

HOT NEWS

July 2, 2023

St. Luke's Episcopal Church

WELCOME!

Are you new or visiting St. Luke's? We are glad to have you join us in this celebration of God's hope for our lives and dream for the world: LOVE! If you want more information or to speak with a priest, please complete a Voice from the Pew Card located in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate OR email Lesley

Children are fully welcomed in worship!

We have nursery care available from 8:45 - 11 am, but it is totally optional.

Masks are strongly encouraged.

Samaritan Ministry of Greater Washington
Empower Our Neighbors in Need 2023



Toiletries Drive—Please consider donating these much-needed toiletry items.

ITEMS (Full-Size): Toothpaste, Lotion, Bar Soap, Body Wash, Deodorant, Disposable Razors, Shaving Cream &/or Gel

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

WHEN: Toiletry donations will be collected until July 16th.



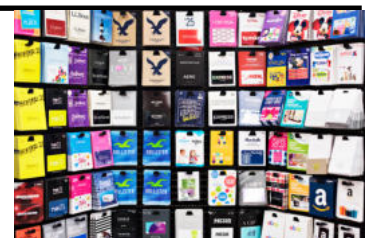
Vestry Nominating Committee

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.

Gift Cards for New Leaf Shelter Guests

Interfaith Works New Leaf Shelter (formerly the men's shelter where we used to provide monthly meals) is hosting a barbecue for its guests on the 4th of July. As part of the celebration, IW would like to give out gift cards to the shelter guests.

They are looking for \$25 Target gift cards. There is a box just inside the red doors of the church where you can drop off any gift cards. If you would like to donate money, please contact Miranda Marks at 605-929-0200 or mirandamarks18@hotmail.com.





Some Summer Volunteer Opportunities!

Friday Morning Food Distributions - Volunteer/SSL Opportunity!

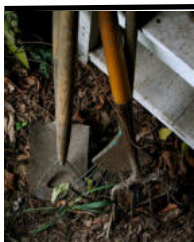
Help pack fresh produce at our food distributions EVERY Friday morning **from 7:30am-9:30am at the TPSS Coop** (201 Ethan Allen Ave, Takoma Park, MD 20912). Then on the 1st and 3rd Fridays stay to help pack and distribute produce to families in need **from 9am to 11:30am at the Takoma Park Seventh Day Adventist Church** (6810 Eastern Ave NW, Washington, DC 20012) – or just meet there! MCPS students can earn SSL hours, and this activity is a great way to be of service to your community. Questions? Please contact Deacon Lesley Krauland at lesley@stlukesbethesda.org or Marta Montoro at montoro75@yahoo.com



Summer Pick-Up Choir (and instruments too!)

Looking for a low-stress way to be part of the music ministry? We'll have a

"pickup choir" over the summer - the only rehearsal is at 9:30 on Sunday mornings, and all are welcome!



Garden Guild News

The Garden Guild is a volunteer group that maintains the gardens on the church grounds. We are a very welcoming group and encourage those who love to garden, or who

want to learn more about gardening, to join us during our monthly workdays. It's a great way to pick up gardening tips, get some exercise, and enjoy God's beautiful creation. So please consider joining us for one or more of our workdays. The next workday is scheduled for Saturday, July 8, 9 am-12 noon. All parishioners are welcome to join us. The time commitment is flexible- come for all or part of the time and bring tools, if you can. Please mark your calendar and plan to join us!

For more information, please contact Susie Casson at scasson@comcast.net.

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 of two once a month (or five, or six weeks). We schedule ourselves to fit this 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



Family Fun Day!

Join us next Sunday (July 9) after the 10 a.m. service for some all-ages

fun. The theme is **Water, Water Everywhere!**

Looking for Pastoral Care While Jessica is Gone?



If you have a pastoral need or are experiencing a pastoral emergency while Jessica is gone, please contact me, Lesley, by email (lesley@stlukesbethesda.org) or by phone (301-395-8141).



It's All About Love: A Festival for the Jesus Movement

Join with the Episcopal Church for a churchwide festival of worship, learning, community, and action for the Episcopal branch of the Jesus Movement, to be held Sunday, July 9 through Wednesday, July 12, at the Baltimore Convention Center.

For more information, visit <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/its-all-about-love/>