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The Newsletter of St. Luke's Episcopal Church

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**COME, LABOR ON! (Hymn 541)**

Dear friends,

Years ago, I belonged to the choir at Chapel of the Cross in Chapel Hill. It was late May 1987 and I was "great" with child. With my due date around the corner and ordination a few months after that, it was time for me to retire from singing in a church choir. And this was not easy given that I had been singing in church choirs since I was eight years old.

The Choir gave me a going away party since due to my ordination I would be leaving not just the choir, but Chapel of the Cross. At the conclusion of the party, the choir surrounded me in my rotundness and sang a rousing chorus of the hymn, "*Come, labor on.*" Scared as I was to give birth to my first child, I couldn't have agreed more. I was ready to get on with the labor of delivery and into the labors of love for a new baby.

The month of September conveys a similar sense of expectancy and work. After Labor Day our vacations are (mostly) over and it is back to work. The new school year begins with all its potential for learning and growth. As the hymn "*Come, labor on*" makes clear, September, at least in the Northern Hemisphere, begins a season of fruition; a time when we gather all the gifts that God sets before us and turn these gifts into ways to glorify God and serve our neighbors.

*Come, labor on. Who dares stand idle on the harvest plain, while all around us waves the golden grain?*

The hymn paints the image of a vast countryside filled with grain ready for the harvest. It is a vista that is beautiful, beckoning, challenging. It takes a lot of effort and all the hands we can muster to gather up all this grain. This metaphor of harvest time

speaks to the rich potential that stretches before us. God invites everyone to embrace with eager gratitude the work that is ahead.

*Come, labor on. Away with gloomy doubts and faithless fear! No arm so weak but may do service here; by feeblest agents may our God fulfill his righteous will.*

**Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, is Gathering Sunday.** It is our liturgical Labor Day call to action. Every Sunday is a gathering day, I suppose, but we mark this day as a kind of re-dedication of ourselves to our Christian labors of love. Gathering Sunday will be packed with special activities including commemoration of the tragic events of September 11<sup>th</sup> 2001. There will be an open house in the Elizabeth Gray Building from 9 am until 10:25 a.m. and a picnic following the 10:30 service. Main course provided; bring the sides. Our Gathering Sunday musicians are Jon Newlin and Amy Davis. Jon and Amy met through their mutual love of string band music, and have been playing in the Triangle area for many years. They form half of the string band "The Hushpuppies," and have recorded two CDs with that group. They have also recorded and performed with their niece Elizabeth LaPrelle, an accomplished ballad singer. They play fiddle, guitar and banjo, (and sometimes mandolin and ukulele), and are both singers. Jon has also sung locally with the Solstice Assembly and the Maudlin Brothers, and Amy was lead singer with the cajun band Fais Pas Ca. They also happen to be the parents of St. Cecilia chorister Iris Newlin, who was baptized at the Easter Vigil last spring. We are fortunate to have this

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family among us at St. Luke's!

September is also when we begin this year's Every Member Canvass. The EMC committee is once again organizing neighborhood dinners. These are fellowship events with the simple goal of having good times with our St. Luke's neighbors. There is no "hard sell" or pressure of any kind for contributions. Every St. Luke's household should receive an invitation. Despite best efforts, there is the occasional clerical oversight. So if by the middle of September you have not received an invitation in the mail, give our parish administrator, Kathy Barnes, a call. If you are unable to attend a party on the date scheduled in your "neighborhood" you are welcome to attend one of the other gatherings. Again, just check in with Kathy. Our neighborhoods are really regions that stretch out from Durham to reach into Orange, Person and Wake Counties.

Jesus once told his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the laborers are few." We are blessed at St. Luke's with many helping hands. Good thing, because there is a great deal to do around such a busy parish. We could certainly use some more hands on deck, however. If the Holy Spirit has been tugging at your conscience to share a little more of your time, talent and treasure then, in the words of the hymn, "*Come, labor on. Claim the high calling angels cannot share- to young and old the Gospel gladness bear; redeeming time; its hours too swiftly fly. The night draws nigh.*"

Yours faithfully,

*Anne*

The Rev. Anne E. Hodges-Copple

P.S. Our thoughts and prayers remain with Sarah White and Joe Hensley as they prepare to welcome their new baby. Because in this special case, labor is not the most welcome thing, a C-section is scheduled for September 6<sup>th</sup>. Joe will take off a few weeks to share the joy and chaos of his expanding family. God bless them all.

LOVE  
GIVES

Greetings All. We will soon kick off our Every Member Canvass for 2012. This year's theme is "LOVE GIVES". We are continually blessed by God and we are called upon to discern how we can best share our blessings in the service of others. In the coming weeks we will share information about the campaign and about our parish priorities, opportunities and challenges. Gathering Sunday (September 11<sup>th</sup>) will be an opportunity to discuss this year's campaign in addition to the other special activities planned for the day. Join EMC committee members in the conference room in the Gray Building for a brief, 15 minute program immediately following the 8 o'clock service. The same program will be repeated at 10:10 am.

St. Luke's Second Annual Neighborhood Dinners are scheduled throughout September and into early October. These are primarily fellowship events, but will include a short program designed to engage parishioners in a dialogue about the church's current and future priorities. A representative of the Every Member Canvass committee and vestry will be present at each dinner. If for some reason you do not receive an invitation, or if you cannot attend the dinner that you are invited to and would like to attend another dinner, please contact the church office immediately so that we can reassign you.

This year's campaign is quickly taking shape. I am personally blessed to have been asked to the chair and am further blessed to have the support of a dedicated committee. Moreover, we are all blessed by each other's presence. There is strength and diversity in our parish. We want to be sure to cultivate everyone's unique gifts of time, talent and treasure. I stand ready to answer any questions you have regarding the campaign. Remember, we are St. Luke's. Together we nourish each other and the community, and ensure that the church can flourish.

Mike Henry, 2012 EMC chair

## Adult Christian Formation

*Adult Forum meets in the Conference Room of the Gray Building unless otherwise indicated from 9:20 until 10:15 a.m.*

Sept 11<sup>th</sup> ***This Abide: Faith, Hope and Love***  
We will watch a video about the sanctuary of St. Pauls' Chapel, NYC where victims, first responders and the faithful took refuge during and long after the tragic events of the fateful September morning.

Sept 18<sup>th</sup> ***"Vengeance is mine" says the Lord***  
An exploration of the Biblical texts concerning God's wrath and anger. How do we understand this aspect of God's nature along side God's love and mercy? The Rev. Dr. Lauren Winner

September 25 ***Contemplative Prayer***  
The Rev. Dr. Winston Charles (see companion article on this page.)

October 2, 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> ***Are ALL really welcome?*** The first Sunday in October is observed in many parts of the church as World Communion Sunday. We will look at examples in the past and present of how the invitation to the Lord's Supper is understood in varying ways by various parts of the household of God. This will be a three week series

### Fall Retreat/Evening Series

#### **Contemplative Prayer Practices: Opening the Heart to God**

Retreat on Saturday, October 8th, 8:30 am - 1 pm (includes lunch)  
Tuesday Evenings, 7-9 pm from October 11th through November 15th.

Leader: The Rev. Winston B. Charles, Ph.D.  
Registration is requested so that necessary resources are available for all participants, but there is no charge for this series. Look for a brochure and sign-up sheet in the Sprague Room. (If you can't attend the entire series, please register and let us know when you are able to join us.)

We are immensely grateful to Dr. Charles, former Rector of Christ Church, Raleigh, now

retired, who will lead the retreat and the seven-week evening series on contemplative prayer practices such as Lectio Divina, Centering Prayer, Discerning Calls, Praying with Icons, and Praying with Creation. The series begins with the half-day retreat and continues with six Tuesday evening sessions--all at St. Luke's.

If you yearn for a deeper relationship with God or if the stresses of daily life leaves you spiritually empty, consider giving yourself the GIFT of attending this enriching series. We will listen, learn and practice a variety of prayer forms. We pray that one or more prayer form may provide the opening that God will use to bless you in a special way this Fall.

**Sunday September 25th:** As an introduction to our Fall series, Dr. Charles will be preaching and will lead the Adult Forum on September 25th.

### **Youth Sunday School in a new space**

All youth (6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders) come at 9 a.m., Sunday, September 11, to see the new Youth Room in the Gray Building. Then stay at 9:15 for the start of our 2011-2012 Sunday School.

***Sunday School in the Gray Building Youth Room.*** Youth (6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade)  
9:20 – 10:20 a.m.

This Fall, youth Sunday school continues the journey of exploring the stories of scripture. We meet in the Gray Building youth room and follow a format that includes time for fellowship (and often donuts!), opening and closing prayer, reading a passage of scripture in different versions, journal time, and "wondering" about the passage together. Youth will gain familiarity with the overall arch of the Bible and make connections between the Bible, our faith traditions, and life today.

On Gathering Sunday, Sept. 11, we will welcome everyone back from the summer break and reflect on the 9/11 anniversary.

**Sunday, Oct.2: World Communion Day**

*Stay tuned for more details on this parish-wide event. Sneak peek: Children’s Sunday School will focus on “worship manners” (what, why and how we do what we do at the altar)*

**Welcome to Sacred Space**

Come join us in our new space in the Gray Building on September 11, where we will be touring the building and greeting parishioners for Godly Play Sunday School and Children's Chapel.

Our two Sunday School programs for the 2011-2012 church year are based on the ideas of Jerome Berryman (*Godly Play*) and Sonja Stewart (*Young Children and Worship*). Our teachers are committed to using the open inquiry and structured environment of Godly Play as a way to support children as they grow in their relationship with God. Through circle story-telling, wondering, working with materials and scripture reading, children will have the opportunity to explore sacred space in developmentally appropriate ways, and to "talk to and listen to God." Our Response Time for older students will also include guided wondering that lets them further explore scripture and liturgy through Prophet, Map, Liturgy or Saint work.

**Sunday School, 9:20--10:20**

*Youngers Godly Play* (Pre-K/K, 1st and 2nd)  
*Elders Godly Play* (3rd, 4th and 5th)

(St. Luke's welcomes children starting at four years of age to participate in this Montessori approach to Christian Education.)

**Children's Chapel 10:30-11:00**

Children 4-8

Children of all ages are always welcome in our worship services. Children age 4 and older may also participate in children's worship during the 10:30 service that will happen most Sundays in the Godly Play space in the Gray Building (the nursery is available for younger children). We will also use the Johnson Hall Children's Chapel for special Sundays that will be announced. It is helpful if parents drop off children a few minutes early (if they have not already

attended Sunday school). The children follow an order of worship with a scripture story from the Godly Play curriculum. The leaders bring them to church to join the rest of the congregation for communion. There is no firm cutoff age for when children "grow out" of children's chapel, but we encourage children to join us for the entire service as soon as they are ready.

**Come visit the nursery**

Carol Joyner, our staff child-care specialist, is available Sunday mornings from 9:15-11:30 in the nursery for ages 0-3 (back right corner of the Gray Building). We also have volunteers who help Carol care for the children. We need parents and other adults or youth to join our nursery volunteer rotation. Please contact Anthea Fok, (parent of Emma) at [anthslf@gmail.com](mailto:anthslf@gmail.com).

**Picnic for Young Families**

Dan Smith and Dania Ermentrout (parents of Asher) will host a drop-in picnic lunch for St. Luke's families with young kids on Saturday, September 17th from 11am to 1pm at the St. Luke's playground. We hope it will give the kids a chance to run and play, while the parents catch up! Let Dania know if you might be available to attend ([dania.ermentrout@gmail.com](mailto:dania.ermentrout@gmail.com)) so that they can get a sense of the numbers for the gathering.

**September/October Youth Events**

All youth in grades 6 through 12 are invited to participate in EYC youth group. We usually meet once a week, often but not always, on Sunday afternoons from 4-6 in the new Gray building youth room. Parents and youth can receive weekly email reminders and updates. Contact Joe Hensley ([assistant-rector@stlukesdurham.org](mailto:assistant-rector@stlukesdurham.org)) to get on the list. Youth on facebook can be invited (through Joe or another group member) to join our facebook group, "St. Luke's Durham EYC," (closed except to members).

## EYC Youth Group calendar

Sept. 4: Labor Day weekend, NO EYC

Sept. 11: Gathering Sunday: Come to Sunday school at 9:15 and stay for the picnic after church.

Sept. 18: EYC meeting from 4-6 in the Gray Building. Painting and decorating the youth room!

Sept. 25: EYC helps with Nets for Life Fun Day at Eno Commons, 1-4 p.m.

Sept. 25: No EYC

Oct. 2: Meet from 4-6 in the Gray building. "Faith-ful responses to stress" and care package construction for our college friends.

Oct. 9: Meet from 4-6 (we hope to visit Maple Court homeless veterans housing for games and fellowship)

Oct. 15: (Saturday) Outdoor Worship Service at Eno River State Park. 4 p.m. Exact Location TBA

Oct. 16: No EYC

Oct. 22: (Saturday) EYC sells baked goods at the Fall Fling yard sale outreach fundraiser

Oct. 23: Meet from 4-6 for games and Youth Sunday planning

Oct. 28-29: Overnight event begins Friday at 6:00 and lasts until Saturday afternoon. More details coming.

**Note these upcoming events.** We hope that some of our youth will participate in Diocesan Youth events which gather young people from around our state for fun fellowship, meaningful music and worship, and thoughtful programs. We especially hope to get a lot of folks to this year's "Bishop's Ball." These events cost money, but scholarship funds are available.

Oct. 7-9: Episcopal Diocese of NC Fall youth event.

Nov. 11-13: Episcopal Diocese of NC Happening event (a faith-deepening weekend).

Nov. 20: St. Luke's Youth Sunday: Youth will lead our morning worship services.

Dec. 9-11 Episcopal Diocese of NC Bishop's Ball youth conference at Camp Walter Johnson (Denton, NC). More info and registration online at [www.episdioncyouth.org](http://www.episdioncyouth.org)

Dec. 18: St. Luke's youth Christmas Caroling

Dec. 27-Jan 1: Youth "Winterlight" conference at Kanuga Conference Center in Hendersonville, NC [www.kanuga.org](http://www.kanuga.org)

January 5, 2012: St. Luke's youth present the Epiphany Feast of Lights

### Have a student in college?

We would like to keep in touch with our St. Luke's college students and send them a care package. Please contact Kathy Barnes [parish-admin@stlukesdurham.org](mailto:parish-admin@stlukesdurham.org) in the church office with up to date addresses and what "year" the student is in.

### Nets for Life Fun Day

Mark your calendar for an important event!

WHO: St. Luke's children of all ages, especially those through 5<sup>th</sup> grade  
WHEN: Sunday, Sept. 25, 1:00-4:00 pm  
WHERE: Eno Commons Community (directions will be available)  
WHAT: Games, fun, food and fundraising  
WHY: Nets for Life

Look for posters and details of how you can participate in and contribute to this event, but mark your calendar now to attend.

**Save the Date: Outdoor Eucharist Worship Service at Eno River State Park** on Saturday, October 15, 4:00 p.m. Worship God in the "cathedral" of creation. More details will be coming about where to meet. All ages are welcome.

## **St. Luke's Men's Fellowship**

St. Luke's Men's Fellowship Breakfast will meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday, September 22, at 7 a.m. in Johnson Hall. Bring food to share if you can. We will have informal conversation followed by a brief devotional and Bible reflection. All men welcome.

## **ECW 2011 – 2012**

It's September and time to begin another exciting year for the St. Luke's Episcopal Church Women.

Save the third Wednesday morning to get together for fellowship and exciting and informative programs. Starting with time for socializing and refreshments at 9:45 and ending with a short business meeting at 11 a.m. The programs will last about an hour from 10 until 11 a.m.

On September 21, Anne Hodges-Copple will be our first speaker. We will be looking forward to hearing about her sabbatical and her aspirations for the St. Luke's churchwomen in the coming years.

In October, our speaker will be Ms. Dori Wigen. She is with the Wigen Law Group and specializes in Senior Law issues.

November, no regular meeting on the third Wednesday; instead on November 11 and 12, St. Luke's will host the annual Diocesan Episcopal Churchwomen Meeting. More information to come. We will be counting on all the women of St. Luke's to help make this the best annual meeting ever. Mark your calendars now.

December, again we will have someone from our own parish family that contributes so much to the Outreach program at St. Luke's and to the community. This year it is Nancy Wyman.

Officers for 2011-2012

President: Phoebe Brinskelle

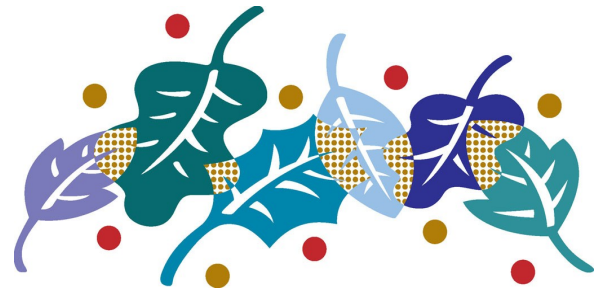
Vice President: Joyce Avery

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## **Third Sunday Lunch**

If you would like to have a time of food and fellowship, come join the Third Sunday Lunch Group. Just show up in the Sprague Room after the 10:30 a.m. service and after a brief time of socializing, we will decide where to go and proceed to a local restaurant. Come join us on September 18.



## **Fall Fling Yard Sale for Outreach**

The Annual Fall Fling Yard Sale will be held on Saturday, October 22 from 8 a.m. until Noon in Johnson Hall. We will be looking for donations of household goods, kitchen items, sporting goods, toys, luggage, books and other items for the sale. All proceeds are used to fund our outreach programs. Watch for more information in the weekly bulletins or in the Sprague Room over the next few weeks.

## **An invitation to join me**

Would you like to feel uplifted in the middle of the week? I hope your answer is "yes". All you need to do is join a group of us on Wednesday's at 12:10 in the St. Luke's Chapel for Holy Eucharist with optional Healing Rite. This feeling will last until Sunday, then start all over again on Wednesday.

Please come and try it, I bet you will be like me and really like it!

June C. Santa

**Generation to Generation**  
**A visioning process for the people of**  
**St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Durham**

*I will make your name to be remembered  
from one generation to another; therefore  
nations will praise you for ever and ever.*  
*Psalm 45:17*

**Introduction**

St. Luke's has an unexpected but historic opportunity to think deeply and carefully about the future direction of the parish. We have now operated over forty years at our current location at 1737 Hillandale Road. We have three great buildings. The full availability of the Elizabeth Gray Building opens the door for new opportunities to carry out our mission. Such opportunities include space for Godly Play to grow to its full potential, better rooms for education at all levels, improved meeting space for parishioners as well as other groups, better activity space for youth, and possible new programming for preschool and school age children.

Questions about the use of the Gray Building logically lead to questions about the current uses of Johnson Hall and the Church building. If we ask about the best uses of our buildings then we must re-examine our current programs and consider new opportunities. Where we have a clear vision of the work God is calling us to do, we can make the best decisions about the resources, especially the building and grounds resources we need to achieve our goals.

The vestry, at its July 11<sup>th</sup> meeting, called for the creation of a special task force known as the "Dream Team." The vestry has charged this group to present recommendations for the space needs of our various programs based upon their clearly articulated plans for the future. All manner of dreams and questions will be considered during this process. Is there a way to improve the vesting areas for the choir, the acolytes, and the clergy? What kind of outreach projects make the most sense for our parish and what space is needed? How will the outstanding design of the Gray Building be put to new use in the service of young children? Recommendations made by the

Dream Team will be presented to the vestry who will in turn present the vision and recommendation at the January 2012 annual meeting. (\*Note: we already have a master plan for our grounds. Phase One has been completed and we eagerly await the opportunity to complete Phases Two and Three.)

After the annual meeting, if there is sufficient support from the parish, the 2012 vestry will engage the professional services necessary to development the design details and costs for a master plan for buildings and grounds. Once the master plan is developed, it will be presented to the parish and, if accepted, a capital campaign will be designed to help our parish meet our vision.

Bill Gutknecht and Babs Wise will be the co-chairs of the Dream Team. Team members are John Willard, Camille Marlowe, John Wyman, Andy McDaniel, and Wendy Cook. The Dream Team will operate as an umbrella committee gathering ideas and proposals from all members, current committees and, in some cases, specially appointing working groups. Their work concludes at the January 2012 parish meeting. This is an exciting time in the life of our parish and we are grateful for the energy and imagination of the lay leadership who will shepherd this process forward.

Anne Hodges-Copple

**Save the date**

Oct 16 - 6:30AM-10:30AM,  
Ramblin'Rose 1/2 Marathon race  
through downtown Durham. If 25  
people volunteer as course monitors,  
IHN receives a \$1000 donation. Watch  
for more info in the Oct newsletter, or  
contact Edith Keene, or go to  
[http://www.endurancemag.com/index.  
php/ramblin-rose-durham-volunteer](http://www.endurancemag.com/index.php/ramblin-rose-durham-volunteer)  
and make sure you indicate you are  
signing up as a Durham IHN  
volunteer. We can raise an additional  
\$1000 for IHN  
if 50 people sign up!

## How do I respond to homeless and poor persons in Durham?

The Faith Institute on Homelessness and Poverty – September 8 and 9, is designed to educate the faith community about new ways--that are both compassionate and effective--to partner with community agencies to fight homelessness and poverty. This is a collaboration initiated by **Durham Interfaith Hospitality Network, Genesis Home, Housing for New Hope, and Urban Ministries of Durham**, in conjunction with other community partners. Thurs. September 8: Pre-conference tours of agencies and a social from 3:30-6:30. Fri., September 9: Workshops, stories, and reflections, 8:45-3:45. Registration and more information at

[www.faithinstituteonhomelessnessandpoverty.eventbrite.com/](http://www.faithinstituteonhomelessnessandpoverty.eventbrite.com/)

For questions or to inquire about availability of scholarships contact Tamaira Johnson at 919-489-6282, ext. 101 or [tamaira@housingfornewhope.org](mailto:tamaira@housingfornewhope.org)

## St. Luke's 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Alternative Gifts Fair Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>

It seems like we just finished up our last Alternative Gifts Fair and now it is time to begin working on the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Alternative Gifts Fair. This will be the last AGF that John and I will be coordinating. When this one is over, we will have done it for 20 years. These have been very successful and gratifying years where we have raised almost \$90,000 to benefit non-profits in Durham and around the world, but it's time for new ideas and faces to be involved in the planning. Folks have stepped up very well for all those years to make the Fair happen, but we now need folks who are willing to learn how it is done and do the leading. It will be much easier if we can do it as a team this year than for me to just hand over the records when this year's fair is over.

Ideally there would be one or two folks to act as Chair of a Committee. Then a committee of people could do the very simple steps:

1. Contact organizations to participate in the fair (all of the groups love this AGF so this is an easy task). This includes contact through the fair.
2. Theme, decorating and signage for event.
3. Advertising – St. Luke's newsletters, bulletins and the broader community.
4. Set-up and Breakdown of Fair.
5. Food and serving for the two extended coffee hours.
6. Financial – tracking amounts each organization receives, getting checks cut and mailed to organizations. Final report in February newsletter.

I have already started contacting organizations. Their calendars for December fill up very fast, so early planning is essential. Sarah Taylor has graciously stepped down as coordinator for the food after four wonderful years of leading that aspect of the Fair. She is happy to give guidance to anyone who would like to do that job.

So, we ask that you look into your hearts and decide if the Alternative Gifts Fair is something we want to continue at St. Luke's, and if so, how are you willing to make it happen.

If you have questions, please feel free to call Jean Willard at 471-0816 or email at [willarjm@mindspring.com](mailto:willarjm@mindspring.com). There is a signup sheet in the Sprague Room to help. I hope we see your name on it!

Blessings,  
Jean and John Willard

**Want to receive this newsletter electronically?** How about the weekly bulletin announcements and prayer requests. Contact the church office and let them know to send it by e-mail.

## Duke Episcopal Center Update

Duke students are returning to campus, and thus begins another year for the Episcopal Center student ministry at Duke. Rev. Nils Chittenden has a busy semester planned and there are a number of ways you can get involved. St. Luke's provides a home-cooked dinner for the students once a month, as the dinners are an important part of their fellowship time together. There are also programs throughout the semester, highlighted by the Open House cookout on Sunday, 8/28 at 5pm, and Advent Lessons and Carols Sunday 12/4 at 5pm. Mark your calendars!

If you are interested in engaging with these terrific young Episcopalians, or are willing to help provide a dinner, please contact Rich Kells at [rich.kells@gmail.com](mailto:rich.kells@gmail.com). Learn more at the EC website: <http://episcopalatduke.org/>

## St. Luke's Hosts IHN Oct 2-4

Our next hosting of the Interfaith Hospitality Network will take place Oct 2-4. Temporarily homeless families stay in area churches, while volunteers from those churches provide rides, shelter and meals. When St. Luke's hosts, the families stay at Westminster Presbyterian Church. There are usually about 8-12 people in all.

This is a terrific outreach opportunity! It is such a pleasure to find a real, practical and immediate way to do something that helps people in our own community. So often we feel helpless or overwhelmed when we confront the needs of folks around us, and our lives are often so complicated that we can't commit to tasks that require many hours or special skills from us. But you can participate in IHN in ways small or large, and you don't have to be anybody special to do it! If you can drive, or make meatloaf, or pack a sleeping bag, you can make somebody's life easier. There will be sign-up sheets in the Sprague Room, or you can contact Edith Keene (493-9539 or [edith.keene@da.org](mailto:edith.keene@da.org)) to get information or volunteer.

Edith will gladly walk you through the whole process, in case you're wondering how or where you do something, so don't be shy!

Thank you for giving your time and care to members of our community who need help.

## A Faith Team = the Reconciliation and Reentry (R&R) Ministry at St. Luke's

We at St. Luke's have the good fortune to join in ministry with the Coalition for a Nonviolent Durham and the Durham County Criminal Justice Resource Center to form a Faith Team to work with persons reentering society after being incarcerated for a good while. As members of this Faith Team, all we have to do is give our time and our commitment to simply *be with*, in an effort to make our partner's reentry into our community easier and we hope, safer.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the St. Luke's Faith Team or are simply interested in learning more about the R&R program, please **join us for lunch in Johnson Hall at 12:00 noon on Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>**. We will be joined by Marcia Owen, Executive Director of the Coalition for a Non-Violent Durham and Gudrun Parmer, Director of the Criminal Justice Resource Center, as well as members of other Faith Teams and their partners.

"Reconciliation and Reentry Ministry seeks peace by building intentional, holy relationships among people of faith and newly released prisoners that facilitate both collective and individual acts of compassion, reconciliation, and peace."

Please sign up in the Sprague Room at "sign up central" for the luncheon on September 18<sup>th</sup> so we're sure to have enough lunch for all. If you have questions, please contact Monnie Riggin at 383-1516 or [monnie.riggin@gmail.com](mailto:monnie.riggin@gmail.com).

## Bulletin Board

**The deadline for the October newsletter** will be September 18.

**Applications are now being accepted** for Episcopal Church educational scholarships. Contact church office for more information.

## **Make A Joyful Noise** from the Director of Music

THEY'RE BAAAACK! The St. Luke's adult choir has returned to the Sunday 10:30 liturgy, ready for another year of making a joyful noise unto the Lord. Each of these folks is committed to offering their gifts in this important ministry. There is room for more! If you're interested in joining us, now is the time to give it a try. Rehearsals are each Wednesday evening from 7-8:30, and Sunday mornings at 9:30. This is a wonderful, fun group of people who enjoy music with one another and sharing it with the parish. There are no auditions, and reading music is helpful but not required. All are welcome. Come see if this joyful ministry is for you!

If you aren't the singing type, but would still like to support music at St. Luke's, there are many ways to be involved. Consider a special memorial gift to the music program, serve on the Music Support Team, help with some of the behind-the-scenes tasks that make the program keep ticking along. These are just a few possibilities!

....AND SPEAKING OF THE MUSIC SUPPORT TEAM, a big "thank you" to those who have agreed to be a part of our music ministry by serving on the St. Luke's Music Support Team this year. These people are committed to excellence and the growth of all aspects of our program. They help with short-term and long-term tasks, plans, and goals, and they dream dreams of an increasingly exciting and vital music ministry at St. Luke's. Our team at this time is June Santa, Wynn Cherry, Michael Hale Gray, Eileen Morgan, Cathy Rimer-Surles, Peach McDouall, Elizabeth Takla, and Karen Gray.

We are delighted to welcome baritone Alan Jones as one of our two support singers in the St. Luke's Choir. He brings great experience and expertise to the choir, as well as a rich, beautiful voice. Alan, a graduate of ECU School of Music, has directed a number of church and secular choirs over the years, including Farmville (NC) Presbyterian Church, and the employee choir The Unichords at Burroughs Wellcome Co. He has been a featured singer in the choirs of St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Kinston, St. Timothy's in Raleigh, and St. Philip's in Durham. He is a

former member, rehearsal director, and contributing arranger for the Oakwood Waits caroling ensemble, and is the current music director for the Durham Savoyards. By day, Alan is a computer programmer and writer. We are very fortunate that tenor Mitch Beasley will be continuing with the St. Luke's Choir this year as well. You have heard Mitch's beautiful voice a number of times in solos and duets this summer. He is a very fine addition to our choir and we're very lucky to have him as a part of our music program.

A fond farewell to DeMar Neal who was our baritone support singer this past year. He has relocated as a result of a teaching opportunity and we wish him all the best.

## **St. Cecilia Children's Choir** **Gearing up for its second season!**

St. Cecilia Choir will be resuming this month, and our choristers are excited to continue their musical journey together through the Royal School of Church Music (RSCM) - based choral program. RSCM instills musical skills and a love of good music, and frames music in the important context of liturgy and Christian formation. Its non-competitive method is based on increasing skills, understanding and exposure to excellence. Please consider this very special opportunity for your child. St. Cecilia Choir uses the "Voice for Life" curriculum which is designed upon several educational modules including vocal skills, music theory (reading music), musical repertoire, belonging to a choir, and choir in the context of the community. "Voice for Life" is an outgrowth of the internationally renowned Royal School of Church Music (RSCM). For more information, see: <http://www.rscm.com/education/vfl/vfl.php>. Contact Kaye at [kascarolina@gmail.com](mailto:kascarolina@gmail.com), or 919-357-7323. Rehearsals are Wednesdays from 4-5, and the children sing regularly in the 10:30 liturgy. We are so happy to be able to offer this rich musical treasure to the St. Luke's children.

## Choir Minute for September

When you sing the hymns each Sunday, did you know that the selections were not chosen at random? You know that Christmas and Easter have their own sections in the Hymnal (numbers 77-115 for Christmas, usually sung just one week or so before Epiphany begins.) But choir members smile when someone says, "I like how the hymns fit the sermon," as if it was by chance. The Processional usually sets the tone of the service, and the Sequence Hymn (right after the Epistle) bridges to the Gospel. The Communion Hymns (#300-347) concentrate on bread, wine, tables, and shared community, while the final hymn should leave us with an uplifting spirit.

The director of music, often with the input of the clergy, plans the music, (including the offertory anthem, communion anthem, and any pre-service solos/duets), using books that suggest hymns which focus on the lectionary readings, Psalms, or "themes" of the liturgy. There are many musical choices available, and the varied tastes of the congregation are taken into account in those choices. New hymns or songs are added on a regular basis.

You probably noticed that summer is a time of great variety, from contemporary tunes (written by some of our own choir members) to spirituals, to tunes familiar to St. Luke's who are non-cradle Episcopalians. They remember the old favorites, which are found near the back of the Hymnal, in the mid-to-high 600s. (Who can't like #671? Look it up!) And be sure to tell the choir the ones you like the best, remembering that "The Old Rugged Cross," considered a classic (but not in the Episcopal Hymnal) is only a few years older than our senior parishioner, Dot Baucom. (She's a classic, too.)

Michael Hale Gray

### **Did you know? Kaye Saunders is expanding her private vocal and piano teaching business,**

"Encore MusicMakers," and is now offering lessons at St. Luke's on Thursdays. Lessons are open to adults and youth, and group lessons are often available. Kaye is an experienced teacher and performer and is happy to have found a solid niche teaching in

the Triangle. She also offers lessons from her home about 15 minutes west of Carrboro.

Watch for the unveiling of her website, currently under construction but coming soon! [www.encoremusicmakers.com](http://www.encoremusicmakers.com)

## A Note from Pastoral Care

Your Pastoral Care Committee works quietly to help parishioners who might need an extra listening ear during a time of change. As our clergy remind us, change can mean many things and take different forms for people. Change can mean a loss of a loved one, a loss of job, or loss of health. We are sure there are many other important life changes happening for St. Lukers. We try to be aware of and available to any parishioner who might need support. However, it would help your clergy and Pastoral Care members to know when to visit or call. Please call Anne or Joe if we can be of help.

Debbie McIntosh

## A Note from your Kitchen Committee

Your Kitchen committee enthusiastically supports All Are Welcome! Indeed, we are all welcome to use our wonderful kitchen facilities for church related functions. If you or your group uses the kitchen we ask that you keep the entire area clean and dishes put away in their proper place. Guidelines are posted on the doors. Please be mindful and respectful of all who use our kitchen facilities.

## **Make a big difference: drive someone to church**

There are quite a few persons at St. Luke's who want to come to church but, for a variety of reasons, cannot drive themselves. We are in the process of forming a transportation support ministry and are looking for persons who would be comfortable driving someone to church. With some of our physically challenged members, this may involve providing a steady hand as they enter and exit the vehicle. If you are interested in this ministry, please contact Jan Lamb, [janlamb2@gmail.com](mailto:janlamb2@gmail.com).

## Senior Warden's Report

The Vestry meeting of August 15<sup>th</sup> opened with a prayer followed by approval of the minutes of the July 25<sup>th</sup> meeting. Monthly reports from the Clergy, Vestry officers, and various committee chairs were reviewed and discussed as necessary.

Some discussion was held regarding initial uses of the Gray Building. Our music director, Kaye Saunders, will move her work area from the Kramer Room to Johnson Hall (the former youth room.) The youth have moved their room from Johnson Hall to the Gray Building. The small classroom in Johnson Hall will become the robbing room for the men of the choir. Classes and meetings that have been held in that room will meet in the Gray Building.

Our Deacon, Jan Lamb does an incredible amount of work without any remuneration for her efforts. It was decided that we explore including funds in our 2012 annual budget to pay for some components of her expenses, such as special travel.

Jr. Warden, Scott Chapman, is asking for input on construction, modifications, repairs, etc. done to the infrastructure of our church buildings and grounds with plans of using this information to build a comprehensive written history of such processes.

A long discussion was held about forming the Dream Team, a group that will develop a comprehensive plan for short and long-term use of all of our facilities. This was follow up from the July vestry discussion where the charge to the Dream Team was passed. This plan is to present possible uses in outreach, worship, Christian formation, evangelism, administration, grounds, parish life, and stewardship. Babs Wise and Bill Gutknecht were selected to lead this effort. Please watch for opportunities to offer your ideas for facilities usage.

Bill Gutknecht, Senior Warden

### Financial Update

July	YTD
Income	
\$28,214.38	\$256,678.88
Expenses	
\$39,381.87	\$242,689.53

## St. Luke's Welcomes Back Newly Ordained Lauren Winner

In the fall of 2005 Lauren Winner entered Duke Divinity School and became one of St. Luke's ministerial interns. During that academic year she kept busy working with children at the day school, helping with youth confirmation, teaching adult classes and visiting parishioners in their homes. Over the next six years Lauren kept herself fairly busy earning a Masters of Divinity, finishing a Ph.D. in history, writing a couple of books, joining the faculty of the Divinity School and, as of June, 2011, receiving ordination to the transitional diaconate. During these last six years, when she has not been off on a teaching fellowship in the Northeast, or leading retreats out west, Lauren continued to attend and serve St. Luke's in many capacities.

We are now in the enviable position of welcoming the Reverend Dr. Lauren Winner to the St. Luke's staff. (She will get the same generous package of salary and benefits as Deacon Jan Lamb and the Rev. Craven: nada.) Lauren's primary duties are to her full-time teaching responsibilities at Duke, and much of the rest of her time will be spent satisfying her Dean's and her publisher's expectations to write, travel and lecture. When she is available, she will be here at St. Luke's, teaching, preaching and serving at the altar.

We like to trot out the phrase, "an embarrassment of riches," when considering all the talented ministers of St. Luke's, lay and ordained. So true. The St. Luke's clergy also like to make sure we don't take ourselves too seriously and keep all eyes watching God. So Lauren will take her place among us, but it may look more like musical chairs up in the clergy area. And I am not sure I am going to let her sit next to Jim Craven. Those two western North Carolina natives have too much in common.

Lauren's ordination to the priesthood will be Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. at St. Luke's. Mark your calendars and plan to attend this joyful celebration.

The Rev. Anne E Hodges-Copple

## Thank you notes

Thanks everyone who expressed sympathy on the occasion of my brother William's death. Your thoughts were comforting. I would also like to thank all those who called, sent cards, brought food, and furnished transportation after my recent hospital stay. It is a blessing to be a part of the St. Luke's family. Thanks so much.

Frances Shreve

We would like to thank our St. Luke's family for all of your prayers and support as Curtis has been recovering from surgery. You have touched us in many tangible ways, such as through meals and childcare, and in important spiritual ways through your ongoing prayers and concern. Every gesture reminds us God is near. Thank you.

Elizabeth Witherspoon, Curtis,  
Katherine and Christopher Massey

## Wish to Join the Vestry?

We are now taking nominations from the Congregation for new Vestry members of St. Luke's. The Vestry is the governing body of our Church and is comprised of 12 members elected by the congregation. Each year in late Fall a class of 4 new members is elected and serves a term of 3 years. Vestry meetings are generally the second Monday evening every month. If you are interested, or you know someone who is, please submit your/their names to Kathy - [parish-admin@stlukesdurham.org](mailto:parish-admin@stlukesdurham.org).

Vestry members are called to follow Christ and to work together in God's name, and have the following four primary functions:

1. Ensure that the purpose and intention (spiritual mission) of the rector and congregation is fulfilled and maintained;
2. Discern what resources are available in our Church (i.e. people, property, programs) and to be good stewards of these resources;
3. Provide the guidance necessary to accomplish the goals of the parish in policy and programs;

4. Monitor and review progress at regular intervals;

In addition, Vestry members are encouraged to participate in diverse aspects of parish life, in order to lead by example and be visible leaders.

To be eligible to serve on the vestry, you must be an enrolled, confirmed communicant in good standing, 16 years or older.

John Wyman

## Parish Register

We pray for those who have died: Jewel Fore, mother of Margaret Cline; David Page.

We give thanks and pray for those who were born: Logan Olivia McIntosh, daughter of Craig and Ginger McIntosh, granddaughter of Tom and Debbie McIntosh; Nora Diana Claire Mayo, daughter of Dee Smith, granddaughter of Ron and Cherie Wilson; Sara Esme Lamb, daughter of Mike and Emily Lamb, granddaughter of Jan Lamb.

We give thanks and pray for those having birthdays during the month of September.

- 3 – Florence Blakely
- 4 – Peter Hoffmann
- 5 – Ginny Brooks
- 6 – Eric Buschman
- 7 – Betsy Keene
- 10 – Shymar Pratt
- 12 – Kathy Martin
- 13 – Tom Hodges-Copple, Jasmine Opiri
- 15 – Nancy Yaeger, Lawton Kariher, David Robertson
- 16 – Spencer Thornton
- 18 – Elizabeth Sabiston, Emma Frank
- 19 – Pike Hege
- 20 – Joyce Avery, Nora Hammond, Cameron Peretti
- 22 – John Bryan, Tom Brooks
- 23 – Ashley Lemons, Emily Danes
- 24 – Noah Morrell
- 25 – Maggie Kirk, Janet Pilkington
- 28 – Annie Short



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**Sunday School Resumes on Gathering Sunday.** Parents, please find the Sunday school registration table at the Gray Building and enroll your child. Classes for youth and children (age 4 and above) begin at 9:20 in the Gray Building. Follow the signs. The nursery in the Gray building will be open for younger children.

### **Parish Picnic on Gathering Sunday, September 11!**

Picnic on the Playground following 10:30 liturgy

Bring blankets, lawn chairs

Bring a side dish or salad or dessert to share. Main dish and drinks will be provided.

Live Bluegrass music during the picnic, and an old-fashioned sing-along for all ages

Activities and games for children, including a "music scavenger hunt" for grade 2 and up

Some special not-so-liturgical singing by our choir that you will not want to miss

A picnic can be a movable feast, so if the weather does not cooperate, we will move into Johnson Hall. Watch the bulletin for more details about Gathering Sunday.

### **An Interfaith Service of Remembrance and Hope**

September 11, 2011, 7 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 305 East Main Street, (Corner of Roxboro and Main, Downtown Durham). You are invited to join in an interfaith service of worship, including prayer, psalms, readings from sacred texts, and hymns. We will remember the victims of violence and reflect on where God's healing spirit is leading us. For further information, call Joe Harvard at 919-688-3960.