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News & Notes from Saint Luke's Parish

Today's Services

8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist (<i>Church</i>)
10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist (<i>Church</i>)
5:00 PM	Come as You Are Service (<i>AYCC</i>)

Coffee Hour

8:45 AM	AYCC
11:00 AM	Outdoor Cloister
6:00 PM	AYCC

For Children & Youth

7:45 AM-11 AM	Childcare (<i>Birth-36 months</i>) <i>Education Building</i>
9:50 AM	Church School <i>Education Building</i>

Crayons & coloring pages, pencils & activity pages, and Board Books are available at the Children's Kiosk located in the Narthex.

The Forum

"Bible Women" Series | 9:00 AM

This January, Saint Luke's clergy and staff will offer a special three-part series entitled "Bible Women: Famous, Forgotten, and Faithful." Come meet some of the heroines of our faith—some you may know, many you may not. This series will be held in-person and livestreamed. Today, we hear from the Rev. Ryan Fleenor.

January 16, 2022

The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Dear Friends,

This weekend, our country pauses to remember the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. – pastor, prophet, and one of the greatest leaders of the American civil rights movement. As Christians, of course, we remember him too, but not simply for being those things. We remember him as a faithful disciple of Jesus, a modern saint, someone so in love with God's dream of a world healed, restored, and whole that he helped others fall in love with that dream too.

Our bishops in Connecticut have wisely asked us all to read (or re-read) King's famous "Letter from a Birmingham Jail." I hope you will take some time this weekend to do just that. Addressed to fellow religious leaders (including two bishops of the Episcopal Diocese of Alabama) who had urged caution and patience, King speaks of the urgency of the task at hand. And he appeals to them as fellow disciples of Jesus to take up the high calling of their baptisms to share with him in God's work of justice, peace, and reconciliation.

The work in 2022 is not exactly the same as it was in 1963, but the work remains. Recent history is proof enough of that. And King's words are for us too. As Christians, we cannot simply baptize the status quo. We are called to catch God's dream for a better world and dedicate ourselves to it. So let's pause this weekend to give God thanks for the life and witness of Martin Luther King. And let's recommit to the work of God in our time and place. For Dr. King's words are as true now as they were then:

"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny."

Amen, and amen.

With my love and prayers,
Ryan

Church School and Nursery

Due to the long weekend in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, there will be no church school today. However, there will still be Nursery care (birth-36 months) available from 7:45 AM to 11:00 AM.

Parish Offices Closed

In observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, the Parish Offices will be closed on Monday, January 17. Morning Prayer will still be held.

This Week

Epiphany Foundations

Tuesday, January 18, 7:00 PM

Our year-long Tuesday evening adult education offering resumes in the new year with our Epiphany series: "The Life and Ministry of Jesus." We are reading the Gospel of Luke together over 6 weeks, reflecting on the question Jesus asks Peter: "who do you say that I am?" Missed the first session? It's not too late to join. Contact Ryan Fleenor to learn more. This series will be held over Zoom.

Children's Choir Hiatus

All Children's choirs will be on hiatus for the month of January, due to the recent spike in COVID cases.

Monday, January 17

Morning Prayer, 8:00 AM

Tuesday, January 18

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Epiphany Foundations, 7:00 PM

Wednesday, January 19

Morning Prayer, 8:00 AM

Holy Eucharist, 10:00 AM

Meditation Group, 6:00 PM

Confirmation, 6:30 PM

Thursday, January 20

Morning Prayer, 8:00 AM

Community Supper, 5:00 PM

Friday, January 21

Morning Prayer, 8:00 AM

Next Sunday

The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

January 23

Sunday's Readings: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a; Luke 4:14-21

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Outdoor Family Worship | 11:00 AM

Join us outside after the 10am service for Family Worship! We'll have a brief service followed by fun activities, hot cocoa, and a bonfire!

Annual Meeting

January 30

The 165th Annual Meeting for Saint Luke's Parish will be held on Sunday, January 30, 2022, immediately following the 10:00 AM Eucharist. There will only be one service that Sunday, so our hope is that the entire parish will worship together at 10:00 AM (either in-person or online) and then remain together for the Annual Meeting at 11:00 AM. The Annual Meeting will be both in-person and live-streamed, and parishioners will be able to participate and vote through Zoom.

We will gather to celebrate the past year and look ahead to the year to come, with reports from parish leadership. We will thank retiring Vestry members—including Sally Houlihan (Senior Warden), Adam Vandervoort (Treasurer), Kristen Nelson (Clerk), Joan Bergen, and David Gray—and elect the Executive Committee and new members to the Vestry. The candidates are:

Executive Committee (1-year terms):

Senior Warden: Rob Hulick
Junior Warden: Wendy Moore
Treasurer: Bill Bowman
Clerk: Lisa Baird

Vestry Members (3-year terms):

Class of 2024 (*to fill out the remainder of Lisa Baird's term*): Chris Bolton
Class of 2025: Barclay Bowen, Fred Elliot, and Mimi Griffith

Finally, the 2021 Annual Report will be made available electronically the week prior to the Annual Meeting.

News & Upcoming Events

Worship

Evensong

Saturday, February 5, 5:00 PM

The gentlemen of the Parish Choir will present "Taste and See," the Third Annual Evensong & Trappist Beer Tasting. Following Evensong, join us for a reception featuring tastings of delicious, hand-crafted, Trappist beers from St. Joseph's Abbey in Spencer, MA.

Morning Prayer and Wednesday Eucharist

Looking to worship in smaller gatherings? Morning Prayer, a simple 20 minute service of Psalms, Bible readings and prayers, continues to be held weekday mornings at 8:00 AM. We also offer a Holy Eucharist on Wednesdays at 10:00 AM.

Grow

February Forums

In honor of Black History Month, Saint Luke's will focus on our baptismal promise "to strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being," particularly focused on racial reconciliation and justice. Our Sunday Forums (9:00 AM, AYCC & online) will feature guests Ranjit Mathews, Craig Townsend, and Mark Bozzuti-Jones. Parishioners are also invited to read Bozzuti-Jones's new book, "Face to the Rising Sun: Reflections on Spirituals and Justice."

Family Worship at Home

With attention and support for any family who feels most comfortable to keep their children home due to the current rise in COVID cases, we will be sending "Family Worship at Home" via email on Sunday mornings during the month of January. The email will include the day's prayers, lesson, reflection, activity and coloring page.

Sign ups for Church School

Sunday Church School is available for children 3 years of age through 5th grade in the Education Building. For additional information and registration, please visit saintlukesdarien.org/childrens-ministries.

Holy Land Pilgrimage

January 27-February 8, 2023

Join a group of fellow parishioners for the trip of a lifetime to walk in the footsteps of Jesus in the Land of the Holy One. The Rev. Ryan Fleenor and Canon Iyad Qumri co-lead this pilgrimage. More info and registration forms available at www.saintlukesdarien.org/holy-land.

Connect

Are you new? Need a nametag?

Our next official new member welcome is not until after Easter, but if you are new to Saint Luke's, we would love to be able to welcome you now. Contact Maggie Domont (Maggie.domont@saintlukesdarien.org) to begin receiving our weekly emails, get a nametag, or just introduce yourself. We are delighted you are here.

Serve

Children's Ministries looking for volunteers

Interested in trying something new in 2022? Children's Ministries is looking for people to help serve the youngest members of our Parish! If you have questions or are interested to learn more about this ministry, contact erika.caputo@saintlukesdarien.org.

Person-to-Person Volunteer Opportunities

P2P is looking for volunteers as we head into the new year! Consider signing up to help at one of the following events:

- Clothing center: every weekday from 9-11 AM or 11AM - 1PM
- Food Pantry: Monday- Saturday from 9AM-1PM
- Food Deliveries: every weekday from 1-2PM

Contact Wendy Moore at moorewendy@me.com to sign up or for more information!

Join the Community Supper Team!

Our Community Supper Ministry is looking to fill a spot in the Veggie Prep team! If you've been wanting to join the ministry, this is a great opportunity! The Veggie Prep team cook on Thursdays from 1:00 to 3:00 PM. Email Fran Principe at mfprincipe@yahoo.com for more information!

Support Miranda's YASC Journey

Our Interim Director of Communications, Miranda Wilson, will be departing for Geneva, Switzerland in February to serve in the Young Adult Service Corps of the Episcopal Church. To learn more about YASC and to support Miranda's fundraising goal, visit saintlukesdarien.org/give/yasc/.

Prayer List

For the Church

In our Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Church of England.

In our Diocese, we pray for all ecumenical and interfaith endeavors involving our congregations and people; for peace and peacemakers.

In our parish cycle of prayer, we give thanks for our partnership with Person-to-Person, which was founded by Saint Luke's in reaction to the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Thanksgiving & Celebrations

We give thanks for the life and ministry of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

We give thanks for the service of our retiring vestry members: Sally Houlihan (Senior Warden), Adam Vandervoort (Treasurer), Kristen Nelson (Clerk), Joan Bergen, and David Gray.

We give thanks for those who have made financial contributions to our 2022 stewardship campaign.

We give God thanks for the many volunteers, including many Saint Luke's parishioners, who made this past weekend's townwide "Feed My Starving Children" project a success, with over 93,000 meals packed! We also give thanks for the many donors, and we pray for those whom this program benefits.

Those who have requested our prayers

For members and friends of the parish who are sick, sorrowful, or in any kind of trouble: Ashton, Aldin, Allison, Bari, Basil, Betsy, Bridgette, Caroline, Charlie, Charlotte, Chris, Darlene, Gill, Jack, Jane, Jessica, Joe & Ginny, John, Kelsey, Lee, Lynne, Mark Caudle, Mary Shaw, Nancy, Pat, Patience, Patricia, Sheila, and Tony.

For our outreach partner, the Diocese of Cuba and our partner parish, Santa Cruz del Norte.

We pray for God's wisdom and grace to be with the Bishop Transition Committee as they prepare a slate of candidates for election as the next Bishop of Connecticut in May 2022.

Those who have died

We commend to God's care and keeping Grace Zielinska, whose funeral was held yesterday.

We commend to God's care and keeping Saint Luke's Parish School teacher Mrs. A's father, Rounae Rounae.

All who have died from COVID-19.

About these Prayers

Saint Luke's is a community committed to prayer. Holding one another's joys, sorrows, and concerns before God in prayer is a spiritual practice at the heart of our life together. We encourage you to pray throughout the week for these members of our parish family.

We invite you to add yourself or others to the Saint Luke's prayer list by submitting a prayer request card, notifying Candy Wheelock at candy.wheelock@saintlukesdarien.org (203-655-1456) or visiting our website.

Hospitalization or Pastoral Issues

Please notify us if you or a family member is hospitalized and/or in need of a pastoral call or visit. We often have no other way of knowing a visit is needed. Please email a member of the clergy or call the Parish Office (203-655-1456) to reach the priest-on-call.

Sharing Holy Communion

If illness prevents you or a loved one from joining us for regularly scheduled services, a priest or a lay eucharistic visitor can share Holy Communion with you at home or in a health care facility. Please contact Cindy Scam at 203-655-1456 or cindy.scam@saintlukesdarien.org.

Celebrations

If you would like to ask for prayers for the celebrations in your life or in the life of a loved one, please contact Cindy Scam at 203-655-1456 or cindy.scam@saintlukesdarien.org.

Flowers

The Flower Guild adorns the church with flowers and greens thanks to donations given in memory of loved ones or in thanksgiving for special occasions. The names are listed in the service bulletins. If you would like to make a gift of flowers, please contact Lynn Biggart at 203-655-3343 or sevenbiggs@aol.com.

12 Step Groups

Saint Luke's hosts multiple 12 Step Recovery and Support groups, including AA, AlAnon, Alateen, and Fabulous Women of Wednesday. Call the Parish Office at 203-655-1456 for meeting times, or see our online calendar.