

Newsletter
May, 2009

St Luke's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH



A church for all people

*Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain,
Wheat that in the dark earth many days has lain;
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.*

This Easter hymn is one of my favorites for its imagery of life that emerges from the buried grain. Which of us doesn't stop and marvel this time of year as nature's astonishing feat happens again? In my forested yard, the Trillium have returned for the summer and my Tulips are about to break open in living color. I watch the progress of each flower, each plant in wonder. Is there a more profound example of the renewal of life than the natural world emerging anew?

I am delighted that, at St. Luke's, we are planning to plant a garden that all of us may enjoy. My hope is not just for a bountiful harvest to benefit parishioners and those in need, but for the tending, the care, the witness that this endeavor will bring about. The garden is one step toward St. Luke's desire to be more aware of our relationship to the good Earth and of our calling to care for it. We intend to be more careful with the products we use, the waste we generate as a congregation, and how we use and dispose of it. Our plan, fully formed, will include capturing rain for watering, utilize compost for regenerating the soil, and to have a place where we all (especially our children) may marvel at the miracle of the green blade rising and bringing forth food.

I encourage you to support this work and to revel in its fruits.

Fr. Kevin +

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Back to School ...

I will be going back to school this summer for an intensive, 5-week, program eventually leading to a Doctor of Ministry degree. This is a professional degree requiring about 3 academic years of study, but is often accomplished intensively. I have completed the first “year” and my work this summer will be the second “year”. The focus of my academic work will be on an area of ministry that has direct application to my current ministry. While I completed the first part of this program at Seattle University, the degree is offered by San Francisco Theological Seminary, located in San Anselmo, CA. I will be there for five weeks in June and the beginning of July.

Meet Fr. Stephen Shaver

While away this summer, I have invited The Rev. Stephen Shaver as St. Luke's supply priest. Stephen and his wife, Julia, will be moving to Seattle at the beginning of June where Julia will be a resident at Group Health Hospital and Stephen will prepare for a year-long program of Clinical Pastoral Education at Harborview Hospital. With his summer free, Stephen is able to come to St. Luke's the duration of my continuing education time. Stephen has been the associate priest for youth and family ministry at Church of the Ascension in Dallas, TX since June 2007 after receiving an M. Div. from the General Theological Seminary in New York, NY. Born in Texas, Stephen spent most of his childhood living overseas—about three years each in Seoul, Korea; Lahore, Pakistan; and Moscow, Russia. He then attended Emory University in Atlanta, where he majored in



chemistry and began discerning a call to ordination. Stephen's passions include great liturgy, choral music, travel, baseball, and spending time with his wife Julia.

I met Stephen through mutual friends a few months ago and know you will be in good hands and that you will enjoy his presence very much.

Earth Day Jazz Concert and Garden Benefit

On Sunday April 26, 2009, St Luke's own Rich Pellegrin and several of his fellow musicians from the University of Washington School Of Music will be performing a jazz concert to benefit the St. Luke's Parish Garden project. This wonderful musical event will begin at 3:30pm at the church, and will be followed by a wine and appetizer reception in the undercroft. The suggested donation is \$20. Gather your friends and family and come down to St Luke's to enjoy a relaxing Sunday afternoon musical event, we hope to see you there.

Parish Camping Trip

Save the date for this year's parish camping trip. July 17 – 19 at Larrabee State Park is a lovely spot on the saltwater shore of Samish Bay near Bellingham. The cost will be \$25 per person (children under 6 free!) for two nights camp site and two, group evening meals and breakfasts. Checks made out to St. Luke's Church and marked "Camping Trip" secure your reservation. For more information contact Daniel Crayne at crayne@cascade.org or 206-510-8207.

St. Luke's Parish Garden

You may have heard some exciting rumors lately about a certain gardening project, and I am pleased to announce we hope break ground on St. Luke's Parish Garden on April 25, 2009. A joint venture of the Buildings and Grounds committee and Parish Life, this garden will provide us with the ability to embrace and enact the value of stewardship of our resources.

Recently, Tom Bakan had been developing a plan to take the little patch of grass located behind St. Tim's and Prichard Hall and put it to good use as a pumpkin patch, but as his excitement built, the idea gradually evolved.

The plan is to build a group of raised beds behind Prichard Hall where the sun exposure is great for growing plants. We will be filling the beds with an organic vegetable garden. In the fall as we put the garden to bed, we hope to fill it with bulbs for gorgeous spring color. As the project takes root and grows, we will have room to expand and build additional beds. In the future we hope to develop a garden that produces a feeling of relaxation and calm as well as delicious veggies and herbs and beautiful blooms.

Growing and nurturing a garden space is a tremendous endeavor. Excitement is building about producing lovely fruits and vegetables to grace St. Luke's community table. We are fortunate to have the space, the means, and willing hearts and hands. This is a chance not only for us to eat well, but to make a difference in our community. Local food banks are experiencing a slow down of donations in these challenging economic times. Let's share our good fortune and do our part to help make healthy, fresh foods available to those in need.

We can make this project a reality. We will be gathering our resources and compiling our materials, and we need your help for this project take root! To get things started, we need funds! Our project leads are standing by to make the initial purchase of lumber, hardware, and soil. Please help this garden grow by making a donation of funds. As we proceed, the effort of your willing hands and sturdy backs will be indispensable, stay tuned to take part in an exciting groundbreaking!

If you have questions about how to become involved, please contact Tom Bakan at tbakan@earthlink.com or Sarah Lorenzen at sarahanddag@gmail.com

Sarah Lorenzen

Outreach Opportunity.

Captain Hubbard's Wish List comes to us from the Mission to Seafarers Organization. This group's ministry is to seamen from all countries who touch ground in Seattle, many of whom speak no English, have no relatives here, and are just ashore for a short time. One of the things they do is prepare a Ditty Bag full of toilet articles for them to take back on their ships when they leave.

Capt. Hubbard needs 800 Ditty Bags before November and he has sent me a pattern and instructions for making them. Are there any seamstresses out there who would like to spend a few hours sewing ditty bags? We could set up several sewing machines in the guild room, cut the fabric and sew them up and have a pretty good time doing it, might even have lunch. If you like to sew, do or do not have a sewing machine call me and we can make some sailors happy come Christmas. You may remember we made several hundred red flannel stockings a few years ago for the soldiers in Iraq and surprised ourselves with our productivity.

Call me if you think you would enjoy being a part of this ministry. Sally Cummings 425-228-1871.

Meet Maggie Monaghan

You have seen her on Easter, you have seen her in church, now you know her name, Maggie Monaghan. She and her two daughters have been here off and on for a couple of years but she was confirmed this year and we'll be seeing more of her I am sure. Maggie is a teacher and not a bit shy; she apologized for not signing up to do anything at Easter and then ASKED if she could help on clean up!! Well, she surely could and did, was one of the last of the crew to go home. Introduce yourself to her next time you see her so she knows who you are.



Treasurer's Report. In an effort to keep the parish informed about our Parish finances, we will provide a brief report in each *Newsletter*. If you have further questions you may contact our Treasurer, Kate Martin k8martinwa@yahoo.com, 206-919-6212, or Phil Cummings disastergold@comcast.net, 206-353-3908.

Please note that monthly expenses are budgeted at 1/12 of the total year's expenses, though costs are rarely uniform each month. Some variance is to be expected.

Annual Budget	197,409.00
March Income	17,174.00
March Expenses	15,837.00
YTD Income	40,339.00
YTD Expenses	47,223.00

Our general financial picture is satisfactory. Our increased income was largely due to memorial gifts and contributions to our Roof Fund.

Phil Cummings, Assistant Treasurer

In Memorium

Long-time St. Luke's parishioner, Robert (Bob) Connell, died on March 22nd after living with dementia for several years. We celebrated Bob's life at St. Luke's on April 4th. Bob's son, Jack Connell fondly remembered his childhood at St. Luke's as well as many St. Luke's matriarchs. Betty Tierney and several other helpers put on a lovely reception following the liturgy.

*Rest eternal grant unto him, O Lord
And let light perpetual shine upon him.*

February Birthdays



05/02	Kathy Schaeffer
05/15	Kate Martin
05/15	Teresa Clymer-Flora
05/15	Laurie Donati
05/17	Micheal Thomas
05/25	Zachary Springer
05/28	Patrick Orth
05/28	German Vergara
05/30	Trevor Freutel

*If your birthday isn't listed, please help us update our records.
Call the parish office at 425-255-3323.*

Service and Program Schedule

Sunday

Holy Eucharist	Nave	8 AM
Childcare Nursery	Pritchard Hall	9 AM-12 noon
Choir Rehearsal	Nave	9 AM
Godly Play	St Timothy's	10:30 AM
Holy Eucharist	Nave	10:30 AM

Wednesday

Vesper Mass	Nave	6 PM
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Staff

Denise Bamba	Childcare Attendant	253-254-3530
Kevin D. Pearson	Rector	425-255-3323
	Pastoral Emergency	206-954-1026
Rich Pellegrin	Director of Music	330-671-3773
German Vergara	Administrator	425-894-4411

Office Hours

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 1 PM-5 PM

Fr. Kevin is available for appointments Tuesday through Thursday

Vestry and Officers

Linda Bakan	Endowment	Kate Martin	Treasurer
Chris Cornuelle		Lynette Mwaniki	Parish Life
Phil Cummings	Stewardship:	Kevin Pearson	Rector
	Endowment	Billy Ray	Evangelism
	Finance	Dan Springer	Junior Warden
Nicole Freutel	Senior Warden		B & G
	Parish Life	Soren Sorenson	Evangelism
	Education	Julie Stormes	Clerk
Virginia Herrera	Parish Life	Karen Uitting	B & G
Sara Lorenzen	Parish Life		

St. Luke's Episcopal Church

April 2009

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Palm Sunday 8:00am Holy Eucharist 9:00am Choir Rehearsal 10:30am Godly Play 10:30am Holy Eucharist	7:00pm Alanon 7:00pm Buildings & Grounds	10:00am Lakeshore Service 7:00pm AA	10:30am AIDS Care Managers 6:00pm Vesper Mass 6:30pm Vestry	Maunday Thursday 7:00pm Liturgy 7:30pm Alanon	Good Friday 7:00pm Liturgy	Easter Vigil 10:00am Work Party 10:00am Alanon 8:00pm 12-Step Program 8:00pm Liturgy
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