



# Luke's Log

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## Planting Seeds



June 4, 2020

## Welcome Back

It's been a long time since we've seen one another and a lot had happened in our world, locally, nationally and internationally. We have suffered the loss of so much and humanity mourns and weeps for what has been and will be no more in many parts of our lives. Over a million persons have been infected by COVID-19 and over 100,000 have lost their lives in the United States. Although I knew no one personally, my heart grieves for the loss of so many of our sisters and brothers. Some of us have been in lock down alone, some with pets, some with spouses or partners and some with families. What has been our journey during this time? Has it been one

of despair, anger, concern, fear, anxiety, hope, peace and trust or a combination of all of the above? I know that I have gone through a spectrum of many feelings. I have heard from many that they are excited for us to get back together, I am too.

I have been filled with hope for the sense of community and friendship I have seen, and read about during this time. Strangers reaching out to their neighbors to help and provide assistance, and be family when no one is around to relieve their sense of isolation and loneliness. Thank you to everyone for recognizing the humanity in each other.

When last we gathered together to worship, we were nearing the end of Lent. We have now gone through the rest of Lent, Palm Sunday, Holy Week, Easter, Pentecost and now Trinity. When next we meet, we will be in ordinary time, phew, long time. As we prepare to reopen, we will do so with strict guidance to help keep everyone safe. We will still need to practice social distancing and wear face masks. We have

submitted plans to the Diocese that will allow us to reopen with limited attendance in keeping with the state's requirements. We will be asking everyone to take precautions to keep us all safe.

As we gather together again, I want to ask your prayers for healing for our St. Luke's family and for all those battling COVID 19 and for our country in the midst of the ongoing protests in opposition to the killing of African Americans. I also ask your prayers for ways in which we can move forward extending God's grace and love for all those who are struggling with the loss of loved ones, jobs, homes and what used to be. Help us to see and to respond to what we see. I look forward to seeing you all again soon. God bless and keep you.

Rev. E. †



## Special points of interest:

- From the Treasurer
- *More information Inside!*

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## **Gloves Available — by Laurel Samson**

I am hoping that all of us are being very careful about the coronavirus. If you need a mask or some cotton gloves, just let me know. I will deliver them to your house. Thanks, Laurel

## **From the Social Justice Committee**

Just a quick update from the Social Justice Committee. Committee members have been providing sandwich bags to the Ministry in the Park on a weekly basis throughout the quarantine. The Vestry had voted and approved the purchase of the "Love thy neighbor" sign. The sign has been purchased with donations from the social justice committee. Reverend Ernestine and Concetta have participated in an educational program sponsored by the Interfaith Community for Immigrant Justice on "White Nationalism." (Zoom allowed them to meet with over a hundred people from around the region.) They now meet with a local cohort of individuals who wish to further their knowledge and identify actions in response to concerns about white nationalism locally.

Thank you.

St. Luke's Social Justice Committee 5/27/20

## **From the Treasurer — Myrna Rafalovich**

From your Treasurer. I do not have financials again this month. What I do know, though, is that our income is significantly down. In order to keep our beautiful church operating in the manner to which we are accustomed, we all need to try to stay current with our pledges or do the best we can.

Many of you know that I have been very sick; I have really missed seeing everybody and going to our church which has been a sanctuary for me for almost 40 years.

Stay safe and healthy.

Myrna Rafalovich



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**IDENTITY STATEMENT FOR ST. LUKE'S**

St. Luke's Episcopal Church is a community of diverse and unique individuals and families, joined together in the Body of Christ. We are a family united by worship, discovering God's purpose in our lives and using our gifts in service to him, to one another, and to the world.

We believe the historic Christian creeds. We carry on the heritage of Christian worship, celebrating the biblical faith with traditional and contemporary forms. We encounter God in word and sacrament, in music and prayer, and in one another.

We offer opportunities for education, spiritual growth, service, fellowship, and the giving and receiving of pastoral care

We seek, through worship and service, to show forth in the world the healing love of Jesus.



St. Luke's Episcopal Church publishes Luke's Log monthly. **Submit articles to our email address or to the parish office by the 20th of the month.** For more information, visit our website above.



**ST. LUKE'S SERVICES  
SUNDAY MORNING**

8:00 a.m. Holy  
Eucharist, Rite II  
10:00 a.m. Holy  
Eucharist, Rite II  
Nursery available

**WEDNESDAY**

12:15 p.m. Mid-week  
Eucharist

**THURSDAY**

8:00 a.m. Morning  
Prayer

**ST. LUKE'S MISSION  
STATEMENT**

*Love. Faith. Reason.  
Community.*

*We reach out in joy and  
in Christ's name to one  
another, our community,  
and the world.*

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