

St. Luke's Messenger

Dear Parish Family

August-September 2018

This is "Grandchildren, Part II" if you read the last issue of the Messenger! Our first grandson, Owen Gregory, son of our



Greg Kronz
Rector

daughter Bethany and son in law, Charlie, was diagnosed (while in the womb) with Achondroplasia, a form of "Dwarfism;" but, at his birth, that proved not to be true!

He was born perfect and healthy; 8 pounds, 19.5 inches long!

Our second grandson, Simon Clark Kronz, was born to our son Daniel, and his wife Natalie on July 3rd, after having seen a "neo-natal" team for months. The original diagnosis (while in the womb) was either a "Teratoma" or a

"Hemangioma," a growth on the base of his skull. The challenge with Natalie and Daniel was not only facing the unknown, but also on the day of the scheduled C-section, the pediatric surgeon did not show up! The decision was made to medi-vac/air ambulance Natalie from Pensacola, Florida to Texas Children's Hospital in Houston (Daniel drove nine hours from Destin, bringing the suitcases and baby car seat). The decision could not have been better for Natalie and Simon!



Owen Gregory

I am writing this article on Saturday afternoon, July 7th. Natalie and Simon are about to be discharged from the hospital! The diagnosis is, in fact, a Hemangioma. No surgery necessary! Simon is so healthy (born 7 pounds, 19 inches and has already gained over half a pound!) that the doctors decided to let Simon go home, and plan to re-examine him in a month. There is a very

good chance that the Hemangioma will shrink and eventually disappear altogether! This could not have been better news, given all that Natalie, Daniel and Simon and the whole family have been through! This same afternoon, just a few hours ago, we heard from our son Aaron, who is vacationing with his girlfriend, Morgan, and her family in England. He called to tell us that he just proposed to Morgan on the lawn of St.

Paul's Cathedral in London, and she accepted! What a day! My heart is so full! God is so good!

Perfection? Not quite! Life is not "perfect" this side of heaven. But, what a great day! My heart is bursting with praise for answered prayer. Recently, over the course of the past few months, I have said in two different sermons, in both question form and in statements: "What is normal?". For me, there is no such thing! Normal for me is not normal for you! And, some would say that what I have experienced in my family with both of my grandsons are not miracles. I believe that childbirth is a miracle! But, throw in the challenges, trials, and tribulations that our children experienced in their pregnancies and births, and the results.....I believe that these qualify as miracles! I love to watch our Lord move and fulfill His promises; particularly "All things work together for good



Simon Clarke

for those who love God, who are called according to His purpose." His purpose, not ours! We don't always know His purpose, but as I said above, it is good....if not great! March 16th (Owen's birthday), July 3rd (Simon's birthday) and July 7th (Simon and Natalie being discharged from the hospital, and Aaron and Morgan getting engaged) have been great days....days of our Lord working His purpose out in our family. Not my way; not my timing, not ideal or "normal" (although the Kronzes haven't often been accused of being normal anyway). But I have watched Him work time and time again in my life, and in my family, and I am praising Him for His abundant grace and love!

In the last Messenger I talked about the power of prayer....I am a believer; always have been and obviously still am. Does God always work the way I want? Not hardly! But does He always work His purpose out, and for good? I am convinced He does (as Romans 8 says) because of His great love for us. We don't always know what He is doing; and, we don't always see the end result when we are in the middle of whatever it is we are going through when challenged, in pain, in crisis (for example, what is going on with our Parish, our Diocese, and the lawsuit with TEC); but we know (we KNOW!) that He will work His purpose

out; that it will be for good....because He loves us. Read Romans 8:28-39! Have a good, if not a great day!

With love, in Christ,

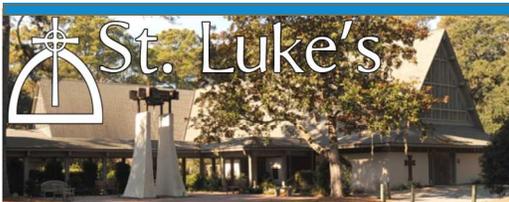
Greg Kronz



The Proposal

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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.

Office Closures

The church office will be closed on Friday afternoons through Labor Day weekend, August 31. We'll also be closed on Monday, September 3 in observance of Labor Day.

Flower Guild

Altar flowers are available August 19, 26, September 2, 9, 16, 30, October 7, 14, 21, and November 4, 11, 18, 25. Call the church office at 843-785-4099 to select a Sunday in honor or memory of a loved one or in celebration of a birthday or anniversary. Cost is \$100 made payable to St. Luke's Flower Guild. Leigh Ann Hoppe is in charge of the Flower Guild and always makes sure that the altar is beautiful.



Women's Studies

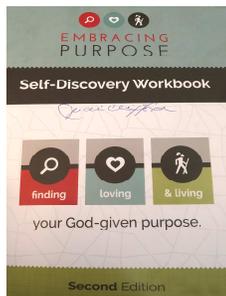
Ladies' Bible Studies for the Fall:

-Tuesday Friends
Tuesdays at Noon

-Real MOMS
Wednesdays at 9:30

"Embracing God's Purpose for Your Life". A Study from Scripture of discovery how to live out the special gifts God has for you. At all points in our lives God is encouraging us through His Word, His people and His gifts to us. Come join us to discover what His plan for you is today and your future. This is an "ageless" study...just as useful at 20 as it is at 80.

More information? Call Judi Clifford, 843-247-4858. The studies will begin after Labor Day. Workbooks will be ordered in early August.



Bookshop News

You Never Know! While waiting in a car wash in Sylva, NC, I happily discovered a copy of the Holy Bible on a side table. When opened this inscription was on the first page:

"Creation, Life, Beauty, undone by sin and wrong doing; regained by God's surprising victory." During August and September, your bookshop is offering 50% off on all Bibles. Our chance to spread the Word, so stop in and stock up. Pick lovely cards (only \$1.00!). Let's distribute His Word everywhere. See ya Sunday. May many blessings fill your days.

Open Sundays: 8:45-10:50am; 11:30-12:15



BOOKSHOP

Transitions

Baptisms - none

Deaths - Cliff Allen, Holly Nitke, Bill Rathman, Jack Richards

Transfer In - none

Transfer Out - none

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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"!



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St. Luke's E-Zine

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@stlukesghi.org with "E-Zine" in the subject line.

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7 MUSIC TEAMS KICK OFF NEW SEASON

*Sing to the Lord a new song;
Sing to the Lord, all the earth.
(Psalm 96:1)*

CHOOSE A MUSIC TEAM FOR YOUR MINISTRY!!!!

CHILDREN

***Canterbury Choir (boys & girls, 4-6-years old)** Children explore the world of music with songs, instruments, and movement. Sing in worship Christmas Eve (4:30pm service) & Easter, in annual children/youth choir musical, and other special occasions.

*Practice: Wednesdays, 4:15 – 4:55pm
BEGINS September 5th*

***St. Nicholas Choir (boys & girls, Grades 2 – 5)** Singing is fun for these choristers as they develop vocal & worship skills, plus learn to “read music”. Sing in 10:00am Sunday worship service monthly, Christmas Eve (4:30pm service), Easter and play leading roles in annual children/youth choir musical.

*Practice: Wednesdays, 5:00 - 6:00pm
BEGINS September 5th*

***BUS DETAILS:** On Wednesdays, beginning 9/5, your child’s school bus can stop at St. Luke’s Pre-School for Canterbury & St. Nicholas Choirs. Parent’s responsibility is to notify his/her child’s school & bus company of change. *More details, contact Janice Ring, Director of St. Luke’s Pre-School, at 842-8650.*

YOUTH

Youth Bells (boys & girls, Grades 3 & above) Details in highlight on this page!

Practice: TBA BEGINS TBA

NEW! Youth Choir (boys & girls, Grades 6-12) These choristers enjoy singing as they

develop their choral and worship skills. Sing in worship at 10:00am Sunday service, Christmas Eve (8:00pm service), Easter and play leading roles in annual children/youth choir musical.

*Practice: Sundays, 11:40am – 12:40pm
BEGINS TBA*

To join/more information, Nina Rodman, Director, 843.422.0490 or ninaroman@stlukeshhi.org

HIGH SCHOOL - ADULTS

St. Luke’s Music Team Tuesdays, 6:30 - 8:00pm *Begins 9/ 4*

Composed of the Praise Choir, the Singers (mics), and the Instrumentalists, this team leads the music weekly at the 10:00am Sunday worship service.

Contact: Jordan Sturm, 843-290-3378 or jordansturm@stlukeshhi.org

Nina Rodman, 843-422-0490 or ninarodman@stlukeshhi.org

ADULTS

Ring & Rejoice Handbells Thursdays, 5:30 – 7:00 *Begins 9/6*

Ringing handbells is a real team sport! Music reading is necessary but not previous ringing experience. Ring in worship monthly, at Christmas, Easter and other special services. MORE RINGERS NEEDED!!!

St. Luke’s Choir Tuesdays, 5:15-6:30pm *Begins 11/6*

These men and women who really love to sing rehearse and sing twice a year: (1) on Christmas Eve at the 10:30/11:00pm service, and (2) during Lent/Eastertide, a large choral work presented during the Sunday 10:00am service.

Contact Nina Rodman, 843-422-0490 or ninarodman@stlukeshhi.org

A Gift to the 8 O’Clock Service

Beginning on August 5th, Matt Walley, tenor/ baritone soloist, will offer special music during communion at the 8:00am service. Matt will join the service twice a month.



The last name “Walley” may sound familiar to many of you – he is the brother of The Reverend Kent Walley, who previously served as associate rector at St. Luke’s. For 19 years, Matt sang opera professionally both in the US and abroad. When he retired to Hilton Head, he joined the St. Luke’s Choir. For the past several seasons, he has returned as soloist for the large choral work presented by the St. Luke’s Choir with soloists and chamber orchestra during Lent or Eastertide at the 10:00am service. We are delighted to welcome Matt back to St. Luke’s!!!

Youth Bells to Resume This Season



“I can’t wait to ring those bells!” former ringers are excitedly saying. Boys & Girls (grades 3 & above) are eager to start ringing the chimes and bells again! This is a REAL TEAM SPORT – it teaches team building skills as well as (1) how to read music and (2) the skills of ringing chimes and handbells. Call/text Nina Rodman, director, at 843.422-0490 to join and help set weekly practice time. Team will ring in 10:00am Sunday worship several times during the season plus Christmas Eve at 4:00pm service.

Check out the photos below of the St. Nicholas Choir in June celebrating the end of last season with a sharp fishing trip!



Save the dates!

St. Luke's children and family ministry has a lot going on for the entire family this school year! Invite a friend, neighbor or coworker and come join in what God has prepared for us.



Ladies NIGHT IN
 Saturday, August 25 from 4-6:00PM
 St. Luke's Fellowship Hall
 (Join us out to dinner afterwards)
 \$35 includes 18" personalized wood sign
 painting materials,
 light snacks
 & artistic
 instruction.
 SIGN UP BY
 Aug 10
 Call or text
 Veronica
 Chisholm
 (843) 540-4024
 You are welcome to
 bring your own wine.
 (Classes available)

August 25th
Ladies night in



**Mother's
 Prayer group**
 Praying together for our children,
 grandchildren and schools.
 Thursday August 23rd at 1pm
 Tuesday September 4th at 5:30pm
 St. Luke's Ministry & Missions building
 Church 40 Pope Avenue, Hilton Head Island
 Contact person: Veronica Chisholm (843) 540-4024

Thur Aug 23rd at 1pm
Tue Sept 4th at 5:30pm



November 13, 20 and 27
 6:30 to 8:00 pm
**Courageous
 Parenting**
 3 day free seminar on parenting today
 St. Luke's Church St. Luke's Fellowship Hall
 50 Pope Avenue, Hilton Head Island

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WORKOUT GROUP
FREE
 Just bring a mat and
 a water bottle!
**Starting back
 on August 21**
DIYO TUE - WED - THU
8:45 - 9:30 AM
 at St. Luke's
 church HH
 Adults of all ages are welcome!
 Low Impact - No jumping up and down!
 Let's work on flexibility and strength!
 Text Veronica Chisholm (843) 540-4024 for more info and sign up

**St. Luke's workout group is
 back Aug 21st & meet every
 Tue-Wed-Thu 8:45-9:30AM**



**St. Luke's FALL
 FEST**
 Saturday, October 13
 from 3 to 6 pm
 Food, games music and more
 St. Luke's 2nd Chili contest
 Sunday, October 14
 after church in the Fellowship Hall

Fall Fest October 13 & 14



**A NIGHT
 IN BETHLEHEM**
December 8th
3 to 6 pm
 St. Luke's
 Church
 JESUS CAME TO SAVE US

A night in Bethlehem
December 8th



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 by Jessica Joelle Alexander
 and Iben Sandahl

**St. Luke's
 1st Family Camping trip**



**March
 15-17**
HUNTING ISLAND, SC

St. Luke's Youth Ministry

6th Annual Trip to Honduras

At press time, our team of youth and adults are in Honduras, having life-changing experiences. Check back in the next edition for a wrap-up. Here are a few pictures.



Youth Group Schedules

Youth Group start ups. Middle and High School youth had a great year last school year with lots of growth in each of the groups. We will be starting up regular meetings for each group right after labor day. The high school youth will have a kickoff gathering off campus on August 22nd.

High School Youth Night

(Grades 9-12)

Sundays from 6:30-7:45PM in the Mission and Ministry Building. Regular meetings begin Sunday, September 9th.

Middle School Youth Night:

(Grades 6-8)

Wednesdays from 6:15-7:45PM in the Mission and Ministry Building, beginning Wednesday, September 5th.

Courageous Parenting

COURAGEOUS PARENTING

Courageous Parenting Course: Are you entering the world of raising teenagers, or perhaps you are a seasoned veteran that would like to sharpen your skills in parenting. We will be offering a three week course on three consecutive Tuesdays **beginning on November 13th**. More details to follow.

Isaiah 40:31 *"but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."*

PRAYER LETTER FROM SUZY McCALL

Hello Dear Friends,

I hope you are all well, not too hot, and enjoying summer activities! It is always summer here, but we are enjoying some rain, and that is refreshing.

This Monday, our wonderful attorney Lilly will give me the girls' new birth certificates, which is the final step before starting the process that will end up stateside. I am always thinking, "We have the hardest part behind us," only to discover that the next process is also super complicated. As you might imagine, there is nothing easy about immigration right now, even legal immigration, so after meeting with Lilly on Monday to ask for her wise counsel, I will go to the U. S. Embassy to meet with the Adoption Director there to see what we might do. She already sent me three options, none of which was what I was expecting, so we'll see what happens. But we are very happy to have the new birth certificates, and I will also be going to the school next week to get them to make the changes in their records. :-)

We will also have to get Honduran passports because with those we will go to the Embassy for visas to go to the States. I do know that much. After that, I'm a bit fuzzy.

The summer groups have been coming and going, so that has been fun. Our summer revival theme at the children's home church this year is "Lamb Love," and as you can see, Calvary Episcopal (Memphis) has once again blessed us with some beautiful shirts! Julio and Johel made the church banner. The children have prepared presentations. We are having a great time in the LORD!



The big downer for me for the past weeks has been the situation stateside with our precious Central Americans who are enduring so much hardship, especially the children who have been separated from their parents. Having had years and years of experience with children who have been separated from their parents, I have been feeling their pain and loneliness. Anxiety, insomnia, frustration . . . I have so wanted to do something to help! So far, though, I have to hide myself under the wings of Jesus in prayer because nobody can tell me what we can do from this side of the border. I'm encouraged to hear that families are being reunited. Many of them have nothing to return to except extreme danger,

but at least they will be together. I suspect some will opt not to receive their children, as they know that their children could be killed upon their return. The uncertain future their children will face stateside might seem preferable to the certain suffering they will endure here. It's a terrible choice for a parent to have to make!

One of our own children, Kevin, who is now 18, made the journey and is in a jail in Arizona. Probably he will be deported since he has no sponsor. We cannot help him since he went illegally, and also we do not want others of our children to make that dangerous journey hoping to be sponsored by someone in the LAMB community upon arrival. I think of him so often, though, and wish he weren't alone. Truly, thousands of Central Americans are now at the breaking point after decades of oppression, poverty and violence. Although the USA is not acknowledging its role in all of this suffering, the responsibility is known to all here, and many of the people who pilgrimage to the States feel that they are owed a certain amount of sympathy and help in return for the policies which have created only



instability and misery for most of this part of the world. But there is no sympathy there from the government! Thankfully, many people of faith are trying to see that families are reunited, and that basic needs are met.

On Wednesday, I started reading Fleming Rutledge's wonderful book, *The Crucifixion*. The 35-page introduction alone is packed with spiritual food that is isn't readily available in these days of "popular Christianity." Rev. Dr. Rutledge takes an orthodox view of the crucifixion, and believes that the Church would do well to return to making it the central point of her preaching, as it used to be. The book is very long, and I am only in Chapter One, but I hope to immerse myself in every page, bit by bit, as I find it so quickening and filling, jam-packed with Holy Spirit wisdom. I love books which send me along "rabbit trails," looking at referenced works, authors, places and people. This book is loaded with footnotes, another treat. In short, I highly recommend this book!

2018 Confirmands: Mary, Tatiana, Rony, Yahaira, Johana (NOTE: Mary had never been confirmed, and she shared in her testimony of confirmation that she wanted to be confirmed now because she had gone astray, and she desired a reconciliation with Jesus. Her divorce was just finalized last month, and she has wept many tears, but is in a new season with the Lord. God is so good.)

I have also continued opening the house of prayer. We have placed prayer boxes in three different places in the neighborhood of Flor del Campo, and it has been moving to read the heartfelt prayer requests of our neighbors. One little girl asked that her mother might not beat her anymore. Mothers ask for prayers for their children who are on a wrong road. Students ask for better grades. There is a bit of everything! It is the stuff of life, and Jesus is interested in ALL OF IT.

Next weekend we have our annual quinceanos at the children's home. Two weeks ago, we had confirmations. These events are so important in the lives of our LAMB family, and joyous celebrations in the midst of a good bit of struggle on every front.

Thank you so much for your prayers and support. Our family continues to receive our support through Servant Partners, and through St. Peter's Church in Mt. Pleasant. We are so grateful for the opportunity to be ambassadors of Christ as a family.

With one of my prayer house friends!

Much love to all, in the Name of our Beloved Savior, Jesus.

Suzy



Bill Phillips, Interim Missions Committee Chairperson
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August Outreach: Hospice Care of the Lowcountry

Hospice Care of the Lowcountry began in 1982. Our roots are deeply imbedded in this community. The hospice movement was new to the USA in the late 70's, coming to us from England. A few of the founding men and women of HHI felt it a good idea to bring the hospice concept here. Hospice is a service, a philosophy of caring for someone diagnosed with a terminal illness that has chosen comfort care over curative care. When the HOPE of a cure transforms to the HOPE of comfort and peace, it is then time to turn to hospice. Our focus is on pain control and symptom management. The family unit is so important at this time, so we include their needs and goals in every plan of care.



Most of our patients are seen in their home, as this is where most patients want to be at the end of life. We also see them in the skilled and assisted living facilities and occasionally in the hospital. Our care is provided by a team of professionally trained doctors, nurses, social workers, nursing assistants, chaplain, therapists, counselors and volunteers. Comfort care is delivered in many forms; such as medications, medical equipment and supplies, aromatherapy, massage and pet-therapy. Occasionally our patients may require a procedure to

alleviate pain or a distressing symptom, such as anxiety, breathing difficulties, fluid accumulation and general discomfort. These procedures often require a same-day surgery center, radiology, ambulance transport and physician oversight. We care for 300 – 350 patients per year and approximately 50 of these patients will

require a palliative procedure. Our goal for our patients and their families is a peaceful journey. It is our privilege to be a part of their journey.

Thank you for your consideration of contributing to this organization.



Jenny Brasington, RN, CHPN

September Outreach: St. Luke's Preschool

St. Luke's Preschool is the outreach focus for September. As a ministry of St. Luke's Church we have been chosen this month to receive the funds to support our scholarship fund. This fund aids in



helping families who cannot afford to send their child to a Christian preschool. It also is available during the school year if a need arises unexpectedly for a current St. Luke's Preschool family.

St. Luke's Preschool is a traditional preschool with God as the focal point. We believe that foundational Biblical truths

are important to teach a child. Our prayer is God will bring the truths back to them as they grow. "Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (2 Peter 3:18a).

Our Staff strives to be a Godly example daily. Showing the love of Christ in their actions and in their communication with

students and parents. Teaching the fruits of the Spirit is not just a one-time lesson but is continual in our daily walk. Our mission is to provide quality care and love in a Christian environment where

God is the primary focus. When families choose St. Luke's Preschool for their child they see a difference and they want their child exposed to it. Our scholarship program helps with those families to achieve that goal.

Thank you in advance for your financial support of the preschool and most importantly your prayers.



Jamie Evans, Outreach Chairperson
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Counselor's Comments: Ups and Downs

Sharon Smith

Many years ago I awoke with a feeling of sadness and dread. I immediately tried to determine what the reason was for my feelings. There was no apparent cause of why I was feeling the way I was. That was when I had an epiphany that is worthy of sharing. I have used it many times in my own life but also believe it has helped others.

For some reason our culture wants to dismiss pain, but we are much more accepting of physical pain than we are of emotional pain. It seems like physical pain is normalized and accepted, but emotional pain is not. We are always supposed to be "happy." The Disney movie "Inside Out" was amazing in its message that we aren't always "joyful," that sometimes we are sad or angry or jealous. When I asked my grandson what he thought the moral of the movie was he said, "It's okay to be sad."

Returning to my epiphany, let me say that all of a sudden I remembered when I was a

young girl, having had to leave school with unbelievable monthly cramps. After taking some medicine, I lay down to try to fall asleep. I was writhing in pain when my father came into the room, and he suggested that I breathe into the pain rather than stiffen up. As I focused my attention on breathing without allowing myself to tense up, I was amazed at how I became relaxed enough to fall asleep. Always when I awoke, my pain would be gone.

So, that particular day when I awoke so depressed, I decided to try to put my emotional pain in the same category as my physical pain. I realized that I needed to breathe into the pain rather than try to figure out the "why," and at the same time I needed to figure out what I needed to do to take care of myself until I felt better. While physical pain requires an Advil or Tylenol and a rest, emotional pain relief can come in so many ways. The important thing is to know

oneself well enough to figure out what may provide relief. This can vary greatly per individual, but some suggestions may be to ask a friend to lunch, go for a walk, journal, listen to music, spend some quiet time in prayer, etc. The main point is to treat minor emotional pain just as you would minor physical pain, and "this too shall pass." Let me also say that when physical or emotional pain becomes a major issue, we do need to address both with greater intervention.



One of my favorite books of the Bible is that of

Psalms, because I love the fact that David is so human in his writings. At one moment he is crying out to God to kill him and put him out of his misery, and the next moment he is praising God for being the greatest. He demonstrates the total human experience and how quickly it changes. Many blessings as you remember to breathe!



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