



St. Luke's Episcopal Church House Call Newsletter

Summer 2019

A Note from the Senior Warden



Dear Friends,

As the world remembers D-Day, I can't help but reflect on the bravery, dedication, and faith of the "greatest generation" as they turned the tides of darkness 75 years ago. "Free nations had fallen, Jews cried out in the camps, millions cried out for liberation. Europe was enslaved, and the world prayed for its rescue", as President Reagan reminded us 35 years ago from cliffs of Pointe du Hoc.

What began as shocking belligerence of one leader quickly grew to world-wide proportion, nearly swallowing the whole planet in hate, anger, and unfettered evil. Many people stood by and watched in fear as millions were murdered. And yet, so many actively resisted the demonic violence and threats of Hitler and the Nazis. People like Dietrich Bonhoeffer, the German martyred priest and theologian who publicly condemned their actions. Hidden heroes like those resistance fighters in Poland, Denmark, France,

and all occupied countries who aided the oppressed while obstructing the invaders. And soldiers like those men of Normandy, who "had faith that what they were doing was right, faith that they fought for all humanity, faith that a just God would grant them mercy on this beachhead or on the next", as Reagan eloquently shared.

C.S. Lewis, the famous writer and World War II veteran, wrote that we are currently living behind enemy lines, in "enemy-occupied territory", where darkness and light are locked in terrible battle.

As I contemplate these things, I can't help but think about our own community. How are we putting on the armor of light and standing up for what is Good and Right and True? How are we bringing our faith and our fight to counter the forces of darkness that persist to this day and will likely persist until the end of days?

And then I look out at St. Luke's... a city on a hill. I see rainbow flags flying proudly in the wind. I see what was once a grass field and buried stormwater pipe restored to its original natural glory, with flowing streams and cleansing hills, and walking trails for the community, and educational initiatives demonstrating that environmental restoration is essential to our survival and that it can be done despite opposition small and great. I see people fed each week through our Foodbank. I see the Body of Christ each Sunday... each of us beautiful and shining in our diversity of opinions, background, culture, and preferences. And above it all, I see a towering wooden cross... our great symbol of love conquering death.

And I find myself grateful... grateful for our great country and for our loving community and for all those who have made it possible.

May God bless us and give us the strength and courage to continue doing greater things than we can ask or imagine.

Faithfully,
Richard Smith
Sr. Warden

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report	May-19	
<u>01/01-05/31/2019</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>
Income	41,702	20,442
Pledges	<u>44,402</u>	<u>50,000</u>
Total Income	86,104	70,442
Expenses	84,432	76,381
Net Income (-loss)	<u>1,672</u>	<u>-5,939</u>
Assets:		
Cash	25,318	
Investments	<u>91,815</u>	
Total	<u>117,133</u>	

Sabbatical 2019

*O God, in the course of this busy life,
give us times of refreshment and peace;*

*And grant that we may use our sabbatical time to
rebuild our bodies, renew our minds,
and refresh our souls,*

*That our spirits may be opened to the
goodness of your creation,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

In preparation of Pastor Diana's sabbatical, those of us on the committee read a guide to sabbatical planning. In it we learned to anticipate not only learning and change in our clergy but the same for our congregation as well.

Already we have become aware of the many duties and tasks Diana accomplishes each week that we took for granted:

- Preparation for Sunday morning worship alone takes four pages of notes that Diana+ printed as a checklist for us. Included in that preparation is contact with our guest clergy prior to their visit as well as greeting and orienting when they arrive. Also, we hope to continue our online streaming of our service.
- We hope to welcome and receive visitors during the summer. In order to follow up on these visits, phone calls will be made and/or notes will be sent so we can stay in touch. Personal visits will be offered as requested.
- Many of you have been asked to intentionally care for some of our more vulnerable members with friendly contacts, telephone calls and Eucharistic visits. If you learn of others who are ill, hospitalized or otherwise incapacitated or in need, PLEASE let Dianne Crews know so we can assist them in any way possible.
- Communication is always a challenge. In the office, Dalyn remains our first line of contact if you have prayer requests, questions, concerns or other needs. She will know to whom to refer your call. Richard, as Senior Warden, will also be monitoring emails and voice mails. Weekly inserts, Wednesday emails, Constant Contacts, Summer HouseCall, Facebook and online notices will continue as usual.
- Emergency and crisis situations are a real concern. We have a number of local clergy who have offered to be on call as needed. Do not hesitate to call the office or one of the sabbatical committee members if you need help.
- Vestry will meet June 15 and August 17. Richard Smith, Senior Warden, will preside.
- A Getting to Know You lunch and dinner will be held on July 18.

As you can see, there is a lot to be done. However, we are open to discuss any suggestions for activities to keep our community active and in touch. Sabbaticals

are a time for change and growth and risk – for the clergy as well as the congregation. It can be a time for new beginnings and new visions with renewed hope and surprises. Let's hope and pray for the best of all of that for St. Luke's.

Anne Arms; Dianne Crews; Richard Smith
Sabbatical Planning Committee

May Vestry Meeting Highlights

The Vestry met on Saturday, May 16, to review final arrangements for Diana+'s sabbatical and to plan for the summer. We began with reading a case study from the IAF Handbook about a parish that was positively transformed by actively engaging in one-on-one relational meetings among its parishioners. The case study demonstrated how growing deeper relationships within a community can help build internal trust, vision, and mutual support which help the community to better fulfill its mission.

Our Vestry members are currently engaging in one-on-one meetings so that we may better know and support one another. St. Luke's has such a variety of dynamic, interesting, and loving people... we hope everyone can form deeper relationships with one another just as we in the vestry are beginning to do.

Richard Smith reported on recommendations and actions for Active Assailant preparedness planning. We will begin with training the Vestry and Greeters on best practices and then roll out more information and recommendations to the community. In the meantime, please reach out to Richard if you have any questions, requests or recommendations.

Anne Arms and Alastair McGregor provided an excellent summary of the Diocesan convention. They also created a detailed summary paper of their experiences. Please see them if you have questions about the 2019 Convention or would like more information.

We discussed the upcoming Pride celebrations and parade on June 29. St. Anne's and the Episcopal Rainbow Group will be very engaged in these events, beginning with a Welcoming Service at 9:30 at St. Anne's on Church Circle. We wish everyone a joyful, successful, and safe event. St. Luke's will fly the rainbow flag until July 5.

We are very grateful to the guest clergy who have supported us so far this summer, especially the Reverend Joanna White for her humor, wisdom, and love.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Wilson-Smith
Senior Warden



Thank You!

Thank you so much to everyone who participated in this year's GreenGive by attending the Kick Off Party at Maryland Hall and by contributing to St. Luke's Restoration of Nature. St. Luke's raised over \$7,400 for our ongoing ministry of environmental stewardship! Together, the collaborating organizations raised over \$75,000 to support environmental restoration and education here in Anne Arundel County. Many, many thanks!

Support for Ugandan University Student

For over six years, we have been supporting the studies of a student in Uganda named Sunniah Ngonzi Magogo through the Kasese Community Health and Education Foundation (KCHEF). Last year, Sunniah graduated from secondary school and began studying Cytotechnology in the faculty of Medicine at the University of Makerere.

We are now seeking donations to enable Sunniah to continue her studies this fall. The cost of tuition and fees is \$1260 annually. If you would like to help Sunniah, you can make out a check to St. Luke's Church with the memo "University Student." You can also donate online through Givelify (the big blue "Give" button on our website) and add the memo "University Student." **The deadline to contribute is Sunday, June 30.** Any amount raised beyond the \$1260 will go to support the general work of KCHEF. Thank you!

2019 Stewardship Efforts

Each year we hold a 4-week season of stewardship, which provides opportunity for us to reflect on our gifts, our giving, and what we can give back as a church and as church members. We are seeking a person to help lead the efforts this year from **September 29 – October 27**. Responsibilities will include writing to the parish, organizing “pop-up” sessions where members will share their St. Luke’s stewardship experiences, and working with the Budget Committee. Please reach out to Richard Smith at 443-822-1978 or rsmithop@gmail.com or Dianne Crews at dmackcrn@verizon.net or 410-268-9741 if you would like to volunteer or learn more.

Summer Music Program

Our Musical Director Dr. Ildar Khannanov is away for his summer travels beginning May 19. We are pleased to welcome 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 Committee Meeting

The next meeting of the Eastport Memorial Labyrinth Committee will take place on **Saturday, August 10 from 10 to 11:30 am**, prior to our regular monthly walk at 12 noon. For more information, contact our new labyrinth chair Kate Porcelli at 202- 617-1546 or joyofkate@gmail.com.

Summer Labyrinth Walks

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.

July 13 - Events that Shape Us
August 10 - Open 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.

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 two meetings are scheduled for July 11 and August 8 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.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

The summer prayer shawl ministry meetings will be held **June 20, July 25 & August 22 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: Updated Information

The first annual Annapolis LGBTQ+ Pride Parade and Festival will be held on **Saturday, June 29, 2019 at noon** in downtown Annapolis. This will be a joyful celebration of inclusion, diversity, and community.

St. Anne's Church has organized a group of their members to march in the parade. They will be highlighting the service of welcome and inclusion that they will be holding the next day. If anyone from St. Luke's is interested in marching with St. Anne's, we are very welcome to join them. Contact St. Anne's member Jill Lake at jilllake3@yahoo.com. St. Luke's will not be having a formal presence of our own in the parade this year, but we look forward to marching in future years. Everyone is highly encouraged to attend the parade and/or festival to show our support for the LGBTQ+ community and for St. Anne's taking this step to become a more publicly welcoming congregation.

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.

Education for Ministry (EfM)

Congratulations to Anne Arms who has finished her four-year study with the EfM group meeting at St. Margaret's Episcopal Church.

Based upon small group study and practice, EfM is a four-year distance learning program for adult Christian formation through theological education and reflection. It is offered by the University of the South, Sewanee, Tennessee. All denominations are welcome. Since its founding in 1975, the program has assisted more than 80,000 participants around the globe in discovering and nurturing their call to Christian service.

EfM helps the faithful encounter the breadth and depth of the Christian tradition and bring it into conversation with their experiences of the world as they study, worship, and engage in theological reflection together. The seminar group is the nucleus of the program.

A group consists of 6-12 participants and a trained mentor who meet weekly over the course of 36 weeks. The study includes weekly assignments from a study guide and various other resources. Each year of study has a separate focus but a common theme. Participants studying at different levels will be in the same group. As adult learners, group members are responsible for setting their own learning goals and generally spend between 2—4 hours in study and preparation each week.

Dianne Crews will be going into her second year of study, starting in September. She would love to have other members of St. Luke's join this wonderful study group. She would be pleased to talk to you more about her experiences in EfM and how you can register. For more information visit efm.sewanee.edu

Office Closure

The office will be closed **Thursday, July 4** for Independence Day. There may be additional closures or late openings due to staff vacations, so please call ahead before stopping by during that time.

Please call the office 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.

Tai Chi Class Thursdays in June, July & August

The Tai Chi class will be held on Thursdays in **June, July & August from 10:15 – 11:15 am**. You are welcome to

join at any time. For more information call Annette Staubs at 443-235-0065.

contact Dalyn Huntley in the church office: 410-268-5419.

Email Scam Alert!!!

Several members of our congregation have received suspicious emails claiming to be from our rector, the Rev. Diana Carroll. They are part of a scam and are not originating from her actual email address. Please do not respond to any suspicious emails you may receive that appear to be coming from a church email address.

Remember, never send money, gift cards, or credit card information to anyone contacting you through email. If you ever suspect an email is not from the person it claims to be, always check with that person by another means.

Click the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) links below to learn more about email scams and other cyber scams.

<https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/how-recognize-and-avoid-phishing-scams>

<https://www.ftc.gov/tips-advice/business-center/small-businesses/cybersecurity/phishing>

<https://www.youtube.com/user/FTCvideos>

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

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 **August 22, 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).

June Birthdays

- 1 Katherine Govoro
- 3 Malcolm Patterson
- 7 Sunniah Magogo
- 12 Lucas Leitch-Orr
- 13 Bart Williams, Sr.
- 15 Elizabeth Sammis
- 21 Dan Ramirez

June Anniversaries

22 Lee Riley & Teirra Harris-Riley

July Birthdays

2 Ron Hafliidson
12 The Rev. Sarah Lamming
13 Carly Wang
17 Justin Leitch
24 The Rev. Norman Crews
28 Thomas Armstrong

July Anniversaries

3 Avedis & Olgui Zarkian
17 Richard & Johanna Wilson-Smith

August Birthdays

5 Charles Suhr; Lynita Armstrong
7 James Reynolds
17 Josh Cooper
18 Johanna Wilson-Smith
22 Eve Waldman
27 Mark Talbott
29 Anne Arms

August Anniversaries

8 The Revs. Diana Carroll & Sarah Lamming
8 Alastair & Diana McGregor

Mark Your Calendars

June

8 12 – 1 pm, Fun Walk at Eastport Memorial Labyrinth
9 Choir Summer Recess begins
13 7 – 9 pm, Environmental Committee Meeting
15 10 am – 12 pm, Vestry Meeting
23 1:30 pm, Living Water Inclusive Catholic Community

July

4 Office Closed, Independence Day
11 7 – 9 pm, Environmental Committee Meeting
13 12 – 1 pm, Events that Shape Us Walk at Eastport Memorial Labyrinth

20 No Vestry Meeting
28 1:30 pm, Living Water Inclusive Catholic Community

August

8 7 – 9 pm, Environmental Committee Meeting
10 10 – 11:30 am, Labyrinth Committee Meeting
12 – 1 pm, Labyrinth Walk
17 10 – 11:30 am, Vestry Meeting
18 Choir Resumes
25 10 am, Pastor Diana's returning Liturgy and Celebration
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** McMahon; **Pepe** Grau (cousin of Olgui Zarikian); our seminarian **Tom** Clement & his husband **Ron** Hafliidson; **Sydney** Ponturo; **Fred** Sandford; **Nicole** DeVino (friend of Dianne Crews); **Lee** Harper; **Kathy** Ward.

Immediate Needs: **Tom** Leitch; **Irene** Valliant & **Bob** Muller; **Katie & Richard** Preach (sister & brother-in-law of Norma Lobell); **Kate** Smith (daughter of Jack & Helen Wheeler); **Dorothy** Thomas (Claire Miller's mother); **Joanne** Barton (cousin of Susie Leaman); **Charles** Staubs; **Sally** Sandford; **Pieter** Hamelink (friend of Kathleen Rewa); **Robert** Otto (friend of Ethel Bilderback); **Delia** Stark; **Jack** Wheeler.

In thanksgiving for healing: **Max** McGregor.

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