

October 5, 2016

The Shepherd

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Around the Parish Yard:

First, let me wish each of you who read these words, a happy Thanksgiving which is just around the corner. This national holiday marks a time for us to appreciate the goodness of this fine country, our many blessings and the beginning of the road to Christmas and New Year's Day. It is also the time of year that our liturgical season moves toward Advent; and to ponder the wonder and breadth of love of God. God's unfolding story of the promise of redemption is the headline in Advent. The coming of the Messiah in Christ is the stage for hope, joy and peace.

We live in a world that is averse to an advent of expectation, particularly in things of spirituality. Yet, if there is a main theme in the coming weeks, it is in the coming promise of God's salvation. Too bring the God of all things from 'outside' our daily experience, into our spirits might be something we consider with more intentionality. This can be done through reading scripture daily, taking time to reflect on what Christ means to us, and think about attending a 'quiet day' that will be offered on Saturday, November 10th here at the church.

Advent is about the hunger of men and women for God. It is about avoiding the things of life that shield us from his presence. And because it is helpful for us to have some direction as we move towards this goal; I would supply you with some words written by St. Augustine nearly sixteen centuries ago that express just this sentiment.

"How late I came to you, o beauty so ancient and so fresh, how late I came to love you! You were within me...yet I had gone outside to seek you. Unlovely myself, I rushed toward all those lovely things you had made. And always you were within me, and I was not it you.

All these beauties kept me far from you...although they would not have existed at all unless they had their being in you. You called, you cried, you shattered my deafness. You sparkled, you blazed, you drove away my blindness. You shed your fragrance, and I drew in my breath and panted for you. I tasted...

Now...I hunger and thirst. You touched me, and how I burn for your peace. I was outside...but you were always within."

We are soon to move into the season of the Advent of our Lord. It is the season for preparation. The season that takes us along the path that points us to the love of God's process to send us salvation. Too bring God from outside of us...into us. The love and affection of heaven be with you.

Fr. David+

Zombie Flamingo Fundraiser

Our Sunday School will be running a fun fundraiser during the month of October. You can send 6 giant skeleton flamingoes to a friend, either anonymously or with a greeting. If you would like to order a flamingo “ghosting”, contact Kristine Janusas.



Mark your calendars! Our **Annual Fall Bazaar** will be held on **Saturday, November 5** from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. We need help working at the booths and helping us serve lunch. To volunteer for a shift, please sign up on our signup sheet in the Parish Hall or contact the Parish Office.



Raffle items needed for our Fall Bazaar!

Please consider a donation to the raffle table of either a complete basket of goods or items that can be combined with other donations (we keep the value of the baskets or grouping at a value of \$50 to \$75). **All items must be new.** Some ideas are:

- Gift cards to restaurants, shops, stores, nail or hair salons, barbers, etc.
- Wines and other accessories
- Holiday décor items
- Jewelry
- Golf or other sport items
- Toys (school age boy and girl)
- Baby
- Items or gift cards that would appeal to a teen

If you have any questions, please contact Bruce Treiber. Also, if you receive a donation from a local business, please let Bruce know ASAP so we don't ask them for another.

Thanksgiving Baskets



Our **Sunday School** will be collecting food for baskets to donate to Mutual Concerns at Thanksgiving. For every basket filled with food Sunday School will donate one turkey (supermarket gift card) per basket. Baskets will be put together on **Tuesday,**

November 22. For information, contact Jackie Thoet at (516) 656-0433.

Adopt-a-Family



St. Luke's assignment for families in the Diocesan-wide "**Adopt-A-Family**" for the **Christmas holiday** will be announced as soon as we receive the information! We should receive that information at the beginning of November. Your co-chairs will prepare the index cards and sign-up sheets within a few days of our assignments, so look for announcements at church services and in the November Shepherd.

Thank you very much for all your help to make the holiday season warmer and happy for those less fortunate than us!

If you have any questions, please feel free to call: Ginnie Treiber at 671-9209 or Debbie Pierce at 759-9342.

The Good Samaritan Fund is running low and your donations are greatly needed! Please help us help a well-known St. Luke's family facing a serious illness. All amounts are welcomed.



Daughters of the King...The Daughters of the King will meet in the rector's office **Monday, November 7 at 7:00 pm.**

Vestry Meeting

The Vestry will meet in the Rector's Office on Sunday, October 16 following the 10:00 am service.

Music Program at St. Luke's...Our music program is an important part of our services here at St. Luke's. Please consider making a designated offering to allow us to continue offering soloists and other musicians during our services.



Every Member Canvass...We will be beginning our **2017 Canvass** within the next few weeks. Many thanks to Bryan Anthony for taking on this important task!



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.

October Birthdays

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



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| 7 | Barbara Truesdell |
| 8 | Eileen Baltrus |
| 13 | Vivienne Smith |
| 16 | Debbie Pierce |
| 17 | Glen Bunce |
| 20 | Rachel Lieu |
| 21 | Joe Rydzewski |
| 26 | Tyler Rieger |
| 27 | Emily Mastrota |
| 28 | Olivia Aikman |

October Anniversaries



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| 3 | Betty & David MacDonald |
| 10 | Beth & Gerry Rieger |
| 12 | Carole & Peter Muttee |

Coffee Hour

We hope you will join us for coffee hour immediately following the 10:00 am service every Sunday. Thank you to all who have done this year after year for our St. Luke's family. Please consider volunteering for these Sunday Coffee Hours, it would be greatly appreciated.



Ushers Needed

If you are interested in becoming an usher, please contact John Nagy.

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.



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