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The Shepherd

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Around the Parish Yard:

I just returned from eight days at a CREDO conference hosted by the Church Pension Fund. We attended to items pertinent to senior parochial clergy (both practical & spiritual) and how to live with God's call on our lives? Nearly all of what we prayed over and discussed together are topical for us at St. Luke's.

We live in a world that is preposterously complicated, individualized and increasingly uncertain. Our institutions and relationships among individuals in the public domain seem to challenge our assumptions we are predisposed to daily. While this has become part of daily life; our experience of who 'we are' as individuals, people in communities of faith and civic life, has been further eroded by events, terrors, and tragedy that previously have been unimagined. I cannot help but reflect on the most recent event of gun violence and murder that took place at the Pulse Night Club in Orlando. These things are brought into our lives with breathtaking speed by our media and communication technologies.

In this new paradigm of terror, greed, injustice, incivility, wickedness, and inhumanity it becomes difficult to see objectively what our lives are about; with God becoming more and more distant from our eyes. So...I want to leave you with this truth.

In Christ, we can find the balance, strength and resolve we are looking for in these challenging times. We can find true riches that last and bring to our families things that are true. Jesus said that those who are faithful in the little things...would be faithful in much. He was telling people then, as he is telling us now, not to be filled with the things that happen randomly in the world, but pay attention to fixing the things of evil and injustice, by attending to all the small things around us we can directly affect as ambassadors of Christ.

We as individuals and families are thirsty for paths in life that are **true**, **holy** and of **God**. People in a very real sense are looking to find the '***heartbeat of goodness***'. This summer...let us take time to look for those truths in the face of Christ; by living with and being part of St. Luke's Sea Cliff. The love and affection of heaven be with you...

David+

Upcoming Events:

June 19	Vestry Meeting, immediately following 9:00 service
June 21	Summer Solstice Party at Rectory, 6:30 pm to ??
September 11	Opening Day of Sunday School and Welcome Back Picnic

Summer Schedule has begun!

Just a reminder, our Summer Schedule has begun with one Sunday Service at 9:00 am followed by coffee hour.



Summer Solstice Party...Father David and Betty are hosting a Summer Solstice Party on Tuesday, June 21 from 6:30 to ??. Please bring a dish to share.

Sunday School News



We take a break from Sunday School in the Summer, but children of all ages are welcomed at our Sunday service.

For those who want it, our Nursery program is staffed and ready to go at 8:50 am each Sunday. Children under the age of 6 can play in the Nursery while their parents relax and enjoy the service.

Sunday School will begin again on September 11, complete with our annual Welcome Back Picnic.

Our Sunday School curriculum is an Episcopal Church, lectionary-based Christian curriculum. The curriculum integrates art, theater, games and music to teach the Bible in an uplifting, age-appropriate way.

A couple of times a year we have "Youth Sundays", where our youth lead the church service along with the Pastor. They perform the readings, serve as acolytes, and greet parishioners as they arrive to the service. It's a great opportunity for all our children to learn more about how the service comes together and feel ownership of their church.

Jammin' in the Kitchen...It's that time again! Join us for jam making every **Wednesday at 9:30 am** in St. Luke's Kitchen. All are welcome, kids too! No experience necessary - on the job training provided. If you would like more information, please contact Janette Heurtley at 671-4696.



Do you have any jars left from last year? Please recycle jam and jelly jars by washing and returning them to the Parish Kitchen.

Help us get the word out about St. Luke's



In an effort to better inform the community about all we do here at St. Luke's, **we will be operating an information table at the Farmer's Market this Summer.** We will be handing out brochures about our parish and offering a free raffle of a plant each week. Please volunteer for a Saturday (June-August 10am-12pm) to sit at our St. Luke's Table. Contact the office or sign up on our signup sheet by [clicking this link](#).

Summer Coffee Hour follows the 9:00 am service every Sunday. Thank you to all who have done this year after year for our St. Luke's family. Many Sundays are still open with nobody having volunteered. If you would consider volunteering for these Sunday Coffee Hours, it would be greatly appreciated.



Summer Music...We would like to include music in our Summer services but we need donations to make it possible. If you would like to help us add music this Summer, please make a donation and clearly indicate that it is for "Summer Music".



Mutual Concerns Food Pantry

Our local food pantry desperately needs donations of food and paper goods to help local families in need. Donations may be placed in the basket in the Narthex. Please check the expiration dates – the pantry cannot accept expired food.



Sunday School Community Project

Our Sunday School is working with the Sea Cliff Methodist Church to support "**Operation Christmas Child.**" Each family in our congregation is asked to donate one shoe box filled with toys and necessities. The shoe boxes will be delivered to the Methodist Church in November to be shipped off to an orphanage overseas. For more information, contact Laura Franco or Kristine Janusas.



Altar Flowers and Sanctuary Light
Bulletin 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. Costume jewelry is a very popular item. 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!



Birthdays

"Happy, Happy Birthday from all of us to you!"

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| June | 2 | Catherine Salditt |
| | 4 | Jane McGrady Sheils |
| | 5 | Peter Treiber |
| | 6 | Shaun Convey |
| | 10 | Jesse Thurman |
| | 12 | Lanie Ganzenmuller |
| | 14 | June Scheu |
| | 14 | Sabrina Moussazadeh |
| | 16 | Sarah Webb |
| | 19 | Maxwell Rieger |
| | 24 | Daniel Leich |
| | 26 | Peter Mutee |
| | 27 | Richard Siegel |
| | 27 | Allison Trotta |
| | 29 | Vanessa Hawkins |
| July | 2 | Peter Ganzenmuller |
| | 4 | Michael Mackney |
| | 4 | Beth Rieger |
| | 13 | Samantha Treiber |
| | 18 | Carole Muttee |
| | 22 | Kristine Janusas |
| | 22 | John Nagy |
| | 28 | Edward Seelig |



Anniversaries

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| June | 11 | Debra & Lance Thoet |
| | 12 | Arlene & Douglas O'Dell |
| | 15 | Jill & Rich Salditt |
| | 17 | Kristine & Andrew Janusas |
| | 22 | Marilyn & Bryan Anthony |
| July | 1 | Beth & Rich Siegel |
| | 3 | Jane & Terrance Sheils |
| | 31 | Lanie & Peter Ganzenmuller |



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