



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

**May
2017**

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"St. Luke's exists to honor God by making disciples who will love Christ, serve Christ and share Christ." (The Mission of St. Luke's Episcopal Church)

I did something this week crucial to settling in as a new priest in a new place. I had business cards made. In a world of emails and texts, Facebook posts and Twitter tweets, small rectangular pieces of paper with one's contact information printed to be passed along and shared with the people I meet and serve seems rather "low tech" indeed, if not downright antiquated.

Yet nothing really compares with the exchange of business cards to help get a relationship, any relationship, off and running. I've been at St. Luke's for little over a month and already I have a small stack of business cards accumulating on my desk. People and businesses and organizations that until recently were unknown to me. Now, they are colleagues, people with whom St. Luke's does business or partners in ministry, and friends.

When ordering my business cards, in addition to the usual information – name, address, phones, email, and website – I also made room for something I felt very important to include: the mission statement of our parish. I had to condense it a bit to make it fit on one line of a small business card. It reads, "Honoring God by making disciples who will love, serve, and share, Christ."

When I share my card with someone, I want them to know something about the community of faith I serve. I want them to know something about what we value and what we strive to accomplish in everything we do. I want them to know that we are a

people who follow the way of Jesus and seek to keep his teachings and example ever before us.

I've also been using the mission statement as the launching off point for the cottage meetings we've been having in parishioners' homes. Small groups have been meeting with me and sharing our thoughts and ideas about the future of St. Luke's and how we might reinvigorate the ways our mission is lived out and expressed in the world. **The next cottage meeting is Thursday, May 4th, 7p.m. at Mary and Dave Miller's home (636-227-7829). If you haven't yet, I hope you'll join us.**

Saying that we exist "to honor God by making disciples" commits us to exciting, if not challenging, work. It is an ever present reminder that everything we do, everything we say, indeed, all that we are, exists for a higher purpose. Saying that the disciples we make will "love Christ, serve Christ, and share Christ" ensures that we will always be a community of faith whose people, by God's grace, keep that higher purpose always at our core.

Peace +
Fr. Earl Mahan



Year to date Financials

Operating Fund March 2017

Full reports are available in the church office

Receipts	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Pledges	\$23,071	\$21,800
Plate Offerings	\$3,148	\$3,250
Holy Day	\$82	-
Preschool	\$2,400	\$2,400
Building Use	\$330	\$80
Other	\$652	\$50
Total Receipts	\$29,683	\$27,580
Expenses	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Salaries	\$8,464	\$675
Office	\$1,938	\$2,115
Utilities	\$4,880	\$5,530
Mortgage/Tax	-	-
Insurance	\$3,929	\$3,700
Program Materials	\$312	\$300
Maintenance	\$6,052	\$5,885
Outreach/Preschool	-	-
Diocesan Pledge	-	\$625
Total	\$33,139	\$23,986
Disbursements		

May Services 2017

May 7 – The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Altar Guild: Kathy Joslin, Cynthia Farrar

Lectors/EM: Wendy Wirkus, Dennis Farrar, Roger Koch

Ushers: Julie Ray, Kathy Joslin

Readings: Acts 2:42-47, 1 Peter 2:19-25, John 10:1-10

May 14 – The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Altar Guild: Kaye Weerts, Marcia Imrie

Lectors/EM: Bruce Ward, Roger Koch

Ushers: Phil Davis

Readings: Acts 7:55-60, 1 Peter 2:2-10, John 14:1-14

May 21 – The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Altar Guild: Linda Bell, Wendy Wirkus

Lectors/EM: Marion Lyons-Koch, Bruce Ward, Dave Miller

Ushers: Carol Guarino or Kathy Joslin

Readings: Acts 17:22-31, 1 Peter 3:13-22, John 14:15-21

May 28 - The Seventh Sunday of Easter

Altar Guild: Mary Miller, Sally Nolan

Lectors/EM: Chris Sturgeon, Dave Miller, Dennis Farrar

Ushers: Phil Davis

Readings: Acts 1:6-14, 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11, John 17:1-11

Meal-A-Month requests for May

May collections for food will be for our Assist-A-Families.

We are requesting the following foods:

Canned chicken & chicken helper
 Peanut butter & jelly
 Canned meats
 Cereal
 Tuna
 Breakfast bars

Please place contributions in the red tub in the narthex.

All your contributions are greatly needed and appreciated; they benefit the Circle of Concern foodbank in Valley Park.

May Birthdays

1 – Steve Wirkus, Anastasia Novak
 3 – Dennis Bell
 10 – Christine Bell
 11 – Gary Ahrens
 17 – Barb Rumley
 23 – Angela Bell
 30 – Julie Marshall

May Anniversaries

12 – Gary & Peggy Ahrens
 30 – Dick & Ruth Vaughn



Confirmation Service

A welcoming service for our Confirmands- **Kaleb Imrie, Sarah Lommen, and Joe Novak** will 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.



Please help us during Hunger Awareness Month!

The Task Force for the Hungry helps fund food ministries in parishes throughout the Diocese of Missouri. Grant requests have tripled in the past several years. All your dollars go to parish ministries in the Diocese.

Please make a donation in the month of May to the Task Force. Checks are made payable to the Dio. Of MO., and I.D. "Hunger Task Force" in the memo line.

**Or you can donate online at
<http://www.diocesemo.org/donate>.**

Thank you, and God bless!

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 JUNE newsletter are due to the office by **Tuesday, JUNE 16, 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.

April – Jr. Warden’s Report

Our Spring work day went well! Our volunteers made St. Luke’s shine for Palm Sunday and Easter Week. **Thank you for all your hard work.**

We are in the process of cleaning up the prayer garden. We plan to remove the weeds and prep the soil for seeding. This needs to be done soon- as the weather will turn hot sooner than we think and then it will be difficult to get the new grass to grow.

I will need a team to take on the task of repairing the downspouts in the prayer garden and the back of the church. I propose repairing the pipes and making a form so that we can put rock and then concrete, that should make safe areas for our downspouts. The landscapers are notorious for hitting the downspouts and damaging them.

The gutters are in need of cleaning. A service company would charge a minimum of \$500. We also need the trees to be trimmed off the building.

There are many other opportunities for painting projects. **Please see the job cards located on the bulletin board outside of the office door.**



THANK YOU!

Bingo Night

A big thank you to everyone who came to Bingo Night. It was a evening of fun and fellowship. \$675 was raised and 18 games were donated for the chaplains to use helping young people in the St. Louis city and county detention centers. It was a record breaking year for money donated and people attending with 45 in attendance. We hope to see all of you there next year!

Easter Flower Donations

Thank you everyone for your generous donations for the Easter flower fund. We were able to purchase beautiful lilies and dress up the altar in thanksgiving for the Risen Christ. The Altar Guild appreciates your support. Thank you again. The Altar Guild

The Community Concerns Committee and our four assist-A-Families thank you for your food donations for their Easter dinner. The families needed our support and love, and you gave them both. What a blessing you are to them.

UPCOMING EVENTS

ECW Lunch at Mi Lupita in Ballwin - May 6th, 11 am

15307 Manchester Rd, Ballwin, MO 63011. A cozy Mexican restaurant specializing in fajitas & hefty burritos.

St. Luke's Night At The Ballpark Wednesday, August 23rd, 7:15 p.m.

Sign-up Sheet now up. Cardinals vs. San Diego Padres, Beatles Tribute Night

VESTRY NOTES – APRIL 17, 2017

St. Luke's Episcopal Church

Treasurer's Report: Total receipts lower than projected due to pledge prepayments in January
Disbursements were \$7,652 above plan. Rector & Transition expenses came in a month earlier than budgeted
April ending cash balance projected to be between \$4,500-\$5,500

Motion to approve, M/S/A

Request to withdraw \$13,000 from funds

Covers through June

Frequency of withdrawal may be every two months; TBD

Motion to approve, M/S/A

Junior Warden's Report: Palm Sunday workday completed, and the church looks great!
Ongoing needs and open issues to be discussed at Building & Grounds Committee meeting on Thursday, 4/20
Reviewed contract terms with cleaning staff.

Preschool Committee Report: Reviewed area rates and options offered by other schools
New budget, tuition rates, options for St. Luke's preschool & extended care are being discussed.
Health & Sanitation to discuss kitchen needs & compliance. Job description for Director posted and resumes will be reviewed.
Candidate resumes will be presented at May Vestry meeting. Ideas for how we can thank Sue for her years of service.

Sr. Warden's Report: Life Line Screening community outreach opportunity for a one day event in August
St. Luke's provides facility for event, Roger to gather more information.

Office copier proposal: Vendor is retiring our current model a proposal provided for new models, Black & white vs. color copier. Roger to gather more information & see what's the best rate they can offer.

Priest In Charge Report:

Adult Sunday School beginning April 23: The Nicene Creed

Cottage meetings in progress. Note attendance at each meeting

New guest "Welcome" cards now in pews. Met with Julie S. to discuss digital footprint & website needs.

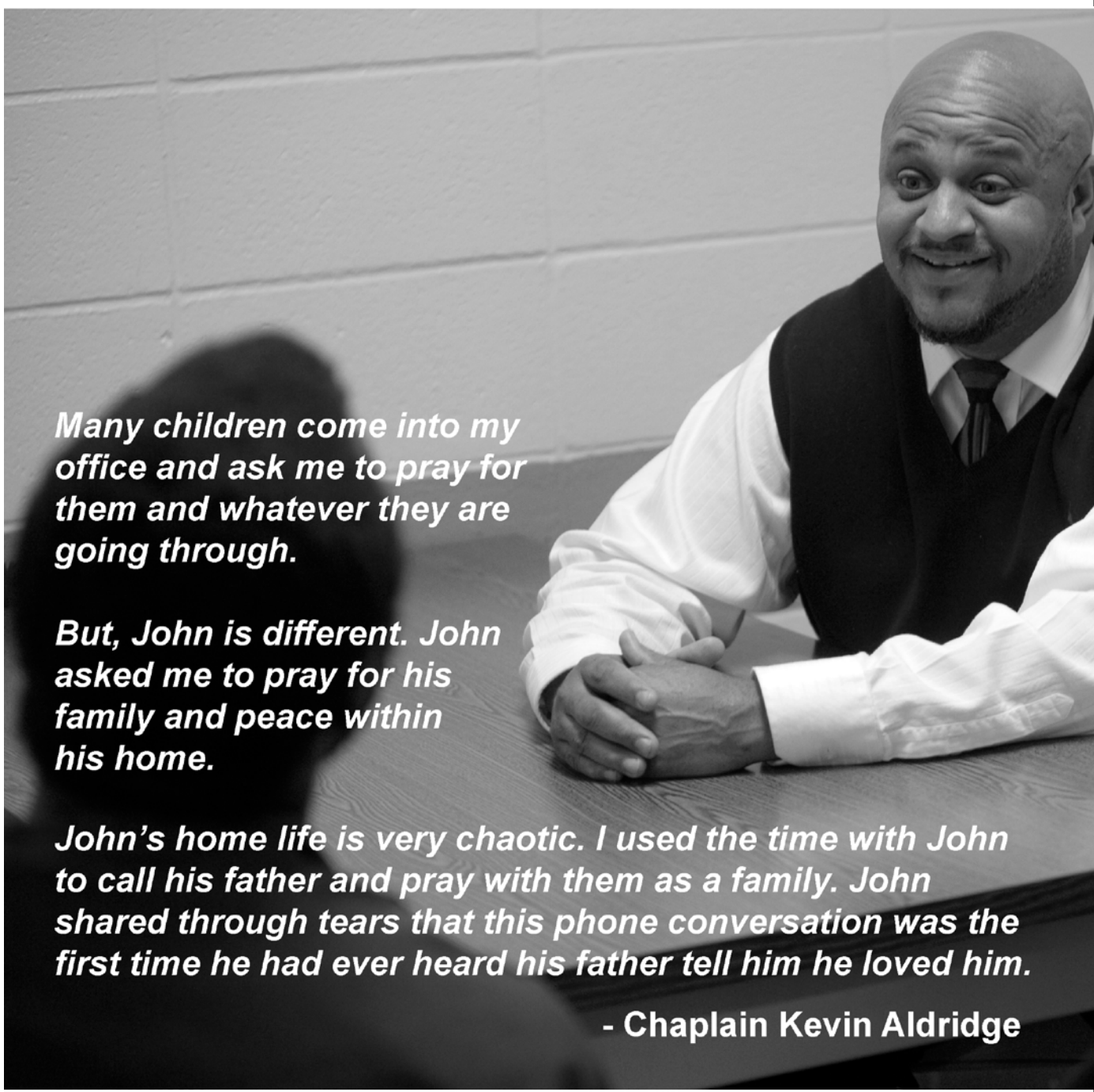
Look into announcing St. Luke's events on Next Door

Building & Grounds Committee meeting 4/20 to develop a "master plan"
First Communion Workshop was a success. Lectionary Study Group & Fresh Start. Renewal of Ordination Vows.
Communion visit with shut-ins. Met with Stacy to discuss music & worship. Grant application opportunity through Diocese for church signage to increase visibility.

New Business: Fall Festival Committee formed.

May 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 Cottage Meeting 7 pm The Miller's Home 6 pm Praise Ensemble	5 8pm AA	6 ECW 11am Lunch at Mi Lupita, Ballwin
7 The Fourth Sunday Of Easter Sunday School 9 am Worship 10 am 8pm AA	8	9	10	11 6 pm Praise Ensemble	12 8pm AA	13
14 The Fifth Sunday Of Easter • Last Day of Sunday School 9 am Worship 10 am (Welcome Confirmands) 8pm AA	15	16	17	18 6 pm Praise Ensemble	19 8pm AA	20 11AM -1 PM Retirement Reception for Sue Cahill
21 The Sixth Sunday Of Easter Worship 10 am (Graduate Potluck lunch) 8pm AA	22 Vestry Meeting 7:00pm	23 Newsletter articles due!	24	25 Ascension Day 6 pm Praise Ensemble	26 8pm AA	27
28 The Seventh Sunday of Easter Worship 10 am 8pm AA	29 Memorial Day OFFICE CLOSED	30	31			
					<u>AA Group meetings</u> Sunday 8:00pm Friday 8:00 pm	<u>Service Schedule</u> 10:00am Holy Communion



Many children come into my office and ask me to pray for them and whatever they are going through.

But, John is different. John asked me to pray for his family and peace within his home.

John's home life is very chaotic. I used the time with John to call his father and pray with them as a family. John shared through tears that this phone conversation was the first time he had ever heard his father tell him he loved him.

- Chaplain Kevin Aldridge

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