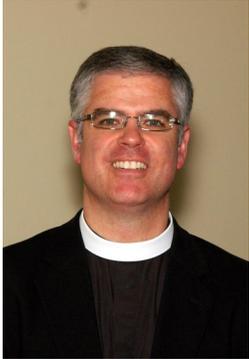


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**A Message From The Rector, The Reverend Dr. Bryan**

Dear People of God,

As I write, the liturgy, music, preaching, and fellowship of our October 19 Founders Day Mass and Choral Evensong continue to reverberate in my heart and soul. What an incredible day for remembering our past and catching a glimpse of our future! We who belong to the St. Luke's family have so very much to be grateful for.

We have been witnessing the joy and excitement of God's abundance build here at St. Luke's for the past two years. Long-standing ministries have put down fresh roots, grown, and borne fruit. And we've launched new ministries that include more of God's people in Kingdom work. It's an extraordinary privilege to be your rector during this time as together we cooperate with the Holy Spirit's work of revitalizing St. Luke's.

God is far from finished with us. In fact, we're just getting started! For God has a big vision for St. Luke's that will take us to places we've hardly dreamed possible. We live into this big vision by offering ourselves - all that we are and all that have - to God's service.

While our Annual Giving Campaign has passed, the call to follow Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior by using our gifts of time, talent, and money for the spread of God's Kingdom comes to us each day throughout the year. It's a call to discipleship. And it's a call to generous giving.

To paraphrase part of Bishop Charles Jenkins' sermon from our recent Founders Day: By Divine calling, all Christians share the vocation of reflecting the generosity of our Lord Jesus who gave Himself that we might have life and have it abundantly. We learn generosity by practicing generosity. And the truth is that our need to be generous in giving is greater than the church's need to receive. For by practicing generosity, we grow closer to Jesus, the One who alone can heal our wounds and satisfy our deepest needs and hopes.

As we continue moving into God's big vision for the future of St. Luke's, I encourage us all to continually discern how we can offer our time, talents, and money to God's service. Our need to give is great. And the opportunities for expanding the mission and ministries of our church are truly exciting. Just imagine what

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it would look like if St. Luke's had the financial resources to do even more to touch people's lives with the healing love and grace of Jesus Christ!

The bottom line truth is exactly what Jesus teaches: where we invest our treasure is where our hearts will be, also (cf. Matthew 6:21). May our hearts be so closely knitted to the heart of Jesus and to the mission of this wonderful parish of St. Luke that God's big vision blossoms into reality.

Faithfully,

Fr. Bryan

## **CURATE'S CORNER**



On November 2nd we will be having baptisms here at St. Luke's. All Saints' Sunday is one of our major baptismal feast days, because it is through the waters of Holy Baptism that we enter into the communion of the saints in Christ. You might have noticed that we only have baptisms on specific feast days. The Book of Common Prayer actually hold up 5 days in the church year which are appropriate for Holy Baptism (BCP, 312). Those feasts are the Easter Vigil, on the Day of Pentecost, on All Saints' Day or the Sunday after All Saints' Day, on the Feast of the Baptism of our Lord which is the First Sunday after the Epiphany, and last but certainly not least, when the Bishop comes to visit.

You might be wondering, why reserve baptisms for these days? Why not baptize on any Sunday? The simple answer is that these feasts all speak to the truth of what is happening in Holy Baptism. The Easter Vigil is the service that starts in darkness with a single spark and a fire that spreads the light of Christ. It is the Paschal Mystery, the mystery of Christ's resurrection, which we experience for the first time in the waters of Baptism. In these waters we die to self and are reborn, resurrected even, into a new life in Christ.

Then on the Day of Pentecost we remember the birth of the Christ's Body the Church. Holy Baptism is full initiation by water and the Holy Spirit into Christ's Body the Church. It is quite appropriate that we bring new members into Christ's Body on the day in which we celebrate that first Pentecost.

I have already stated why All Saints' is appropriate and the Baptism of our Lord seems pretty self explanatory. Then the final day, when the Bishop is here, is probably the most appropriate for adult baptism. As an adult, one can be baptized and confirmed on the same day. The Bishop can reunite the rites of Holy Baptism and Confirmation which were originally part of one single rite for the baptism of adults. The Bishop, as one consecrated into the apostolic succession, is also a symbol of the broader Church. When the Bishop is here we are united in a tangible way with all the other churches in this one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

I invite you to take a moment and look back upon The Baptismal Covenant. Its found on page 304 in the BCP. When you read it, think of All the Saints who have lived this faith with you. When you read it, think about the Body of Christ, the Church. Think about what the Church means to you and your family. Think about how you are connected with everyone else in the pews on Sunday through the waters of Holy Baptism. We are reminded of this fact every time we enter the church and we are greeted with those same waters. And when you read the Baptismal Covenant, remember that you have died to self, and contemplate the reality that you have experienced Resurrection with our Lord. Finally, ask yourself one simple question, “How do I live into my Baptismal Covenant every day of this new life that God has given me?”

Faithfully,  
Fr. Lamb+

## *Health Ministries*



### GUILD OF THE CHRIST CHILD MINISTRY

Many, many thanks to all who responded to the survey! Your answers are guiding the development of this ministry. In reviewing the answers, these topics came forth as the most notable: parental educational events at church; mom’s pampering at church; monthly mom’s meetings; special events for dads; get-togethers for parents at church with child care provided; speakers on early childhood development, stress management, how to make family life more “faith filled”, and on discipline and parenting techniques; assembling and delivering baby baskets to newborns; praying for the young families of St. Luke’s; addressing anniversary of Baptism cards on a quarterly basis.

WOW! Where do we go from here? Under way now are the prayer lists for those who will pray for the young families; the Baptismal Anniversary cards are here and ready to be addressed; now let's start the monthly mom's meetings, planning the socials, and looking toward the educational events.

Moms, please come for the first Mom's Meeting, on November 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in Pope Hall. This will be a pot-luck supper, and bring your great ideas about how to move forward!



Saturday, November 1—Stephen Ministry Workshop from 9am to 1pm

Sunday, November 2—Blood Pressure Screenings after all morning Eucharist Services

Monday, November 3-- Stephen Ministry Supervision at 6:00 pm in Pope Hall and the Library

Monday, November 10-- Caregivers' Lunch Bunch at noon in the Library

Monday, November 17-- Stephen Ministry Continuing Education and Supervision at 6:00 pm in Pope Hall and the Library

Wednesday, November 19—Mom's Meeting / Pot Luck Supper at 6:30 pm in Pope Hall

Monday, December 1-- Stephen Ministry Supervision at 6:00 pm in Pope Hall and the Library

Monday, December 8-- Caregivers' Lunch Bunch at noon in the Library

Wednesday, December 10—Pastoral Care Christmas Party at 6:30 pm in Pope Hall

Sunday, December 14— Blood Pressure Screenings after all morning Eucharist Services

Monday, December 15-- Stephen Ministry Continuing Education and Supervision at 6:00 pm in Pope Hall and the Library

## **THE STEWARDSHIP CORNER**

“Using the gifts God has given us to do the work God is calling us to do.”



Longtime St. Luke's parishioners Karen and Jack Ashton share a dream when it comes to their St. Luke's family and stewardship. After more than 35 years as members of St. Luke's parish, the Ashtons live out the belief that all we have comes to us through the grace of God.

“We joyfully give of our time, talents, and treasures in gratitude for Christ’s love for us, and we find that one of the real benefits of our giving to St. Luke’s is to feel a part of a thriving parish,” the Ashtons share. “The completion of a new Church and School Administration Office building is certainly a project we would like to see happen. That’s our dream for St. Luke’s.”

The couple already has seen a number of dreams come true at St. Luke’s. They joined the church in the late 1970’s, drawn to our parish by St. Luke’s School when their daughter was entering first grade. “Fr. Pope and the worship style at St. Luke’s was just what we were looking for,” says Karen.

As a cradle Episcopalian, Jack grew up in the Church of the Epiphany in New Iberia, where he served as an acolyte. Karen grew up in the Roman Catholic Church and attended St. Joseph Catholic School in Jeanerette.

The Ashtons have been blessed with two children and five grandchildren. Kristy Ashton Charbonnet and husband Sean Charbonnet are the parents of Meredith, Meghan and Sean Jr. (Beau). Chip Ashton and his wife Sebastian are parents to Jackson, IV, and Luke. Jack is the former president of Ashton and Associates, Inc, a consulting engineering firm. Karen was a stay-at-home mom while their children were small, then worked in the library at Episcopal High School, as Events Coordinator at St. Joseph’s Academy, and then as Lay Ministry Coordinator at St. Luke’s Church until 2004, the year they became grandparents.

Throughout their years at St. Luke’s, the Ashtons have generously shared their skills and their passion in a number of ministries. “I’ve served on St. Luke’s School Board, St.

Luke’s Vestry, the Finance Committee, and now I’m a member of the St. Luke’s Endowment Funds Board,” Jack enumerates. “Karen is a former member of the Altar Guild and a current member of Episcopal Church Women, and she volunteers in the Church office.”

Jack and Karen acknowledge there are many terrific ministries at St. Luke’s right now, including the new Lay Eucharistic Visitors ministry to bless parishioners who are unable to attend church on Sunday, and the new men’s fellowship, Crossroads, led by fellow parishioner Bob Furlow and Deacon Reese Wiggins. “We enjoy fellowship, good food, a spiritual presentation and intercessory prayer. I would encourage all men of St. Luke’s to come and see what this is all about and bring a friend,” Jack relates.

Above all for the Ashtons, it’s Sunday worship that’s most important.

“Our Eucharistic-centered worship with our excellent preaching and music is what is so important to us,” the Ashtons conclude. “We pray that St. Luke’s will continue providing a welcoming Christian community to those seeking a spiritual home, especially young families and individuals in their 20s and 30s.”

Oh, and don’t forget their dream for the future at St. Luke’s. “I do want to ride in that elevator in the new Church and School Administrative Building,” Jack smiles. “Maybe even to the third floor!”



# EYC AT THE MOVIES!

This fall EYC has been exploring Christian characteristics and values through movies and discussions.

If you have a youth in grades 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, please contact Shannon Hannaman for more information regarding youth group. Jr. High meets most Sundays from 3-4:30 and Sr. High meets from 5-6:30.

For more information please contact [shannaman@stlukesbr.org](mailto:shannaman@stlukesbr.org) or call 225-603-5120.

## Ministry of the Month

Who doesn't like to see a smiling face first thing Sunday morning...Well that's what you get when you walk into St. Lukes' and see the bright smiling faces of Ushers and Greeters

### Greeters

Do you want to make new friends? Greeter Ministry is Back at St. Luke's and we would love to have you join us with this ministry for the 9:00 or 11:10 service. One of St. Luke's greatest assets is how friendly and generous we are. The friendships that I have here have made me realize how blessed I am to be a parishioner at St. Luke's. So let's share our secret with others here and to the ones that are visiting with our love, kindness, and our smiles. Together we can all build an even stronger and loving church community.

Please take some prayerful time to consider this ministry. If this is something that you would like to do and would like more information, please contact Wallace VanNortwick, Lynde Ulmer, Father Bryan or myself.

In His Name,  
Cade Nichols

### Ushers

Ushering at St. Luke's is simple. Hand out bulletins before service begins. Take up a collection. Direct crowd flow during communion. Pick up the bulletins from the church pews after the service is over.

Simple, well it sounds simple. As anyone who has ever ordered fast food from the drive-in knows, nothing is simple. “Mustard? I told them I did not want mustard.”

Ushering is not simple. Those few simple acts of ushering are so much more for both church members and ushers.

Handing out bulletins is not just handing out bulletins. It ranges from a quick “how are you?” to a family reunion with hugs and healthcare updates. The bulletin dispersion can be a ra-ta-tat of jokes, sports cast and fashion updates. “How about those Tigers!” “Julia Roberts called and she wants her dress back, that is beautiful.”

And there are times when either usher or church member is enduring a difficult time in their lives. A simple word or two of assurance can make a difference.

The collection – it’s a small but important time of bonding. It is a financial bond between church member, church and God. And ushers feel a sense of pride in being a part of it.

The communion just brings it all up a notch. It is such a deep spiritual experience for both ushers and church members.

Even the collection of bulletins by ushers from pews after the service lends a feeling of closure. The party is over, but the next one will be even better. It was great to be to see so many wonderful people and share some time with the good Lord.

Please join the fellowship and ministry of ushers...It’s that simple J

Ty Whitley

## **BULLETIN BOARD FOR NOVEMBER, 2014**

### **MUSIC HIGHLIGHTS**

St. Luke’s Music Ministry was pleased to be part of the Founders’ Day celebration on Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, from providing music for the morning worship service to leading the Evensong Service that included Mozart’s Mass in C. Many thanks to all our musicians who gave so generously of their time and talent!

In November, in addition to music for the weekly worship services, the Parish Choir will join other local church choirs to provide music for the annual Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service to be held at St. Luke’s on Tuesday, November 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

Thinking ahead to Advent and the month of December, please mark your calendar with these events:

Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m., St. Luke’s will host the annual Baton Rouge Area Messiah Sing-Along. No admission and it’s open to the public. Join us in singing/marveling at the inspired beauty of Handel’s timeless classic.

Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. and 11:10 a.m., the St Luke’s Choirs will lead worship through a Service of Advent Lessons and Carols.

Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, on Christmas Eve, the Family Choir will provide music for the 5:30 p.m. service and the Parish Choir will provide for the 10:00 p.m. service. Carol services will begin 30 minutes prior to the beginning of Mass.

We pray that the music of our faith will fill your heart each day. May we find ourselves exclaiming with the Blessed Virgin, “Sing, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!”

## SUNDAY SCHOOL AT ST. LUKE'S

*Baby Believers:* Our youngest parishioners leaned about forgiveness, and being good and sharing, by putting together puzzles that could only work if they shared the pieces with their friends. They worked together to separate “good and bad fish” like we read about in the book of Matthew. In November we will read about the Persistent Widow, the Prodigal Son, and will have a fun Thanksgiving lesson!

*Pre-K–6<sup>th</sup> graders:* This group learned about little-known Philip and Nathanael. We learned that you don't have to be in the spotlight like the Sons of Thunder, James and John, in order to be a significant member of a group. Simon and Matthew also taught us that we can get along with those we may initially be inclined to dislike. What an illustration of peace, as these two came together serving Christ! In November we'll finish our discussion of the disciples with Thomas and Judas Iscariot.

*Junior High:* Junior High youth continued their study of The Jesus Creed, learning what it means to be spiritually branded as Christ's own, and how Jesus expects more of us as Christians in the world today. We also broke down The Lord's Prayer and looked at each individual part, discovering that all lines in this very familiar prayer support one of two parts of The Jesus Creed: either to love God or to love others. What an awakening! In November we will take a closer look at ourselves and how we can apply The Jesus Creed to our lives.

*Founders' Day for kids:* Kids of all ages

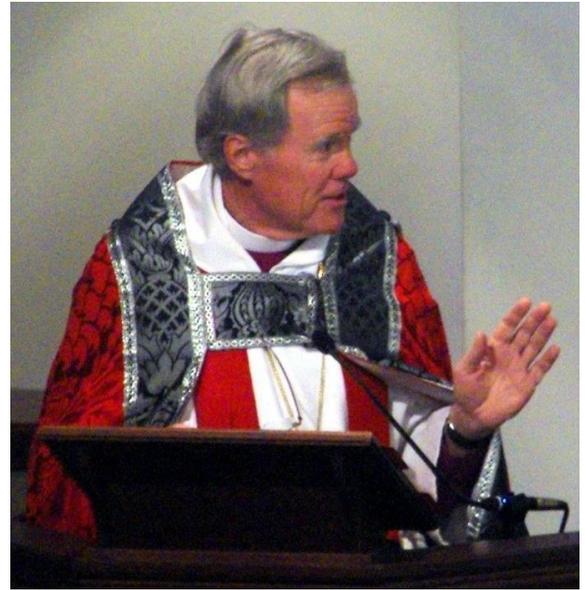
had a wonderful time of fellowship on Founders' Day. We enjoyed chicken and chips and a beautiful day outside. Stay tuned for some exciting and fun events coming this holiday season!

## IN HER OWN WORDS BY MARGIE GAUDET: A REFLECTION ON FOUNDERS' DAY FROM A CHRISTIAN FORMATION PERSPECTIVE

As I write this, the glow of our grand celebration marking our Founders' Day, our 50 years together here at this beloved church home, is still strong. In the days following that special Sunday, one thought kept returning: a sense of being on the edge of wonderful precipice. At the luncheon, I was overwhelmed by the slide show that took us on a bittersweet walk down memory lane, and then it struck me. This was for St. Luke's the First Day of the Rest of our Life. We have a history of compassion, of deep and unshakeable beliefs, of courage, of gentleness, of joy and of great humor. But today, whether you have been at St. Luke's for five hours or fifty years, we begin anew together. We walk into the next fifty years. Standing still is not an option. If ever there was a call to discipleship, this is it. We've been given a priceless gift, and it is ours to open and use. We now know the common history that we share and it belongs to all of us, irrespective of the time we've been here. Founders' Day marked the First Day of the Rest of the Life of St. Luke's. Come, share Christian Formation with us, in all of its forms. Find a class or a group. Read and reflect daily. Live intentionally. Recommit with us to this ever-changing life of true discipleship. Dedicate your life to walking in the way with Jesus. We start again together, each of us, today.

**THANK YOU FOR PHOTOS  
AND INFORMATION FOR  
FOUNDERS' DAY!**

St. Luke's clergy and its Founders' Day planning committee extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who responded to our requests for photographs and information about our founders and about life at St. Luke's through the past 50 years. Your e-mails, your phone calls, and one-on-one conversations helped us identify key individuals to recognize and to remember. We appreciate all of your help, and are excited to make new and wonderful memories for future generations to cherish. God bless you all!



Bishop Jenkins preaches at Founders Day service

**The Month In Pictures**



Bishop Charles Jenkins greets Bishop Robert Witter



St. Luke's cooks in Witter kitchen during Founders Day luncheon



Communion at Founders Day service



Founders Day Luncheon in Witter Hall



Dr. Martha Pope speaks during Founders Day service



Fr. Warren Mueller, former deacon at St. Luke's enjoys the fellowship

**Sunday School**



Blessing and planting of the tree on St. Luke's Founders Day

