

## ***The Shepherd***

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### **Rector's Corner:**

Fall is upon us at St. Luke's. In October & November, the leaves are changing, the feast of All Saints has come and gone, the business of the annual bazaar is behind us, and Thanksgiving is around the bend. Advent is coming, calling on us to become prepared for Jesus Christ, to seek a space that allows us to "find and be found by Him". We are coming into the season when each of us needs to think about how we walk with God...live with God...and see the Messiah.

The measurement of an individual's spiritual life and character is not what he or she does in public moments, as much as how he or she lives in the private moments outside of the view of others. This is particularly true in the common and ordinary patterns of life. Walking with Jesus is hard work when we take the relationship seriously between ourselves and the Lord...and find that that he is moving a few steps ahead of us on the path to holiness and new life. We are called to be 'prepared' for a living relationship with Christ that nothing can separate us from. As St. Paul remarked in his letter to the Romans:

"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ! Shall tribulation or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness or danger or sword? ...for I am sure neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor power, not height nor depth, not anything else in all Creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus, Our Lord."

May it be so for all of us at St. Luke's in the coming weeks. The love and affection of heaven be with you.

David+

# Thanks

**Thank you to all our volunteers** who made our **Annual Bazaar** so successful! This is our biggest fundraiser of the year, and it would not be possible without all your help. Thank you!

### **Vestry Meeting**

The Vestry will be meeting on Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup> in the Rector's office following the 10:00 am service.

### **Fall quiet Day/Retreat**

Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup> from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. This retreat will be held in the Church. Join us in four meditations on "The Work of the Saints". Father David will be the retreat leader, and all are welcome. Lunch will be served in the Parish Hall. If interested, please speak with Father David.

### **Website**

Please take a moment to visit our website at <http://saintlukes-seacliff.org/>. There is a lot of good information there, including volunteer schedules, the Church calendar, photos and weekly sermons. If you have church-related information you would like included on the website, please contact the Parish Office.



### **Movie Night**

Join us Fridays at 6:30 pm in our youth lounge for a movie, dinner and fellowship.

### **Annual Christmas Open House**

Please join David & Betty MacDonald at the rectory on Saturday, December 5th from 4 to 7 pm. Everything is provided, come and enjoy the fellowship and the season.



## Every Member Canvass

We are in the middle of our Fall Every Member Canvass. The Church is in need of your financial commitment. Your continued financial support is appreciated and very much needed. Thank you!



### Altar Flowers/Sanctuary Light

Memorials are an important way to commemorate loved ones, family and friends. Your message is posted in the weekly bulletin.

These memorials help us defray the costs for altar flowers and sanctuary candles. Many dates are available – please contact the Parish Office if you would like to reserve a date for a memorial.

## St. Luke's Thrift Shop

Good quality clothing is needed. Donations may be dropped off at the Thrift Shop, Tuesdays between 10:30 am and 1:30 pm or placed outside the Thrift Shop door anytime. Please no books, cassettes or video tapes!

## Music Program at St. Luke's



Our music program is one of the highlights of our services at St. Luke's. Help us continue to bring in talented

musicians by making a designated offering to the St. Luke's Music Fund. Thank you!

## Children's Christmas Pageant

One of the highlights of our year is our **Children's Christmas Pageant**, which will be held on Sunday, December 13th in our Parish Hall

immediately following our 10:00 am Service. If you are interested in having your child participate, please contact Allison Trotta at 646-505-8197.



## Coffee Hour



Join us at Coffee Hour every Sunday immediately following the 10 am service. All are welcome! Volunteers are needed to host this special gathering. Speak with Betty MacDonald or call her (676-4211) for more info.

## November Birthdays

*"Happy, happy birthday from all of us to you!"*

- 7<sup>TH</sup> Lisa Spina
- 8<sup>th</sup> Kathleen Mackney
- 8<sup>th</sup> Igor Webb
- 13<sup>th</sup> Katherine Spina
- 14<sup>th</sup> Janette Heurtley
- 15<sup>th</sup> Luke Salditt
- 15<sup>th</sup> Matthew Salditt
- 17<sup>th</sup> Jason Tastensen
- 18<sup>th</sup> Benjamin Webb
- 21<sup>st</sup> Lucinda Hurley
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Rebecca Webb
- 27<sup>th</sup> Marianne Walters-Webb
- 30<sup>th</sup> Vivienne Treiber



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## November Anniversaries

*"May your anniversary remind you of the love that brought you together"*

- 4<sup>th</sup> Dee and Ed Doxey
- 9<sup>th</sup> Ginnie and Bruce Treiber
- 11<sup>th</sup> Nancy and Peter Rose



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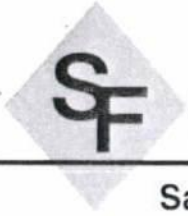
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