

# ACTS of ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

JULY & AUGUST 2023



**Deb Marks**

## ***Thinking About St. Luke's***

June is a month when I find myself waxing nostalgic. I remember the excitement and promise of summer when school finished at the end of June. There was a sense of wonder at having completed another year, and for about three seconds, I thought about the next grade I would advance to in September. I hope that students still feel a sense of satisfaction at the close of a school year, along with hopeful anticipation for the summer.

To be clear, my summers held no exotic destinations or adventures. My early school-age summers consisted mostly of running through lawn sprinklers, playing outdoors with neighborhood friends, and sitting in the shade to read: simple pleasures.

What does summer hold for us at St. Luke's?

A quick glance at the website calendar (\*) shows that St. Luke's ministries continue to be available for parishioners. Some ministries don their Summer Mode. Choir, for example, switches from Wednesday night rehearsals to Sunday morning drop-in. News and opportunities from various ministries are ongoing and updated in this *ACTS* edition, the weekly parish e-news, and the Sunday bulletin Hot News. It's summer, but St. Luke's remains a community united to serve.

Although parishioners may be away for travel, there will still be Ushers to greet us, Readers to share scripture, and Eucharistic Ministers to give communion. As always, we all share the opportunity to welcome visitors and newcomers to St. Luke's. Thanks to Jessica's careful planning for her sabbatical, we will hear a variety of reflections from visiting clergy and parishioners; and lay-led prayer and conversation continue on Saturdays at 5 pm. Thankfully, our Deacon, Rev. Lesley Krauland, is with us throughout the summer to provide pastoral care.

There is always much that goes on "behind the scenes" at St. Luke's, and those important ministries also remain active throughout the summer. The table will be set and flower arrangements of thanksgiving will brighten the sanctuary. Our grounds are so consistently spectacular that I'm often in danger of taking them for granted, forgetting about the many hours of volunteer labor given to tending all of the gardens. Quietly but consistently, a small group of dedicated parishioners carry out a Herculean amount of building and grounds maintenance. I hesitate to try naming everything that is continuing to happen throughout the summer, for fear of leaving anything out.

*(Summer, continued on page 3)*

(\*) <https://www.stlukesbethesda.org/calendar>

**PARISH**

**July Birthdays**

Wyman Stone	1
Sandy Bjork	4
Deb Marks	6
Tine Stone	10
April Dodier	13
Susie Casson	15
Karen Schneider	16
Holly Stone	17
Jan Allnutt	17
Treva Miller	20
Amy Sloan	23
Jenny Bradley	27
Julie Paisley	29

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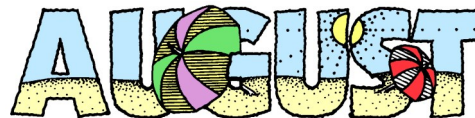
**July Special Dates**

4 July	Independence Day Office closed
8 July	Garden Guild workday
9 July	Family Fun Day
11 July	Lunch and Conversation
14 July	New Leaf Shelter dinner
18 July	Book Lovers
20 July	Donations drop-off

**August Birthdays**

Colette Nichols	1
Steve Lowe	1
Kaya Le Boudier	3
Ched Bradley	6
Ben Katulis	12
Alison Rouleau	15
Jessica Hitchcock	15
Robin Woollatt	16
Anne Elsbree	20
Zina South	22
Claire Milhollin	25
Victoria Muth	25
Mary Gant	30
Seamus Welsh	30
Sue Williams	31

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**August Special Dates**

3 August	Donations drop-off
8 August	Lunch and Conversation
11 August	New Leaf Shelter dinner
17 August	Donations drop-off
28 August	MCPS School begins
28 August - 1 September	Office closed

The ACTS is now distributed electronically using the email address that we have for you on file in the office. If you did not receive it, please update your email address at [admin@stlukesbethesda.org](mailto:admin@stlukesbethesda.org).

If you do not see your birthday listed during the year, please contact the office.

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## PARISH

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*(Summer, continued from page 1)*

I hope that you feel a sense of satisfaction and hopeful anticipation for the summer months. Although there may be a relaxed atmosphere, please know that St. Luke's is still here for you and for the community beyond. And unlike school-aged me, many ministries are spending more than three seconds considering the next season: praying to discern God's vision of how we can *be* the church.

Remember to wear sunscreen.

*Deb*

### **Flower Guild Needs More People**



In the last year, the Flower Guild has had some people drop off our roster. Additionally, some of us are away part of the year, have health issues, or are caring for an ill family member.

We are hoping that a few more people will join us. **Ideally, we should be a group of twelve or more who would work in teams every 4 to 6 weeks.** We schedule ourselves to fit this service around our family, professional lives, and travel.

Being on the Flower Guild is a creative and spiritual opportunity to enhance the worship experience at St. Luke's. Please feel free to talk with any one of us about volunteering for this important aspect of our worship services.

Not sure if you're "qualified?" Don't worry . . . we train!

*Dawn Armstrong*

*Jenny Bradley*

*Tay Hahn*

*Sylvia Lu, Co-Chair*

*Catherine Nellist*

*Barbara Roybal*

*Meg Shematz*

*Holly Stone, Chair*

*Theresa Wambach*

### **LUNCH AND CONVERSATION**

Join us on **Tuesday, July 11**, and **Tuesday, August 8**, for the two summer meetings of the Lunch and Conversation group. We meet in the Reaves Room at 12 noon for a shared brown bag lunch and conversation—an opportunity for people who attend the various different services at St. Luke's to get together for an extended time to renew old friendships and make new ones. This is a perfect time for fellowship, and we welcome anyone who has time to attend during the summer. As an added enticement, there is generally an abundance of goodies offered.

Questions? Please contact either Judy Rice or Marie Holbrook.



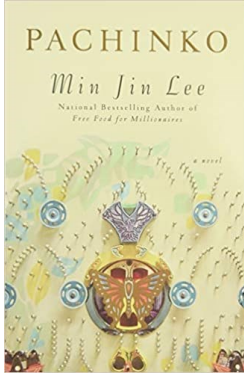
*Marie Holbrook*

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### BOOK LOVERS



Book Lovers will be meeting in person in the Reaves Room at St. Luke's on **Tuesday, July 18, at 1 pm**, to discuss Min Jin Lee's *Pachinko*. The discussion will be led by Marie Holbrook. You are welcome to come at 12:30 pm and bring your lunch to have some social time before the discussion.

**A *New York Times* Top Ten Book of the Year and National Book Award finalist, *Pachinko* is an "extraordinary epic" of four generations of a poor Korean immigrant family as they fight to control their destiny in 20<sup>th</sup>-century Japan (*San Francisco Chronicle*).**

Here is the Book Lovers schedule for the rest of 2023:

Tuesday, September 19: ***A Waiter in Paris*** by Edward Chisholm

Tuesday, November 28: ***Lincoln Highway*** by Amor Towles

Everyone is welcome to join. Please email Nancy Reding to get on the Book Lovers email list or if you'd like to lead the discussion of a featured book.

Nancy Reding

### SUPPER GROUP

The SUPPER GROUP hosted by Soumaia and Patrick at the end of June was such a **success** that we immediately scheduled the **next** one!

WHEN: **Saturday, September 9** 6:00 pm

WHERE: Home of Elizabeth and Walt Tinling  
South of Jones Mill Rd. near Walter Reed Nat'l. Military Medical Center

WHO: **ALL** adult St. Luke's parishioners, their friends, neighbors, and family are invited to this purely social periodic **potluck**.

WHY:

1. Fabulous food (you wouldn't *believe* the cooks in this parish . . . !)
2. Get acquainted, renew acquaintances, form and maintain friendships
3. Get support for the hard work of being a decent, loving human being
4. Jesus will be there; he guaranteed his presence wherever 2 or 3 are gathered.

Please contact Elizabeth to ask what is needed: entrée, salad or side-dish, or dessert.

**Please bring your own wine/beer of choice** as well as your appetite for food, fun, and fellowship. Other beverages will be provided.

It won't be the same if YOU're not there. JOIN US!

Treva Miller

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## PARISH

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### ***Vestry Nominating Committee***

The Vestry has commissioned a Nominating Committee to seek out candidates for election to Vestry, Jr. Warden, and Delegate to Diocesan Convention.

Please contact any member of the Nominating Committee or Vestry with questions or thoughts. Nominating Committee members:

Steve Lowe (Chair), Linda Freeman, Andi Pringle, Mary Kimelblatt, and Mike Bernier



### ***EfM GRADUATES***

St. Luke's has 4 new graduates of the Education for Ministry (EfM) program. Congratulations to Deb Marks, Jenny Bradley, Phil Taylor, and Marie Holbrook for completing this program. Amanda Freeman is in her last year and will graduate next year.

EfM, a 4-year program of the School of Theology of the University of the South, is designed to deepen understanding of our religion. Participants attend a 2-hour weekly session during the academic year. In addition to the discussions there are readings and written work on which the discussions are based. Yes, it is a major commitment of time and energy, but the completion of the program by so many individuals attests to its value for us.

An in-depth exploration of the Old Testament is the focus of Year One. Year Two concentrates on the New Testament, Year Three is a complete history of the church, and Year Four focuses on theology. We are all looking for new ways to continue our exploration of our religious beliefs, so this is just the beginning of a journey for us individually.

If you are interested in learning more about the EfM program, please talk to any of us; we would be more than willing to discuss our experiences with you. The programs are generally composed of a small group of individuals who do not necessarily all attend the same church, but commit to the group for the four years, if possible. It is definitely a very rewarding experience, and we look forward to sharing our thoughts on the program with you.

*Marie Holbrook*

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## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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### ***Interfaith Works New Leaf Shelter***

Once a month for almost 30 years, the parishioners of St. Luke's Episcopal Church have prepared a Friday dinner for the clients of the Bethesda Men's Shelter (which became the Dorothy Day Transitional Shelter in Rockville). Catholic Charities ran this program as a life raft for people who were committed to work toward self-support but had no source of immediate support. Unfortunately, Catholic Charities lost the lease to the Marinelli building about a year ago, and that program ended.

**Enter Interfaith Works (IW).** They have shouldered the dinner program we had supported for so long and added it to their many other impressive commitments. SLC is now supporting the **New Leaf Shelter**, serving both men and women—with only one hitch: instead of requiring only 16 servings of dinner from each of the volunteer groups, they now need 30. Gulp.

Enter Chevy Chase Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). They, like us, had long supported the Men's Shelter and were equally disappointed with its closing. They jumped at the chance to join us while maintaining the commitment to 15-16 (not 30!) servings to which they were accustomed. Teamwork!

Our dinner commitment is for the **second Friday of every month**. **We usually have 2 parishioners prepare chicken (for 8 dinners, apiece) and one person, each, prepare a salad, a vegetable, rice, and dessert for 15. On the odd-numbered months (July, September, November, etc.), one of the chicken people provides a vegetarian entrée (provider's choice) instead.** Providers who wish to be substitutes, only are warmly welcomed. The dishes can be brought to the St. Luke's downstairs refrigerator **by 1 pm** on the second Friday of the month and they will be delivered to the shelter for dinner. If you live closer to the shelter than to church (5320 Marinelli Road, Rockville), feel free to deliver directly there. There are limited spaces available if you would like to *serve* the clients in person.

Volunteers can sign up for one or as many months as they would like by contacting Clay or Treva. If you are interested in participating in this dinner program or need more information, please contact them.

For our first delivery on July 14, we're reaching out to volunteers by phone. We could still use a few more cooks. Join us in celebrating SLC's return to this particular worthwhile form of Community Engagement.

*Clay Miller*

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### ***Meet the New Head of the Bishop Walker School for Boys, Dr. Angelina Arrington***

On July 1, Dr. Angelina Arrington will begin her tenure as Head of the Bishop Walker School for Boys (BWS)—a tuition-free Episcopal school located in Southeast DC serving boys in grades K-5. She was unanimously recommended by the Search Committee and Board of Trustees to the Diocese of Washington, who enthusiastically concurred.

Dr. Arrington spent 10 years in elementary school classrooms in both public and independent schools in the Los Angeles area, including a year as a reading instructor in Compton, and serving as a mentor teacher. Then she was an assistant head of school for nine years, most recently at St. James Episcopal School in Los Angeles. Her responsibilities included curriculum development, establishing a stronger faculty mentoring system, implementing parent education initiatives, and supervising outplacement for 6th graders. Her familiarity with Episcopal schools connects her deeply with Bishop Walker’s identity and values.

She holds a Doctor of Education degree in Policy, Organization, and Leadership from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Her research activities have taken her to the Caribbean and Africa, and she spent time in Ghana this spring as a West African Research Association post-doc fellow conducting classroom ethnographies and researching the effectiveness of progressive education reform in formalistic, rural Ghanaian classrooms.

St. Luke’s looks forward to welcoming Dr. Arrington as her schedule allows. In the meantime, ***please watch the E-News and other announcements for information on this summer’s school supply drive to benefit BWS!*** Stay tuned for further details regarding a potential BWS campus tour and Dr. Arrington’s installation at the National Cathedral later this fall.

Please join the BWS family and the Diocese of Washington in giving thanks for the service of departing Head of School Mike Molina as he returns to the Gilman School in Baltimore. Mike secured full accreditation for BWS amidst the toughest days of the pandemic—truly a remarkable accomplishment—while maintaining food security for families, managing distance learning, and nurturing alumni. Thank you, Mike, and welcome, Angelina!

*Marta Montoro and Melissa Oppenheimer*



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### Samaritan Ministry of Greater Washington *Empower Our Neighbors in Need 2023 Drive*

#### Toiletries Drive

Please consider donating these much-needed (full-sized) toiletry items: toothpaste, bar soap, lotion, body wash, deodorant, disposable razors, shaving cream/gel.

Please leave toiletry items in the collection box in the foyer, or in the outdoor collection bins (code 1800).

Toiletry donations will be collected June 18—July 16.

#### Volunteer Opportunities:

SMGW has a number of opportunities available for those interested in volunteering, including Front Office Coordinator, Volunteer Casework Associate, Employment Specialist Assistant, Academic Tutors, Digital Literacy Trainer, Toiletries Coordinator, and Clothing Closet Coordinator. Details are available online at <https://samaritanministry.org/volunteer/>, and by contacting Sy Jones, Volunteer Manager at [sjones@samaritanministry.org](mailto:sjones@samaritanministry.org).

#### SMGW Book Club Titles

The SMGW Volunteer Book Club was established by volunteers taking the required Anti-Racism Trainings. Whether or not you are actively involved in this process, these book titles may be of interest:

- Wade in the Water*, by Nyani Nkrumah (2023)
- The World According to Fannie Davis*, by Bridgett M. Davis (2019)
- Somebody, Someday: A Journey of Homelessness, Faith & Friendship*, by Joyce Holmes (2020)
- The Man Who Came Uptown*, by George Pelecanos (2018)
- Playing in the Dark: Whiteness and the Literary Imagination*, by Toni Morrison (1993)
- Chocolate City: A History of Race and Democracy in the Nation's Capital*, by Chris Myers Asch and George Derek Musgrave (2019)

Questions? Contact Deb Marks.

*Deb Marks*



**FINANCE**

**FINANCE REPORT MAY 2023**

	<b>2023 Budget</b>	<b>'23 Actual Thru May</b>	<b>% of '23 Budget *</b>
<b><u>REVENUE</u></b>			
Offering Plate	\$ 20,000	\$ 6,060	30%
Pledge Payments	425,716	249,453	59%
Donations for Facilities	45,000	26,052	58%
Altar Flower Donations	4,000	2,646	66%
Gifts/Grants for Operations		8,840	
Miscellaneous		65	
<b>Operating Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 494,716</b>	<b>\$ 293,116</b>	<b>60%</b>
<b><u>EXPENSES</u></b>			
Compensations	\$ 385,466	\$ 159,068	42%
Church Activities	22,500	4,915	22%
Parish Operations	99,200	41,034	42%
Community Engagement	20,000	8,400	42%
Diocesan Giving	50,000	20,835	42%
<b>Operating Expenses</b>	<b>577,166</b>	<b>234,252</b>	<b>41%</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>(82,450)</b>	<b>58,864</b>	
<b>Additional Funding – reserves</b>	<b>82,450</b>	<b>0</b>	
	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 58,864</b>	

**ENDOWMENT FUND BALANCE**

\$140,929

\* YTD May = 42% of the year

**Finance Ministry News:** Our financial position at the 2023 fiscal year midpoint is stable, as we begin looking forward to next year. Soon we will be asking ministry chairs and parish members to think about the financial needs of St. Luke’s programs and activities to guide us in developing a budget for 2024.

*If you need to be reimbursed for a purchase or need the Treasurer to pay an invoice, please send an email to the office at [admin@stlukesbethesda.org](mailto:admin@stlukesbethesda.org) and include the receipt, the amount, and the purpose for the expense. All requests for extra money or donations by committees, individuals, or church members, should have prior approval of the Vestry before solicitation.*

*Sandy Swab, Treasurer*

## CALENDAR

### July 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>25</b> <b>8:30am</b> <b>Worship Service</b> <b>(in person only)</b> <b>10:00am</b> <b>Worship Service</b> <b>(in person &amp; Zoom)</b> 5:00pm Private event 8:30pm Youth AA	<b>26</b> 8:00pm Men's AA	<b>27</b> 10:30am Staff Meeting 7:30pm Suicide Bereavement Group	<b>28</b> <b>12:00pm</b> <b>Noonday</b> <b>Prayer</b> <b>(Zoom)</b> 3:00pm Private lessons 7:00pm Dog training	<b>29</b> 3:00pm Private lessons 7:30pm Dog training 8:00pm Women's AA	<b>30</b>	<b>1</b> 2:30pm Dog training 6:30pm Private event
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# ACTS OF ST LUKE'S



May 1992

From the Rector:

Marian Hawkins has written a wonderful reflection on the Jeanne Hoagland Memorial Garden, I know you will enjoy it.

## THE MINISTRY OF THE GARDENERS

Yesterday as I stood in the Memorial Garden at the beginning of the Palm Sunday Service, I was filled with a sense of comfort and joy. Many of us have relatives and friends whose ashes are buried in the garden, and the presence of those loved ones is felt there. Whether one judges that presence to be a spiritual experience or a recollection of memories varies with the individual.

This Palm Sunday was a warm, almost lush day -- one that can occur on Palm Sundays in Washington only if Easter comes late in its cycle. Spring flowers were in bloom, and I knew that they would be followed by a continuous procession of blossoms until late in the Fall. What a glorious garden!

People picnic there, they bask in the sunshine, they sleep on the benches, they meditate, they remember, they are comforted. Children play joyfully and boisterously, happily unconcerned about why the garden exists. The garden bears witness to the history of St. Luke's Church, for among its residents are the ashes of some who were original members of the parish.

Although the garden is a memorial not only to its namesake Jeanne Hoagland, but to others as well, its very existence, its creation, and its continual care are due to the work and love and devotion of the Garden Guild. This group, mostly women, and a few men, through the years has given endlessly of time and talents and elbow grease. (I can offer praise freely because I have never lifted a finger in the garden except to cut flowers for the altar!).

On this Palm Sunday I realized that the ministry of the gardeners to the parish and to the community is unequalled. How blessed St. Luke's Church is!

Marian Hawkins

... and 30 years later, the **Garden Guild** is still lovingly devoted to the Memorial Garden.

All interested parishioners are welcome to join us for our next workday on **July 8, 9 am to noon.**

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