

ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH + DIXON, ILLINOIS



# LIFE AT ST. LUKE'S

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Dear Parish Friends and Family,

Spring is in the air once again, and with it comes the most important time of the year for us as followers of Jesus Christ: our annual pilgrimage with Him to the Cross, and our celebration of His defeat of the powers of evil and death. Holy Week and Easter are the time when we gather together to journey together with Christ as He shows us what the depth of God's love for us is, and it has been an important time for Christians since the very beginning of the Church. We celebrate Jesus' Triumphal Entry, the Last Supper, His death on the Cross, and His resurrection, realizing that this story is *our* story, and that we are *participating* in it as we commemorate.

From the beginning of the Church, Easter has also been the time when new people are brought into the Church through the mystery of Baptism. We will celebrate this mystery together by welcoming new members into our parish family and into the Universal Church this Easter, so please keep those who are preparing for Baptism in your prayers, and be with us to welcome them at our celebration of the Great Vigil of Easter.

Your presence and prayers will enrich our celebration of Holy Week and Easter. Please come and join us, and bring friends, and spread the word!

Your servant in Christ,

Fr. Michael



## Important Dates

- 5 Palm Sunday
- 6 Church Women United
- 8 Tenebrae
- 9 Maundy Thursday  
Eucharist & Agape  
Supper & Watch
- 10 Good Friday
- 11 Great Vigil &  
1st Mass of Easter
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### VESTRY NOTES BY MARY ANN RHOADES

The monthly vestry meeting was held on March 17, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. in the Eells Room. Father Michael opened the meeting with a prayer titled St. Patrick's Breastplate.

Father Michael distributed the schedule for Holy Week Services and reminded the Vestry to attend the services as they are able.

Our new sign has been installed and if you have not seen it, take a walk or drive by the corner of Peoria and Third Street. It is something that is long overdue and the old sign will be refinished and placed at the entrance to the Eells Building.

The building and grounds committee is looking into a project to install an elevator in the church. There is grant money available from the Diocese and other organizations to help with the expenses. Bob Bell is Chair of the project; Sarah Nelson and Tammy Predny have volunteered to help with research. If you are interested in helping this committee, please contact one of the members or Father Michael.

We are still looking for someone to work with the Sunday morning youth activities, especially while Anna is on Maternity leave and also to help on Wednesday afternoons and evenings with the Youth Group. If you know anyone that may be interested, please let Father Michael know or have them contact him directly.

The next Vestry meeting will be April 21, at 7:00 pm.

### FINANCIAL UPDATE FOR FEBRUARY 2009

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

The pledge amount received in February was \$4,359.00.

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

#### ST. LUKE'S VESTRY & STAFF

- The Rev'd Michael Greene, Rector
- Mary Ann Rhoades, Senior Warden & Financial Secretary
- David Mueller, Junior Warden
- Bob Bell
- Tanya Brooks
- Chris Gehlbach
- Liz Nagy
- Luke Nelson
- Sarah Nelson
- Tammy Predny
- Ruth Rendleman, Historian
- Anna Battaglia Hendrix, Sunday School Coordinator
- Ben Beaman, Sexton
- Jim Brown, Groundskeeper
- Arthur Felts, Organist & Choirmaster
- Randy Karstens, Organist & Technician
- Gary Gehlbach, Treasurer
- Joyce U Gibson, Clerk

# Sunday Morning Volunteers:

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

- \_\_\_\_\_ 3 Fourth Sunday of Easter
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10 Fifth Sunday of Easter
- \_\_\_\_\_ 17 Sixth Sunday of Easter
- \_\_\_\_\_ 21 Ascension Day
- \_\_\_\_\_ 24 Seventh Sunday of Easter
- \_\_\_\_\_ 31 Day of Pentecost

Name(s)

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

# 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.*



Madonna and Child



A New Song



Stained Glass Detail



Baptistry



Organ



West End

### Milestones:

#### Birthdays:

1 Eric Jordan	12 Sonya Brown
4 Anthony Wilson	19 Chloe Schaulis
8 Mary Lowe	20 Shirley Yentzer
9 Devin Anderson	21 Inga Albee
9 Dylan Walls	22 Kara Schaulis
10 Kayla Wilson	26 Madaline Jordan
11 Claire Etchison	28 Gail Greene

#### Anniversaries:

26 Ralph & Jean Hoyle

### BOOK CLUB NEWS

Our Book Club will meet on Tuesday, April 28, to discuss *The Story of Edgar Sawtelle* by David Wroblewski; treats to be furnished by Liz Nagy.

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 week's special prayer intentions:*

*For the Anglican Communion:* We pray for the Dioceses of North Mbale, Uganda; and Southwark-Croydon, Canterbury, England.

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

*For our Diocesan family:* We pray for the Diocese of Chicago and its Bishops; the Youth in our Diocese; and Congregations in the Elgin and Evanston Deaneries; as well as for our companion dioceses in SE Mexico and Renk.

*For the sick and those in need of healing:* Tokuko Albee, David Mueller, Jan Harbaugh, John McLean, Don Delp, Stephen Michael, Sonya Brown, Megan Steeb, Margaret Nehring, Carey VanRycke

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

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

*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, and Justin Van Ommesen.

*Special Need:* Don Clements, Jesse Alcala, Lonnie Love

*Seeking Employment:* Lanna Brown, Angel Engling

*For the Departed:* Vivien Edwards and Greg Brooks

### New Sign!!!

The Parish has erected a new sign, which simply reads "St. Luke's Church, 1837" and displays the Episcopal Church shield. This sign had been planned for nearly 15 years to replace the old wooden sign on the corner of 3rd and Peoria. It is a much more visible and vibrant signal to our community of our thriving life and ministry here.

Special thanks to Bob Bell, who spearheaded the project, and to everyone who helped in the process!

## Sunday School Position Still Open

St. Luke's Sunday School Coordinator, Anna Hendrix, gave birth to a healthy baby girl, Sadie Jane, on St. Patrick's Day, March 17th. She will be taking the rest of the program year off from her Sunday School duties. We are looking for someone to fill in for her leave, and perhaps to come on board for the next program year as well. This new position will also have hours available on Wednesday afternoons and evenings to help with the Youth Group. Please let us know if you know of anyone who might be interested in helping. For more information, or to suggest someone, please contact the parish office.

Canterbury Concerts 2009 Spring Gala Concert

# Heaven et Hell

Will be at St. Luke's Church

Sunday, 19 April, 4:30 p.m

Make reservations **NOW!!!!**

### PROGRAM

**BOITO Mefistofele Prologue**

*The Devil challenges heaven for the soul of Faust.*

**BRITTEN Phaedra**

*The Queen of Athens seduces the King's son.*

**PUCCINI O soave fanciulla**

*The famous love duet from "La Boheme."*

**MAHLER Symphony No. 4**

*"Das Himmlische Leben" movements 3 & 4.*

**BOITO Mefistofele Epilogue**

### **John Chrysostom's Easter Homily: The Best Sermon Ever?**

St. John Chrysostom was the Bishop of Constantinople in the late 300s. He was hailed as the "Greatest Preacher of the Church," even his name 'Chrysostom' means *golden-mouthed*. He preached hundreds of sermons, about faith, about the bible, about the care of the poor; and he was apparently so impressive that he caught the attention of a lot of people. Members of the church in Constantinople began to write his sermons down and circulate them all around the ancient world.

One of them stands out over and above all the rest: the Easter Homily. We don't know exactly what year it was preached, but we know that it was delivered at the Great Vigil of Easter, which is (and was then) the central feast of the Christian Year. This sermon became so well-loved that the custom grew of reading it as the homily at the liturgy on Easter Eve, in place of the regular preaching. It is still read at the Great Vigil in churches all over the world, and has been for hundreds of years, making it (with the exception of the Sermon on the Mount), the most widely heard Christian sermon ever preached. Commentators have written books on its poetry and content, and critics have praised the concise way that it lays out the Paschal Mystery.

Here it is, in its entirety:

Are there any who are devout lovers of God?  
Let them enjoy this beautiful bright festival!

Are there any who are grateful servants?  
Let them rejoice and enter into the joy of their Lord!

Are there any weary from fasting?  
Let them now receive their due!

If any have toiled from the first hour,  
let them receive their reward.

If any have come after the third hour,  
let them with gratitude join in the feast!

Those who arrived after the sixth hour,  
let them not doubt; for they shall not be short-changed.

Those who have tarried until the ninth hour,  
let them not hesitate; but let them come too.

And those who arrived only at the eleventh hour,  
let them not be afraid by reason of their delay.

For the Lord is gracious and receives the last even as the first.  
The Lord gives rest to those who come at the eleventh hour,  
even as to those who toiled from the beginning.

To one and all the Lord gives generously.  
The Lord accepts the offering of every work.  
The Lord honors every deed and commends their intention.

Let us all enter into the joy of the Lord!

First and last alike, receive your reward.

Rich and poor, rejoice together!

Conscientious and lazy, celebrate the day!

You who have kept the fast, and you who have not, rejoice, this day, for the table is bountifully spread!

Feast royally, for the calf is fatted.

Let no one go away hungry.

Partake, all, of the banquet of faith.

Enjoy the bounty of the Lord's goodness!

Let no one grieve being poor, for the universal reign has been revealed.

Let no one lament persistent failings, for forgiveness has risen from the grave.

Let no one fear death, for the death of our Savior has set us free.

The Lord has destroyed death by enduring it.

The Lord vanquished hell when he descended into it.

The Lord put hell in turmoil even as it tasted of his flesh.

Isaiah foretold this when he said, "You, O Hell, were placed in turmoil when he encountering you below."

Hell was in turmoil having been eclipsed.

Hell was in turmoil having been mocked.

Hell was in turmoil having been destroyed.

Hell was in turmoil having been abolished.

Hell was in turmoil having been made captive.

Hell grasped a corpse, and met God.

Hell seized earth, and encountered heaven.

Hell took what it saw, and was overcome by what it could not see.

O death, where is your sting?

O hell, where is your victory?

Christ is risen, and you are cast down!

Christ is risen, and the demons are fallen!

Christ is risen, and the angels rejoice!

Christ is risen, and life is set free!

Christ is risen, and the tomb is emptied of its dead.

For Christ, having risen from the dead,  
is become the first-fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

To Christ be glory and power forever and ever.

**Amen!**

## **Diocesan Council**

What is the Diocesan Council and what are the Council's responsibilities? The Diocesan Council administers and carries on the Missionary, Educational, and Social work of the Church in the Diocese of Chicago. The Bishop shall be the executive head of all such work, and the Council shall assist and advise the Bishop in the administration thereof.

The Diocesan Council shall have charge of the unification, development, and prosecution of the work of Missions, Church Extension, Religious Education, and Christian Social Relations in the Diocese of Chicago; of the performance of such other work as may be committed to it by the Convention; of the initiation and development of new work between the Annual Conventions; and shall receive and administer all funds raised within the Diocese for the above-named purposes; subject, however, to the provisions of the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese and direction of the Convention.

The Diocesan Council, with the advice and consent of the Bishop and trustees, shall submit to each Annual Convention of this Diocese, a budget for all expenses of this Diocese for the ensuing year. The Diocesan Council shall maintain general supervision of the financial affairs of this Diocese.

The Council is considered to be the Vestry of the Diocese between conventions. Each Deanery in the Diocese of Chicago is represented by one clergy person and one lay person for a term of three (3) years. No elected member shall be eligible to serve more than two (2) terms. The Council meets at least four (4) times a year.

I recently attended my first Council meeting at Grace Church in Oak Park as a representative of the Rockford Deanery. I'm still learning what the Council is all about and what my role will be on some of the commissions of the Council.

Some of the commissions of the Council include the Anti-Racism Commission, Peace and Justice, Christian Formation, Evangelism, and Congregations commission.

A Congregational Development conference will be held May 7-9 at St. Michael's in Barrington. The fee is \$100 per congregation with no limit to the number attending. The conference will focus on Church Growth, transitioning to a new model and size of congregation, and leadership for Vestries and Bishop's committees. I will be attending this conference and if you are interested in attending any or all of the sessions, please let me know. I will pass on more information as it becomes available.

Mary Ann Rhoades,  
Diocesan Council Representative from the Rockford Deanery

## Holy Week Services:

April 5	10:15 a.m.	Palm Sunday Choral Mass with Procession of Palms
April 6	7:30 a.m.	Leave for Chrism Mass at Trinity Aurora <i>(please see Fr. Michael if you are interested in attending)</i>
April 7	12:15 p.m.	Holy Tuesday Eucharist
April 8	10:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m.	Holy Wednesday Eucharist & Holy Unction Stations of the Cross followed by Tenebrae
April 9	6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Solemn High Eucharist Agape Supper followed by Procession to the Altar of Repose and the stripping of the High Altar
	9 p.m. to noon	Watch at the Altar of Repose
	10:00 p.m.	Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
April 10	12:15 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Stations of the Cross with Meditations Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday
April 11	9:00 a.m.	Liturgy of Holy Saturday
		Followed by the preparation of the church for Easter
	8:00 p.m.	The Great Vigil and the First Mass of Easter with Baptisms
April 12	10:15 a.m.	Easter Sunday Solemn High Holy Eucharist with Festival Procession
		Festive Reception and Easter egg hunt following the service



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

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><u>Sunday Schedule</u>                      8:30 a. Morning Prayer                      9:00 a Lenten Forum                      10:00 a Sunday School                      10:15 a.m. Choral Eucharist                      Coffee &amp; Fellowship following service, Undercroft                      5:30 p Contemplative Service</p>	<p>Rotary, noon                      E P, 5:00 p  <b>Church Women United, E, 9:30a</b>  <b>Chrim Mass, Trinity, Aurora</b></p>	<p><b>CODE:</b>                      E = Ecels Room                      U = Undercroft                      a= a.m.                      p =p.m.</p>	<p>MP, 9 a                      Healing Mass                      10:00 a.m., St. L                      Stations, 5 p  <b>Youth Group, 7 p</b></p>	<p>MP, 9 a                      E P, 5 p                      5:30 p Mass,                      followed by movie,                      discussion &amp;                      supper</p>	<p>MP, 9 a                      Stations, 5 p</p>	<p>4</p>
<p><u>Palm Sunday 5</u>                      Choral Mass w.                      Procession of                      Palms, 10:15 a                      Red Bowl:                      KSB Hospice</p>	<p>Rotary, noon                      E P, 5:00 p  <b>Church Women United, E, 9:30a</b>  <b>Chrim Mass, Trinity, Aurora</b></p>	<p>MP, 9 a  <u>Holy Tuesday</u>                      Mass, 12:15 p                      E P, 5 p                      TOPS, E, 5 p  <b>Election Day</b></p>	<p>MP, 9 a                      Healing Mass                      10:00 a.m., St. L                      Stations, 5:30 p                      &amp; <u>Tenebrae</u></p>	<p><u>Maundy Thursday 9</u>                      6:30 p.Eucharist                      7:30 p Agape                      Supper                      9 p.-noon Watch</p>	<p><u>Good Friday 10</u>                      Stations with                      Meditations 12:15 p.  <b>Solemn Liturgy 6:30 p.</b></p>	<p><u>Holy 11</u>  <b>Saturday</b>                      Liturgy 9 a &amp;                      Clean-Up                      Great Vigil &amp;                      First Mass of                      Easter, 8 p.m.</p>
<p><u>Easter Sunday</u>                      High Holy                      Eucharist with                      Procession 10:15 a                      Easter Egg Hunt</p>	<p>MP, 9:00 a                      Rotary, noon                      E P, 5:00 p                      Mass 6 p.m.</p>	<p>MP, 9 a                      Mass, 12:15 p.                      E P, 5 p                      TOPS, E, 5 p</p>	<p>MP, 9 a                      Healing Mass                      10:00 a.m., St. L                      E P, 5 p                      Youth Group, 7</p>	<p>MP, 9 a                      E P, 5 p                      5:30 p Mass,                      followed by Bible                      Study &amp; supper</p>	<p>MP, 9 a                      E P, 5 p                      Mass, 6 p.m.</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19                      SUNDAY SCHEDULE</p>	<p>MP, 9:00 a                      Rotary, noon                      E P, 5:00 p                      PFLAG, 7 p, E</p>	<p>MP, 9 a 21                      Mass, 12:15 p                      TOPS, E, 5 p                      E P, 5 p                      Vestry, 7 p, E</p>	<p>MP, 9 a                      Healing Mass                      10:00 a.m., St. L                      E P, 5 p                      Youth Group, 7</p>	<p>MP, 9 a                      E P, 5 p                      5:30 p Mass,                      followed by Bible                      Study &amp; supper</p>	<p>MP, 9 a                      E P, 5 p</p>	<p>25                      9:30 a. St. Mark's                      Mass, followed by                      Women's Prayer                      Breakfast</p>
<p>26                      SUNDAY SCHEDULE</p>	<p>MP, 9:00 a                      Rotary, noon                      E P, 5:00 p</p>	<p>MP, 9 a                      E P, 5:00 p                      TOPS, E, 5 p  <b>Book Club, 7</b></p>	<p>MP, 9 a                      E P, 5 p</p>	<p>MP, 9 a                      E P, 5 p</p>		

## April 2009 Rota

	Chalice Bearer/ Servers	Lector	Usher/ Greeter	Altar Guild	Sunday School	
<b>Apr. 5</b> 10:15 a.m. <b>Palm Sunday</b> <b>9:30 a.m. Rehearsal</b>	CB/TR: Meridith Knudsen TH: Gail Greene CR: Jim Love TR: Claire Etchison	Lowell Albee	Mary Ann Rhoades and Ruth Rendleman	Cathy Pavesich	Lucy Trujillo	<p><b>Please remember:</b></p> <p><b>Find a replacement if you cannot serve,</b></p> <p><b>Call the office with any changes,</b></p> <p><b>And come 15 minutes early!</b></p> <p><b>Thank You for your service!</b></p>
<b>Apr. 9</b> <b>Maundy Thursday</b> 6:30 p.m. <b>5:30 p.m. rehearsal</b>	CB/CR: Deb Davey TH: Jo Davey TR: Bailey Bridges TR: Judy Bell	Ken McLean	McLeans	All Altar Guild Members	No Sunday School	
<b>Apr. 10</b> <b>Good Friday</b> 6:30 p.m. <b>5:30 p.m. rehearsal</b>	Acolytes: Ray Trujillo & Luke Nelson	Johanna Berman	Tanya Brooks and David Mueller	All Altar Guild Members	No Sunday School	
<b>Apr. 11</b> <b>Great Vigil</b> 8 p.m. <b>6:30 p.m. rehearsal</b>	CB: Mary Ann Rhoades TH: Gail Greene CR: Devin Anderson TR: Diandre Wilson	Gary Gehlbach Sarah Nelson	Gehlbachs	All Altar Guild Members	No Sunday School	
<b>Apr. 12</b> <b>Easter Sunday</b> 10:15 a.m. <b>9:30 a.m. rehearsal</b>	CB/TR: Judy Bell TH/CB 2: Luke Nelson Boat: Cheyenne Predny CR: Deb Davey TR: Jake Nelson	Kathryn Esgar	Wardens	Mary Ann Rhoades and all the Altar Guild	No Sunday School	
<b>Apr. 19</b> 10:15 a.m.	CB/CR: Jim Love TR: Meridith Knudsen TR: Gail Greene	Sarah Nelson	Sarah & Kurt Nelson	Kathryn Esgar & Gail Greene	Deb Davey	
<b>Apr. 26</b> 10:15 a.m.	CB: Ray Trujillo CR: Devin Anderson TR: Claire Etchison	Gary Gehlbach	Gehlbachs	Mary Ann Rhoades	Chris Gehlbach	

**Code: CB = Chalice Bearer; CR = Crucifer; TH = Thurifer; TR = Torchbearers**  
**April Coffee Hour Hosts:** Ruth Rendleman, Gibsons, Ben Beaman, Shirley Yentzer



April  
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## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday 9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. Sunday School  
Sunday 10:15 a.m. Choral Eucharist  
Sunday 5:30 p.m. Contemplative Service  
Tuesday 12:15 p.m. Daily Mass  
Wednesday 10:00 a.m. Healing Mass  
Thursday 5:30 p.m. Mass, Bible Study, & Supper  
Mon.-Friday 9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer  
Mon.-Friday 5:00 p.m. Evening Prayer  
(Wed. & Fridays in Lent 5 p.m. Stations of the Cross)