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Dear St. Luke's Family:

I am sorry that due to the increasing numbers of Covid-19 cases in Josephine County, we once again have to return to virtual worship. I understand the frustration and disappointment we feel but also know that we have to exercise caution to protect and keep our most vulnerable members safe at this time. We will gather again soon.

Since we will all not be able to part take of the Holy Eucharist, I have decided to switch to the liturgy for Morning Prayers found on pages 75-102 as our means of worship until we can all have the Holy Eucharist together. This will also give us the opportunity to share more of our Book of Common Prayer.

Continue to stay safe and if you have not been vaccinated for whatever reasons, please prayerfully consider doing so.

Peace and blessings,

Rev. Ernestein †



Special points of interest:

- *Sr. Warden's Report*
- *More information Inside!*

Special Dates & Events

September 4 (Sat.)	9-11:00 a.m. Gardening Angels general clean-up
September 5 (Sun.)	9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer, Rite II — on-line only
September 6 (Mon.)	Labor Day — Office closed
September 11 (Sat.)	Patriot Day
September 12 (Sun.)	National Grandparents Day
September 14 (Tues.)	Holy Cross Day; 4:00 p.m. Vestry Meeting via Zoom
Sept. 15 — Oct. 15	Hispanic Heritage Month
September 17 (Fri.)	Constitution Day
September 21 (Tues.)	St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist
September 22 (Wed.)	First Day of Autumn
September 28 (Tues.)	4-5:00 p.m. Social Justice Committee via Zoom
September 29 (Wed.)	St. Michael & All Angels

Note: The Calendar was not printed for Sept. 2021. All special dates/meetings/events are listed here.

Regularly Scheduled: Daughters of the King — 6:30 p.m. 2nd and 4th Mon.
Men's Breakfast at Herb's — 8:30 a.m. 1st and 3rd Wed. @ Herb's
Gardening Angels — 9-11:00 a.m. 1st Sat. unless otherwise noted
Needle & Thread — 9:00 a.m. every Mon.

Services: Mid-week Holy Eucharist — on hiatus
Morning Prayer, Rite II — 9:00 a.m. every Sunday — no in-person service;
live-streamed and available on church website and Facebook



Pam & Jim, Connie, Myrna, Vicky, Jennifer & John, Julia,
Kali, Bruce & Juli, Spencer & Madison

For those who have died: Edward Hamilton, Kellie Parker,
Lillie Lazzaraga

Keep some room in your heart for the unimaginable.

— *Mary Oliver*

I play the notes as they are written, but it is God who makes the music.

— *J.S. Bach*

Sr. Warden's Report — by Hana Rubens

Dear St. Luke's Family,

We find ourselves at the beginning of September, still caught in the cycle imposed on us by the Covid-19 pandemic and our need to care for each other. And we really don't know what comes next and when.

But this we do know: Church is more than the building we meet in. And church we continue to be.

So I want to be clear here: If you have any pastoral care needs, please contact the Rev. Ernestein or the church office. We are here to help. Should you have illness in your home and need help with meals, please contact me (Hana Rubens) and we will arrange it.

The Daughters of the King are updating their prayer list daily, just let one of us know and your intentions will be added to it.

And although we will not be physically together for worship for a time, together we will be.

I pray God's blessings on you and all you hold dear.

Grace & peace,

Hana



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| 1 | Bruce Mimnaugh, Theresa Hogate |
| 7 | Nicki Johnston |
| 12 | Marlene Brown |
| 13 | Durfee Bedsole |
| 15 | Blenda Wingate |
| 22 | Joanne Taxelius |

If your birthday isn't listed please contact the office to be added in.

Social Justice Committee Report

The Social Justice Committee continues to meet on Zoom and would welcome you to join our meetings to share your thoughts and feedback. Please let Concetta know so that we can include you on our Zoom invitation. Our next meeting will be, Tuesday, September 28th from 4-5 PM.

Our second **group discussion** was held on Sunday, August 29th after the 9:00 service in the Parish Hall. The discussion was facilitated by Susan Hall and Nik Grimsby on “What it Means to be a Good Ancestor”. Discussion was lively as we shared about the values and beliefs left to us by our own ancestors. We will continue to explore in the months ahead the influences of our ancestors and how we choose to live considering our histories. We also plan to talk about the ways we hope to influence change and the future. Everyone who attended this first meeting were anxious to meet again in the coming months and hope you will join us after the service on the fourth Sunday of each month. (Our next meeting will be via Zoom but attendees are anxious to continue our dialogue.)

Foundry Village is moving ahead. We thought that providing each initial resident with a quilt or afghan might go a long way to making the houses feel welcoming and more of a home. Only newly knitted, crocheted, or quilted afghans are being requested at this time. The fund-raising event was a great success despite the unpredictability of chickens and humans alike.

Anyone interested in helping to form a work group in order to paint a Tiny House at Foundry Village should please let Concetta know. The painting group that met in late July agreed that we enjoyed getting together on this project and should schedule another work party. All are welcome!

Hygiene products are still being accepted and can be placed in the Fish Donation Box in the hall. These items are placed in brown paper bags and distributed at the **Sunday in the Park Ministry**. Thank you to the many parishioners who continue to support this ministry with their donations. We also continue to provide weekly take away sandwich bags on Sundays. Parishioners have also been providing juice packs, applesauce packs, oranges, bananas, hard-boiled eggs and “soft “cookies (please have these already wrapped).

The diocese continues to call for churches to explore their histories in confronting or failing to confront racial injustice in their home churches. Churches in the diocese are also exploring the history of the lands they are built on and the people that first called this land home. Many churches are beginning services and meetings with Land Acknowledgements of the Indigenous people of this land. We would also like to interview and collect information from you regarding the church’s history of social action in our community. So, we may be calling on you soon. Anyone having information on the local tribes or wishing to participate in the historical research of our church’s role in responding to social justice concerns please contact Claire or Concetta.

Thank you.

The Social Justice Committee of St. Luke’s Episcopal Church 9/1

*“...the poverty of the poor is not a call to generous relief action,
but a demand that we go and build a different social order.” Gustavo Gutierrez*

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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 are committed to be welcoming and open to all, without regard to race, color, religion, gender, gender identity or expression, age, sexual orientation, national origin, ancestry, disability or genetic information.

We are the people of God and a community seeking to live out the truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We seek to love God and our neighbors as we love ourselves. We want to build collaborative and creative partnerships with our community to truly make it the beloved community of God. 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 power of Jesus's love.

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 SERVICE
SUNDAY MORNING***

9:00 a.m. Morning
Prayer, Rite II

**On-line only — live-streamed and available on website and Facebook*

WEDNESDAY*

12:15 p.m. Mid-week
Eucharist in Chapel

**On hiatus.*

**ST. LUKE'S MISSION
STATEMENT**

To do God's work, we extend ourselves joyfully in Christ's name to one another, our community, and the world.

**ST. LUKE'S
OFFICE HOURS**

M -Th 8 am-1 pm

Closed Friday

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- Dave Robertson (2024)