

St. Luke's Messenger



Vision Statement: "St. Luke's is a Christian Community
Called to vital, ever-deepening relationship with Christ and neighbor."

April 2012

Around St. Luke's.....



A recent visitor to St. Luke's!



Thank you Hill and Dina for the
adult forum on praying.



Bach Festival 2012

A Wonderful Tribute to Ed Anderson!



From the Interim Rector.....

Dear Companions on the Way,

I use a distinctive prayer to begin every sermon; it is a prayer that has been part of my own daily prayer life for many years. The prayer is by the former Presiding Bishop of the church; Frank Griswold. It begins with a reference to the fundamental Christian mystery of participating in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ (I have included the text of the prayer below). As we enter into the observance of Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter, I pray that the experiences and events of our worship do indeed open our lives to the wonderful mystery of Christ's life alive in us.

It is also special this year to see the unique opportunities that open to us because of being in an interim time between Rectors. Easter is full of the promise of new life and rebirth; and I believe that during an interim time is a perfect time to embrace that promise at a new depth. Easter symbols, such as eggs and flowers, remind us of the new thing that God is about to do. It is time in the life of St. Luke's to start to imagine and contemplate the new things God wants to bring forth in the life of this congregation.

Interim time can sometimes be like the fallow time or barren time of winter when the plants and ground rest in stillness. Some of the old growth is pruned back and the old leaves and grass return back to the soil; but then new shoots appear and bulbs and flowers poke up through the earth. They call us to return to our gardens and encourage the process along. I sense at St. Luke's that there is a sense of anticipation starting to emerge.

I would like to invite you to consider that the new thing that God would bring forth at St. Luke's is not so much focused on a new Rector, but a renewed focus on Mission and Ministry. The new Rector will be the one to encourage and bless the ministry that belongs to the whole church. So this might be a time to think about what we need to do in order to make the future growth abundant and healthy. What is the congregational equivalent of tilling and fertilizing? That is our work now.

I would say that prayer is our most important work now. Prayer for St. Luke's, prayer for the discernment process leading to the call of a new Rector, and prayer for new life and energy in our ministries. Think of your prayers as the water and sunshine that falls upon soil latent with new life – or even the “dark guest in my soul”. Candidates for Rector will be asking what is God doing in this congregation at this time. Now is the time to identify new shoots and new life in the existing growth.

May the promise of Easter come to a new fullness in you this year and may Easter remind us of what God is specifically doing at St. Luke's at this moment.

Lord Jesus Christ,

Live out in me
- in all that I am
and have yet to become –
the full mystery of your death
and resurrection.

Help me to yield all

By showing me and teaching me to welcome all,
Especially the dark guest within my soul.

Stretch and transform me

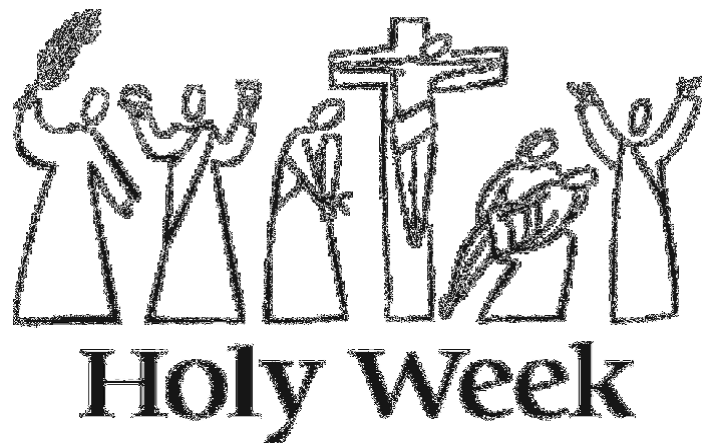
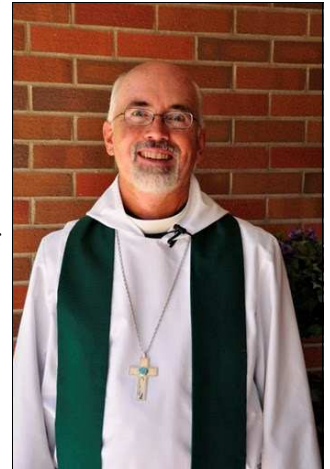
by the power of your love,
that I may find myself
and see myself in you,
in your beauty.

Amen.

*The Most Reverend Frank T. Griswold III
XXV Presiding Bishop*

Shalom,

Andrew Cooley, Interim Rector



We need donations of wrapped Easter Candy for the Easter Egg Hunt.

If you can donate wrapped candy, please place in the Easter Basket on the table in the Narthex.



Adult Forum beginning April 15th 9:30am Sunday mornings in the Parish Hall

The Apostles Creed; A look at its origin and its relevance to our lives today. We will be looking at a series of award-winning DVD segments by producer-director T.N. Mohan. Each Sunday we will look at a short DVD and then engage in discussion led by Fr. Andrew Cooley. The programs demonstrate the timeless power and importance of the Creed and feature an international and interdenominational cast of notable theologians.

Friends and Spirit

When: April 13th (Note: 2nd Friday this month since the first Friday is Good Friday.)
Where: Larry & Amy Meger, 5805 Fossil Creek Pkwy, Fort Collins, 223-7125
What to bring: Bring an appetizer to share and a beverage if you desire one.



The Vestry is looking for Delegates for the Diocesan Convention this fall.

Please speak to Jeff Fryer or any of the Vestry members if this is a way that you might be able to serve the church.

Lectionary Bible Study with the Rector:

Every Tuesday the Lectionary Bible Study continues at 12Noon in the Library. Fr. Andrew is offering a Bible Study using the lessons appointed for our worship the following Sundays.

B.Y.O.Lunch

"Bridges to Contemplative Living with Thomas Merton"

This program is ongoing Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. at St. Luke's. Each session would include about 20 minutes of silent meditation, then some readings from Thomas Merton and other sources, and then a method of engaging with the texts, the silence and each other called "contemplative dialogue."

From your Treasurer.....

Your generosity and faithfulness are appreciated; it is because of your participation that St. Luke's offers ministry in Christ's name. Our income from contributions has been below our budget expectation so far this year. Your efforts to keep your pledge commitment current are greatly appreciated.

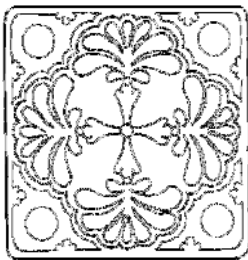


Music Camp 2012 is coming! St. Luke's Fourth Annual *Music Camp* Registration begins March 1st! Registration forms are available at: <http://www.stlukesfc.org/choirs-camp>. Early registration is due May 1st. Music Camp is August 6-12, 2012. The children will be learning a Christmas musical during Camp this year. We hope to use this musical again at St. Luke's in the future on Christmas Eve as our Christmas Pageant in combination with the Brown Bag Pageant. Registration for Camp is limited and does fill up quickly. Please contact Tamara Schmiede for more information musicdirector@stlukesfc.org or 970-493-7512 x 206.

The Cherub Choir will sing in worship at 9:00 a.m. on Easter Sunday, April 8th. Rehearsal will be on Sunday, April 1st at 12:00-1:00 p.m. Snacks (crackers & cheese) will be provided at rehearsal. Cherub Choir is open to all children age 4 through 1st grade. Please contact Tamara Schmiede for more information musicdirector@stlukesfc.org or 970-493-7512 x 206.



Music at St. Luke's Season Finale: Sunday, May 20 at 4:00 p.m. Organ Recital performed by Dr. Tamara Schmiede at St. Luke's Episcopal Church. This is the first time in five years that Dr. Schmiede will be performing a full-length concert on the *Music at St. Luke's* concert series. *Free of charge & open to the public*



RESHUFFLE OF FALL FOYERS GROUPS

The current Foyers Groups, which are meeting through March, will be reshuffled and begin as new groups for April, May and (if group chooses) through the summer. This is an opportunity for you to meet new friends and/or renew old acquaintances. It is also an opportunity for anyone who was unable to participate in the Fall groups to be part of the Spring groups as well as a wonderful time to include any newcomers to St. Luke's.

Everyone currently participating should have received an email or letter explaining the reshuffle and requesting a reply with regard to participation by March 12th so the information on the new groups can go out by March 19th.

Come and enjoy being part of Foyers and all it does to strengthen the bonds of fellowship within St. Luke's. Anyone who is interested or has questions, please contact Cindy Hohl at : 68cinma7275@gmail.com or 970-292-8622

Health Ministry – Blood Pressure Clinic

The blood pressure clinic normally done the 2nd. Sunday of the Month will be held on April 1. This is because Easter falls on the 2nd Sunday. The May blood pressure clinic will be May 3, because the second Sunday in May is Mother's Day. In June we will be back to our regular schedule of the 2nd Sunday of each month.

Dates for events in the Community:

Laudamus Chamber Chorale performs "A New Creation", Saturday March 31 at 7:00pm at Zion Lutheran Church in Loveland and again on Sunday April 1 at 3:00pm at Redeemer Lutheran in Ft. Collins.

Rocky Mountain Chamber Sings Presents "America, America!", Saturday April 14th at 7:30pm at St. John's Lutheran Church in Ft. Collins, and Sunday April 15th at 2:00pm at the Rialto Theater in Loveland.

"Compassion, Justice and Immigration 2012," sponsored by Fort Collins Area Interfaith Council, the Interfaith Immigrant Rights Coalition of Northern Colorado, Foothills Unitarian Church, and Plymouth Congregational Church, U.C.C. This program will address issues impacting immigrants and our Northern Colorado community. Five panelists will bring experience and training to offer perspective on local immigrant issues. Break-out groups following the panel discussion will allow time for questions and discussion on action opportunities. Sunday, April 22, 2012, from 3-5 p.m., Plymouth Congregational Church, U.C.C., 916 West Prospect Road, Fort Collins. For more information, call Mary Kay Graver, 377-2893 or Karen Smith, 282-9015.

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MISSION TRIP, 2012 to New Orleans

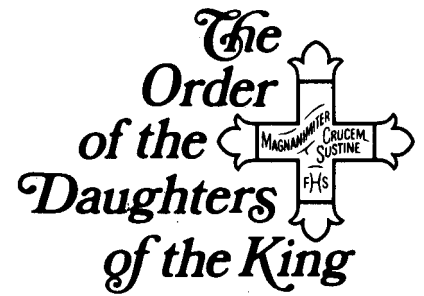
June 9-14. Applications for the trip and the \$200 deposit need to be submitted to Bob and Tamara Rowland ASAP as there are only 50 slots available. (These 50 slots are

pooled from 11 CO churches. There were 48 youth who went last year from 4 churches.) Slots are filling up quickly and all late applications will be put on a waiting list so if youth are planning to go, we need their information and money right away.

SLY Nights (St. Luke's Youth) are weekly hang out times for the youth, grades 6-12 **every Wednesday in the youth room from 6:30-7:30.** We are currently studying The Apostles Creed. Please come and bring your friends for a fun time of discussion, prayer, snacks (pizza on the second Wednesday of the month!), and hang time. See you there!



"Daughters of the King has changed their meeting times again. The evening meeting was not well-attended, so we are returning to the old schedule of having two morning meetings each month. We will meet on the 2nd and 4th Monday mornings from 10:30-noon in the library. Ladies who are interested in the Daughters of the King are welcome to attend our meetings as guests!"
 New Officers were installed at their February 27th meeting: They are: President: Shirley Sprinkle, VP Ronda Simmons, Secretary Phyllis Easley and Treasurer: Lynn Leedy.



St. Luke's "Singles on the go" is a fun, informal social group for parishioners 55 and over. We gather each Tuesday morning at 9:30 at the coffee shop at Sunflower Market. On the second Tuesday of each month we go to dinner at a local restaurant. On April 10 we will go to Casa De Los Amigos, 1015 S. Taft Hill Rd. RSVP to Gail McKenzie, at 482-8052.

On April 1st we said good bye to a long time member of St. Luke's, Dr. Robert Shideler or better know as 'Dr. Bob'.
 He is moving to Mississippi to be closer to family. Please join us in the parish hall following the 8:00am service to wish him farewell and Godspeed.
 Dr. Bob Shideler
 P.O. Box 837
 Batesville, MS 38606



If you would like to make a contribution in Memory or in Thanksgiving, please fill out this form and enclose with your contribution, or contact the church office at 493-7512. Thanks so much!

Contribution for Easter Lilies
 Due by Palm Sunday, April 1, 2012

In Memory of _____

In Thanksgiving _____

Name: _____

Telephone Number: _____

**Make checks payable to St. Luke's and
 return to the St. Luke's Parish Office no later than
Sunday, April 1, 2012
 2000 Stover Street
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**Prayer for Transition**

Lord, you trace our journeys and our resting-places, and are acquainted with all our ways. Be present with your people at St. Luke's Church and guide Andrew, the search team, the vestry and all who will lead us through our transition. Raise up a faithful pastor who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries. In all things help us to see that you are always with us and calling us to a deeper life in you; all this we pray in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Holy Week and Easter Schedule

Morning Prayer

Tuesdays through April 3 at 7:00am in the Chapel

Evening Prayer

Wednesdays at 6:30pm in the Chapel



Palm Sunday

The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

April 1

8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Maundy Thursday

April 5 7:00 p.m.



Good Friday

April 6

12:00 p.m. Proper Liturgy
5:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Easter Eve*

April 7 8:00 p.m.

The Sunday of the Resurrection, Easter Day

April 8

9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Easter Egg Hunt at 10:00am
** This service will include incense*

