

ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH + DIXON, ILLINOIS



# LIFE AT ST. LUKE'S

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## VESTRY NOTES                      BY MARY ANN RHOADES

The monthly vestry meeting was held on June 9, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Eells Room. Father Michael opened the meeting with Prayer for the General Convention from the Book of Common Prayer.

Father Michael reported that our Ascension Day service and cook-out was very successful with over 40 in attendance and everyone enjoyed the good food, fellowship and fireworks after the service. Youth Sunday was a roaring success and response from those in attendance was very positive. Many have asked when the next Youth Sunday will be. The past program year has been very successful and attendance continues to grow along with membership and giving.

Aaron Gerlach was ordained Deacon on June 6, 2009 at St. James Cathedral in Chicago. Twenty-seven parishioners attended the service. This was a very moving service and a wonderful experience. Judy Bell and Deb Davey participated as torch bearers and Mary Ann Rhoades was a lector. Father Michael, Randall Karstens and Laura Gerlach presented Aaron as a candidate for ordination.

The Youth Group Car Wash on June 5 was a success with the youth earning \$210.00 toward their projects and field trips. They are anxious to have another one in July and August.

St. Luke's will once again be offering free water, iced tea, lemonade, and cool respite to all parade watchers at the Dixon Petunia Festival Parade on Sunday, July 5, starting at 1 p.m. Volunteers to help with this project are most welcome.

Mark your calendars for the Annual Parish Picnic on August 23, 2009 at the Lowell Park Lions shelter on the river.

The Vestry is continuing to explore ways to make St. Luke's more welcoming to visitors. Several things have been done in the past month, the coat rack from the narthex was moved downstairs and the tile was replaced where the usher's pew sat, and the extra chairs were moved downstairs. This has opened up these areas and their appearance is more welcoming. If you have any thoughts on this subject, please contact Father Michael or any Vestry member.

We will not have a Vestry meeting in July and our next Vestry meeting will be August 18, at 7:00 pm.

### Important Dates July

- 4 Independence Day
- 5 Red Bowl Outreach Offering for Habitat for Humanity
- 5 Petunia Festival Parade, 1 p.m.
- 18 Women's Prayer Breakfast, 9:30 a.m.
- 19 Rector's Discretionary Fund Offering
- 22 St. Mary Magdalene
- 24 Youth Group to Magic Waters
- 25 Bishop & Trustees Meeting
- 28 Book Club

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## Congregational Development Seminar Part 2

Last month we discussed Church Size Dynamics as presented at the seminar. This month I would like to focus on Vestry Orientation and some of the ideas that were presented.

The Vestry has four primary areas of responsibility:

- Administer Funds
- Maintain the facilities
- Provide spiritual leadership
- Call a Rector.

Leadership is about influence and commitment:

- commitment for daily time alone in prayer
- regular in church attendance

If the vestry does not attend services or vestry meetings, what message does this send to others?  
faithful in giving (time, talent and treasure)

Give to the level that the Lord has blessed each and every one of us

Staying connected through a healthy relationship both within and outside the church.

Every Rector and vestry has a vision of what they would like to see accomplished.

The vestry should:

- keep focused on the vision
- establish strategic plans
- promote the growth of the congregation
- Work through concerns of Rector, vestry, and congregation
- Serve as the best and healthiest of the life of the congregation

The challenge for a small church is bringing in new members and incorporating them into the church community.

Building blocks for an effective vestry include

- Vestry Orientation
  - What is the person's role on the vestry?
  - What is the structure – organizational and financial?
- Vestry Retreat
  - Job responsibilities for Wardens and staff
- Vestry as a learning community
- Financial Fidelity and understanding
  - Must be trusted by the congregation.

Several important principles apply to every vestry member. We must communicate with each other when issues arise. Every vestry member should take their responsibilities seriously. An important principle to remember:

*Leaders attract leaders only at their own level or below.*

Next month we will focus on new member welcoming.

### Financial Update

Our Goal for the Pledge amount for May was \$5,250.00 which is 1/12 of the budgeted pledge amount.

The pledge amount received in May was \$3,542.00.

**Reminder:** During the summer, bills still need to be paid! Please continue to keep your pledge up to date.

**Thank you for your support of St. Luke's.**

# ST. LUKE'S NOTECARDS

Request your cards through Hope Greene: [hope@hopegreene.com](mailto:hope@hopegreene.com) or 815-876-6653.

The suggested donation is \$2.50 per card.

*Please make checks payable to St. Luke's Church. All proceeds benefit St. Luke's.*



Stained Glass Detail



Baptistry

## St. Luke's Relay for Life Team



Many thanks to everyone who helped make our St. Luke's team participation in the 2009 Lee County Relay for Life such a great success. By the end of Friday evening, our team had raised \$918, and since our fundraising effort is still on-going, we may actually clear \$1,000 in funds raised to support cancer research. Congratulations to all – we can be very proud of this fantastic outreach effort. Aside from making a great financial contribution, our team members and supporters enjoyed a great fellowship opportunity, not to mention brats and hot dogs cooked by Fr. Mike. We are signed up for the 2010 Lee County Relay, so it's not too early to start thinking about that event. Great job, everyone!

**July Milestones:**

**Birthdays:**

1 Justin Meyers	18 Ruth Rendleman
3 Jill Hoyle	21 Ann Hall
9 Christina Linboom	27 Kathleen Rhoades
11 Bob Kustom	28 Cathy Pavesich
11 Karen Doan	30 Charlene Beaman
15 Shannon Crowe	30 Enrique Romero
16 Kathy Etchison	

**Anniversaries:**

5 Walter & Esther Kevern	20 Seymour & Beverly Halford
12 Father Mike & Hope Greene	31 Bryan & Karen Doan

**Book Club News**

Our Book Club will meet in the Undercroft at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, July 28, to discuss *Little Bee* by Chris Cleave. Anyone who loves to read and enjoys lively discussions [sometimes even about the books!] is welcome to join us. Even if you can't come to the meetings, but have a suggestion about a book you have enjoyed, please share that with us!

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*This month's special prayer intentions:*

*For the Anglican Communion:* We pray for the Dioceses of Phulbani, North India; Sydney-Liverpool, New South Wales, Australia; San Joaquin, Province VIII, US; Wakefield, York, England

*For our Parish family:* We thank you, Lord, for **all** the blessings of this life.

*For our Diocesan family:* We pray for the Congregations in the Rockford and Waukegan Deaneries; as well as for our companion dioceses in SE Mexico and Renk.

*For the sick and those in need of healing:* Tokuko Albee, Lowell Albee, Tony Greene, Phyllis Heckman, Michael Berman, Mary Becker, Angie Herbst, Richard Marks, Lucas Brown, Don Delp, Stephen Michael, Cassidy, Jim Fleming, Mary Borchardt, Jerry Wooldige, Bee Martin

*For the Homebound:* Miki Fleming, Connie Utley, Rudy Goede, Mary Louise Fredette

*For the Guidance of the Holy Spirit:* Aaron Gerlach, Emma

*For those in the military:* All our service men and women, especially Matt Baker, Will Gibson, Jacob Alander, Nate Reinhold, Harry Andrew Ulferts, Zach Walls, Justin Van Ommesen, Chris Anderson

*Traveling:* Father Michael

*For the Departed:* Marie Cortez, Madolin Hackett, Lucy Poole Smith, Gordon Utley, Martha Schuette, Irene Sperling Read, Earl Swartz

**Sunday Morning Volunteers**

**Acolytes, Ushers, Coffee Hour Hosts, Lectors, Sunday School Assts. and others)**

Please mark the date you will NOT be able to serve in August and return this slip to the Church **by July 20** or e-mail [stlukedixon@comcast.net](mailto:stlukedixon@comcast.net)

**August Dates:**

\_\_\_\_\_ 2 9th Sunday after Pentecost  
 \_\_\_\_\_ 9 10th Sunday after Pentecost  
 \_\_\_\_\_ 16 11th Sunday after Pentecost  
 \_\_\_\_\_ 23 12th Sunday after Pentecost  
 \_\_\_\_\_ 30 13th Sunday after Pentecost

Names:

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# Saint Luke's Church

## Youth Group—Upcoming events

Watch for future dates here:

### Car Wash FUNdraiser

*come help us raise money for the youth group, have a great time with friends and keep cool at the Church, 3<sup>rd</sup> and Peoria—pizza and snacks provided*

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### Episcopal Church Camp

**Session I:** Introduction to Camp, June 29-30 (entering grades 2 & 3),  
Mixed Age camp, June 28-July 3 (grades 3-7)

**Session II:** Middler Camp, July 5-10 (grades 3-6)

#### Mini (day) Camp

ages 3-6, June 29-July 3, 9 a.m. to noon

ages 4-7, July 6-10, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Session III:** Junior High and High School Camp, July 13-18 (grades 7-10)

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Friday, July 24<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.:

### Trip to Magic Waters, Rockford

*Come join us for a great day out at the water park.*

\$13.50 discounted admission, under 3 \$4, plus lunch

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August 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>:

### Camping Trip and Episcopal Day at Great America

*Join us for either event or both: An overnight camping trip at Illinois Beach State Park in Zion, Illinois, followed by the annual trip to Six Flags Great America in Gurnee, Illinois.*

Discounted \$30 admission to park, details for camping trip will be determined based on interest.  
for more information, please contact the parish office.

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Youth Group will be back up in full operation from August 26<sup>th</sup>

We'll kick back up on the first Wednesday of the School year, stop by for fun and food, great programs, trips out, and even homework help.

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*And mark your calendars now for these great events:*

**New Beginnings #22: September 25 - 27, 2009**

**Happening #89: November 13 - 15, 2009**

For complete calendar text, or changes, go to <http://www.stluckedixon.org/calendar.htm>

## Saint Luke's Episcopal Church July 2009

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>SUMMER SCHEDULE</b> 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist 11:30 p.m. Coffee & Fellowship, U		<b>CODE:</b> E = Eells Room U = Undercroft	<b>1</b> E P 5 p	<b>2</b> E P 5 p	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>SUMMER SCHEDULE</b> Service of Healing <b>Red Bowl</b> Habitat for Humanity	<b>6</b> Rotary 12 noon E P 5 p	<b>7</b> Mass 12:15 p E P 5 p TOPS, 5 p.m., E	<b>8</b> Healing Eucharist 10:00 a.m. E P 5 p	<b>9</b> E P 5 p Mass 5:30 p	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>SUMMER SCHEDULE</b>	<b>13</b> Rotary 12 noon E P 5 p	<b>14</b> Mass 12:15 p TOPS, E, 5 p.m. E P 5 p	<b>15</b> Healing Eucharist 10:00 a.m. E P 5 p	<b>16</b> E P 5 p Mass 5:30 p	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Women's Prayer Breakfast, 9:30 a
<b>SUMMER SCHEDULE</b> Rector's Discretionary Fund Offering	<b>20</b> Rotary 12 noon E P 5 p PFLAG 7,E	<b>21</b> Mass 12:15 p TOPS, E, 5 p.m. E P 5 p	<b>22</b> Healing Eucharist 10:00 a.m. E P 5 p	<b>23</b> E P 5 p Mass 5:30 p	<b>24</b> Youth Group to Magic Waters 9a – 5 p	<b>25</b> Bishop & Trustees Meeting
<b>SUMMER SCHEDULE</b>	<b>27</b> Rotary 12 noon E P 5 p PFLAG 7,E	<b>28</b> Mass 12:15 p TOPS, E, 5 p.m. E P 5 p Book Club, 7,	<b>29</b> Healing Eucharist 10:00 a.m. Red Cross Blood Drive 12-6 p.m., U E P 5 p	<b>30</b> E P 5 p Mass 5:30 p	<b>31</b>	

**July 2009 Rota**

	<b>Chalice Bearer/ Servers</b>	<b>Lector</b>	<b>Usher/ Greeter</b>	<b>Altar Guild</b>	<b><u>Please remember:</u></b>
<b>July 5</b>	CB/CR: Jim Love TR: Gail Greene TR: Luke Nelson	Johanna Berman	Mary Lowe And David Mueller	Mary Ann Rhoades	<b>Find a replacement if you cannot serve,</b>
<b>July 12</b>	CB: Ray Trujillo CR Jake Nelson TR: Diandré Wilson	Ken McLean	McLeans	Kathryn Esgar & Gail Greene	<b>Call the office with any changes,</b>
<b>July 19</b>	CB/TR: Mary Ann Rhoades TR: Deb Davey TR: Bailey Bridge	Gary Gehlbach	Chris & Gary Gehlbach	Mary Ann Rhoades	<b>And come <u>15 minutes early!</u></b>
<b>July 26</b>	CB: Gail Greene CR: Claire Etehnson TR: Jo Davey	Mary Ann Rhoades	Tanya Brooks and Mary Lowe	Cathy Pavesich	<b>Thank You for your service!</b>

**Code: CB = Chalice Bearer; CR = Crucifer; TR = Torchbearers**

**July Coffee Hour Hosts: Cathy Pavesich and Meridith Knudson**



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## *Summer Schedule of Services*

Sunday 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Tuesday 12:15 p.m. Daily Mass

Wednesday 10:00 a.m. Healing Mass

Thursday 5:30 p.m. Mass

Mon.-Thursday 5:00 p.m. Evening Prayer