

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Morning Prayer is said Mon-Fri at 9 am in the office.

Wed	09/28	7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study 11:30 a.m. WEDNESDAY GROUP - undercroft 5:15 p.m. Evening Prayer – Chapel
Thurs	09/29	7:00 a.m. HE & prayers for healing-Chapel 8:15 a.m. Women's Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Contemplative Prayer - Library 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Thrift Shop Open 7:00 p.m. BBSM Doctrinal Theology @ Grace 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
Fri	09/30	10:00 a.m. – 12 noon Head Start program 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Thrift Shop Open 12:00 p.m. Pie Baking 5:30 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal
Sat	10/01	10:00 a.m. – 1:00 pm. Thrift Shop Open 4:00 p.m. Ludwig/Mesmer Wedding
SUN	10/02	8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist - Chapel
20 PENT		9:00 a.m. Christian Education 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist - Church guest preacher, The Rev. Adam Trembly 10:00 a.m. Men's Kayaking- Jones & Gifford 7:00 p.m. Journeymen meeting @ Bumsted's
Mon	10/03	5:15 p.m. Evening Prayer - Chapel
Tues	10/04	9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon Thrift Shop Receiving St. Francis 5:15 p.m. Evening Prayer – Chapel 6:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship w/ Blessing of the Animals - Courtyard 6:30 p.m. SLY (aka St. Luke's YOUTH) 7:00p.m.Pre-Convention Workshop @ Fredonia
Wed	10/05	7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study 8:00 a.m. Pie Baking – kitchen 5:15 p.m. Evening Prayer – Chapel

St. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Rt. Rev. J. Michael Garrison, Bishop of Western New York. The Rev. Eric M. Williams, Rector. The Rev. Susan Anslow Williams, Associate Rector. The Rev. J. A. Ross Mackenzie, Priest Associate. The Rev. Sandra Dower, Priest Associate. The Rev. Dcn. Cathleen Basile. R. Richard Corbin, Organist/Choir Director. Joshua Stafford, Associate Organist/Artist in Residence. Kim Johnstone Mann, Parish Secretary. Barbara Bumsted, Director of Christian Formation. Kay Stahlman, Bookkeeper. Scott Kelwaski, Sexton, John Flood and Karen Collins, Wardens. Office: 410

The Episcopal Church Welcomes...Families

Six years ago, during the interim, St. Luke's made a profound change. Children were included in the entire worship service. This change has been a wonderful, but it has also challenged both parents and other parishioners to deal with the exuberance of kids in a very controlled setting.

So where are we after six years? Kids who come regularly really have learned how to behave in church. On the whole our kids are remarkably good in church. Many of them actually look forward to coming. Many parents, however, still struggle with the double pressure of keeping their kids quiet and engaged, and the perception that other adults are disturbed by their presence. This pressure has led parents to say from time to time, "I can't get anything out of church."

In response we have continued to make some adjustments at 10 a.m., adding a children's homily in the chapel during the Gospel and sermon. But more is needed. I believe that some of our families with young kids do not yet feel truly a part of the congregation. They tend to sit on the side, out of the way, able to beat a hasty retreat if necessary. Some of them still feel like visitors in someone else's church.

If we are to be a healthy growing church, our families and kids need to be at the heart of our congregation and our worship, especially at 10 a.m. I dream of a day when young children are at the center of our church, both literally and figuratively. It is often said that children are the future of the church, but that is not right. Our baptismal faith teaches us that children are the church right now. And I believe our worship ought to continue to reflect that.

This means thinking "out of the box." In our parish plan we have a worship committee which is working on the

goal of “joyful worship in the Anglican tradition.” Here are some out of the box thoughts along those lines.

What if we redesigned the front pews just for children? What if older adults adopted kids to sit with in church to give harried parents a break? (That certainly has been a blessing for Susan and me, and for Margaret and Emily!) What if a gifted parishioner or two worked on creating a children’s choir? What if...? I hope you will help us ask these important questions and find the important answers.

Faithfully,
Eric M. Williams

Stewardship Program--What St. Luke’s Means to Me

The theme chosen for this year’s stewardship program is “What St. Luke’s means to me.” Several of our parishioners have agreed to share a little of what St. Luke’s means to them, taking a couple of moments to describe something that is special about St. Luke’s.

This Sunday, October 2 we will have a special guest preacher. **The Rev. Adam Trambley** is rector of Trinity Memorial Church in Warren, PA and chairman of the Stewardship Task Force in the Diocese of Northwestern PA. Mother Susan will be in Warren as part of a “pulpit swap” that day.

That week we will be sending out our annual stewardship letter, along with testimonies by more parishioners about what this church means to them.

Finally, on **October 16** we will have our annual “Joyful Sunday” celebration and pledge ingathering. There will be one combined service at 9:00 am, followed by a delicious brunch provided by the Men of St. Luke’s.

I ask that when you receive your stewardship letter you pause for a few moments and think of the many ways that St. Luke’s is special to you. I also invite you to join me in bringing in your pledge card on Joyful Sunday, the 16th.

Faithfully,
David Dower, *Stewardship Chairman*

At 9:00 this Sunday, Oct. 2:

Church School classes continue to enjoy creatively the story of the Loaves and Fishes. (How many fish can you spot in church this week?)

Blue Group: Bible Adventures (Undercroft)

Red Group: Bread of Heaven (Undercroft)

Green Group: Scripture Tent (Parish House)

Parents’ Support Group, especially for those with church-school age children, meets in the Library.

Adult Forum continues its series on “Jamestown Through the Eyes of...” and this week will feature Jamestown Mayor **Sam Teresi** and Captain **Lee Davis** of the Jamestown Police Department. Be sure to join us as we discuss “Jamestown Through the Eyes of City Hall.” This is your opportunity to talk with some of our community leaders. See you on Sunday at 9:00, on the Undercroft Stage!

Nursery Caregiver Wanted

Our long-time childcare-worker Shashi Sahai will be moving with her family to the Washington DC area at the beginning of October. So we will need to hire a new Nursery person. We’ll be advertising, but if parishioners know of someone with experience who would like to earn some money on Sundays and occasional evenings, please have her (or him) contact Mother Susan at the parish office. The pay is \$10 an hour, from 8:45 – 11:45 a.m. (sometimes later if there is a meeting) on Sundays.

Habla Español?

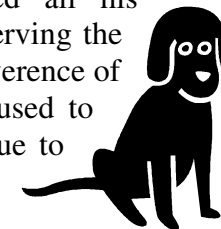
Miss Brianna Johnson is offering conversational Spanish class for 12 weeks this fall. Classes will begin on Wednesday, September 28th, 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the parish house. If you are interested, please speak with Brianna on Sunday or give her a call. There is a fee for materials.



ALL MEN Join us SUNDAY, OCT 2 for water fun! Men of St. Luke’s meet at McRae Point, the outlet on Jones & Gifford, at 10 a.m. Sunday, Oct 2nd for a day of lake fun, Holy Communion and lunch. There are a limited number of boats available, so please let Dan

Anderson (763-1168) know if you plan to go. Bring a life jacket and bottled water, and dress appropriately for the weather.

St. Francis of Assisi & Blessing of the Animals
This **Tuesday, October 4th at 6 p.m.**, we will celebrate the feast of St. Francis with the ever popular ***Blessing of the Animals*** in the courtyard. Bring your pets... appropriately leashed or contained, please! Francis, born in Italy in 1182, was the son of a prosperous merchant. He was greatly moved by his encounters with the poor and the outcast, and he renounced all his possessions and devoted his life to serving the poor. Best known for his love and reverence of all God’s creatures, Francis even refused to step on an ant because it was of value to God. Help us give thanks for all creatures on Tuesday evening.



A Generous Response for Hurricane Katrina Relief

As of September 22, we have collected \$1,728 for Hurricane Katrina Relief through Episcopal Relief and Development. This is in addition to money sent directly to ERD by parishioners (one of whom sent a check for \$1,000). Money has also been raised to help relatives of parishioners Jeanne Green and Donna Phillippi. That amount stands at \$1,110. Thank you so much for your incredibly generous response!

Mark your calendars! The St. Luke’s Youth auction will be held on Saturday, November 19th, in the undercroft of the church. It will be from 4:00-7:00pm. All proceeds will benefit the SLY members mission trips. Donations are greatly appreciated!