

“The kingdom of God has come near....” - Mark 1:15



WHERE IS GOD?

Seeking and Serving Christ in Lent

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Join us in Lent as we reflect on what it means to turn toward God in all we do. Commit to join us as we look for where God is alive in our world and invite others you know.

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WHERE IS GOD IN WORSHIP?

“Sing to the Lord, all the earth. Tell of his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples.” - 1 Chronicles 16:23-24

Joyfully praise to connect with God, each other, and the community where we worship and serve.

Commit to Worship every week in Lent.

Sunday at 8:00 a.m. – Praise God in this quiet, thoughtful service.

Sunday at 9:00 a.m. Celebrate! – Praise God through joy and family as we worship together with young children.

Sunday at 10:00 a.m. – Praise God in tradition, music, and sharing in community at this open and jubilant service.

Wednesday at 8:00 p.m. – Praise God in the acts of the Saints, in the healing prayers for others, and in reflection.

WHERE IS GOD IN OUTREACH?

“And the crowds asked him, ‘What then should we do?’ In reply he said to them, ‘Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.’” - Luke 3:10-11

Serve Christ and the God that we see in each other as the hands and feet of Jesus.

Commit to serving God by supporting one of our many programs, or starting your own.

The 2nd Time Around Shop – Serve by volunteering to sort clothing, run registers, clean, iron, price items, and fold. Shop hours: Wednesdays/Thursdays 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. and Saturdays 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Toni's Kitchen – Serve by volunteering to cook, sort food, serve guests, clean, or pick up food donations.

Outreach Committee – Serve by meeting with us on the third Sunday of each month at 11:30 a.m. to discuss and plan new and upcoming outreach initiatives.

Caring Community – Serve by bringing soup to those who are ill or homebound, give rides, and run errands.

WHERE IS GOD IN CHILDREN AND YOUTH?

Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'
- Mark 9:37

Model a Christ centered life and lifestyle including worship, prayer, and service.
Commit engaging people of all ages in programs and worship at St. Luke's.

Junior Youth Group – Model a Christ centered life by joining Junior Youth group for youth in grades 6-8. We include activities, food, music, and more. We meet once or twice a month at 5:00 p.m. in the Rectory on Sundays.

Senior Youth Group - Model a Christ centered life by joining Senior Youth group for youth in grades 9-12. We model a Christ centered life by engaging together in activities and more, while also presenting to the Junior Youth Group. We meet once or twice a month at 5:00 p.m. in the Rectory on Sundays.

Youth Renovation Team – Model a Christ centered life by joining the Youth Renovation Team. Youth Ministry Architects came to St. Luke's in November of 2014 to analyze growth opportunities of our Youth and Children's programs. To help prioritize and organize our next steps in the process, a Youth Renovation Team has been formed and we encourage you to participate to help us plan the future of our programming.

WHERE IS GOD IN SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT?

"All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work." - 2 Timothy 3:16-17

Teach each other as we seek our own understanding of the living God.
Commit to engaging in a new program to see and understand God in a new way.

Lenten Contemplative Bible Study – Teach and learn on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. by joining us to reflect on a short passage of scripture to see how it connects to your life and the lives around you.

Lent Madness – Teach and learn throughout Lent by following the Lent Madness program. Thirty-two saints are placed into a tournament-like single-elimination bracket, and people will be able to vote for their favorite. As we continue throughout Lent, all are encouraged to participate, especially with children, to learn more about each saint as a devotion for the season. The final saint remaining receive the title of the coveted, "Golden Halo."

Lenten Devotional – Teach and learn by using the Lenten Devotional booklets for the season provided by Episcopal Relief and Development. Follow along with your own booklet, found at the back of the church.

Centering Prayer – Teach and learn by joining the Centering Prayer Group. Classes demonstrate and practice the many methods of prayer and how to balance the mind, body, and spirit to be close with God. Each class stands on alone. If you're looking for a time to slow down and clear your mind, while praying thoughtfully, come to this class. We meet Saturdays at 9:30 a.m. in the Davis or Conference Room in the parish offices.

Women's History Month – Teach and learn this March as we celebrate Women's History Month with activities that highlight the accomplishments of women around the world and especially within St Luke's. Adult Forums will be: March 1 – A History of the Black YWCA, March 8 – Women of the Bible Part I, March 15 – Women of the Bible Part II, March 22 – Signs in the Times, Women's Edition. Also, during church, we'll have women preaching, girl scouts, servers, and more. We'll hold movie screenings of, "The Red Tent" and, "Entertaining Angels: The Dorothy Day Story" during the week! We look forward to having you join us as we celebrate women's history.

Spiritual Explorers Book Club – Teach and learn on the first Tuesday each month at 7:00 p.m. beginning March 3 as part of the Spiritual Explorers Book Club. We meet in the Rectory to discuss various writings that explore faith. Our next reading is, "A Church Asunder," an intriguing (and somewhat controversial) New Yorker Magazine article by Peter J. Boyer, which can be read here: <http://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2006/04/17/a-church-asunder>.

WHERE IS GOD IN FELLOWSHIP?

“And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.” - Hebrews 10:24-25

Build smaller communities within St. Luke’s that connect us to each other’s lives.

Commit to getting involved in a fellowship offering and to gather in love and understanding.

Men’s Group – Connect with us for service projects, breakfasts, retreats, fellowship, and discussion. Join us at one of our events, like the upcoming Men’s Breakfast on Saturday, February 21 at 8:00 a.m. in the Rectory. We’ll have breakfast, bibles, brotherhood, and bacon. All men are welcome; bring your friends and neighbors!

Women’s Group – Connect with us at the church or out on the town for friendship, conversation, retreats, and more. To join, just show up. Our next gathering will be lunch on Saturday, February 28 in the Assembly Hall. Bring whatever calls to you as comfort food and enjoy the company of those who attend.

Knitwits Crafting Group – Connect with us monthly on the third Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in the Rectory. If you like to knit, sew, crochet, or chat, or you would like to learn a new crafting skill, join us! All are welcome. This group is laid back and welcoming to all. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, February 25 at 6:30 p.m. We are full of crafts and laughs and we’ll leave you in stitches!

WHERE IS GOD IN MUSIC?

O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! – Psalm 95:1

Celebrate God’s creation and the ongoing creative process.

Commit to sharing your gifts and talents with others in God’s name.

Junior Choir – Create a glad sound with choir for children and youth. We eat a healthy dinner at 6:00 p.m. and from 6:30 -7:15 p.m. rehearse for days when we sing in church, which once a month. 2nd grade and up welcome.

Senior Choir – Create joyful noise with the Senior Choir, which sings Sunday mornings throughout most of the year and at special holiday services. We rehearse Thursdays at 8:00 p.m. and always accept new adult members.

St. Luke’s is open to anyone who wishes to join in any event or service. Please always feel free to bring friends, neighbors, or children to St. Luke’s. We welcome you and encourage you to find an offering that suits you. For more events, contact information, and ways to get involved, visit slechurch.org.