

The Scroll

Counting Your Blessings!

From the Lead Pastor

Sometimes we get Thanksgiving and Christmas all confused and that's ok. For example, remember the movie *White Christmas*, Bing Crosby and Rosemary Clooney met in the middle of the night each unable to sleep and they sang [this song](#):

When I'm worried and I can't sleep
I count my blessings instead of sheep
And I fall asleep counting my blessings
When my bankroll is getting small
I think of when I had none at all
And I fall asleep counting my blessings



The November 23, 2015 article in the Health section of Time magazine published an article entitled "[Why Being Thankful Is Good For You.](#)" The article outlines how gratitude is good for the human heart, helps us get more

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Council Connections

By Charlie Anderson, Council President

Your Congregation Council met on Wednesday, October 19, 2016 at 7:00 pm.

The Council continued its discussion of the report and recommendations from the Strategic Planning Team regarding becoming a "Reconciling in Christ" (RIC) church . This will be an ongoing, long-term discussion and will be expanded to include the congregation.

The Council reviewed the preliminary, proposed operating budget for 2017 and forwarded it to Wally Stone and Helmut Steinnagel for inclusion in the 2017 stewardship program. After pledge amounts for 2017 are received and after the financial books for 2016 are completed, the Council will adjust this proposed operating budget in mid-January and present a recommended budget to the

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Dinner Church

A Note from Pastor Sarah

If you've learned only one thing about me in the last two months, I hope you've learned this: I love to eat! I have a passion for all things food. Add a meal to worship and call it, "dinner church?" Well those are my two favorite things, so I'm in!

Food and faith go hand in hand. Scripture reveals that God loves to feed people. God provided food in the garden, in the desert, and for travelling prophets. Jesus offers bread and wine, his own body and blood, for his disciples to eat. Every Sunday, through the meal of Holy

idea is that the people who gather for Dinner Church create the meal and the worship space together. Worship includes song, prayer, scripture reading, and a brief homily that continues with conversation at each table. The bread is blessed at the beginning of the meal, and at the end of the meal the cup is blessed. By doing this, all of the food and conversation in between is encompassed by communion.

While people of all ages can enjoy this type of worship, dinner church is especially well suited for students, young adults and busy families. The young and the busy

is a type of worship that attempts to honor and feed each of these spiritual needs.

Beginning early next year, I would love to give Dinner Church a try at St. Luke. Adding a midweek, evening worship service will help us reach out to new people and serve the spiritual needs of our community. We can connect with the sub base and nearby colleges. We can invite people who work on Sundays, or don't have a traditional church background, or are new to the area and want to get to know people.

Are you a Cook? Musician? Foodie? Someone who likes to pray

"The Table is Set. All Are Welcome. "

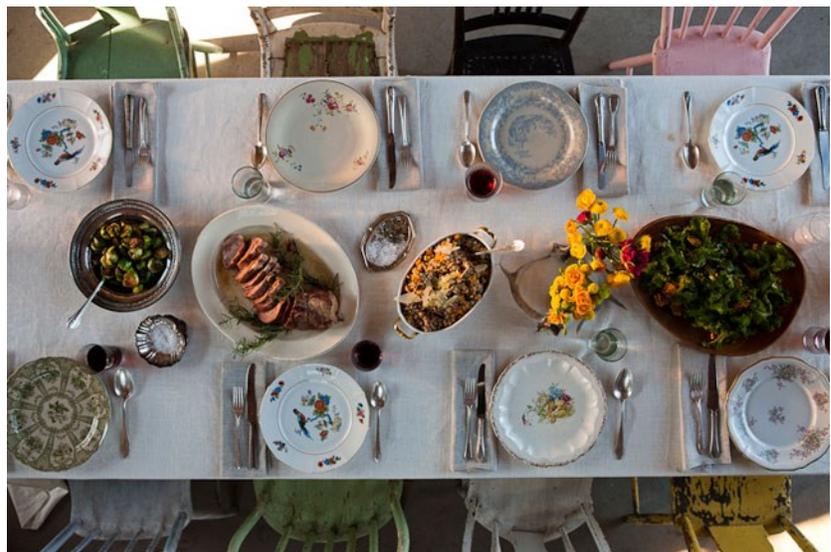
Communion, we are united with Christ and with one another. This sacred meal is a foretaste of the heavenly feast to come.

The act of feeding others and being fed is a spiritual act. We know from New Testament epistles that the earliest Christians gathered in homes around meals. Many congregations are trying their own version of this and calling it, "dinner church." I've attended two such ministries, St. Lydia's in Brooklyn, New York and The Garden in Seattle, Washington. I've also led dinner church in a campus ministry setting. Slowing down, sitting together at a candlelit table, pouring over scripture and eating a full meal offers a truly moving experience of worship and communion.

How does it work exactly? There's no perfect formula, but the

are hungry for community, hungry for finding purpose in their lives, hungry for discussing the Good News in the midst of life, and especially hungry for delicious home cooked meals. Dinner church

on weekday evenings? An adventurous worshipper? If you are any of these things and want to help get Dinner Church started, email me at pastorsarah@stlukegf.org.



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sleep, makes us more optimistic; helps us make new friends and improves our physical health. Now who wouldn't want some of that?

There are over 90 specific verses in Hebrew Scripture and in the New Testament that proclaim giving thanks and/or thanks giving to God is a good thing. In fact, the angels, the elders and the living creatures around the throne of God fall upon their faces saying, "Amen, blessing, and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen" ([Rev 7:11-12](#))!

This month we celebrate several special days of thanksgiving:

- All Saints Day (Nov 1) is celebrated on November 6 and we honor those saints who have gone on before us with thanksgiving. This year we remember especially, Sarah Graul (Tim Graul's mother), Pat Caruso (Alice Carter's aunt), Donna Borreson (LeAnn Carr's mother), Everett Smith (cousin of Crystal Dame), Heidi Eagle (Kirsten Holmstedt-Benoit's sister), Kate Vossen (Tom and Mary Baudro's baby niece), Joan Nielson (Ethel Haugland's sister), Harry Anderson (Dennis Anderson's father), Ruth Cluny, John Smith, Ashley Noel Pilc, Janis Buell, Francis Walters, William Hart, Wesley Walters, Tex Garrett, Joyce, Ross Johnson, Jim Luce, Vernon Gray, Mary Kebisek, and the father of John Marcek.
- November 8th is a day when we should all be thankful to God for the opportunity to live in a country that is free and practice your freedom by voting. As you enter the voting booth, pray a prayer of thanksgiving to God and leave all the bitterness and anger on the outside, outside.
- We celebrate The Tag Sale on November 11 and 12 as a day when we can offer thanksgiving to God by giving back to our community. This is not just a day to sell what we no longer need or want. It is a day when we decide to help those in need by selling things that will provide the necessary finances for a good bed to get a good night's sleep and furniture that will help a family establish their home. As Martin Luther once said, "God does not need your good works, but your neighbor does." This is truly a day of Thanksgiving.
- On November 20th at 7:00 p.m. at the Ledyard Congregational Church we celebrate thanksgiving to God with our Christian brothers and sisters from St. David's, The Gales Ferry Methodist Church, Gales Ferry Baptist Church, Our Lady of Lords Roman Catholic Church and the Ledyard Congregational Church. This is a day when we can bring an offering of food (can goods) to help stock the food pantry and give thanks to God, united in Christ for God's rich blessings to us.
- November 24th of course is a day when we give thanks to God for family and friends. We "thank you Lord with a grateful heart, with a song of praise, with an outstretched arm, I will bless your name." Enjoy your meal together, your family, games and happiness that God has given you.

Everyone enjoy this wonderful season of Thanksgiving and let your gratitude toward God improve your health every day. Perhaps all of us will get a month of well rested nights as we count our blessings instead of sheep.

God is good! All the time! All the time! GOD IS GOOD!

Happy Thanksgiving, Pastor Danny

Stewardship

By Wally Stone

Acts 20:35

It is more blessed to give than to receive.

1 Peter 4:10-11

Serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received... whoever serves must so do with the strength that God supplies, so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ.

Your church leadership has constructed a bold plan of ministry to continue our mission of changing lives for Christ. We celebrate a wonderful past year but must commit ourselves to even more lives coming to Christ in the new one. Join us in the journey of being God's people here at St. Luke, Gales Ferry and New London County.

St. Luke uses your giving to change lives - the lives of young people starting out on their faith journey, the lives of those who feel abandoned, the lives of everyone who needs to feel the love of God in his or her life. St. Luke reaches people in ways that other organizations can't - deepening their understanding of how **all** people are related as children of God.

I would briefly like to mention our commitment to

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Adult Forum

As there is no Learning Hour scheduled on November 20 and 27, due to single services, the Adult Forum will only meet this month on November 6 and November 13. The plan is as follows:

November 6: We will finish the Genesis Books of Faith Series with Lesson 8: "Are We Promise Bearers?"

November 13: We will begin a two-three week study of "Declaration on the Way". This is a unique ecumenical text that draws on 50 years of Lutheran-Catholic dialogue in preparation for the 500th Reformation anniversary coming in 2017. The *Declaration* draws together 32 consensus statements on church, ministry and Eucharist, where Catholics and Lutherans already have said there are not church-dividing differences between them. There also is a more tentative section identifies some "remaining differences" – not intending to be comprehensive but suggesting some ways forward. In October 2015, the Declaration was affirmed by both the ELCA Conference of Bishops Committee on Ecumenical and Inter-religious Affairs of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. The Declaration was approved at the 2016 Churchwide Assembly. The Declaration is available at <http://www.elca.org/Declaration-on-the-Way> and there will hard copies available at the Forum. Please see Mitch Robinson if you have any questions.



ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth A. Eaton (right) and Bishop Denis J. Madden, auxiliary bishop for the Archdiocese of Baltimore, hold copies of "Declaration on the Way: Church, Ministry and Eucharist" – a unique ecumenical document that makes visible a pathway to Christian unity between Catholics and Lutherans.

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congregation at the Annual Congregation Meeting at the end of January.

The Council also reviewed the proposed capital improvement projects for 2017 and will finalize those recommended in January.

The Council was advised that the process to install additional solar panels on certain roofs of St. Luke has been stopped. Ray Heller, Pat Wood and Marty Wood met with a representative of ENCON, which had been providing guidance and which would have installed and maintained the solar panels, and determined that the new panels would not provide St. Luke an economic advantage. When I was

apprised of the economics, I instructed Ray to not proceed any further. The ENCON representative suggested that increasing the number of solar panels, on more roofs, would probably make the installation more economically advantageous. Ray, Pat and Marty will be investigating alternatives as well as investigating methods of financing the solar panels, including buying the panels outright. (Recently, during the preceding process, Marty found that St. Luke's KWH rate from our current electricity supplier was very high, not competitive. Marty initiated changing the supplier to Eversource, at about one-half the rate, effective at the next scheduled meter reading in October. Many thanks to Marty for his

investigation and initiative.)

Congratulations to the Fellowship Team on the successful, well-attended Oktoberfest. Next year's celebration will be for 500th year anniversary of Martin Luther's sending his ninety-five theses to the Roman Catholic Bishop of Mainz on October 31, 1517, considered the beginning of the Protestant Reformation. The Team is also planning the Reception for Pastor Sarah, immediately following her installation on Sunday, October 30th at 4:00 pm.

Treasurer Leah Lozier reported that, year-to-date, income exceeds expenses by \$1,506. The General Operating Fund was \$34,758.

Micah 6:8

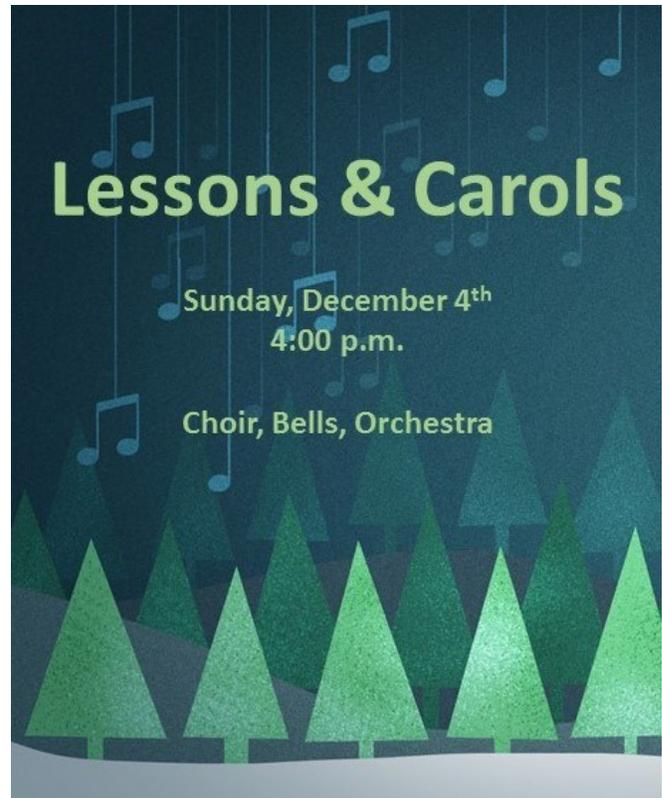
Music Notes and News

By Gina Williams, Director of Music

Movement Within the Music

I have been encouraging our handbell choirs to get out of their comfort zones! In Kimberlee Strepka's book, "Handbell Artistry from the Inside Out", she describes our instrument, the handbell, as a movement-based instrument. It takes movement to create the sound of a handbell and different styles of movement produce different types of sound. I often remind our ringers that not only are we a musical art form we are truly a visual art form and it's the blending of these two art forms that directly affects the aesthetic experience of our audiences.

Audiences do "hear what they see" and since movement is necessary in ringing a handbell our ability to move musically directly affects our ability to ring expressively. Any movement inhibitions we have will affect our ability to create a wide variety of musical expressions. When an ensemble synchronize with each other's movements they speak as one musical voice.

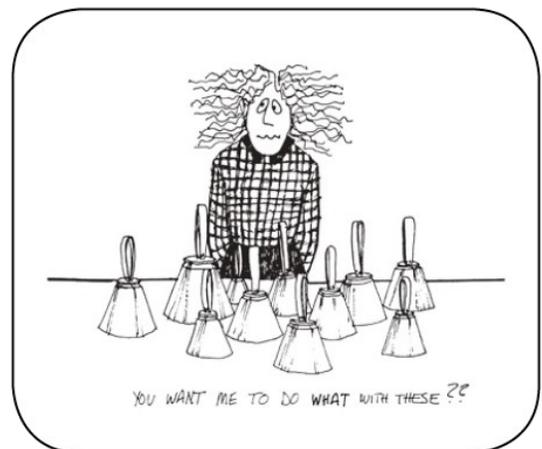


*"The greatest musicians **aren't** the ones that play the loudest or play the most notes or the flashiest solos. They are the ones that **play what the music calls for, are team players, and ALWAYS make people FEEL something every time they play**"*

When All Else Fails... FAKE IT!

"Visual artistry can play an important role during those times when our skills fail us in concert and we make mistakes. We may play wrong notes, pick up wrong bells, lose our spot in the music...if we maintain an open body posture, most audience members will not even notice

the mistakes. If you pretend that everything you are doing was preplanned and maintain a positive visual connection with the audience, you're golden. (those)... that do hear the wrong notes will...respect your commitment to the visual aspects of artistry and musicianship."



Ministry Opportunities & News

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financially support our new Associate Pastor Sarah Barnes. We have called Pastor Sarah because our congregation wants a stronger family ministry, youth ministry and a deeper spiritual life. We are so fortunate to have her and are very blessed that St. Luke wants to support her. Now is the time to financially show that commitment. I would ask all of you to prayerfully consider giving what God has first given us; Our time, talents, but mostly right now, our treasure.

By the first week of November you should have received a packet with Pastor Danny's letter, the preliminary Operational Budget, preliminary Capital Improvement Plan, and your pledge card. November 6th will be our dedication Sunday when we will turn in our pledge cards. I will have extra copies of the preliminary Operational Budget and Capital Improvement plan along with more pledge cards in the narthex. If you have any questions please do not be afraid to ask me.

It has been great talking and working with all of you, and I would like to thank you for your support of St. Luke.

A Life Saving Gift

By Elaine Remondi- Simpson

Thanks to the generosity and support of our faithful donors at the October blood drive, 87 people will benefit from receiving a precious gift of life including: red cells, plasma and platelets. Twenty-nine useable units of blood were collected, although thirty-nine people tried to donate. You are very special donors who are helping to save lives and a blessing to those in need throughout the region.

Our dedicated St. Luke volunteers staffing the drive were wonderful. Sandy Wimmermark contacted and scheduled volunteers prior to the drive. Our capable registrars Alice Carter and Carolyn Kracke did a fine job implementing new procedures at the registration table. Our welcoming and helpful canteen volunteers: Peggy Beale, Ginny Jacobson, Marge Johnson, Elaine Remondi- Simpson and Pauline Wanner were attentive to donors as they served delicious refreshments and scheduled them for our December blood drive. We are grateful for volunteers: Laurie Crawford, Joanne Erickson, Ginny Jacobson, Linda Martin, Judy Owsley, and Pauline Wanner for preparing a variety of flavorful sandwiches and delectable desserts. We often hear donors remark, "The St. Luke blood drives have the best food in town." The donors are always pleased with the warm welcome and fine selection of refreshments that St. Luke provides for them. The Fellowship Hall was cleaned up efficiently at the close of the drive thanks to Marge Johnson, Caroline Kracke and Elaine



*Next Blood Drive—Thursday, December 8
1:30—6:30 PM*

Remondi-Simpson. We dearly missed Dale Arnold, a devoted volunteer, who is temporarily prioritizing health and wellness. We hope he will be able to resume his activities in the future.

Thank you all for coming together to support this worthy cause. We never know when family members or friends might need these precious gifts of life. Your time and efforts are essential to the success of our drive and sincerely appreciated.

St. Luke will be hosting our annual holiday blood drive soon. Save the date on your calendars, **Thursday December 8, 2016 from 1:30 - 6:30 p.m.** Please note the changes in procedures below to help you schedule a workable appointment time. Sign up for a convenient appointment time or to staff the blood drive starting on November 20th, 2016. We thank you for your patience and look forward to seeing you at our holiday blood drive on **Thurs. December 8, 2016.**

Elaine Remondi-Simpson

CHANGES TO BLOOD DRIVE PROCEDURES (Results in longer wait times.)

NOW

**Distant leaders staff for four beds.
All appointments first. Walk-ins wait.**

PREVIOUSLY

**Local leaders staff for six beds.
One walk-in after five appointments.**

Ledyard Food Pantry

The Ledyard Food Pantry is run under the supervision of the Ledyard Social Services Department. It is located in the old Ledyard Town Hall building at the Ledyard Congregational Church. It is managed by a team from the church; it is staffed by community volunteers and it is stocked with donations from food drives, churches and generous individuals.

Donations can be dropped off at the following locations:

1. At the pantry located at 722 Colonel Ledyard Highway in the center of town on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 9-11 am and Thursday evenings from 5-7 pm.
2. In Gales Ferry there, are 2 donation boxes located at Holmbergs Orchard and Gales Ferry Landing.
3. In Ledyard Center, there are 2 donation boxes located at Holdridges and the Village Market.
4. Coming soon, a donation box will be at the Ledyard Senior Citizen Center located at 12 Van Tassel Drive, Gales Ferry.

This is the Ledyard Food Pantry Wish List for November, 2016.

The pantry would welcome donations of the following needed items:

Chicken, Beef & Seafood Soups	Sugar	Oil	Juice & Juice packs
Instant & Canned	Baked Beans	Salad Fixin's	Diced Tomatoes
Potatoes	Canned Fruit	Instant jello and	Ensure ®
Condiments	Snack Items	pudding	Egg Noodles
Cream of Mushroom	Canned Chicken	Pasta Meals (boxed	Cleaning Supplies
Soup	Canned Gravy	& canned)	Laundry Soap
Canned Vegetables	Cereal	Tuna and Canned Meats	Feminine Products
Salad Dressing	Peanut butter	Spices	Paper Products
Flour	Jelly	Salt & Pepper	Dishwashing Soap

Due to your generous support, we have plenty of cheerios and green beans.

If people wish to donate items for treats in addition to the basics (listed above), selections such as the following will be welcomed:

cake/brownie/muffin mixes	pancake mix	pizza sauce	chocolate chips
pizza crust mix	frosting	syrup	

Thank you for your support

28th Crop Hunger Walk

By Elaine Remondi- Simpson

Forty-seven St. Luke members, friends and colleagues stepped up to meet the challenge of addressing global poverty with our partner churches in southeastern Connecticut. On October 16, multi-generation family members and friends shared an enjoyable walk on an unseasonably warm autumn afternoon. Approximately, \$4,897.00 was raised by St. Luke members toward the cause. ***Congratulations to all who participated and gave so generously, allowing us to exceed our goal of \$4,000.00 by \$897.00. A special thank you goes out to Luke and our youth for raising \$1,887.00; approximately 39% of our goal.*** Final numbers will be available when all of the funds have been received and tallied. Results for

the combined efforts of the participating churches will be reported at a later date.

Many thanks to Suzanne Etris for staffing the registration table throughout the walk.

Thank you to the walkers who gave generously of their time and invited friends to join us. Thank you to the donors who supported the walkers so generously. People in our region were blessed with twenty-five percent of the funds raised, through the Gemma Moran food programs. People in other parts of the globe will benefit from seventy-five percent of the funding for life changing initiatives that empower them to meet their own needs such as: 1) wells and water systems to provide clean water, 2) train-

ing programs for South American farmers to increase food production, 3) technical training in Europe and providing micro enterprise loans and 4) direct aid to Indonesia to set up feeding programs to save the lives of the more than fifty percent of their children who are malnourished.

A small effort on our parts goes a long way to make the world a better place, when we unite with others who step out in faith. Well done, a heartfelt thank you to all of you.



We walk, because they walk. Faith in action makes all the difference.

Celebrations

Birthdays

11/1
Gavin Frost

11/2
Hugh Crow

11/3
Rudy Croteau

11/6
Robert Bunger
Dylan Horkey

11/7
Richard Borgne

11/8
Mark Larson

11/10
Jessica Dame
Jennifer Horkey

11/11
Andy George
Emmy Hundley

11/12
Mikayla Zitzkat

11/14
Grace DeMarco
Charlene Johnson

11/15
Julie Colli

11/16
Jean Wolfgang

11/18
Karen McDaniel

11/19
Ellen Turley

11/21
Dayna Going

11/22
Jacob Haugland

11/23
Tayler Wohlleben

11/24
Connor Girard

11/25
Sue Conley

11/28
Tom Baudro
Daniel Walker
David Zitzkat

11/29
Kathleen Bartkowski
Claire Roan
Tyler Zitzkat

11/30

Linda Martin
Burton Barnes

Wedding

Anniversaries

11/1
Harry & Marie Tobiassen

11/6
Dale & Jennifer Horkey

11/10
Corri & Robert Bradley

11/13
Richard & Jean Swiontek

11/17
Robert & Gail Chernansky

11/23
Kimberly & Rich Dole

11/26
George & Jeanette Lang

11/27
Roger & Cathy Hanson

Baptismal

Anniversaries

11/??
Mark Kuklis

11/1
Joan Lambert
Angela George
Dylan Horkey
Harlan Felty

11/2
Ray Heller

11/5
Ryan Bradley

11/6
Nancy Siebert

11/8

Terry Blair
Theodore George

11/10

Lillian George
Andrew Sammons

11/11

Kaitlynn Portofee

11/14

Tucker West

11/15

Douglas Phillips

11/16

Luke Frost

11/20

Kendra Lessing

11/23

Ellie Phetteplace

11/25

Craig Savage

11/26

Debbie Chernansky

11/28

Pam Suplicki

11/29

Gavin Frost

*Did we miss your celebration?
Please call the church office,
860-464-7897, or e-mail
Kathleen@stlukegf.org, so we
can be sure to honor your
special day!*

Scroll Deadline

The deadline for the December Scroll is **Friday, November 18**.
Articles may be submitted as hard-copy or via e-mail to
Kathleen@stlukegf.org

DEADLINE

“St. Luke, Okinawa extension”

By Chaplain Bob Price



These are a group of Navy Sailors and Marines who are helping a local Japanese preschool learn English. The Marines travel to the school once a month to teach English, do yard work (the school parents and teachers are responsible for yard maintenance on their own).



Mental Health Ministry

By Cindy Mason-Jones

When people think of church, they may think of us supporting those with illness. We pray for physical healing and comfort. We sign up to make a meal for the family. We may visit and offer support. We may drive someone to an appointment. We may send a card or make a phone call.

Do we do this for those with mental health issues? It's hard to say. Many individuals with mental health issues stay silent about their illness for fear of being judged as weak, being stigmatized, or being ignored, because others don't know how to respond. Some of us feel that we need to put on smiles and pretend to be happy to go to a church service or event. We may feel anxious to let down our façade that we feel ok. We may think that support from other church family members is reserved for others but not us. We may feel if we were a “better Christian”, we would not be suffering with depression, anxiety or feeling like we don't even want to go on living. Nothing could be further from the truth. One in five adults in America will experience a mental illness in their life time. This may not be a chronic life long

illness, but it can be severe enough to impact their lives, work, and relationships.

We need to remember that our church can mirror how our society interacts with difficult issues. We want to be able to live Christ's love, compassion, and caring for others.

And we can. We have learned we can question attitudes and beliefs we hold. We can reflect on how we treat and support others. We have reflected on our attitudes about female ministers and church leaders, divorced ministers and members, and gay and lesbian ministers and members. They are now not only welcome but cherished for the gifts and talents they bring to our church family.

We would like to share that a new ministry is starting focusing on mental health awareness and suicide prevention. We envision having an open dialogue in which we share knowledge, confront stigma, and support members who deal with mental health issues including suicidal feelings. We want to further develop St. Luke as a church community were we don't have to

project everything is ok if we don't feel ok. We want to check in with each other if someone appears sad, withdrawn or acting differently than they usually do. We want all to know that we can and will support others with mental health issues or those who feel suicidal. We

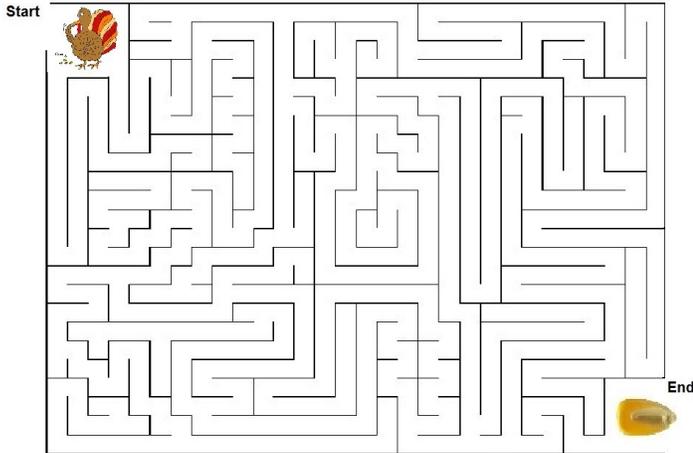
“Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you fill fulfill the law of Christ.”

want to welcome and embrace all of God's children and support those who are in need.

This is a very important ministry. Please consider joining this ministry to further God's love and help and serve our brothers and sisters in need. Luke Cloutier is leading this new ministry. Cindy Mason-Jones is also involved with the ministry. Please reach out to Luke at luke@stlukegf.org or Cindy at cindymasonjones@yahoo.com if you have questions or want to get involved.

Kids' Page

Thanksgiving Word Search

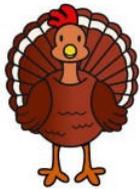


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Luke 12:33- Sell that ye have, and give alms; provide yourselves bags which wax not old, a treasure in the heavens that faileth not, where no thief approacheth, neither moth corrupteth.

Luke 12:34- For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

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| 1. Carve | 11. Holiday |
| 2. Celebrate | 12. November |
| 3. Colonist | 13. Pilgrim |
| 4. Cornucopia | 14. Platter |
| 5. Cranberry | 15. Pumpkin |
| 6. Dessert | 16. Thanksgiving |
| 7. Farmer | 17. Tradition |
| 8. Feast | 18. Turkey |
| 9. Gather | 19. Vegetable |
| 10. Harvest | 20. Worship |



Thanksgiving Word Scramble

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| 1. aefts | _____ |
| 2. mkpuipn | _____ |
| 3. yuerkt | _____ |
| 4. nnried | _____ |
| 5. iep | _____ |
| 6. ifamyl | _____ |



www.ActivityVillage.co.uk - Working Kids Busy

Prayer List

Pray for Healing:

- ✘ **Joe** Shearouse, brother-in-law of Phyllis & Travis Turner, recovery from triple bypass surgery
- ✘ **Jason**, nephew of Helmut Steinnagel; freedom for rescue from addiction
- ✘ **Ledyard mom**, friend of Janis Vajdos, recovering from recent surgery
- ✘ **Jose** Traverso, husband of Bethany, a friend and colleague of Dan Lettiere; prayers for healing and strength for his family
- ✘ **Renita**, colleague of Leigh Sammons, recently diagnosed with breast cancer
- ✘ **Christy** Jones, friend of the Crawford family, recently diagnosed with melanoma
- ✘ **Tony** Smith, Grandmother of Chris Morgan, recovering from a dog attack
- ✘ **Deb** Eld, recovering from hip replacement surgery
- ✘ **Leslie** Green, niece of Cathy & Roger Hanson, diagnosed with breast cancer
- ✘ **Sherri**, cousin of Cindy Mason-Jones, prayers for healing and comfort as she continues breast cancer treatment
- ✘ **Curtis** Rogers, Bob Simpson's cousin, prayers for healing and comfort as he deals with Stage 4 cancer.
- ✘ **Ben** Stone, son of Wally Stone; prayers for healing
- ✘ **Theresa** friend of Ron Davis prayers for healing.
- ✘ **Stephanie** Lucas-Iding, Karen Wuesthoff's sister, prayers for healing following surgery.
- ✘ **Marilyn** White, Cindy Mason-Jones' aunt, prayers for healing and wisdom as she deals with dementia and the changes she must deal with.
- ✘ **Mariann** Mazur, friend of Bob Simpson, prayers for successful treatment of stage 4 cancer and for her family.
- ✘ **Andrew**, prayers for healing.
- ✘ **Kathy** Steberl, Jean Swiontek's sister, prayers for healing, strength and guidance, as she deals with numerous health issues.

Pray for those who are Grieving:

- ✘ the family and friends of **Harry** Anderson, Dennis Anderson's father
- ✘ the family and friends of **Joyce**
- ✘ the family and friends of **Jim** Luce

- ✘ **Ross** Johnson, former member of St. Luke; prayers for peace and comfort for Charlotte, Mike, Greg, and families

Pray for our homebound:

- ✘ **Bob** Bradley, at Fairview.
- ✘ **Shirley** Harrington, at home.
- ✘ **Bill** Johnston, long time member of St. Luke, at Academy Point in Mystic.
- ✘ **Marnie** Reubelt, friend of Ed & Hilda Davis, at home.
- ✘ **Ellen** Turley, at Riverview Nursing home in Coventry, RI.
- ✘ **Alice** Roberge, at home.

Pray for Those with Other Concerns:

- ✘ **Cameron** Frost, son of Clint & Lindsay Frost and grandson of Curt & Cathy Frost, prayers of Thanksgiving for healing.
- ✘ **Chikumbuso Project**, for the widows, orphans and those ministering to them, pray that God's work be done in the community and for God's healing and blessings.

Dates of Note

Monday, November 7, 6:30 PM.

"Hope, not Fear: A Pre-Election Multi-Faith Prayer Service"

All Souls Unitarian Universalist Congregation
New London

Friday & Saturday, November 11 & 12
Furniture Bank Tag Sale

Sunday, November 20, 7:00 PM.
Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service

Ledyard Congregational Church
722 Colonel Ledyard Hwy



ST. LUKE—SCHEDULE TO SERVE – November 2016

Date	Greeters	Ushers	Welcome Team	Altar Guild	Lay Readers	Communion Deacons	Acolytes	Tech Team	Assisting Ministers
11/6									
8:15	Joanne Erickson	Mark & Louise Larson, Marty & Pat Wood	Paul & Carla Henschel	Sue Anderson	Joanne Erickson	Laurie Crawford	Sara Cox, Lucy Black	Dean Bosse	Jean Swiontek
11:00	Leigh Sammons	Chuck Fear, John Robbins, Hugh Busey, Lee Beale	Dotte Mallon	Gail Chermansky	Megan Stone	Robin Nelson	Jessica Dame, Andy Sammons	Dave Etris	Bonnie Fear
11/13									
8:15	Elaine Remond-Simpson	Mitch Robinson, Andy George, Carl Smith, Mark Pitluck	Chuck & Mari Johnson	Dawn Anderson	Charlie Anderson		Tyler Zitzkat, Jacob Haugland	Bill Kracke	Terri Blair
11:00	Pauline Wanner	Dick Wimmermark, Bob & Robin Nelson, Pauline Wanner	Carol Croteau	Cathy Hanson	Heather Colletti	Ray Heller	Josh Robeson, Jessica Vajdos	Mike Mason & Roni Rollinson	Felix Vajdos
11/20									
9:30	Ginny Jacobson & Peggy Beale	Dennis & Dawn Anderson, Chuck Fear, Hugh Busey	Ginny Jacobson & Trudy Busey	Andy & Angela George	Andy George	Dyann Baker	Mikayla Zitzkat, Madeline Horkey	Mike Mason & Fawn De Mello	Roger Hanson
11/27									
9:30	Elaine Remond-Simpson & Linda Martin	Dennis Sindel, Carl Smith, Lee Beale, Ray Heller	Chuck & Mari Johnson, Dot Cooper	Cathy Hanson	Terry Blair	Dick Wimmermark	Kendra Lessing Dylan Horkey		Jean Swiontek or Lillie Kuhn

Church Calendar of Events

November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>Unless otherwise indicated, our Sunday schedule includes Worship at 8:15 and 11:00 AM; Learning Hour at 9:30 AM, and Concert Handbell Choir rehearsal at 12:30 PM. Celebrate services are at the 11:00 AM service on the second and third Sundays of the month.</i></p>		<p>1</p> <p>ALL SAINTS DAY 8:45 AM Classical Conversations 6:00 PM Thames River Quilters 6:30 PM -Fellowship Team Mtg -Worship Team</p>	<p>2</p> <p>9:00 AM Grins & Giggles 10:30 AM Bible Study</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>9:00 AM Grins & Giggles</p>	<p>5</p> <p>10:00 AM Overeaters Anon. 7:00 PM Alcoholics Anon</p> 
<p>6 Daylight Savings Ends</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>Tag Sale Set Up</p>			<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>
<p>**All Saints Sunday** +Healing Ministry+ +Stewardship Pledge Cards Collected+ 2:45 PM New London Meal Center</p>	<p>9:00 AM Grins & Giggles 6:00 PM Tono Dolce Board Mtg 6:30 PM Hope Not Fear Prayer Service 7:00 PM -Alcoholics Anon. -Tono Dolce -Men's Bible Study -Women's Circle Bible Study</p>	<p>10:00 AM Tuesday Morning Small Group 5:30 PM Planning Team Mtg</p>	<p>8:30 AM LICEAF Meeting 9:00 AM Grins & Giggles 10:30 AM Bible Study</p>		<p>VETERAN'S DAY 6:00 PM Tag Sale Early Bird \$5 Admission</p>	<p>8:00 AM Tag Sale 10:00 AM Overeaters Anon. 7:00 PM Alcoholics Anon</p>
<p>13</p> <p>9:30 AM Evangelism Team Meeting 12:30 PM -Lifelong Learning Team Meeting -Community Garden</p>	<p>14</p> <p>9:00 AM Grins & Giggles 7:00 PM -Alcoholics Anon. -Tono Dolce -Women's Circle Bible Study</p>	<p>15</p> <p>8:45 AM Classical Conversations 10:00 AM Tuesday Morning Small Group</p>	<p>16</p> <p>9:00 AM Grins & Giggles 10:30 AM Bible Study 7:00 PM CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL</p>	<p>17</p> <p>12:00 PM Staff Mtg</p>	<p>18</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SE Emmaus @ St. Andrew's</p> <p>9:00 AM Grins & Giggles SCROLL DEADLINE</p>	<p>19</p> <p>9:30 AM Confirmation Class 10:00 AM Overeaters Anon. 7:00 PM Alcoholics Anon</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">SE Emmaus</p> <p>9:30 AM ONE SERVICE 11:00 AM Concert Handbell Choir Rehearsal 11:00 AM Advent Festival 7:00 PM Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service</p>	<p>21</p> <p>9:00 AM Grins & Giggles 7:00 PM -Alcoholics Anon. -Men's Bible Study -Women's Circle Bible Study</p>	<p>22</p> <p>10:00 AM Tuesday Morning Small Group</p>	<p>23</p> <p>9:00 AM Grins & Giggles 10:30 AM Bible Study</p>	<p>24</p> <p style="text-align: center;">THANKSGIVING DAY</p> 	<p>25</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Church Office Closed</p>	<p>26</p> <p>10:00 AM Overeaters Anon. 7:00 PM Alcoholics Anon</p>
<p>27 Advent 1</p> <p>9:30 AM ONE SERVICE 11:00 AM Concert Handbell Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>28</p> <p>9:00 AM Grins & Giggles 7:00 PM -Alcoholics Anon. -Tono Dolce -Women's Circle Bible Study</p>	<p>29</p> <p>8:45 AM Classical Conversations 10:00 AM Tuesday Morning Small Group</p>	<p>30</p> <p>9:00 AM Grins & Giggles 10:30 AM Bible Study 6:00 PM Lessons & Carols Dress Rehearsal</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Music Rehearsals are as follows: Tues., 7:00 PM — Senior Choir Wed., 12:00 PM — Belles & Beaux 4:00 PM — Joyful Noise 5:00 PM — Glory Ringers 7:00 PM — JuBELLation Thurs., 5:00 PM — Ring Masters 7:00 PM — Celebrate Team</p> </div>		<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Church Office Hours: <u>Monday</u> CLOSED <u>Tuesday</u> 8:30 AM—3:30 PM <u>Wednesday</u> 8:30 AM—3:30 PM <u>Thursday</u> 11:30 AM—5:00 PM <u>Friday</u> 8:30 AM—3:30 PM</p> </div>

Address Changes

Please notify the Church Office of any address, phone, or email address changes. Address for College students are also encouraged! 860-464-7897



New London Meal Center Schedule to Serve

November 6

Cooks:

Heller
Lozier
Phillips
Swiontek

Servers:

Etris
Hansen
Hanson
Smith
Vadjos

December 4

Cooks:

Croteau
Heller
Lozier
Oplinger

Servers:

Hansen, D.
Koerting
Leal
Lozier
Vadjos
Wimmermark

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11:30 am to 5:00 pm

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