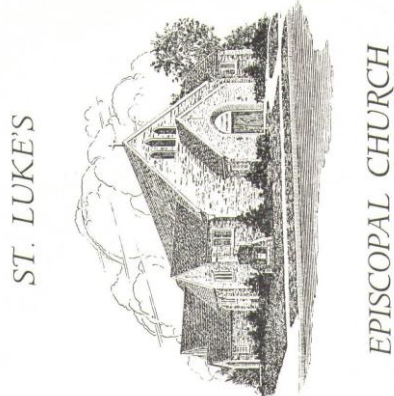


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Sunday Holy Eucharist

@ 9 am followed by
 St. Luke's Fellowship in Guild Hall

Midweek Services:

Evening Prayer – Tuesday 4 pm & Thursday 5 pm

St. Luke's	Ministry Contacts
Acolytes	Dean Peck
Fellowship	Andrew Eagan
Choir & Organist	Marilyn Schrader
Kids Kloset	Dolly Seidel
Prayer Chain	Dolly Seidel
Altar Guild & ECW	Sue Doornek
Christian Formation	Amy & Steve Cook
Safety Officer	Jim Stringfellow
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Kris Holaday-Wondrachek, Treasurer		



Dallas Goeb
Marge Lower
Lanny Melville
Aimee Halvorsen
Mary Arriola
Gus Luetzow
James King
Krislyn Holaday-Wondrachek



Richard & Bertha Klaesing

Treasurer's Report: March

Income: \$7,617.06
Expenses: (\$11,151.78)
Deficit: (\$3,534.72)

The month of March was a somewhat difficult month for St. Luke's, financially. We had large utility bills due to the cold weather (and the winter which didn't seem to want to let go), and our new Interim Priest, Fr. Bob Lambert, also started with us. We are happy to have him with us, but it does require an additional financial commitment from the church. Pledges were down in the month of March, so if you can try to make sure to keep up with your pledge, we would be so grateful. Thank you so much! Here's to May flowers!

THANK YOU - THANK YOU - THANK YOU!

Back in February of this year, we ran an article in the Newsletter asking if someone in our Parish could "Adopt a Room" in our Renovation Project. We had a need especially for the Bride's Room, the Nursery, and the Guild Hall. Roy and Ruth Resler, long time members of our Parish heard the call and sent us a check for \$10,000. We are so grateful! If you get a chance, please give Roy and Ruth a call or stop by. They always love to have visitors and they especially love seeing and hearing from their St. Luke's Family. Thank you again, Roy and Ruth!



Submitted by Kris Holaday-Wondrachek, Treasurer



Please keep in your Prayers

Joe Lococo, Noel Kisting, Len Booth, Dolly Seidel, Susan Sherrell, Marianne Newberry, David Miller, Margaret Biljac, Dorene Ostrowski, Ed Mueller, Nancy Engbring, Renee Hossalia, Barbara Smith, Michelle Thompson, Dick Klaesing, Kent Kelly, James Halvorsen, Dan & Jacob Spacek, Arlene & Cali Nass, and Courvoisia Fossett. The

congregation of St. Thomas of Canterbury in Greendale and their clergy The Rev. Carla McCook, The congregation of St. Peter's in West Allis and their clergy The Rev. Gary Lambert.

Episcopal Men's Group



The deadline to sign up for the Men's Group Dinner is almost here. We need to RSVP **NO LATER THAN May 10th**. All of the men from St Luke's are invited to attend this event.

What: Men's Group Dinner and Speaker

When: May 12th Begins at 6 pm and ends no later than 8 pm

What: Brief Social time, followed by dinner and guest speaker

Where: St Peter's Episcopal Church

7929 W. Lincoln Avenue - West Allis, WI, 53219

Cost: Free will offering. Food will be provided by St. Peter's.

Guest Speaker: The Rev. Gary Manning, rector of Trinity Episcopal Church, Wauwatosa

Topic: "What guys like us can learn from a guy like Jonah":

When running away runs us right into God.

If you would like to attend please contact Steve or Amy Cook at ASCook98@yahoo.com or 769-9044.

Resurrection is about NEW LIFE

by Fr. Bob Lambert

Going from Lent to Easter the Church changes her decorations. We go from austerity of the desert to the lushness of new life. We go from burlap to lilies. This change is not about new decorations but about expressing on the outside what God is doing on the inside. It is about the new life God is creating in us.

There are new things happening at St. Luke's. Many are described in the summary of the Vestry meeting found in this newsletter. Other signs include: People volunteering, people committing to attend events outside of St. Luke's and to bring back what they learned, people reporting healings of their body and/or spirit, and new energy in our worship.

These are powerful first steps in a journey to build up St. Luke's. It will also take months of honest reflection upon the history of St. Luke's to identify this congregation's core values and norms of operating, its dreams that have been fulfilled and/or broken, and finding the opportunities God is putting before St. Luke's to serve the community of Bay View. An interim period can lead to a deeper connection with God and the development of a strategic plan that will guide St. Luke's in carrying out God's mission to the world.

Over time, answers to the core church organizational questions will become clearer: Who are we? Who are our neighbors? How are we called to serve? It has been my experience that when a congregation in common answers to these questions, they are on the way to living a NEW LIFE, to THRIVING and to GROWING.

Alleluia. Christ is risen. The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.



Safeguarding God's Children Training Session

DON'T FORGET! St Luke's, Milwaukee will be holding a Safe Guarding God's Children training session this month, on **May 21 from 9 to 12** in our Guild Hall. If you wish to attend, or know of someone who does, please contact Amy Cook at ASCook98@yahoo.com or 769-9044. The session is free.

The truth of the matter is you always know the right thing to do. The hard part is doing it.

General H. Norman Schwarzkopf

REMEMBER THOSE WHO SERVED



ALL GAVE SOME, SOME GAVE ALL

Readings for May



Second Sunday of Easter – May 1

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Psalm 16

1 Peter 1:3-9

John 20:19-31

Third Sunday of Easter – May 8

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17

1 Peter 1:17-23

Luke 24:13-35

Fourth Sunday of Easter – May 15

Acts 2:42-47

Psalm 23

1 Peter 2:19-25

John 10:1-10

Fifth Sunday of Easter – May 22

Acts 7:55-60

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

1 Peter 2:2-10

John 14:1-14

Sixth Sunday of Easter – May 29

Acts 17:22-31

Psalm 66:7-18

1 Peter 3:13-22

John 14:15-21

Favorite Hymn Sunday

Marilyn L. Schrader

Due to popular request, favorite hymn Sunday is back. June, July, and August will feature a favorite hymn of a St. Luke's member at the offertory. If you know the hymn number in either the blue Hymnal 1982 or the *Lift Every Voice* hymnal fine. If not, I will attempt to hunt it down. Please include your name on the request form so I can contact you prior to the selected Sunday. I will attempt to inform you when you "Favorite" will be sung. You may fill out more than one form, and leave them in the box in the Narthex. You can't say "they never sing my favorite hymn" again.

Favorite Hymn Form



Name of hymn _____

"The Hymnal 1982" number _____

"Lift Every Voice" number _____

Selected by _____

Phone number _____

E-mail address _____

Optional - why this is your favorite:

Ministry Fair in Milwaukee

Saturday - May 7, 2011
at All Saints Cathedral, St. Paul's and
Nicholson House
8:45 am – 3:45 pm

. . . so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient,
equipped for every good work.
(2 Timothy 3:17)

Sign up today!

Join us for a day filled with workshops, discussion and trainings. This is a day for congregations to bring a wide variety of people who are involved in a variety of ministries to learn, interact and connect. It is a day about leadership training, equipping you to do your ministries, giving you new ideas, and providing support for your work.

Choosing from all these offerings will be a challenge, but I encourage your team to look at the workshops and create a list of what you all think is a "must do." Spread the workshops out among the team and then gather back together to report out and discover your next steps for your congregation.

All information can be found at:

<http://www.diomil.org/christian-formation/ministry-fair>

If you have questions, please contact The Rev. Shannon Kelly at kelly@diomil.org or 414-272-3028 ext 114.

A Big Hello from Dallas Goeb



We recently had a note from Dave Goeb, son of John and Dallas, giving an update on his mom. He shared this recent picture of her, and wants us to know she is doing well. While she won't recognize folks specifically, she appreciates receiving visitors. Dallas is active with her wheelchair and is generally content. She does not converse a lot, but her eyes light up and she smiles when she has a guest. Dallas turns 88 on May 6th.

You are welcome to stop by for a visit, or send a card to her at:
Dallas Goeb

Clement Manor
3939 South 92nd Street - Greenfield, WI 53228

Soup & Bible Study
Wednesday - May 11th
5:30 pm Evening Prayer
6 pm Soup Supper
6:30 pm Bible Study



Coming Soon!

Mini Discussions during Fellowship time.

As a part of a vestry retreat homework assignment, a second idea on worship suggested by Amy Cook and Dean Peck is:

"An increased use and a better understanding of The Book of Common Prayer".

So beginning in May, on one Sunday per month during coffee hour, there will be an optional or voluntary "mini discussion" on a particular section of BCP. It will be led by Father Lambert, other clergy, or volunteers. It will be open to anyone -- and during coffee hour those interested will be at a few tables in the Guild Hall, discussing and learning about the BCP. Others who do not wish to participate can enjoy coffee hour as usual. If everyone wants to join in, or listen, great -- if not that's ok too.

Amy and Dean will be checking with Father Lambert, who will lead this discussion the first time, and for however long he will be willing to lead it. Under his direction, Amy, and Dean will then develop a schedule for the rest of 2011 -- One Sunday per month -- the schedule will be placed in the newsletter and listed in the bulletin. If you are interested in helping with this, please contact Amy Cook or Dean Peck. Watch for more details and schedule coming soon.

May 15 will be the first Mini Discussion in the fellowship hall. Topic: "The Book of Common Prayer Daily Office."



Vestry Meeting Highlights – April 2011

Fr. Lambert requested an 8-10 sentence summary of the vestry meeting to be included in the monthly newsletter, so parishioners can be kept abreast of what the vestry is working on. These are the highlights of the April meeting.

Heard the treasurer's report and discussed the fact that we are receiving less in pledges. This month we received \$7600 and we need \$10,000 to meet our expenses. The \$7600 figure, includes pledges and rental income.

Discussed the Vestry Work-day goals:

- ✧ To have a monthly newsletter article that will be written by the Sr. Warden starting in May. To recruit 5 new parish members to participate in the church planting day planned for May.
- ✧ To engage 5 members to man the booth at Bay View Bash held in September.
- ✧ To have a Monthly Sunday Study group led by clergy after the service on the Book of Common Prayer starting in May.
- ✧ To have a monthly newsletter article, written by parishioners, on the effect of the weekly readings on their life, starting in May.

All of the work-day goals were **approved**.

Learned about some building issues:

Old: Edu-care ceiling tiles and a bi-lingual sign on the office door should be completed by the next meeting.

New: what a City of Milwaukee Electrical inspection report means and getting our organ tuned. Both will be investigated and reported on next month.

There was discussion of adding wi-fi in the guild hall and improving the parish website. Bids and other ideas will be discussed next month for action.

Discussed description of vestry members and who should be included in work-day meetings. The vestry consists of the rector, Sr. Warden, Jr. Warden and 9 vestry persons. They are elected by the parish. Vestry support is the clerk of the vestry and the treasurer, both elected by the vestry. No decision made on who should attend future work-days.

Explored if the vestry should keep meeting in the rectory or in the church, e.g. guild hall or some other room and if we should keep the day on Tuesday evenings. Discussed if we should elect fewer members in the future. No decisions made.

Fr. Lambert brought us two items from the meeting with the rectors of our sister parishes, St. Thomas of Canterbury (STOC) and St Peter's:

- ✧ To hold a Tri-Parish worship and picnic on July 17th at STOC.
- ✧ To have a Tri-Parish study of "Renewal" with Dick Klaesing and Sue Doornek as our representatives. Both of these items were **approved**.

Please note: the Vestry meeting for May will be held on May 10th at 6:30 pm, instead of the usual date.



Weekly Scripture Reflections

One of the vestry work-day goals that was approved at last month's vestry meeting, was a new column called Weekly Scripture Reflections, to be included in the monthly newsletter. It will be written by parishioners regarding a bulletin inserts and the weekly readings and how the message impacts our life. The bulletin inserts are meant to be taken home and reread and examined and the new column will be an avenue for people to share their thoughts with the congregation.

Dean Peck and I were the proponents of this goal, and will be doing the first 2 newsletter articles to get the ball rolling. Please let either of us know if you would like to participate. It only needs to be a few paragraphs, the thought and discussion is what is important not the writing skills or punctuation. I borrowed the style of a "Guidepost" daily devotion, but feel free to write in any style that feels comfortable to you.

When I heard the Gospel of John that day, I felt the words sink in, like they never did before. When Jesus tells the apostles: "Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them." (John 13:16-17) What does that mean to me, except that Jesus is not only showing us by washing feet that we are all equal in his eyes, indeed he is telling us that we not only have to give lip service to the thought, but also give ACTION ("...**you are blessed if you DO them...**").

"I am NOT prejudiced. I like everyone." But don't I like some people, just a little more? Don't I give food, old clothes or money to charity instead of volunteering in person? Why don't I get my hands dirty? Do I think I am better than Jesus, who got on his knees and washed the filthy dust encrusted feet of his apostles? Most certainly not, but do my actions show otherwise?

When I came out of the Maundy Thursday services, attended by about 10 people, I left very uplifted. I saw Steve and others get their feet washed and felt the peace that settled over everyone as we came together afterward to say goodnight. Can an hour of worship change my life? Shouldn't every Gospel speak to me? Yes and yes. But realistically, sometimes we have to be knocked over the head. I heard the message and saw the feet washing dozens of times in my life, but for some reason, this time "it took". I see my feet washing opportunities as I never have before. I have a greater understanding of one of my favorite hymns from childhood: "They will know we are Christians by our Love". I heard Jesus speak to directly to me and tell me I cannot just call myself a Christian, I must BE a Christian.

"Dear Lord: Let me follow you in all ways in word, thought and deed. Let them know I am a Christian by my love, not only during Holy Week, but every week of my life." Amen



Feet Washing Opportunities

by Amy Cook

Did you ever notice that when you buy a new car, whenever you go on the road, every other car is just like yours? Before that day, you never even blinked when a PT Cruiser drove by, but now since it is in your radar, all you can see is the nifty vintage-y vehicle that Chrysler made just for you. And a thousand others. The same thing happened to me with the Maundy Thursday readings. I always knew about the feet washing, I grew up as a Roman Catholic, so even having a priest wash someone's feet wasn't all that unusual to me. But, this year, just like after Steve and I bought our PT Cruiser, all I could see were feet washing opportunities, both literally and figuratively.

CAMP WEBB



Camp Webb is an outdoor ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of Milwaukee. Everyone who comes to Camp Webb is given the opportunity to learn more about themselves and others, to discover more about the Episcopal Church, to develop a greater spiritual awareness, and to encounter Christ through living and learning in God's creation. Campers will learn new skills, make new friends, and explore who they are and who God is in their lives. We welcome all young people to share in the experience, so invite your grandchildren, family and friends!

This year camp will be held at the beautiful and centrally located Lutherdale Camp near Elkhorn. It has a lake, playing fields, basketball court, archery range, campfire pit, and more. We will be using the newly built Deback Family Lodge with open and inviting large group spaces, beautiful sleeping quarters with attached bathrooms and more.

Camps begin on Sunday at 2 p.m. and end on Friday, at 2 p.m. Children need to be picked up from camp by 3 p.m. that day.

For more information about the camp, please contact The Rev. Shannon Kelly, Bishop's Assistant for Christian Formation at kelly@diomil.org

Custom Grown Greenhouse Fundraiser!

Custom Grown Greenhouse of Milwaukee has once again agreed to host an annual fundraiser for St. Luke's Episcopal Church. This is the BEST KIND of fundraiser...all we have to do is SHOP! For all plants purchased (not hard goods), Custom Grown Greenhouse will donate 25% of sales to St. Luke's Church. Please make sure to bring the coupon below in, so that St. Luke's can get proper credit. Here's the information:



Date: Friday, May 20, 2011

Times: All day: 9am-7pm

Location: Custom Grown Greenhouse, 4507 S. 6th Street, Milwaukee

Donation to St. Luke's: For all plants purchased (not hard goods), 25% will be donated to St. Luke's.

COUPON — CLIP HERE

St. Luke's Episcopal Church Fundraiser

CUSTOM GROWN GREENHOUSE
4507 S. 6th Street - Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Friday, May 20, 2011
All Day: 9 am – 7 pm

Bring this coupon to Custom Grown Greenhouse in Milwaukee, and Custom Grown Greenhouse will donate **25%** of all plants purchased (not hard goods) to **St. Luke's Episcopal Church.**

Come on in and Shop! And thank you!



New Schedule for Evening Prayer

Tuesday at 4 pm
Thursday at 5 pm



St. Luke's Online Bible Study

Rev. Carla McCook of St. Thomas of Canterbury in Greendale, has kindly allowed our parish to collaborate in their existing online Bible Study Group. She posts a new lesson every Monday and we will have an online discussion. This will be something new for our church to explore and it is hoped that everyone with computer capabilities will take part and try it out.

The online bible study will start sometime after Easter, keep watching for the date. In the meantime, if you wish to be included in this online study, email ASCook98@yahoo.com to be added to our StL Online Group at Yahoo.com where we will be hosting the St Luke part of the discussion.

More information will be forthcoming. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask:
Amy and Steve Cook, Christian Formation Coordinators



Delightful Recipes From Our Parishioners

Cherry Chocolate Bars from Chris Stringfellow

- 2 cups flour
- 2 cups quick-cooking rolled oats
- 1 ½ cups sugar
- 1 ¼ cups (2 ½ sticks) unsalted butter, room temperature
- 1 can (21 ounces) cherry pie filling
- 1 teaspoon almond extract
- ½ cup semisweet chocolate chips
- 1 Tablespoon solid vegetable shortening

Preheat oven to 250 degrees.

In bowl of electric mixer, combine flour, oats, sugar and butter. Beat at low speed until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Reserve 1 ½ cups crumb mixture. Press remaining crumb mixture onto bottom of ungreased 13-by-9-inch baking pan. Bake in preheated oven 15 to 20 minutes or until edges are very lightly browned.

Meanwhile, in same bowl, combine pie filling and almond extract. Spread over partially baked crust. Sprinkle with reserved crumb mixture and return to oven. Continue baking 27 to 32 minutes or until lightly browned.

Remove from oven and cool slightly.

Meanwhile, melt chocolate chips and shortening in microwave, stirring frequently, or in saucepan over low heat, stirring constantly, until smooth. Drizzle over bars. Cool completely.

Cut into squares, rectangles or diamonds.
Makes about 36 bars.



Stamp Out Hunger is the largest single day food drive in the nation, running for 19 years and counting! On the second Saturday in May, letter carriers all across Wisconsin perform double-duty by collecting bags of donated food along their mail routes. The food is then delivered to pantries and meal programs.

Locally, over 1,200 letter carriers from Pioneer Branch 2 collect food along Milwaukee County mail routes. Countless volunteers collect the food at local post offices, and Hunger Task Force delivers the food free of charge to our network of pantries and meal programs. The food collected during **Stamp Out Hunger** creates a safety net during the summer months—last year, over 900,000 pounds of food were collected in Milwaukee County!

The food collection will be held on Saturday, May 14.

Please note: Fr. Lambert will be at CREDO in North Carolina, May 16-24. In case of emergency please contact Mother Carla McCook or Fr. Gary Lambert.



We are Trying Something New!

St. Luke's is trying something a little different with the Prayers of the People, during the Sunday service. We hope to have members of the congregation take turns being the Intercessor for the prayers. Please see Fr. Lambert if you would like to take part in this.



Please keep Kids Kloset in mind as you do your shopping. We would love to have any of the large, plastic, shopping style bags you get from the stores. Thank you!

Just a reminder: Please make sure to let Doris Holaday know if you will be able to help out at the annual Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser scheduled for November 5th. She needs to know by **May 15th** in order to decide if we are able to hold the dinner this year. Many helpers are needed for this big event.

