



Luke's Log

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Planting Seeds — August 2020



For the last three Sundays the readings from Matthew's gospel have been about planting seeds. That is all well and good and everybody responded positively to the idea of preparing the soil and planting the seeds, but the final result remains unanswered. What will the fruit of your labor be, the fruit of your planting? Not the quantity; 100, 60, or 30-fold as the gospel suggests, but the quality of the fruit. Will your fruit bring forth love, compassion, kindness or will it bring forth anger, fear or hate? This past Sunday, we went from planting to the miracle of the feeding of the five thousand. From five fishes and two loaves, "...all ate and were filled."

In these times of upheaval and uncertainty we need to learn how to sow, plant and feed one another. The miracle of the feeding happened when Jesus looked up to heaven and God blessed the resources of the crowd that followed Jesus for the benefit of everyone. "And all ate and were filled." How can we recreate that sense of community within our lives, our families, our churches? I was asked recently after I preached a difficult sermon, "Where is the love?" The love is in telling the truth, in speaking openly and in seeking the freedom to be authentic. Community cannot be built if truth cannot be spoken, community cannot be built if every time you hear a sermon you don't agree with you take your marbles and move to another sand box, community cannot be built if you use your resources to have things your way or else you leave. Building community requires us to sacrifice like Jesus did when instead of sending them away, he fed them despite his grief at the brutal murder of John the Baptist, despite his tiredness after a long day with them. We need to make sacrifices for each other to build communities that benefits us all.

John Lewis, one of the great heroes of civil right movement said in an article published posthumously by the New York Times said "Democracy is not a state. It is an act, and each generation must do its part to help' build what we called the Beloved Community, a nation and world society at peace with itself." Jesus asks us to abide in his love and to be a part of the vine. I invite you to join or start the conversation to help build the community that produces fruit, quality fruit that will help feed and nourish the kingdom of heaven.

Rev. Ernestein †

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Treasurer's Report— by Myrna Rafalovich

As of July 31, 2020

Budget Pledges	\$97,290.00
Pledge Payments	<u>\$86,654.00</u>
Shortfall	<\$10,636.00>

Special Dates & Events

August 4 (Tues.)	<i>Every Tuesday</i> 11-1:00 St. Anne's Catholic Church Food Box Program
August 6 (Thurs.)	The Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus Christ
August 13 (Thurs.)	6:30-8:45 Bishop Walkabout (virtual and livestreamed)
August 15 (Sat.)	St. Mary the Virgin, Mother of Our Lord Jesus Christ
August 18 (Tues.)	Noon to 1:00 p.m. Courageous Conversations (via Zoom)
August 24 (Mon.)	St. Bartholomew the Apostle

No Vestry Meeting in August.



1	Dennis James
9	Hana Rubens
12	Merle Berry
17	Connie Frum, Charles Brown
21	Margaret James
24	Dcn. Joani Bristol
29	Nick Vagle, Helen McVay, Jim Boston
30	Judy Anzalone

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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 SERVICES
SUNDAY MORNING**

9:00 a.m. Holy
Eucharist, Rite II

Nursery available

WEDNESDAY

12:15 p.m. Mid-week
Eucharist

**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.*

**ST. LUKE'S
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