



# St. Luke's Messenger

Dear Parish Family

December 2019-February 2020

What a blessing Christmas is! I know for some, the "holidays" are challenging. Family and/or friend time isn't all you want it to be.



Or, maybe, you have had a significant loss in the past year or two and the "holidays" of Christmas and New Year do not bring the "joy" and "peace" that you desperately want. I had coffee with someone recently, and conversations with several since, who said that they are praying

that 2019 is behind them, and look forward to 2020 because this past year was a very difficult year.

Christmas and New Year often bring a flood of emotions: some positive and upbeat; some sad, and even depressing. My prayer is that you are able to have joy because we have faith, and because we have hope. The "hope" is in Jesus and the promise of eternal life with Him and those we love. Yes, He was born a baby; but He came for the cross, the resurrection, for salvation and eternal life with Him, "where there is no pain or sorrow, but the fullness of joy." And, the hope of being with those we love who have trusted in Him.

That is why we need to consider the gift we have at Christmas: given for us, for others,

and for all time! And, because we have the "gift" of Jesus, eternal life, and the Holy Spirit by faith, we can trust Him, rest in Him, and have hope, love and even joy!!

The way to stay in this "place" of hope, love, and joy is by walking with Him daily.

I always advocate, at this time of year, on the heels of Thanksgiving and Christmas, and entering a New Year, to resolve to walk with Him more closely, and walk in community more intentionally.

As our "New Year" begins, resolve to be in worship, a Small Group/Bible Study, to be involved in ministry.

Soon you will be hearing about the opportunities and offerings on Sundays and Wednesday evenings; and for new members or for those who would like "a refresher," the Discovery Class (for 8 weeks beginning January 20th), and other small groups throughout the week. Also, Lent will be upon us in a couple of months. During Lent this year, we will have a fabulous opportunity: Pastor Anthony Thompson, an African American Pastor from Charleston will be here, along with our Bishop Mark Lawrence, on March 20th and 21st to address the subject of "Forgiveness." Pastor Thompson's wife was killed by Dylan Roof at the "Mother Emanuel" Church slayings, and he has an incredible story to tell (part of which is told in the movie "Emanuel" that came out recently). He is wonderful! I have spoken with him a couple of times, and love talking with him. And, of course, being together with our Bishop, Mark Lawrence for two days, will be a treat! The topic of forgiveness is so necessary today when we see so much antagonism and animosity in families, our country, and our world. Forgiveness is the message of the cross, and what we can embrace through His gift, and what we can share with each other.

On the heels of the conference, we will share in Holy Week and Easter; a powerful time of remembrance for Christians, and a great opportunity for the gospel.

2020 can be a better year for all of us, by seeking to grow in the knowledge and love of the Lord and in fellowship with His Church here at St. Luke's! Also, you may want to consider taking on a ministry, mission, or another way to serve Him and others!

Have a blessed Christmas and New Year!

With love, in Christ,

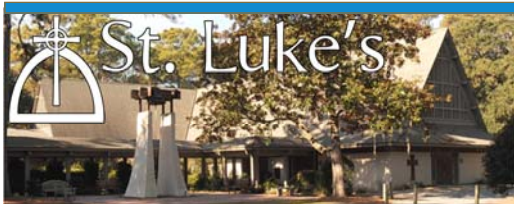
Greg Kronz

PS. Our Annual Meeting will be Sunday, January 26th, 2020 following our 10am worship. Please plan on attending! Thank you!

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## 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.

**A CHURCH IN THE ANGLICAN TRADITION**

## Flower Guild

Altar flower dates for 2020 are available. Call the church office at 843-785-4099 if you'd like to schedule a date in honor or memory of a loved one or in celebration of a birthday or anniversary. Cost is only \$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.



## Office Closures

Please note that the church office will be closed at noon beginning Tuesday, December 24 through Friday, December 27 for Christmas and beginning at noon on New Year's Eve through New Year's Day.

## Ladies Celebrating



Some of the ladies from Real Moms Bible Study celebrating Christ's Birth together. Jennifer Thompson, Beth Kaufman, Rion Splangler, Laurie Jones, Stephanie Songer, Lynn Gorrell, Christine Sackett, Cherie Dellinger, Melissa McNulty. Not pictured: Carolyn Dorazio, Kyle Wallace, Leslie Robinson, Debbie Broome, Shannon Alford, Starr Carr, and Judi Clifford.  
**New study The Faithful begins Wednesday the 8th of January.**

## SC Diocese E-Newsletter

You can receive the newsletter of the South Carolina Diocese by subscribing from the Diocesan website: [www.dioceseofsc.org](http://www.dioceseofsc.org)

Look for the "Subscribe" button to the right of the homepage.

## Ladies Bible Studies

Ladies Bible studies for new year. Beginning Tuesday January 7th for Tuesday Friends Study and Wednesday January 8th for Real Moms we will explore pivotal moments in the lives of five of our Old Testament predecessors. We will see how God uses the lives of ordinary people for His glory and the good of His people. Strengthen your faith as you walk alongside these Heroes as they choose to obey God, no matter their circumstances. Both studies are from 12-2 in the Mission and Ministry Bldg. Please contact Judi Clifford to order a study book.



## Transitions

**Baptisms** - none

**Deaths** - Bill Bird, Ed March, Beth Newman, Paul Schlosser, Ed Ward

**Transfer Out** - Hank & Judy Ramsey, John & Debbie Riddick

**New Members** - Charles Davis

## Bookshop Greetings

**Your favorite Bookshop has it all:**

As the holidays ease into our lives, ease into our lovely shop for some amazing Fall and Holiday surprises. Great books, unique plaques and unusual Afghans will fill your home or those of your friends with warmth and beauty. You'll find the most lovely greeting cards to accompany gifts or to light up someone's day for only \$1.00. It's always a season for giving, so choose something special to show your love and thoughtfulness. We're anxious to help, so be sure to step into our little world of goodies to warm your heart and those around you. See ya soon: **Sundays: 9-10:00am and 11-12 noon. Wednesday: 5:15-6:15pm.**



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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](mailto:publications@stlukesghi.org) with "E-Zine" in the subject line.



SEARCH FOR "St. Luke's Church" and look for the Bell Tower icon.



*All 6 St. Luke's Music Teams wish you a blessed Christmas and a joyous New Year 🎵🎵🎵🎵*

## MUSIC TEAMS ON CHRISTMAS EVE

The 6 St. Luke's Music Teams are so excited about offering their very special music to Baby Jesus on Christmas Eve to celebrate His amazing birth! There will be lots of favorite carols at all three services!

**4:30 Family Service** -- features the Youth Bells, the Canterbury & St. Nicholas Choirs, and the St. Luke's Music Team plus trumpet, flute, and organ. The special music will begin at 4:10, so plan to come early!!!

**8:00pm Service** -- Matt Walley, baritone, and Jacey Robinson, soprano, offer beautiful solos and a duet of beloved music of Christmas. Jacey is the granddaughter of Judi and Ron Clifford.

**10:30/11:00pm Service** --

10:30 – 11:00pm FESTIVE PRELUDE presents choral music by St. Luke's Choir, carols by Ring & Rejoice Handbells, and congregational carol singing. A brass quartet, flute, and organ will be accompanying these choirs.

11:00pm SERVICE (Rite 2) with communion

## O Come, All Ye Faithful

John Francis Wade, author of this hymn, was hounded out of England in 1745. He was a Roman Catholic layman in Lancashire; but because of persecution arising from the Jacobite rebellion, streams of Catholics fled to France and Portugal, where communities of English-speaking Catholics appeared. But how could he, a refugee, support himself? In those days, the printing of musical scores was cumbersome, and copying them by hand was an art. In the famous Roman Catholic College and Ministry Center in Douay, France, Wade taught music and became renowned as a copyist of musical scores. His work was exquisite.

In 1743, Wade, thirty-two, had produced a copy of a Latin Christmas carol beginning with the phrase *Adeste Fidelis, Laeti triumphantes*. At one time historians believed he had simply discovered an ancient hymn by an unknown author, but most scholars now believe Wade himself composed the lyrics. Seven original hand-copied manuscripts of this Latin hymn have been found, all of them bearing Wade's signature.

As time passed, English Catholics began returning to Britain, and they carried Wade's Christmas carol with them. More time passed, and one day an Anglican minister name Rev. Frederick Oakeley, who preached at Margaret Street Chapel in London, came across Wade's Latin Christmas Carol. Being deeply moved, he translated it into English for Margaret Street Chapel. The first line of Oakeley's translation said, "Ye Faithful, Approach Ye."

Somehow "Ye Faithful, Approach Ye" didn't catch on, and several years later Oakeley tried again. By this time, Oakeley, too, was a Roman Catholic priest, having converted to Catholicism in 1845. Perhaps his grasp of Latin had improved because as he repeated over and over the Latin phrase *Adeste Fidelis, Laeti triumphantes*, he finally came up with the simpler, more vigorous "O Come, All Ye Faithful, Joyful and Triumphant!"

So two brave Englishmen, Catholics, lovers of Christmas and lovers of hymns, living a hundred years apart, writing in two different nations, combined their talents to bid us come, joyful and triumphant, and adore Him born the King of angels.

O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

(Then Sings My Soul. Special Edition. Robert J. Morgan. Thomas Nelson, Inc. p, 15)



## CHRISTMAS LESSONS & CAROLS

Sunday, January 5th

At the 10:00am service on Sunday, January 5th,



Christmas Lessons & Carols will give us one more opportunity this season to hear the readings of the Christmas story and sing many of our favorite Christmas carols. Mark it on your calendar NOW!!!

## CHILDREN'S CHOIR ANNUAL MUSICAL

Sunday, Feb. 23 during 10:00am service

Each year between Christmas and Lent, the children's choirs rehearse and present their telling of a well-known Bible story. With songs, costumes, and scenery, these children bring this story "to life" and always tell it in a new way! What story will the children tell? Who will be their Bible Hero? Those answers are still a mystery – stay tuned until early January for the announcement!!!

## LARGE CHORAL WORK BY ST. LUKE'S CHOIR

On Sunday, March 29, during the 10:00am service, the men and women of the St. Luke's Choir will present a large choral work with chamber orchestra and solos in celebration of the season of Lent.

Rehearsals begin on Tuesday, February 4, 5:00-6:30. All singers are welcome!

Contact Nina for more information  
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I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go into the house of the LORD."

### A Night in Bethlehem 2019

Thank you to everyone who helped with time decorating, working during the event and all the prayers! This was our third year of Bethlehem as our Christmas outreach event and it was amazing! Over 230 people came by to experience the night Jesus was born! More pictures available on St. Luke's website and Facebook!

**GRANT**   
 Thank you to the Church Mouse Thrift Shop for awarding us with a *Church Mouse* THRIFT SHOP  
 generous grant to pay for the super cute nativity live animals and craft supplies for Bethlehem!!



### Faith Builders: Lego challenges for kids

Starting in January, Wednesday evenings, while the grown ups are having their small groups, we are having fun building our faith! Each week the kids have a Bible challenge using lego bricks to illustrate scripture!

**PS: If you have any Legos to spare or if you would like to buy Legos to make a donation, we would love to have them!**



# St. Luke's Youth Ministry

## Youth Group Schedules:

HS Youth Group Schedule  
January & February

1/26 No Youth Group Ski Trip	2/5
2/2 No Youth Group Super Bowl Sunday	2/12
2/9	2/19
2/16	2/26 No Youth Group Ash Wednesday
2/23	

### Upcoming Trip:

1/24-1/26 à 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Ski Trip to Winterplace

### Middle School Youth

#### Meet Time and Place:

6:15 to 7:45 in Mission and Ministry Building

1/8

1/15

1/22

1/29

### Meet Time and Place:

6:30-7:45 PM in the Mission and Ministry Building

1/5

1/12

1/19

**Psalm 34:8.**

**Taste and see the Lord is good!**

# Christmas WORSHIP SCHEDULE 2019



Sunday, December 22	8:00 AM	Holy Communion, Rite I
	10:00 AM	Holy Communion, Rite II
<b>Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December 24</b>	4:30 PM	Family Christmas Service w/ Holy Communion
	8:00 PM	Christmas Service w/ Holy Communion (no nursery)
	10:30 PM	Festive Prelude
	11:00 PM	Christmas Service w/ Holy Communion (no nursery)
<b>Christmas Day, Dec. 25</b>	10:00 AM	<b>Christmas Day Service</b>
Sunday, December 29	8:00 AM	Holy Communion, Rite I
	10:00 AM	Holy Communion, Rite II



## Join the Honduras Mission Trip!

### Dates for the Jericho Mission Trip Have Been Set

If God has ever nudged you to join a mission trip, this is the trip for you! The team will be going to Tegucigalpa, Honduras, from February 11 through February 18, 2020. The cost of the tickets is hovering around \$588 round trip. The cost of room and board is \$40 a day. Approximate cost of the trip is \$868!

Betsy Hake, the missionary we visit, has several projects that will require many different skills, including builders, handy men and women, painters, and kid lovers of all ages! Right now they are working on a chapel out at the villa in Danli, and a cottage for Marlyn, Roberto and baby Emma to enable them to live out at the Villa.

We are affectionately known as the "Fix It" team as we go with open hearts and minds to do whatever needs to be done. The villa houses about 50 children, care givers, and a

school. There is always something that needs to be done.

If God is nudging your heart, call either Meredith Kronz ( 843-290-4565) or Kathie Phillips (843-338-6144) to hear more about this easy, heart-warming and amazing mission trip.

We will have an informational meeting on Monday, January 13, at 5:00 pm in the Vestry Room in the Ministry Center. Please plan on attending! You will never be the same. Pray and ask God if He's asking you to join us....



## Update from Jericho Villa

During the later part of 2008 the Lord encouraged the Jericho staff to begin a prevention program for the children of the women and men who are trapped in prostitution and are at high risk for entering prostitution. There are now over 40 children in our Jericho family, most of whom live in the Villa.

Jericho Villa is our children's home out in the country where the children that God brings to us are educated and healed by the power of the Holy Spirit. All of our children experienced extremely traumatic childhoods due to poor decisions on the part of their parents and our prayer is that through vocational and formal education, discipleship training, and prayer filled loving care in a family atmosphere they will be equipped and set free to become all that God has in mind for them to be. The vision is that they will be "bestowed with a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the

LORD for the display of his splendor." Isaiah 61:3 Jericho has legal custody of these children whose ages range from 2 years to 18 years, and is committed to their physical, emotional and spiritual development until their own mothers can care for them in a godly way or until they are able to live for Christ on their own. We pray that these children, by the power of Christ, will be able to lead lives that glorify God, thus breaking the generational chains of prostitution, sexual abuse, and various addictions that have plagued their families.

What a joy it is to see Jesus transforming their lives and giving them a future and a hope. This facet of our ministry includes monthly outreaches by our children to minister to other children from neighborhoods known for prostitution and outreaches to the parents of our children.



We have a new Ministry to the "Dump" where very poor families live and work. The St. Luke's team will "do" Valentine's Day with the children who live in the dump.

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## January Outreach: ACTS Counseling

### ACTS COUNSELING SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Agape Counseling & Training Services, better known as ACTS Counseling, has been a ministry of St. Luke's Church since 1996. Our counselors are state licensed and committed Christians who practice based on Biblical standards for relationships and God's desire for the total healing of body, mind and spirit. It is our desire to minister to all those in need, regardless of their ability to pay or their religious affiliation. We counsel children, adolescents, adults,

couples and families. Many who need our services are not able to afford the fee which is where your donations are utilized. All funds received are used to subsidize those unable to pay and each recipient is asked to pay something toward the counseling if they are able. Please



prayerfully consider partnering with us by making a donation to our Scholarship Fund and keeping us in your prayers. Thank you in advance.

May you be blessed as you bless others.

Sharon Smith, LMFT/  
Director

## February Outreach: Second Helpings

### It's All About Food Rescue

It should be the law, and it is in France effective this year. Stores, restaurants and other businesses must donate and rescue food rather than fill up local landfills.

In our community, Second Helpings is the only LOCAL agency that rescues food from these sources, and they have been doing it for over 27 years. With an army of over 340 volunteers and eight refrigerated trucks, food is rescued daily and delivered to the 57 member agencies located in Beaufort, Jasper, and Hampton counties. Last year, Second Helpings rescued over three million pounds of food and provided 48,000 meal equivalents each week.

Second Helpings is now celebrating two years with FILL THE NEED. This program, every Thursday, provides groceries to 60 people who work and ride the Palmetto Breeze Transit buses to work. Many of these workers travel from rural areas to make up our local workforce.

Food rescue is not confined to grocery stores. In fact, 40 percent of school lunches



are thrown out. Second Helpings kicked off a new rescue effort working with the children in our local schools. K-12 Food Rescue is a national program that had no presence in South Carolina. Second Helpings recruited two schools to pilot the program locally. This program started in October and it teaches children all about food rescue, food value, and safe food handling. Children are the "FOOD WARRIORS" collecting the

uneaten, unopened food left on lunchroom trays. The children also learn about the impact of food waste on our environment. Tools are provided to measure food amounts collected, meals provided and record the environmental impact. The children are very enthusiastic and take pride in the school's results.

Second Helpings receives no funding from Feeding America or the Lowcountry Food Bank and depends on local support to keep rescuing food locally. Give Where You Live and support your local food rescue agency, Second Helpings. Funding will be used to support food rescue. You are also helping all the local food pantries and soup

kitchens who receive up to 80 percent of the food they distribute off the Second Helpings' trucks.

P.S. Give Where You Live! Second Helping is the ONLY agency that rescues food in Beaufort, Jasper and Hampton counties. Wishing you and yours a Happy Holiday!



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## Counselor's Comments: Whose Problem?

Sharon Smith

In one of my morning devotional readings, I was struck with the statement "Problems are part of life."

The author went on to say that most of us are all too ready to problem-solve, acting as if we have the capacity to fix everything which in turn causes us to distance ourselves from God. Often, I will make a decision about something and then ask God to bless it rather than praying for his guidance before making the decision. I believe that God allows us our problems so we will ask for his help, draw closer to him and learn his ways.

It occurs to me that much of our stress in life comes from taking responsibility for the problems of others instead of letting them learn from their own circumstances. This is especially true for parents raising children. Many parents become overly protective and take on responsibilities that prevent the children from learning life lessons. We can also do this with family and friends by continually rescuing them from the consequences of the choices they have made. All of us need to learn that choices

equal consequences in order to take responsibility for ourselves – the only one we can truly change.

Lately it seems that many people are dealing with the consequences of trying to change another person. Whether it is a child, spouse, family member or friend, it is an impossibility. "There is nothing you can say or do to change another person. The other person must want to change for the sake of the relationship. You cannot teach another by explaining or telling how you feel or what you want to hear. You can only set your limits and ask for change." (Taken from *The Verbally Abusive Relationship*, by Patricia Evans.)

So, what do we do when another person refuses to take ownership of what may need to change? The main rule of thumb is to allow that other person to experience the natural consequences of his/her choice. This will hopefully result in that person coming to the place of wanting to change. If not, we need to set limits on how their behavior can affect us.



It may be that we need to accept a minor behavior flaw. However, if the behavior is harmful, dangerous or illegal, we must protect ourselves from their consequences harming us. We can only do this by setting clear limits.

One of my favorite expressions is from a 12-step program, "When the pain of where I am is greater than the fear of where I am going, I'll move." This provides the hope that when a person is no longer protected from the painful consequences of his/her choice, the desired result will be motivated change for the good.

To summarize, we should all seek God's answer to all of life's problems before we go running off to solve them. In particular, be very careful about taking on responsibility for another person's bad choices. Sometimes love means taking a tough stance so that a person may be able to mature and become all that God has created them to be.

"I will instruct you (says the Lord) and guide you along the best pathway for your life; I will advise you and watch your progress. Don't be like a senseless horse or mule that has to have a bit in its mouth to keep it in line!" (Psalm 32:8-9).



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