

St. Luke's Messenger



Dear Parish Family

April 2015

Spring has sprung! And, especially after the cold and rainy winter we've had, it is so welcome!



Greg Kronz
Rector

There is a good chance that, because of the "brutal" winter in the Northeast, we will be seeing lots of tourists this Spring and Summer. In April, with Holy Week and Easter, Spring breaks and Heritage, the Island will be "buzzing" with activity. As you have both

heard and read, the word "Lent" means "spring," and of course, "life" and blessings that flow after the deprivation of Lent (for those who took on a discipline, or "gave up" some treat for Lent).

In early April (and, actually, the last few days of March) we celebrate Holy Week, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. While people will be "rewarding" themselves for having survived a brutal winter or the challenges of school or work with a "break," how many will be mindful of the "reward" that Jesus has won for us on the Cross, and the promise secured by the Resurrection. And, even though people may pause briefly, what lasting impact will the gifts of the Cross and Resurrection have on people's lives?

When the truth and reality of the Gospel enters one's heart, there is "evidence" or "fruit" of a touched heart and a changed life.

As much as Lent is to be a time, as the Ash Wednesday service says, of "self-examination," I wonder if Good Friday and Easter cause the same? I invite you to ask yourself some questions during Holy Week and Easter: "Does my life reflect the gift of the Cross and the power of the Resurrection?" and "Does my life have a quality, a joy, a love, a holiness that differs from people who are not committed to Jesus?" and even, "Does my life reflect the self-sacrificial love of Jesus in how I use my time, spend my life and resources?"

The world encourages us to "reward" ourselves, particularly after a challenge or trial. Do we live in such a way where the "rewards" that come eternally reflect a quality of life that is constantly growing with the love of Jesus, the love of others, and the power (and fruit) of the Holy Spirit?

St. Luke's offers so much to us in terms of wonderful worship, blessed and anointed preaching and teaching of the Word of God, opportunities to grow in the knowledge and love of the Lord, and ministries to touch the lives of those in our church, and to reach out to others in ministry and service. Are you committed? Are you growing? Are you giving?

If our ministry is going to continue to blossom and grow, we must be committed to the mission of Jesus Christ for the world! We, as the Body of Christ, must work together for the sake of the Kingdom.

I am keenly aware, as most of you are, of the news that flows from areas in the world that are troublesome: ISIS, Korea, the unrest in much of the Middle East and in parts of Africa; financial challenges in Europe. In part, we hear the "good news" of the stock market, how "the dollar" is doing, real estate rebounding, and unemployment the lowest it has been in years. Yet, people continue to be on edge because of the fragility of the economy and the unrest in

the world. There are always reasons to be hopeful and always reasons to worry: personally, economically, familially.

What propels you to live with confidence and security; to be generous and giving of your time and treasure, to live as though the truths of the Gospel and the promise of salvation and eternal life have taken hold in you? It is meant to be what we experience anew this first week in April: Good Friday and Easter; and, being filled with the Holy Spirit daily is what keeps us living as His own.

As much as Lent is meant to be that time in the church calendar to "reflect," "meditate," and "contemplate" these truths, I invite you to re-think as we leave Lent behind and move toward Springtime and Summertime.

As most of you have heard and seen, we are about to embark on a Capital Campaign, do some desperately needed renovations to our buildings, and some modest expansion and updating that is sorely needed. This is not the time to "hold back," because our budget needs to be solid and we need to lay a foundation through the Capital Campaign for the future. Our buildings are one of the tools the Lord uses to reach a world that is in decay, a world that desperately needs the Gospel. I am convinced that the only way to build up our families, to make for honest men and women in business and politics, to raise up missionaries who will reach countries that will not be changed other than conversion to Jesus Christ, is by making disciples who will make disciples.

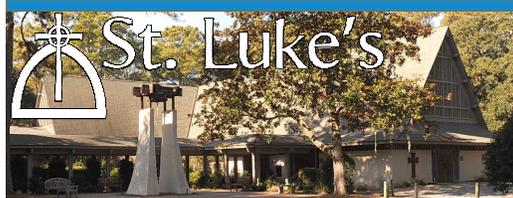
Your lives, lived for the Kingdom, serving His church, giving resources for our budget and the "instrument" of our buildings and property is what will make the difference now and for the future.

Allow the love of Jesus and the gift of His salvation on the Cross, the truth and power of His Resurrection, and the outpouring and

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A CHURCH IN THE ANGLICAN TRADITION

Our Focus

- Upward: To worship and serve the Lord
- Inward: To grow spiritually in the knowledge and love of Christ in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
- Outward: To share our faith, our hands and our hearts, for the sake of the gospel, our community, and the world.

Dear Parish Family, cont'd...

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trans-formative power of His Holy Spirit renew your commitment to be a powerful part of His Body to build His kingdom, to be blessed and be a blessing.

Have a blessed Easter, and a glorious Spring!

Love in Christ,

Greg Kronz

Help Us Recycle

WE RECYCLE! Baskets are located at the end of each transept for paper recycling. Please dispose of any unwanted bulletins in these baskets to be taken to the local recycling center. Thanks for helping St. Luke's stay "green"!



Ladies' Bible Studies

Tuesday Friends 12:30 to 2:30

Real MOMS Wednesday's 9:30 to 11:30

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Join us and learn more.

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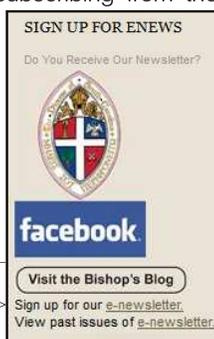
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Church Mouse

Carol Gyllenhoff

Spring is here, and time for spring cleaning (if you haven't already tackled it). Like any task, the first step is the most significant - once the process begins, it can be cathartic. All this to say that we need your stuff! Gently used items, that is. Books, linens, bric-a-brac, furniture, jewelry, clothing; all are welcome. Of course there is a tax advantage to your donations, in addition to our heartfelt thanks.



On the other hand, we have lately been blessed to receive some wonderful items. As I write this there is a wonderful pale green sofa that blends with a charming chair in bright spring colors. We invite you to come in and browse, if only to lift your spirits!

Last week I couldn't resist a rooster plate from Italy (\$4.00) and a white souffle dish (also \$4.00). Our visiting granddaughter and her boyfriend bought pillows, kitchen gadgets and clothing for their apartments at Virginia Tech; they threatened to come back with a u-haul-it! Now it's your turn to enjoy some of these bargains.

Blessings to all from The Mouse,

Carol Gyllenhoff

Bookshop Greetings

Such a perfect time of year! Join us in our beautifully decorated Shop for a multitude of Easter remembrances and amazing mugs, and card collection, only \$1. Now is the time to remember family, friends with something special. May this beautiful season bring untold blessings and unexpected delights you may share with others. We'll see ya soon:

Sundays: 8:45am-10am; 11:15am-12Noon
Wednesdays: 9:30am-11:30am



We send a weekly email to help you prepare for Sunday and upcoming activities. We call it our E-Zine. That's E-'zeen', like maga-zine. It's our weekly 'E'-lectronic maga-zine'. Or E-Zine. Get it? To be added to our list, send an email to publications@stlukeshi.org with "E-Zine" in the subject line.

Parish Picnic

Come welcome the Bishop and join us for food, fellowship, and blessings of our new members on



Sunday, April 26, after the 10 AM service, on our campus. The Hog Heaven BBQ will provide a delicious lunch for us, and please bring a dessert to share. Tickets are on sale in the Parish Hall after the services or call church office—Singles \$8, Couples \$15, Families \$25. Reservations are required, so sign up today!

Flower Guild

The following dates are available for Memorial flower donations:

April 19th and 26th

May 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st.

Joyce Stebbing, Flower Guild Chair

For any questions contact joycestebbing@roadrunner.com.



Transitions

- **Baptisms** - Emma, Jack, and Claire George
- **Deaths** - Marianne Faiers, Pat Roach, Jean Stubbs
- **New Members** - Alice Bloomfield, Sylvia Maye, Mike McKeane, Bennie Price, Tom Rudasics, Arthur & June Smith, Randy Tardy, John & Lucy Whitford, Lee Wiggins
- **Transfer Out** - Rodney, Brenda & Carsten Fisher, Mary Ellen French, Larry & Marjorie Snyder



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GLORIA by John Rutter

Sunday, April 12

10:00am Service

Continue to celebrate the Easter season with John Rutter's powerful large choral work GLORIA! The St. Luke's Choir and soloists, accompanied by 4 trumpets, 3 trombones, tuba, timpani, percussion and organ, present this glorious music as an offering to our Lord Jesus in celebration of His resurrection on the Sunday after Easter, April 12, during the 10:00am service.



GLORIA will be sung in the ancient Latin text, based upon one of the Gregorian chants associated with this text. The work is divided into three movements: the outer movements make a joyful noise unto the Lord, while the middle movement is softer and more introspective. GLORIA, written as a concert work, was commissioned by the Voices of Mel Olson, Omaha, Nebraska, and was first performed in 1974 in the United States with British composer John Rutter conducting. St. Luke's Choir previously presented the Rutter GLORIA on April 15, 2010.

Another of Rutter's compositions will be presented at the Offertory on this Sunday. PRAISE YE THE LORD is an energetic setting of Psalm 150 and will be sung by the St. Luke's Choir with instrumental

accompaniment.

John Rutter, the most successful and well-known composer of choral music in recent British history, was born in London in 1945 and received his musical education as a chorister at Highgate School. He went on to study music at Clare College, Cambridge, where he wrote his first published compositions and conducted his first recording while still a student. His compositions embrace both large and small-scale choral works, orchestral and instrumental pieces, a piano concerto, two children's operas, music for television, and specialist writing for such groups as the Philip Jones Brass Ensemble and the King's Singers. From 1975 – 1979, he was Director of Music at Clare College, and in 1981 formed his own choir, the Cambridge Singers, a professional chamber choir primarily dedicated to recording. He now divides his time between composition and conducting. In 1980, He was made an honorary Fellow of Westminster Choir College, Princeton, NJ and in 1988 a Fellow of the Guild of Church Musicians. In 1996, the Archbishop of Canterbury conferred a Lambeth Doctorate of Music upon him in recognition of his contribution to church music.

Mark your calendars NOW for this special service of worship which continues to proclaim the "good news" that CHRIST IS RISEN!!!

Organ Concert

2nd FRIDAY AT NOON ORGAN CONCERTS

On Friday, April 10, the Low Country Chapter of the American Guild of Organists presents STEVEN BRANYON, organist and music director at Christ Church, Savannah, in concert on the 20-rank Gabriel



Kney organ at St. Luke's Church, HHI. These recitals, performed by organists from laroudn the Southeast and beyond, are held on the 2nd Friday of each month throughout the year, from 12:00 noon to 1:00pm at St. Luke's Church, 50 Pope Avenue, HHI. Come, join us for an hour of delightful music!

Admission is FREE and the public is invited. (LCCAGO.org or ninarodman@stlukesghi.org)

Music of Holy Week

Holy Week is an especially poignant time in the church year to bring glory to God through its music. On Palm Sunday, we hail Jesus as an earthly king as we process singing "All Glory, Laud and Honor" (#154 in The Hymnal) and then turn our focus to the week ahead as we close this service with "My Song Is Love Unknown" (#458). On Maundy Thursday, we joyfully begin the service with "We Come with Joy to Meet Our Lord" (#304) and conclude it with our attention focused on the night ahead as we sing "Go to Dark Gethsemane" (#171). Good Friday offers such memorable hymns as "Were you There When They Crucified My Lord?" (#172) and "O Sacred Head Now Wounded" (#168) as we remember Christ and the agony He endured as He paid the ransom for our sins. Then, Easter Vigil begins in the darkness of the tomb, with its readings and hymns/songs



including "Go Down, Moses" before joy bursts forth with the "good news of Easter and "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" (#207). Easter morning brings the joyous celebration of "He Is Risen" (#180) as our voices soar in hymns and songs of joyful praise and thanksgiving!

More Oh Jonah! Pics

Here are more cute kid pictures from January's production of Oh, Jonah! Photos by John Brackett Photography.



What Do You Want to Be When You Grow Up?

Why are adults always asking children what they want to be when they grow up? Because they're looking for ideas! (At least that's how the old joke goes.)

Ask today's kids and you'll get some startling answers. It's rare that someone says cowboy or ballerina or firefighter or garbage collector. Instead you might hear: dolphin trainer, video game designer, veterinarian, YouTube star or big board trader (yes, that's really what a kid told me.)

Most of my life I've known what I wanted to be when I grew up. I wanted to teach the Bible. That black & white picture is me. I'm three and teaching Sunday School to my dolls and stuffed animals. I, frankly, don't remember any lessons that Mrs. Lamb and Ms. Carolyn taught. But I remember very clearly they would stoop to my level and welcome me when I came into class. I remember feeling loved and knowing that I mattered. And their songs resonated in my heart throughout the week.



"I am so glad that my Father in heav'n

tells of His love in the book He has given. Wonderful things in the Bible I see.

This is the dearest: that Jesus loves me. I am so glad that Jesus loves me. Jesus loves me. Jesus loves me.

I am so glad that Jesus loves me. Jesus loves even me."

And "Be not dismayed whate'er betide.

God will take care of you.

Beneath His wings of love abide.

God will take care of you.

God will take care of you through every day, o'er all the way.

He will take care of you.

God will take care of you."

Those faithful older ladies had no idea where that little three-year-old would serve the Lord one day. Tennessee trailer parks. NC inner-city "projects." University classrooms in southwest China. Affluent upscale Tampa. On post at Ft. Bragg. And Pope Avenue, Hilton Head Island.

This is what I pray for our kids here. I want them to know that they are loved and that they matter. That they are welcomed here and that there's a whole parish full of people who love and support them. I want them to know their Bible and most importantly, know their God. I want their hearts to be singing songs of praise and reassurance throughout the week.

I want them to teach the Bible to their dolls, and their friends ... and ... and ... and to their grandchildren! Whatever profession they choose, I want them to grow up to be men and women who follow Jesus Christ and live as His disciples.

And that all makes what I do for a living the best "job" in the world! Will you pray about where God might use you in Children & Family Ministry? You can be Mrs. Lamb (or Mr. Lamb) to the next generation.

All joy,
Sylvia Maye

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St. Luke's Youth Ministry

Upcoming Events

May 29-31st is the 6th annual Ponce Inlet Surf Retreat for Middle and High School Students. The cost is \$120. A \$60 deposit is due by April 29th to reserve your spot. Spots are limited. Call Steve 540-4025 for more details.

July 19th to the 26th is the 3rd annual trip with Urban Promise Honduras International Mission Trip for high school students. Only a few spots are still available for this great opportunity



Urban Promise Honduras High School Mission Trip 2015 July 19th-26th

Schedule

High School Schedule

- Sun. April 5 No Youth Easter
- Sun. April 12 No Youth Beginning of Spring Break
- Sun. April 19 Pizza Night @ Mellow Mushroom 6:30-8:00PM
- Sun. April 26 High School Youth Night 6:30-8:00PM

Middle School Schedule

- Wed. April 1 MS Youth 6:00-7:30PM
- Wed. April 8 MS Youth 6:00-7:30PM
- Wed. April 15 No Youth Spring Break
- Wed. April 22 MS Youth 6:00-7:30PM
- Wed. April 29 MS Youth 6:00-7:30PM

Need more information? Please contact Steve: Cell number is (843) 540-4025
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Global Teams International

There I was...at a Partner Care Retreat sitting around several tables with all the GT Members and their families from this particular country, with a couple of North American field partners (for security and safety reasons, our missionaries are now called field partners), and the Asia Director. As a bit of background information, about 18 or so months previously, there had been some serious dissension in the group with the leader saying he was going to resign. As time passed the issues seemed to fade into the background...but there was a stiffness and unease in the normally warm group of people.

We had spent the last couple of hours in small groups (very small) studying the book of James; we'd had our tea break and were gathering back together to discuss what God had been speaking to our hearts during the study time. The Asia Director asked for volunteers to go first....when the leader of Global Teams Nepal stood up and blurted out a confession. He confessed to having been wrong and that he hadn't been the leader God had called him to be, but that the Scripture we had studied that morning tore at his heart and he asked the entire group to forgive him. There was not a dry eye in the room. For an Asian to admit wrong-doing and to make a public confession is HUGE! He was immediately forgiven and he went on to tell what God had been speaking to his heart during the time of study.

God's Word is so very powerful and from that moment on, the Time Apart took on a



life of its own. Michael, the Asian Director, was leading these daily studies and he felt God leading him to have the couples do the studies together...we usually do them in small groups. The results were incredible.

One wife had been holding a deep grudge against her brother-in-law. She would not allow him in their home. You could feel the hardness inside of her whenever she spoke, even about totally unrelated events and conversations. This particular morning we were reading 1 Peter. The husbands and wives went off by themselves to read and ask God what He had for them in this book. After tea we came back together and it was very obvious that this couple was eager to share. God had convicted the wife of her hard heart toward her brother-in-law and in front of all of us she told her husband that she was going to call his brother and ask for his forgiveness and invite him to their home for a meal. Culturally, this is not something that is seen very often in an Asian country. Her husband's face lit up like a light and he was beaming, smiling from ear to ear. The next morning he announced that he was so thankful to God because he had his wife back.

These two stories are just the tip of the iceberg. More and more stories kept coming out as lives were transformed through the reading of the Holy Scripture. These are all pastors and one after another

said that they had never read the Bible for their own edification before...to see and hear what God was saying to them personally. They would read the Bible to prepare for their sermons but it was for teaching and preaching and not to enhance their life in Jesus. This is what these Times Apart are all about...to bring spiritual formation and transformation into the lives of these hard-working field partners.

It is with a humble and grateful heart that I thank and praise God for your prayer support for this ministry to which God has called me. You cannot know what a blessing it is to hear my name listed each Sunday among those of the other missionaries that St. Luke's supports both financially and prayerfully. It is such a joy to travel all over the globe sharing your love with those to whom I minister...and I am not sure it ever would have happened without the missions program here at St. Luke's which drew me and called me to share His love with those who labor in the field reaching out to the unreached people all over the world who have never even heard the name of



Jesus.

With His love and mine,

Kathie Phillips, Global Teams International
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Volunteers in Medicine (VIM)

Volunteers In Medicine (VIM) is a nonprofit volunteer staffed medical and dental clinic that opened its doors June 1, 1993, on Hilton Head Island. Our founder, Dr. Jack B. McConnell, MD saw our community as one of wealth and poverty side by side. The wealthy had good health care and the poor had none. He set about the task of rectifying this situation. The result was a free-standing clinic staffed by volunteer physicians, dentists, nurses, pharmacists, optometrists, psychologists, mental health specialists, dental hygienists and assistants,



translators, facilitators, patient screeners and administrators. VIM cannot accept funds from insurance companies or any tax funds. Patients are screened for their income and those who earn less than twice the U.S. government determined poverty level are treated free of charge. VIM is The Good Samaritan on Hilton Head Island. We depend on private donations to fund patient care. Please prayerfully consider contributing to our mission of providing health care for those unable to do so for themselves. Thank you in advance and may you be blessed for helping those in need.

-George R. Myers, DDS, VIM volunteer dentist.

Please make checks payable to St. Luke's Church and put "VIM" on the memo line.

Involved in a Non-profit?

The Outreach committee is interested in compiling a database of parishioners involved in local community non-profits

Please send your information to Andrea Myers at gamyers@roadrunner.com.

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Counselor's Comments: Take Heart

Sharon Smith

Life is difficult. I remember this as the opening sentence in Scott Peck's book, The Road Less Traveled. John Guest said it again today in his wonderful sermon, and Jesus himself said it in John 16:33, the night before he was crucified. "In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." The tough thing is to figure out how to "take heart" in the midst of the struggles.

What jumped out at me in John Guest's sermon on Psalm 22 was the amazing fact that David's prophecy was so clearly relating to Jesus' crucifixion before that form of execution even existed. The many Old Testament references to Jesus' birth, death and resurrection provide a blessed assurance that our God is alive, well and in control. When our God has shown so many examples of his sovereignty, how can we find ourselves discouraged at times?

When I first committed my life to Jesus at age 26, I seemed to be wearing rose-colored glasses. No matter what happened, I saw God's hand on it. I remember realizing that there had been many steps in my coming to the Lord. At age 20, diagnosed with melanoma and fearful for my life, a

Methodist chaplain at the hospital had listened to my God questions and told me, "If you are ever anything but Roman Catholic, it will probably be Episcopalian." I came through the major surgery and promptly forgot about God. Later as a party-er, the wife of a Christian who casually shared with me the comfort she received from Proverbs 3:5-8. "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. Acknowledge him in all your ways, and he will make straight your paths." This scripture has always helped me let go of my desire to be in control. At this time, I also realized that the Catholic Church had instilled in me the desire to know God, and I became aware that God had sought me out because he loved me.

After becoming a Christian, life didn't become perfect. I bought my first car on my own, and a few months later after a weekend church conference, it was totaled in an accident that was not my fault. My pregnant friend was with me and would have gone through the windshield if the visor hadn't fallen down. We

sang in the ambulance all the way to the hospital, knowing that God had saved us. I didn't even feel any self-pity, just gratefulness for our safety.



The next crisis was a second melanoma soon after getting married. This wasn't supposed to happen now that my life was straightened out. I was pretty angry for awhile, especially when I was told that I should get

chemotherapy. But God met me where I was, provided healing prayer with a prophecy that I had been healed, and pretty clearly told me to get the chemotherapy as insurance against more melanomas.

Over the 40 years since I committed my life to Jesus, I have had many trials. I realize that life is a series of ups and downs. However, the history of God's faithfulness to me has made me able to hang onto him when I am in the pits, knowing he is with me and will bring me out. As the song "Cornerstone" says, "When darkness seems to hide his face, I rest on His unchanging grace... through the storm he is Lord of all." Look for his little blessings even in the midst of the storm. After all, he overcame the world when he rose from the dead, so "take heart"!



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