please be sure to mark them "EASTER FLOWERS". By having your information in by March 13th you will be able to have the names in the bulletin for Easter. No dollar amount is too small and all are appreciated.

The lilies purchased will adorn the altar for Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday. Flowers are purchased solely with monies donated by the parishioners and friends of St. Luke's.

### Altar of Repose

*"could you not stay awake with me one hour?" Matthew 26:40*

What is the Altar of Repose? Quite simply, it is another altar separate from the main altar in a church where the consecrated bread and wine reside from the conclusion of the Maundy Thursday service to the beginning of the Good Friday service. It is a place of prayerful consideration of Jesus' anguish in the Garden of Gethsemane. Jesus asks his disciples to "stay awake and pray that you will not come into the time of trial."

Here at St. Luke's the Altar of Repose is set up in the back of the church. There are reading and devotional materials made available to help with a person's prayer during the watch. This can be a deeply meaningful spiritual practice and I commend adding an hour of watchful waiting to your Lenten discipline. At the very least, we need one person present from 9p.m. Thursday until midnight and again from 7:30 a.m. on Good Friday until right before the start of the service at noon. A signup sheet is located outside of the church office. Please help us watch and wait and truly enter into the events of Holy Week.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### BINGO NIGHT

**Saturday, April 22 at 7 pm**

Mark your calendars for this fun, family event with great prizes and all proceeds go to the Episcopal City Mission chaplaincy services for youth in detention centers.

Some great Gift Certificates received so far for

Bingo Night are:

St. Louis Symphony	Silver Dollar City
Bed Bath & Beyond	The Melting Pot
The Repertory Theatre	Meramec Caverns
Wehrenberg Theatre	Massage Envy
Gift box, Buffalo Wild Wings	St. Louis Cardinals
Gift box, Sports Clips	Sports Fusion

**Plus a KIDS table of Prizes & there will be more coming! Please plan to join us!** Barb Rumley  
(636-225-5738) or rumleydb@gmail.com.



### ECW PAINTING WITH A TWIST

**Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>. 1-3 pm**

Learn to paint while snacking and sipping on wine. Good company and support is certain, good artistry...is in the eye of the beholder. Event is \$35 and includes all paint materials. Please sign up on the board and invite a friend!

See Julie Sturgeon with questions.



**Coming in May...an ECW Lunch at Mia Lupita in Ballwin! May 6<sup>th</sup> 11 am**

A sign-up sheet will be posted soon

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY COMMUNION WORKSHOP

The communion workshop will be held on **Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>**, from 9:00 A.M. - Noon.

Lunch will be served. Instruction is being offered for children in the parish, first grade or older, whose parents think they are ready to take their first communion. **Parents need to notify the church office by Saturday, April 1st if they want to register a child for the workshop.** (The children will be making the bread for Communion the next day.)

**First Communion will be given on Palm Sunday, April 16th during the 10:00 A.M. service with a reception immediately following in the Parish Hall.** Please contact

Dennis Farrar at [denicyn@yahoo.com](mailto:denicyn@yahoo.com) or 314-471-9667.

### Easter Vigil Reception

On **April 15<sup>th</sup>** following the Easter Vigil, please join together in the Parish Hall for a gathering and fellowship. Bring a snack to share and a beverage and enjoy our time together in celebrating the Risen Lord. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board. Join us whether or not you sign up, we always have plenty of food and fellowship to share!



# April 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 6 pm Praise Ensemble
2 <b>The Fifth Sunday In Lent</b>  Sunday School 9 am Worship 10 am 8pm AA	3 6 pm Praise Ensemble	4	5 Cottage Meeting 7 pm	6	7 8pm AA	8 <b>First Communion Workshop</b> <u>9-Noon</u> <b>Altar Guild Workday</b> <u>8 am</u> <b>Church Workday</b> <u>9-Noon</u> 6 pm Praise Ensemble TBD
9 <b>Palm Sunday</b> Sunday School 9 am Worship 10 am 8pm AA	10 <b>Monday in Holy Week</b> Easter flower donations due  Morning Prayer 8 am  6 pm Praise Ensemble	11 <b>Tuesday in Holy Week</b> Morning Prayer 8 am	12 <b>Wednesday in Holy Week</b>  Evening Prayer 7 pm	13 <b>Maundy Thursday Service</b> 7:00 pm	14 <b>Good Friday Service</b> 12:00 pm  Pre-School Closed 8pm AA	15 <b>Easter Vigil Service</b> 7:30 pm
16 <b>Easter Sunday</b> Sunday School 9 am Worship 10 am  8pm AA	17 <b>Vestry Meeting</b> 7:00pm	18 Newsletter articles <b>due!</b>	19 Cottage Meeting 7 pm	20 6 pm Praise Ensemble	21 8pm AA	22 <b>Bingo Night</b> 7 pm
23 <b>Second Sunday of Easter</b>  8pm AA	24	25	26	27 6pm Praise Ensemble	28	29 <b>ECW</b> Painting With A Twist 1-3 pm
30 <b>Third Sunday of Easter</b> Sunday School 9 am Worship 10 am 8pm AA					<u>AA Group meetings</u>  Sunday 8:00pm  Friday 8:00 pm	<u>Service Schedule</u>  10:00am Holy Communion



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