

St. Luke's News



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The Bikes Are Coming!



Volunteers are needed to park motorcycles at St. Luke's on Friday July 1 and Saturday July 2 from 8 am to 5 pm during the Hollister Independence Rally. It's not only a successful fundraiser for St. Luke's but also a lot of fun. If you can spend a few hours helping please contact Dee Sigismund (wdcwl@aol.com) ASAP as the rally is less than a month away and we are trying to determine if we will have enough volunteers to participate this year. We need volunteers to help set the week before and at least 3-5 volunteers per hour on the days of the event.

BEER AND WINE STROLL

St. Luke's participation in the Hollister Beer and Wine Stroll on May 7th was a huge success. Almost 750 people signed up for



the stroll which paired 24 local businesses with local wineries or craft beers. Although St. Luke's was

officially the last stop on the stroll there were likely over 200 people who visited the church along their route. St. Luke's was one of the few stops that had a place for participants to relax and enjoy the day. Participants in the stroll walked through the church and were able to view the pre-school and ask St. Luke's members questions about the church and the Episcopal faith. Many participants commented on how beautiful the church was and how they were glad to have had the opportunity to walk through the beautiful chapel.



Coffee Hour Hosts Needed

If you are interested in being put on the coffee hour host list please contact the office.

VESTRY UPDATE

The Vestry met on May 17th. An update was given on preschool licensing. The licensing agency visited on May 5th to look at the new space. There were a number of small improvements needed, mainly involving locks and latches, before they sign off on the expansion. Preschool ends on May 27th. The summer school program will run 3 days a week in the morning, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from May 31- June 23. We are currently publicizing the preschool enrollment for fall. Upcoming open houses are scheduled for Wednesday June 22 and Sunday August 14. If you can

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help with these open houses please contact Director Sonya Espinola.

Carol and her helpers have been rolling out the Godly Play curriculum during Children's Chapel. The kids really like it.

The Buildings and Grounds committee reported to the Vestry that accessibility upgrades to the front of the Parish are a priority for the committee and a preliminary sketch was shown. They also reported that the siding on the northwest corner of the church needs treatment for termites. The plywood at the gap between the sacristy and the church will be replaced with siding.

The Vestry discussed forming a Logistics Committee to help with the weekly transitions between the preschool and Sunday coffee hour. This discussion will continue with collaboration with the preschool staff.

The next Vestry Meeting will be on June 21

FEELINGS ABOUT CHANGE

By Dee Sigismond

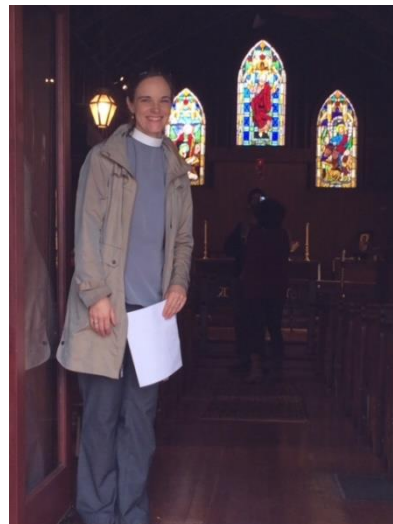
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Change and transition is constant in parish life. Pastoral transition is a normal part of church life and there are many articles written on the subject in an attempt to help congregations deal with this change. Almost all change, even when the change is chosen, takes a period of adjustment. For church

congregations the change of a rector can be one of the most disquieting times. Anxious feelings experienced by members of the church during these times of change are very normal.

We need to pay attention to our feelings as they can help us deepen our relationships with each other and strengthen our feelings of community. According to author Robin Hammeal –Urban, “Identifying how we feel can give us information about what we need to do. For example, if I identify that I am feeling sad, this can inform me that I am experiencing or anticipating a real or perceived loss and that I need to find comfort and/or support”.

In the article “We’re getting a new Pastor! What can I do?” by Joe Lovino the three phases of transition: ending, the neutral zone, and new beginning are discussed.



Each member can participate in every stage. For the ending stage he describes how saying goodbye to your current pastor may be emotionally challenging but it is necessary.

There are many ways to say goodbye, pray for your current pastor and trust God to help you through the process, lend a hand to your pastor and their family in their moving

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process, give an appropriate gift, attend the farewell and say a personal goodbye.

The neutral zone is time for the congregations to continue to help with the transition by preparing for your new pastor. This entails learning about your incoming pastor and looking for ways to connect with them.

After saying goodbye and working through the neutral zone it is now time to say hello to the new pastor. It is important to be open to change as the new priest will do things differently than Reverend Amy, and that's ok. We need to expect the best and use our individual gifts to help the new pastor be successful.

This time will be difficult for us but we will get through it together with God's help. As Reverend Amy is answering her new call from God, there is a new call for St. Luke's from God. Our new priest has already been chosen by God. It is now up to us to trust and God and patient with the process.



"Gather Round" July Journey

Led by Rev Ardyss Golden

Music led by Allen Alstad

Potluck supper from 6 to 7PM

Program 7 to 8PM

Wednesdays in July

A time to gather around one another in scripture, stories and songs... Rejoicing in the fact that Jesus is in the center of it all...Please RSVP to Rev Ardyss
Email... ardyss@earthlink.net

If you would like to come early and help with set up or bring something to share at the potluck please send me an e-mail or call [831 297-7577](tel:8312977577)



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THE MEANING OF GOOD-BYE

By Rev. Amy

I announced this last Sunday that after 7 ½ years at St. Luke's, I have discerned and accepted a call to become the rector of Grace Episcopal Church, St. Helena. I am doing well and the church is doing well; I am ready for new challenges, and I believe with all my heart that God has a new call for St. Luke's as well. My last Sunday at St. Luke's will be 7/31.

So now as we enter into our last two months together at St. Luke's, I'm reflecting on the meaning of "goodbye." From hospice workers I learned that there are five things that are helpful say to loved ones as they prepare to enter into larger life: "Thank you," "I love you," "I'm sorry," "I forgive you," and "Goodbye."

Our parting as priest and people at St. Luke's has many of these same elements. I want you to know how tremendously grateful I am for the time we have had together, for the ways in which you have formed me as a priest and for all of your love and support for me and for my family. And I love you—I will always love you, hold this community in my heart and in my prayers. I'll be rooting for you from afar! We have loved each other well, but as we are human beings, not perfectly. For the times I may have hurt or disappointed you, I am sorry. And for any hurt or disappointments I have carried, there is plentiful forgiveness.

"Goodbye" comes from the contracted old English phrase for "God be with ye." It's not quite time to say goodbye yet—we have almost two more months together! But as

we draw close to the time we prepare to part, we place each other in God's hands. God be with you—God bless you, God hold you, God lead you, God wrap you in God's love, and send you forth in the power of the Spirit to share God's love with a world that needs it so very much.



Resilience

By Sharon Hudnell

*Though bowed,
You are not broken.
Though stretched,
You're strong, my friend.
You are resilient like a willow-
You'll find your spring again.
Though your branches
Now weigh heavy,
Your rods go deep and true.
This is just a change of season-
God has better plans for you.*

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June Upcoming Events

- 6/11 Brotherhood of St. Andrew-8AM, Jerry's Restaurant
- 6/11 Diocese of El Camino Real "Discovery Day: My Call--Lay, Priest, or Deacon?"- 10AM-3PM, St. Paul's, Salinas. The first step in the formal ordination process and an interesting day of discernment for all. \$10 donation at the door covers lunch. Email dotfuller@aol.com by 6/7 to register; put Discovery Day in the subject & mention St. Luke's.
- 6/12 School's Out Celebration! 11AM-1PM BBQ, bounce house, balloons, and the youth will help lead the 10AM service. Help us celebrate teachers, students, and summer!
- 6/14 Two or More for Lunch-12PM, Aromas Café
- 6/19 "Jersey Sunday" in honor of Father's Day! Wear your favorite team's gear to church, then get home and watch the game! (We promise an extra-short sermon, Dads!)
- 6/22 St. Luke's Hosts the Hollister Downtown Association "Nibble & Network before 9" from 8AM-9AM, Parish Hall AND Preschool Open House, 9AM-12PM--Let us know if you can help out hosting either of these events!
- 6/22 Prayer Shawl Meet-2PM, Joan Destefanis' Home
- 6/26 MISSION SUNDAY! We'll hear about how much the St. Luke's community means in the lives of parishioners at both services, and have a drawing for a thank-you gift from all Second Mile Pledge forms turned in to date!



July Upcoming Events

- 7/1-7/2 Hollister Independence Rally-A major fundraiser for St. Luke's! Contact Dee Sigismond to sign up to help. wdcwl@aol.com
- 7/6 Taize Service-CANCELLED FOR JULY
- 7/6 "Gather Round" A Journey in Scripture, Prayer and Song, 6-7 pm Supper, 7-8 pm Program. To RSVP or help out please call, email or text the Rev. Ardyss Golden ardyss@earthlink.net 831-297-7577
- 7/7 COPA Democracy Institute: Inequality in our Region, 6:30-8:30- Watsonville First United Methodist, 229 Stanford St., Watsonville. A car from St. Luke's will be going; let Vince Zuniga know if you're interested (831) 801-8145.
- 7/9 Brotherhood of St. Andrew- 8AM, Jerry's Restaurant
- 7/10 COPA Core Team Meeting, After 10AM service
- 7/12 Two or More for Lunch-12PM
- 7/13 "Gather Round" Journey in Scripture, Prayer and Song, 6-7 pm Supper, 7-8 pm Program. To RSVP or help out please call, email or text The Rev. Ardyss Golden ardyss@earthlink.net (831)297-7577
- 7/18 Soup Group. Soup Group Making Soup! 4 pm Ros Flint's Home
- 7/20 "Gather Round" Journey in Scripture, Prayer and Song, 6-7 pm Supper, 7-8 pm Program. To RSVP or help out please call, email or text The Rev. Ardyss Golden
- 7/27 Prayer Shawl Meet- 2PM, Alvey Home, Gilroy
- 7/27 "Gather Round" Journey in Scripture, Prayer and Song, 6-7 pm Supper, 7-8 pm Program. To RSVP or help out please call, email or text The Rev. Ardyss Golden ardyss@earthlink.net (831)297-7577
- 7/31 ONE SERVICE AT 9 a for Rev. Amy's Last Sunday. 4-7 pm Farewell Celebration