



St. Luke's Episcopal Church House Call Newsletter

May 2019

St. Luke's Sabbatical 2019 User's Guide



Named after the Sabbath, Sabbatical plays an important role in the continued growth of both pastor and parish. Highly encouraged by the Church, sabbaticals provide an opportunity to reflect on accomplishments, challenges, and holy proddings from the previous seven years. We are glad that Diana+ can embark on this sabbatical pilgrimage of renewal and discernment.

The following are key dates and contacts for the Sabbatical...

Sunday, May 19:

- This is Diana's last Sunday before she leaves for Sabbatical.
- Ildar will be away starting this Sunday until August 4. We are grateful that James Fitzpatrick can serve as substitute organist for the whole duration of Ildar's absence.
- We will hold a liturgy to bless Diana+'s departure after the service. Followed by cake!
- Dalyn will also be away for this week; thank you to Anne Arms, Nancy Jones, Kathryn Dinin for

opening Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday that week.

May 26 – August 18:

- We will welcome a series of guest preachers and celebrants each Sunday.
- Joanna White will be our first guest priest on May 26.
- A member of the Sabbatical Committee (Richard Smith, Dianne Crews, or Anne Arms) will coordinate with each guest preacher the week prior and greet them early Sunday morning.
- A designated Vestry member will make announcements and facilitate as needed.

Sunday, August 25:

- Diana+ returns from Sabbatical.
- We will host a returning liturgy and a celebration after the service.

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Please keep Diana+ and the parish in your prayers as we embark on our separate journeys.

Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings with thy most gracious favor, and further us with thy continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in thee, we may glorify thy holy Name, and finally, by thy mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (*The Book of Common Prayer*)

Richard Wilson-Smith
Senior Warden

April Vestry Meeting Highlights

Our April Vestry meeting began, as always, with prayer and a review of our norms. Betsy Love then provided an update on our Restoration of Nature project, reporting that the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) declared St. Luke's "the best example on the east coast" of a storm water retrofit project. This is an incredible distinction and a testament to the vision and hard work of so many people, including Betsy and the Environmental Committee. We continue to explore ways to increase the reach and influence of this important project, particularly in the areas of education and policy change. Please continue to pray for vision and discernment as we ponder next steps in our stewardship of nature.

The Vestry discussed the importance of active assailant preparedness and training for our community. Active shooter scenarios are tragically becoming more common and we as a church must be prepared for the possibility. The vestry is preparing procedures and training materials to help with our preparedness. Please stay tuned. In the meantime, remember the acronym "A.D.D": Avoid, Delay, Defend.

- Avoid: get away as soon as you can.
- Delay: if you cannot escape, then do everything you can to slow and deter the assailant.
- Defend: if it comes to this, fight for yourself and those around you.

May 19 will be Diana+'s last Sunday with us before her sabbatical. The vestry will prepare a nice send-off celebration after the service. No need to bring anything. Please join us for this fun and tasty reception!

We have received \$105k in pledges, which is still \$15k shy of our budget goal. Fortunately, the Diocese has generously awarded us a \$5,000 grant to support our congregational development efforts, which includes the Sunday childcare and education program. The Diocese has also provided a \$1,000 grant to assist us with clerical costs during Diana's sabbatical and they have further awarded funds to assist with Diana's continuing education. While our goal is always to maintain financial security and independence, we are very fortunate to have such support and encouragement from the Diocese.

We re-appointed our Finance Committee, which is responsible for providing guidance and oversight to our financial strategies. Committee members are Gil Gardner, Avedis Zarikian, Nancy Jones, Diana+ Carroll, and Richard Smith. Thank you to everyone for your service!

Dianne Crews reported on plans for the "Getting to you Dinners". These are splendid opportunities to form deeper relationships within our community. We are grateful to Dianne for organizing this and to everyone for their participation. If you were not able to participate in these events, don't worry! There will be plenty of future opportunities.

Richard Wilson-Smith
Senior Warden

Offering Thanks

Thank you so much to everyone who participated in the Good Friday Offering and the United Thank Offering Ingathering this year.

The Good Friday Offering supports the dioceses of the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East. This year, our congregation and members of Living Water Inclusive Catholic Community contributed **\$534** during Holy Week and Easter. You can learn more at www.episcopalchurch.org/page/good-friday-offering.

The United Thank Offering is a program of the Episcopal Church that has been supporting mission around the world for over 125 years. It encourages us to make prayers of thanksgiving tangible by regularly placing offerings in a UTO "blue box." This year, **\$301.78** was offered during our annual Ingathering. Empty blue

boxes for those wishing to engage in this spiritual practice of gratitude year round are available in the foyer of the church or may be mailed by request. St. Luke's was the recipient of a 2016 UTO grant that funded the creation of the environmental education campus in conjunction with our Restoration of Nature Project. Learn more about the UTO at www.episcopalchurch.org/page/united-thank-offering or uto2014.wordpress.com.

Summer Music Program

Our Musical Director Dr. Ildar Khannanov will be away for his summer travels beginning May 19. We look forward to welcoming James Fitzpatrick as our supply organist while Ildar is away. The choir of St. Luke's will continue to sing during worship through the Day of Pentecost, June 9. They will take their summer break from June 9 and will resume August 18.

Labyrinth Walk: Family Walk

Labyrinth walks are held at the Eastport Memorial Labyrinth on the front of St. Luke's grounds on the **second** Saturday of each month from **noon to 1 pm**. The gatherings include guidance for walking the labyrinth, an introduction to that month's theme, and time for reflection following the walk.

We invite you and your family to our **May 11** labyrinth walk. It is child, adult and senior citizen friendly. It will serve as an introduction to walking the labyrinth and we'll have some other activities for children and a handheld labyrinth for folks who can't walk the labyrinth. It's a great way to be outside and teach children some initial concepts of going inwards. There is no doing it "right" but just a nice opportunity to be outside and introduce folks to the concept of a labyrinth. We hope you'll join us!
"The point of a maze is to find the center. The point of a labyrinth is to find YOUR center."

Next Date: June 8 – Fun Walk

Labyrinth walks are open to all and take place rain or shine. A hand-held labyrinth is available as an alternative to walking. For questions, contact Kate Porcelli at 202- 617-1546 or joyofkate@gmail.com.

Diocesan Convention

The 234rd Convention of the Diocese of Maryland will take place on **May 10 and 11** at Turf Valley Resort in Ellicott City. St. Luke's will be represented by the Rev. Diana Carroll (Clergy Delegate), Anne Arms (Lay Delegate), and Alastair McGregor (Lay Alternate). Anyone is welcome to attend the Convention. Visit the Diocesan Convention Webpage to register and for more information: <http://episcopalmaryland.org/diocesan-governance/diocesan-convention/>

Sabbatical Send-off Celebration

Our rector, Pastor Diana, will be taking a sabbatical leave from Monday, May 20 through Tuesday, August 20 of this year. Join us for a special sending off celebration on **Sunday, May 19** to bid Diana+ safe travels and pray for a fruitful time of renewal for both her and our parish.

During the sabbatical, St. Luke's will be welcoming a number of different guest clergy to preach and lead our services. The Rev. Joanna White, Chaplain to Clergy & Families in the Diocese of Maryland, will be with us for about half of the Sundays. Other visiting clergy will include the Rev. Canon Scott Slater and the Rev. Canon Christine McCloud from our diocesan staff; the Rev. Jess Sexton and the Rev. Dion Thompson, associate priests at St. Anne's; the Rev. Joshua Rodriguez from the pastoral care staff at Anne Arundel Medical Center; and our own priest associate, the Rev. Norman Crews.

GreenGive is Coming Up on May 28-29

We are proud to announce that St. Luke's Restoration of Nature is a co-host of GreenGive, a 24-hour online fundraising and engagement-building initiative to expand participation in 10 Anne Arundel County waterway and environmental organizations.

What is GreenGive?

GreenGive is a day of giving starting on **May 28 at 5 pm through May 29 at 5 pm** that harnesses the collective power of individuals like you to provide the critical funds needed to protect our waters and lands. We need you to join us for the greener good in Anne Arundel County.

How to Participate?

There are two ways to participate in GreenGive:

- (1) Join us for the GreenGive Live Kick-off Party on Tuesday, May 28, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Maryland Hall for the Creative Arts, 801 Chase Street in Annapolis and donate during the party. It's free, and we'd love to see you.
- (2) Just preregister here by May 24th at: <https://app.etapestry.com/onlineforms/WatershedsStewardsAcademy/GreenGiveKickOff.html>

OR

(3) Give online from wherever you are. Just click <https://www.greengive.org/donate> for more information and details on how to donate. Checks are welcome too.

Restoration of Nature Plant Sale

A plant sale to benefit St. Luke's Restoration of Nature will be held here on **May 11, 3:00 to 5:00 pm**. Any remaining plants will be available after services on Sunday. The plants are donated by the Maryland Horticultural Society. St. Anne's will not hold their plant sale this year and has offered the plants to St. Luke's. Please stop by and pick up a beautiful native plant for your garden — or a friend!

Environmental Committee Meeting

The Environmental Committee at St. Luke's seeks to spread environmental stewardship through education, advocacy, and volunteerism on a teaching campus that heals the human spirit while caring for creation. **The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 9 at 7 pm**. For more information, contact environmental chair Betsy Love 917-939-9409 or at truenorthintl@me.com.

Contemplative Prayer Practice

The Contemplative Prayer practice continues to meet weekly at the church on **Wednesdays from 10 to 10:45 am**.



This practice invites us to experience rest and internal nourishment through silent prayer together. Anyone is welcome to join at any time. No experience necessary. For more information, contact co-facilitators Eve Waldman at eleanoreewaldman@gmail.com or 757-387-2367 and Chuck Gallegos at gallegoscl@verizon.net or 410-571-0562.

Act Community Organizing Training & ACTions

You are invited to attend one or all of these events to learn how you can ACT for positive change in our communities.

Sunday May 5, 3 - 4:30 p.m.

"Do Not Stand Idly By"

Tired of Partisan Politics Getting in the Way of Keeping Our Communities Safe from Gun Violence? Please join the ACT Gun Violence Reduction & Safety Research Action Team to learn about the national Metro IAF campaign that addresses the public health issue of gun violence and can make all our communities safer. Childcare available. Mount Olive Community Life Center 2 Hicks Ave, Annapolis, MD. RSVP to aaaciaf@gmail.com or to St. Luke's ACT Core Team Coordinator Mike Waldman (757-387-2251 or mwaldman@juno.com.)

Tuesday, May 7, 7 - 8:30 pm

RELATIONAL MEETINGS: Martin Buber wrote that "all real living is meeting." ACT teaches how to meet in deeply intentional ways, to really get to know your neighbors and discover why they are motivated to act on certain issues, all in a 45-minute conversation. RSVP to aaaciaf@gmail.com. Childcare available only with RSVP received by May 6 at 3 pm. Congregation Kol Shalom, 1909 Hidden Meadow Ln., Annapolis.

SAVE THE DATE: Thursday, June 13, 7 pm: Major Action on Affordable Housing and Gun Violence Safety & Reduction, Location TBD.

Anne Arundel Connecting Together (ACT) is a non-partisan faith-based "organization of organizations"

made up of over 25 member and friends institutions representing thousands of residents, working together to build community power so that people's voices are represented, and solutions presented, at the places where decisions are made. We build power by forming deep relationships within our organizations and our communities and identifying and developing leaders who can lead and take action. We never act "for" anyone, but always with. We do not endorse candidates or work with or for any political parties.

Working with the Industrial Areas Foundation (IAF), the oldest and largest faith-based community organizing effort in the country, we are part of a network of 60 affiliate organizations. We focus on Anne Arundel County, while benefiting from the leadership development and training we get alongside other affiliates.

If you have questions about ACT or need transportation to one of these events, contact St. Luke's ACT Core Team Coordinator Mike Waldman at 757-387-2251 or mwaldman@juno.com

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Our next shawl ministry meeting will be held **Thursday, May 23 at 2:00 pm**, at the home of Kathy Dinin. We will be knitting shawls and pocket shawls to give to those in need of comfort and prayers or for those celebrating joyous events. Bring yarn and needles (We do have a small amount of yarn to get started.) All levels of experience are welcome. For more information contact Helen Leitch (410-263-2783) or Eve Waldman (757-387-2367), or Kathy Dinin (914-241-3966). We look forward to seeing you!

Annapolis Pride Parade & Festival

The first annual Annapolis LGBTQ+ Pride Parade and Festival will be held on **Saturday, June 29, 2019** in downtown Annapolis. The Episcopal churches of our city will be organizing a presence and marching (or riding) in the parade. Save the date for a joyful celebration of inclusion, diversity, and community. This event will be a wonderful opportunity for St. Luke's to share the good news of God's love with many people in our community who have not always been welcomed or included by religious organizations.

To **sign up to participate** in the parade or staff a booth with Episcopal Rainbow, contact St. Anne's member Jill Lake at jilllake3@yahoo.com.

Annapolis Pride was formed in 2018 with a mission to celebrate the LGBTQ+ community, engaging local residents, businesses, and groups to unite in welcoming and embracing diversity in Annapolis

Office Closures

The office will be closed **Monday, May 20** for staff vacation and **Monday, May 27** for Memorial Day. In case of a pastoral emergency, please contact Dianne Crews at 410-292-0836.

Invitation to the Lunch Bunch

The Lunch Bunch is a weekly gathering for fellowship through sharing a meal. It takes place **each Wednesday at 12:30 pm** at Adam's Ribs in the Eastport Shopping Center, right next to the church. Who is invited? Everyone! Lunch Bunch is an open event organized by members of St. Luke's. Friends and visitors are always welcome.

Occasionally, the location moves, or Lunch Bunch may be canceled in light of other church activities. Contact Helen Wheeler for the most current information: 410-224-3882.

Beginners Tai Chi Class

Tai Chi is gentle, meditative movement. It improves balance, core strength, coordination, and flexibility. This class is geared toward beginners and appropriate for all ages. Classes are held **every Thursday from 10 – 11 am**. You are welcome to join at any time. Please use the lower level entrance. For more information call Annette Staubs at 443-235-0065.

Amazon Smile

Amazon.com donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the charitable organization

of your choice. Sign in to your account using the link on the church website, stlukeseastport.org, and St. Luke's will receive the donation.



Are you on our email list?

If you have an email address but are not receiving our weekly email newsletters each Wednesday, please let us know by emailing office@stlukeseastport.org. These weekly emails are an important means of communicating information to our community in between editions of the House Call. If you are not on email but would like to have a printout of the weekly "News from St. Luke's" sent to you by hard copy, please contact Dalyn Huntley in the church office: 410-268-5419.

Weekly Activities

- Worship:** Sunday, 10 am, Holy Eucharist Rite II
- Office Hours:** Monday - Thursday, 9 am – 12 Noon
- Food Pantry:** Tuesday, 11 am – 12 Noon
- Alcoholics Anonymous:** Monday, 5:45 – 6:45 pm
and Wednesday, 5 – 6 pm
- Contemplative Prayer:** Wednesday, 10 – 10:45 am
- A.M. Song Circle:** Wednesday, 11 am – 12 noon
- Lunch Bunch:** Wednesday, 12:30 at Adam's Ribs
- Tai Chi Class:** Thursday, 10 – 11 am

House Call Deadline

The deadline for submission of materials to the summer edition of House Call is no later than **June 4, 2019**. Submissions may be mailed or delivered to the office or emailed to the office at office@stlukeseastport.org

St. Luke's has a long-standing tradition of remembering the birthdays and anniversaries of our members with a card and in the newsletter, as well as praying for those who are present on the preceding Sunday. If you are new to the St. Luke's community or unsure if we have your birthday/anniversary, please let us know when it is! Send the information to the office by phone or email (410-268-5419 or office@stlukeseastport.org).

May Birthdays

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| 1 | Betsy Love |
| 2 | Kate Dent |
| 4 | David Fogle |
| 6 | Maxwell McGregor |
| 8 | Chris Dent |
| 11 | Robert Abbott |
| 13 | Pepe Dent |
| 15 | Helen Wheeler |
| 19 | Mike Waldman |
| 23 | Bill White |
| 26 | Isaiah Dent |
| 30 | Alma Govoro |

Mark Your Calendars

May

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| 10 – 11 | Diocesan Convention at Tuft Valley Resort
Ellicott City, MD |
| 11 | 10 – 11:30 am, Labyrinth Committee Meeting
12 – 1 pm, Family Walk at Eastport Memorial
Labyrinth
3 – 5 pm, Restoration of Nature Plant Sale |
| 18 | 10 am – 12 pm, Vestry Meeting |
| 19 | 10 am, Rector Sabbatical Sendoff Celebration |
| 20 | Parish Office Closed |
| 23 | 2 pm, Prayer Shawl Meeting |
| 26 | 1:30 pm, Living Water Inclusive Catholic
Community |
| 27 | Parish Office Closed – Memorial Day |
| 28 | Green Give Kick-Off at Maryland Hall |

June

- 8 12 – 1 pm, Fun Walk at Eastport Memorial
Labyrinth
- 9 Choir Summer Recess begins
- 23 1:30 pm, Living Water Inclusive Catholic
Community

Prayer List

Prayers for Our Church Community

Ongoing Needs: **Connie** Harold; **Sunniah** Ngonzi Magogo; **the Palermo Family**; **Heather** Cook; **Madelaine** Riley; **Linda** Cunningham; **Honora** Karslo; **Vera** McMahan; **Pepe** Grau (cousin of Olgui Zarikian); our seminarian **Tom** Clement & his husband **Ron** Hafliidson; **Jimmy** Riccardi; **Sydney** Ponturo; **Fred** Sandford; **Nicole** DeVino (friend of Dianne Crews); **Lee** Harper; **Kathy** Ward.

Immediate Needs: **Jackie** Allen; **Tom** Leitch; **Delia** Stark; **Irene** Valliant & **Bob** Muller; **Katie** & **Richard** Preach (sister & brother-in-law of Norma Lobell); **Ana** Donoso & **family**; **Kate** Smith (daughter of Jack & Helen Wheeler); **Dorothy** Thomas (Claire Miller's mother); **Joanne** Barton (cousin of Susie Leaman); **Adrian** Azurdy; **Charles** Staubs; **Lydia** Heidekat (friend of Kathryn Dinin); **Max** McGregor; **Sally** Sandford.

In thanksgiving for healing: **Jack Wheeler**

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