

FRIDAY UPDATES MARCH 23, 2018

IN CASE YOU HAVEN'T HEARD by now, the Vestry has signed the letter of agreement with Father Gene Sheppard to be priest-in-charge at St. Luke's. I know it's Lent, but we have to say "Hallelujah!"

SPRING CLEANUP is in progress as I type. The men decided to pull the date ahead to today and are outside raking leaves and beautifying the landscaping around the church. Many thanks for the effort! If anyone is still interested in doing some indoor spring cleaning tomorrow, Saturday 24, please contact Carol Cisler.

CONGRATULATIONS to Marybeth Peebles for being nominated to the Society of St. Simeon and St. Anna. Induction will be on April 18 at the Procter Center.

PALM SUNDAY services begin in the Parish Hall where we collect our palm fronds, and then at 10:30 begin the procession outside, around the building and inside the front door of the church. Instead of the normal gospel reading, the congregation will read the Passion. Parts will be assigned prior to the beginning of church service.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28 the Reflections Group will meet in the Parish Hall at 6pm for dinner, and will then go into the church for Stations of the Cross. The parish is invited to attend. Please let Marybeth Peebles know if you are interested.

MAUNDY THURSDAY, MARCH 29 – An Agape Meal, consisting of cheese, fruit, bread and wine at 6pm. Holy Eucharist, foot washing, and stripping of the altar at 7pm; closing and silent departure from the church. A signup sheet is on the table in the parish hall requesting donations of bread, cheese, fruit and wine.

GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 30 – Walk of Witness service begins at Noon at St. Luke's. For those that wish to continue, the walk processes to First Congregational Church, Christ United Methodist, First Presbyterian Church, and ending at Basilica of St. Mary of the Assumption for a pantomime of the Passion, ending at 3pm. Each service is approximately 45 minutes. If you would like to attend each service, but unable to walk, you may drive to the other churches.

We will also have a Good Friday service with Holy Eucharist at 6pm.

CLERK FOR THE VESTRY – we had three people step forward and offer to help take notes at the Vestry meetings. Lindsay Mullen took the minutes at last Sunday's meeting and Lara Shepherd and Anne Etter also offered to help when needed. Thanks ladies!

EMPTY BOWLS is just two weeks away. If you wish to avoid the long lines, you may purchase advance tickets. Please see Marybeth Peebles for advance tickets.

Also, the signup sheets are on the table in the Parish Hall. There is still a need for the following:

- 5 people to bring at least 2 dozen cookies each
- Setup help on Friday from 3-4:30pm
- Kitchen help on Saturday from 12:30-2pm
- Soup servers from 12:30-2pm
- Door monitors from 12:30-2pm
- Volunteers to write thank you notes

EASTER MEMORIALS – there will be a bulletin insert again this Sunday for Easter Memorials. The Altar Guild uses these donations to purchase Easter lilies to adorn the church on Easter Sunday. If you are interested in donating to honor your loved ones, please fill out the form and return it and your donation to the office no later than Sunday, March 25. Checks should be made out to SLEC Altar Guild. If you are not able to make it to church, you may send me an email with the details of your memorial, and mail the check into to the office. Following is the form that will be in the bulletin:

EASTER MEMORIALS	
	<p>Easter Lilies will be available again this year to decorate our sanctuary for Easter. If you wish to make a <i>donation</i> in memory of a loved one, please fill out the form below and return it to the church office by March 25th or place it in the offering plate. Please make checks payable to <u>St. Luke's Altar Guild</u> and indicate <i>Easter Memorial</i> in the memo line. Remember, this is a donation, there is not set amount.</p>
<p>GIVEN BY _____</p>	
<p>IN MEMORY OF _____</p>	

SUNDAY SERVICES have been starting late for some time. As you are aware we are locking all doors to the church (except the 2nd St front door) prior to beginning of service. To allow the vestry member on duty to be present for the beginning of church, we ask that everyone arrive and be seated in the pews no later than 10:25am. This will also allow each person time for personal prayer prior to the start of the service. If you cannot make it by 10:25 you should park on 2nd St and enter through the front door. Thanks for your understanding.

PRAYERS – Heavenly Father, thank you for the blessings you give us. We ask for your healing hand on those suffering with sickness and emotional distress. Blessed are you, Jesus, for in you we find strength and vulnerability. As we enter Holy Week, keep us mindful of all who are in need or are vulnerable. May your outpouring of love inspire us, in turn, to acts of deeper love. These things we ask in Jesus Christ's name. *Amen*

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