



ST. LUKE'S WINGS

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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FROM ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

November 2008

11/1	Toni's Kitchen Dinner and Musical, 6pm
11/2	All Saints' Sunday Eucharist, 8 & 10am
11/2	Adult Forum, noon
11/4	Bible Study, noon
11/5	Meet Mark, 6:30pm
11/7	SLYP Rehearsal resume, 7:30pm
11/8	Budget Summit
11/8	Senior Ministries' Hospice Workshop
11/9	Episcopal 101, noon
11/11	Bible Study, noon
11/11	Finance, 8pm
11/12	Meet Mark, 6:30pm
11/14-11/16	Vestry Retreat, Holy Cross
11/16	Episcopal 102, noon
11/18	Bible Study, noon
11/18	Vestry, 7:30pm
11/23	1 st Communion & Junior Choir, 10am
11/23	Episcopal 103, noon
11/25	Bible Study, noon
11/24	Healing Group, 7:30pm
11/25	Bible Study, noon
11/27-28	Thanksgiving Holiday, Church Office Closed
11/27	Thanksgiving, Toni's Kitchen Closed
11/30	Advent Wreath Making, noon

Change for Change

In November I hope we will all hear a lot about Stewardship. Stewardship is joyful acts of thanksgiving in response to all that God has given us – so the month of November seems the perfect time to celebrate these and other thanksgivings and the change it can bring to our lives and others.

Last year we listed some of the many things that we are thankful for. The list was long and heartfelt and can still be found on our website. Undoubtedly the past year has brought us new things for which we can give thanks as we look at the many ways God has touched our lives.

We are changed when we remind ourselves and each other to give thanks to God for our blessings. It is this powerful change through our acts of stewardship that I want to focus on this year as we think about how and why we give back to God. We are changed when we give and we change the lives of others when we give.

Our financial gifts to God through St. Luke's allow us to continue and expand our ministry into the world. It allows us to be a safe place for us and our children to learn about God and ask questions. It is a place where we can experience God's grace through the beauty and majesty of Episcopal worship and through the community gathered. We are changed each time we come to communion and each time we allow others into our lives.

Our annual pledges also allow the incredible outreach ministries to touch the lives of others in our community. In 2008 nearly one-quarter of every dollar of our operating expenses went to support our outreach efforts. This includes Toni's Kitchen, the Second Time Around Shop, our pledge to the Diocese of Newark, our Action in Ministry grants and other gifts given by St. Luke's.

It is clear that the work of God through St. Luke's changes the life of others, but it is our own transformation through giving that is also an important part of stewardship. When we give back to God, we acknowledge that we are not in control and we owe our lives to God. Sometimes it takes a crisis to make this apparent. Sometime it just takes giving to remind ourselves that there is something more to our existence. When we give we let go of something that we want in faith that there is something more.

When talking with people who give, they readily acknowledge how giving and giving to God has changed their lives. It is both a challenge and an opportunity. We each have the opportunity to respond joyfully and willingly as we ask God to be the primary agent for change in our lives. Our gifts change us and our world for the better. How much are you willing to change?

The Rev.  John A. Mennell

NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

SLYP Needs You – Countdown to Christmas Musical - only 6 Friday Rehearsals Remain!

SLYP (St. Luke's Youth Players) is a group of young people from about age 6 and up who meet on Fridays in the Assembly Room from 7:30 to 8:30 pm. We



currently are working on *Light of the World*, our Christmas pageant. If you are a child who would like to be in and sing in the Christmas pageant, a preteen who would like a special part in the production (speaking, instrumental, or solos), or a teen who is willing to assist and support the production in any way, we want to see you at rehearsal!

The remaining dates are: November 7, 14, 21 and December 5, 12, 19. (Note: no rehearsal November 28). There will be one or two Saturday rehearsals as we near the production date of Sunday, December 21.

If you need more information, please contact Charlene Dalton (c wd914@aol.com) or Kathy DeWalt (dewalt@slechurch.org) Hope to see you!

Fall Is A Bargain At The Second Time Around Shop

The leaves shimmer in brilliant colors, turkey gobble fills the air, and Fall's abundance spills from the Shop. The Holiday Season is almost upon us and the Second Time Around Shop should be at the top of your shopping list. Our color palette is rich in autumn hues, we have a great collection of furs and leather goods, and Thanksgiving decor graces our tables. If this array of goodies were not tempting enough, we're having a fantastic half price sale on November 19, 20 and 22.

In response to popular demand, the Shop will open from 10 to 3 on Election Day, Tuesday, November 4. Please stop in after you cast your vote.

The Shop will be closed Thanksgiving week. We wish all our friends a wonderfully heartfelt Thanksgiving Holiday.

Shop Hours:

Wednesday and Thursday	10:00 am – 3:00 pm
Saturday	10:00 am - 12:30 pm

BIRTHDAYS

11/1	Rainey Ferdinand
11/4	Ellie McNamara
11/4	Dave Woods
11/8	Henri Marguet
11/16	Gina Sideris
11/18	Sara Wheelwright
11/20	Marcelle Gaia

ANNIVERSARIES

11/2	Kathy & Jarius DeWalt
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FLOWER MEMORIALS

10/5	In loving memory of Daniel J. "Sully" Sullivan, friend of John Mennell.
10/12	In thanksgiving for the birthday of Merri Collins by Doug & Wyndie Eberle.
10/19	In loving memory of Joseph A. Mannion on the 20th anniversary of his death by the Mannion Family.
10/19	In thanksgiving for the long friendship with Mary & Herb Donovan by Marjorie Brown, for "The Big Din."
10/26	In loving memory of Cynthia Fehnel by Doug & Wyndie Eberle and the Fehnel Family.
11/2	In loving memory of Thomas Owen McLaughlin, Isabel Martin McLaughlin, Isabel McLaughlin Bayard and Mary Martin McLaughlin by Rosanne Morey.
11/2	In thanksgiving for the birthday of Kim Januszewski by Doug & Wyndie Eberle.
11/16	In loving memory of her beloved son, Russell D. Graham III by Lynne Graham.
11/23	In loving memory of Grace & Charles Frey by Gordon Frey.

Help Wanted: Altar Guild

If you would like to serve as a member of the Altar Guild, please contact Martha Thalheimer at thalheimer@slechurch.org

Help Wanted: Liturgical Assistants

If you would like to serve as a Chalice Bearer, Worship Assistant, Acolyte or Torch Bearer, please contact Janet Hager at hager@slechurch.org

Budget Summit

On November 8, at 10:00 am, vestry members and committee chairs are asked to come to the Great Room for discussion and help in shaping the 2009 budget.

Hospice: Is it too soon to talk about it?

Diocesan Senior Ministries invites you to a program about Hospice on Saturday, November 8, 2008 from 10:00–11:30 a.m. in the Assembly Hall.

We are proud to welcome our speaker Brother Adrian Gill, R.N. who is a 37-year member of the Order of the Holy Cross whose ministry is hospice nursing. This is the first in a series of lectures concerning “End of Life Preparations.”

Kindly let us know you plan to attend. By email or by telephone: The Rev. Oscar Mockridge, mockridge@msn.com, 973-325-3090; Hope Lampe, hhlam@aol.com, 973-665-1463.

Lectionary Bible Study

 Tuesdays, November 4, 11, 18, 25, 12:00 noon in the Great Room

Lections by date:

11/4	Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25, Psalm 78:1-7 1, Thessalonians 4:13-18, Matthew 25:1-13
11/11	Judges 4:1-7, Psalm 123, 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11, Matthew 25:14-30
11/18	Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24, Psalm 100, Ephesians 1:15-23, Matthew 25:31-46
11/25	Isaiah 64:1-9, Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18, 1 Corinthians 1:3-9, Mark 13:24-37

Read MARK and Learn

 Wednesdays, November 5, 12, 19, 6:30 pm in the Assembly Hall

Lections by date:

11/5	Mark 5:21-43	11/19	Mark 6:30-56
11/12	Mark 6:1-29	11/26	No Bible Study

Training for Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers

 November 13, 20, & December 4, 6:15 p.m. - 7: 30 p.m.

Training for Districts 5, 7, & 10 will take place at Grace Church in Nutley, 200 Highfield Lane, Nutley. A Eucharistic Minister is a lay person authorized to administer the Consecrated Elements at the Celebration of the Holy Eucharist. Lectors read the lessons during worship. Topics will include proper use of the voice, basic liturgy, and the rubrics governing these vital ministries. Contact John Mennell at mennell@slechurch.org before signing up.

First Communion

 November 23, 10:00 a.m.

The First Communion class will receive Communion on November 23. Contact Kathy DeWalt at dewalt@slechurch.org for more information.

Christ Child Project

St. Luke's people will provide help to the Youth Consultation Service Therapeutic Learning Center for eight families and Christmas gifts for other children in the TLC. Forms indicating the needs of the families and lists of suitable presents will be available from Rosanne Morey in mid-November. The St. Luke's Choir with guidance from Stephanie Borsi has, for many years, provided toiletries for the eighteen men living at the Diocesan Apostle's House in Newark. This year, the Choir would welcome having members of the congregation contribute individual toilet articles to augment what they do. The Train to receive the gifts, will placed in the Church on Advent I (November 30).

Stella Osemwegie, Director of TLC, will come to St. Luke's to talk about the Program and how important it is to have this relationship with St. Luke's. See Rosanne Morey for more information.

Blood Platelet Drive returns to St. Luke's

On Monday, December 1st, St. Luke's will be hosting an apheresis drive for NJ Blood Services. Instead of whole blood, the donor gives a certain part, usually platelets or plasma, to be used by patients with cancer, leukemia, burns or shock. Recently, the shelf life for platelets was shortened from 7 to 5 days, so there is an even greater need. Those who can donate are asked to call 1-800-933-BLOOD (2566) for an appointment at 3:00, 5:00 or 7:00 pm. Please do your part to help save lives.

Coming in December to St. Luke's

December 7, 11:30 am - 4:00 pm	Fair Trade Sale: Get some of your Christmas (and Christmas decoration) shopping done with Fair Trade Items and benefit Toni's Kitchen.
December 7, 4:00 pm	The Messiah: The Baroque Chorale under the direction of Dr. Bertye Johnson presents Handel's Messiah. Mark your calendars and get there early.
December 14, 5:00 pm	Lessons & Carols: A wonderful service of nine Lessons from the King James Version of the Bible interspersed with a variety of lovely, inspiring Christmas music sung by the Senior Choir. Come to the service and then join us afterward for a simple candlelit supper of homemade soup and bread.
December 20 9:00 am - 11:30 am	Breakfast with Santa: All are welcome to meet the big guy - please sign up (email dewalt@slechurch.org with how many children and how many adults in each group - there is no fee but sign up is required.
December 21, 10:00 am	SLYP Christmas Pageant: The Light of the World will be presented during the 10:00 am service.

THIS THANKSGIVING, WE GIVE THANKS FOR:



← Lessons & Carols

July 4th Parade →



Breakfast with Santa →



Many, many Baptisms



The St. Luke's Day Big Din and ALL OF YOU!

