



TIDINGS

News & Notes from Saint Luke's Parish

May 8, 2022

Today's Services

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist
(Church)
10:00 AM Holy Eucharist
(Church)
5:00 PM *Come As You Are* Eucharist
(AYCC)

Coffee Hour

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

For Children & Youth

7:45 AM-11 AM Childcare
(Birth-36 months)
Education Building
11:15 AM Saint Gregory's Choir
Rehearsal (Choir
Room)

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

The Forum

*The Forum will resume next Sunday. See inside for
more information.*

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Dear Friends,

Once again, Happy Easter!! I keep saying it—we keep saying it—because it is Eastertide for almost another whole month. In fact, in some sense, it is always Easter, for we forever live on this side of the Resurrection. This Sunday, we hear Jesus describe himself as the Good Shepherd. It is a comparison beloved by so many of us for what it implies, and an image described in numerous places throughout scripture. There is also something profound about this, because as you'll recall, Jesus is referred to elsewhere as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world—the lamb himself now watches over the sheep.

I've also been thinking about this Good Shepherd imagery in the context of leadership in the church. You see, each and every one of us, whether we think of ourselves as a leader in the church or not (spoiler alert: you probably are!), is called into this sort of humble service as a shepherd. We are each called to look after one another, to nurture each other in the faith, to go search for someone if they get lost, to lend a hand when someone needs assistance, and to overall seek only what is best for those whom we lead. Yes, Jesus is our Good Shepherd, and just like in everything else, we are called to strive to be like Jesus, in this case as shepherds to each other.

Happy Easter, happy Mother's Day, and happy Good Shepherd Sunday!

Yours always in Christ,

Derek+

Celebratory Coffee Hours for Derek

Please join us after each service today to celebrate and thank the Rev. Derek Stefanovsky for his ministry among us. Today is Father Derek's last Sunday at Saint Luke's before departing to accept a new call. Please come wish him well!

Family Worship

Today at 10:00 AM

Join us as we celebrate the youngest parishioners in our church family with an age appropriate sermon, children readers and ushers.

Happy Mother's Day

Thank you to all the mothers and mother-like-figures who have been a part of our lives.

This Week

Holding Dinner

Monday May 9, 6:00 PM, AYCC

Please join this growing group of women for dinner and discussion. Join us, bring what you can, share what you want to and allow yourself to be fed.

Bishop Candidates Meet & Greet

Tuesday, May 10, 6:30-8:30 PM, AYCC

Saint Luke's is honored to be hosting one of the six opportunities across the Diocese to meet the candidates who are standing for election on May 21 to serve as the next Bishop of Connecticut. Preregister online to come listen, learn, and be inspired—and share your perspective with your clergy and lay delegates (Martha Cook and Bill Hayes) who will be voting.

Mission: Joy Film Screening

Wednesday, May 11, 7:00 PM, AYCC

Deeply moving and laugh-out-loud funny, His Holiness the Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu share science-backed wisdom of how to live with joy in troubled times in Mission: JOY. Join us for a screening and after, Daisy Crosswell and Andrea McDonough will facilitate a conversation. RSVP for your ticket on Eventbrite with QR scan



Homefront, Saturday May 14, 9:00 –5:00 PM (flexible hours)

Join our Saint Luke's team in painting, yard work, or light carpentry work. Open to parishioners 10 and over. Contact Wilder Gleason (wilder.gleason@gleasonllc.com) or Charlie Koons (charlie.koons@gmail.com) with questions or to sign up to help with this meaningful home improvement project for a local family in need.

Maritime Evensong

Saturday, May 14, 5:00 PM

Join Saint Luke's Parish Choir and Choristers for the final evensong of the season. We will celebrate the coming of summer and getting back to the water as we sing such favorites as "Crossing the bar" -- Tennyson's beloved poetry set to music by Hubert Parry, paired with Canticles by Herbert Howells and the great anthem "They that go down to the sea in ships" by Herbert Sumson. Bring your boat's ensign, keys, a life jacket, or anything else to be blessed!

Monday, May 9

Morning Prayer, 8:00 AM
Holding Dinner, 6:00 PM

Tuesday, May 10

Morning Prayer, 8:00 AM
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Wednesday, May 11

Morning Prayer, 8:00 AM
Holy Eucharist & Healing 10:00 AM
Meditation Group, 6:00 PM
Mission Joy Film Screening, 7:00 PM

Thursday, May 12

Morning Prayer, 8:00 AM
Saint Nicholas Choir, 4:15 PM
Community Supper, 5:00 PM
Saint Gregory Choir 5:30 PM
Voice for Life, 6:30 PM
Saint Luke's Parish Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 PM
Social Sorting Party, 7:30 PM

Friday, May 13

Morning Prayer, 8:00 AM

Saturday, May 14

Homefront, 9:00 AM
Postal Food Drive, All Day
Maritime Evensong, 5:00 PM

Next Sunday

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 15

Sunday's Readings: Acts 11:1-18, Psalm 148, Revelation 21:1-6, John 13:31-35

The Forum | 9:00 AM in the AYCC & Live-stream

Our Eastertide series, "The Beauty of Holiness" continues with a presentation by Dr. David Mahan from Yale Divinity School entitled "**Poetry as a Way of Attentiveness: A Workshop.**" Dr. Mahan teaches religion and literature at Yale, focusing on modern to late-modern poetry and fiction and 'reading literature theologically.' He has also served as a campus minister at Yale since 1987, and co-directs the Rivendell Center for Theology and the Arts at Yale. He completed his MAR in Religion and the Arts at Yale Divinity School and his PhD in theology at the University of Cambridge (UK). In this workshop we will read select poems together, practicing attentiveness to the poetry to learn how poetry nurtures our ability to be attentive ourselves. For those who read poetry and those who do not!

News & Upcoming Events

Worship

The Day of Pentecost & Pentecost Picnic

Sunday, June 5, after the 10:00 AM service

Remember to wear Red to church on Sunday June 5th. After church we will have a picnic with games and activities for children. Volunteers needed for set up, hosting games and clean up. Please email Maggie.Domont@saintlukesdarien.org if you would like to help.

Bishop's Visitation & Confirmation

Sunday, June 19, 10:00 AM

The Rt. Rev. Ian Douglas will make his final visitation to Saint Luke's before stepping down as our Bishop Diocesan. Adults interested in being confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church should contact the Rev. Ryan Fleenor to learn more.

Grow

RenewalWorks Update

The RenewalWorks team, co-chaired by Jen Kepner and Michael Moore, has completed its four workshops reflecting on what we learned from the Spiritual Life Inventory which 213 parishioners took this winter. We look forward to sharing our discoveries, as well as our goals and priorities moving forward with the Vestry and parish soon.

Eastertide Foundations: The Anglican Way

Tuesdays, 7:00 PM, on Zoom (Resumes May 17)

In the diversity of the global Church, there are lots of ways to be a Christian, lots of ways to faithfully follow Christ. But what are those things that we Anglican/Episcopalians do that make us... well, Anglican? What is that particularly Anglican way of being Christian? This Eastertide, *Foundations* will explore the theology, history, spirituality of the Anglican tradition. All are welcome, and especially those seeking to learn more about our tradition and pondering being confirmed or received by the Bishop in June.

Growing Hope, Forging Peace

May 13-14 | Camp Washington

Middle School and High School students are invited to Camp Washington as we come together for a Weekend of Hope and Transformation. We will gather at Camp on Friday at 6:00 pm for an evening of engaging conversation and discussion with Shane Claiborne, beating of guns into plowshares around the forge, group art projects, and time to chill and talk around the campfire. Saturday morning we will wake up to breakfast and time to wrap up our work from Friday night. Our day will end with a time of worship, prayer, and a picnic lunch. Contact Naomi Cunningham to learn more.

Give

Thank you to everyone who has already contributed to the 2022 Annual Appeal. We have \$1,571,755 pledged from 422 families, but we are not done until everyone has sent in a pledge. Our goal is \$1,625,000 and 450 units. Go to saintlukesdarien.org/give or email Maggie.Domont@saintlukesdarien.org to pledge today.

Connect

Newcomers Spring Welcome Series

Our Spring Newcomers Series has already begun with dinner at the Rectory, but anyone interested in joining Saint Luke's is invited to attend the required Newcomer Orientation on Sunday, May 22. We will meet in the Anderson Youth & Community Center for a light lunch immediately following the 10:00 AM service (childcare will be provided). New Members will be welcomed during our Pentecost services on Sunday, June 5. To sign up email Maggie.Domont@saintlukesdarien.org.

Knitters Needed

Our knitting ministry is a group of dedicated knitters who prayerfully create shawls and lap blankets for those who could use warming support throughout an illness. If you are a knitter, this is a way to use your talent to support others in the parish. Kits are available to get you started. Contact Nancy Heitz at 203-273-6326.

Moms of Young Kids - You Deserve A Night Out!

Tuesday, May 17, 6:30-8:30 PM, AYCC

St. Luke's invites you to an evening of connections and conversations. Join us for drinks and dinner as we celebrate the mothers in our parish. RSVP to caringconnections@saintlukesdarien.org This is a great chance to gather with moms of children in the parish (ages 0-13).

Serve

Postal Food Drive, Sat., May 14

Fun family project! We need help all day receiving, sorting and shelving food delivered by a fleet of postal trucks. Children as young as 8, **accompanied by an adult**, are welcome. The spirit will be great and the sun is usually shining. To book your desired time slot, contact mimi@mimigriffith.com

Gardening Volunteers Needed

The Unity Garden benefiting P2P is behind the food pantry. You'll have fun growing all kinds of produce for our clients. Training and scheduling options for youth and adults. Contact mimi@mimigriffith.com.

"Social Sorting Party" May 12, 7:30 PM

Join us for wine, cheese and fellowship as we sort clothing for P2P's Clothing Center. It's been down for repairs of Franklin House where flooding occurred. We're re-opening to clients and need help racking a backlog of donated clothes. We'll work outdoors if the weather is fair. Contact mimi@mimigriffith.com

Volunteers Needs: Icons in Transformation Art Exhibit

Thursday, May 26 - Sunday, June 5

This summer, Saint Luke's will host the Icons in Transformation exhibit, featuring a 100+ piece exhibition of contemporary art inspired by traditional Orthodox icons. A portion of the profits from any sales will be donated to the UN High Commissioner for Refugees to support Ukrainian refugees. Volunteers are needed to help unpack and install the art, as well as to serve as docents. Contact Maggie Domont to learn more.

Prayer List

For the Church

In our Anglican cycle of prayer, Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda.

In our Diocese, St. Thomas', New Haven; Trinity, New Haven; St. James, New London; Parish prayer groups; intercessory prayer chains; healing prayer groups, and parish and community bible studies

In our Saint Luke's cycle of prayer, we give thanks for Children's and Family Ministries. We are especially grateful for our readers and participants in today's service and for Miss Erika.

Thanksgiving & Celebrations

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

We give thanks for all of the children who will be baptized today at our 11:45 AM service.

We give thanks for the Garden Gala leadership team, the volunteers and those who attended the event to support all of our Outreach Ministries.

Those who have requested our prayers

For the people of the Ukraine and all of those in harm's way

For members and friends of the parish who are sick, sorrowful, or in any kind of trouble: Ali, Ashton, Aldin, Allison, Beth, Bill, Bridgette, Campbell Wharton, Caroline, Cathy, Charlie, Charlotte, Gayley Patterson, Ginny, Howard, Jack, Jessica, John, Kathy, Laura, Lee, Lindsey, Lynda, Madhu Bains, Matt, Mary Shaw, Mike, Nancy, Patience, Patricia, Sharon, Sheila, and Tony.

For our outreach partners, This week, we pray for our Community Supper Ministry, and for all of the leaders, volunteers and diners as they finish this calendar year of meals, the last dinner of the season will be May 19th.

We pray for God's wisdom and grace to be with the Bishop Transition Committee as we prepare to elect the next Bishop of Connecticut. We pray for all of those on the slate: The Rev. Glenna Huber, The Rev. Jeffrey Mello, The Very Rev. Kate Moorehead, The Rev. Canon Tanya Wallace, and The Rev. Whitney Altopp, as they prepare for election as the next Bishop of Connecticut in May 2022.

We pray for Miranda Wilson, as she serves with the Young Adult Service Corps in Geneva, Switzerland.

Those who have died

We commend to God's care and keeping Nancy Otero Torres and Jessica Madigan Reedstrom, who have died this week.

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.