

Hark! The Herald

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A Welcoming Family...Worshipping Christ...Sharing His love with others.
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From the Pastor's Desk

“St. Luke's Anglican Church: A welcoming family, worshipping Christ and sharing his love with others.”

Dear Friends,

Summer is coming. And for many of us, summer means a change-of-pace: vacations, day-trips to the mountains or the coast, barbeques, etc. The longer days also invite us to work on household projects set aside during the winter when the darkness and cold discouraged us from spending time in the garage or outside.

In some ways, the Season after Pentecost is the “summer season” of the Church. It begins with the Day of Pentecost and ends on the day before Advent. All the major feast days and festivals of the Church are over, and it is during this season that we develop our relationship with the risen Christ. It is during this season that our Sunday lectionary takes us back to the themes introduced earlier in the year and invites us to go deeper into their meanings and applications to our lives.

It is my prayer that during this “summer season” each of us will grow in maturity as disciples of Jesus Christ and become all that He has planned and purposed for us.

Faithfully yours,
Father Ron

FR. RON & LINDA PARRY'S
RETIREMENT/FAREWELL CELEBRATION
YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN
ST. LUKE'S FAMILY

ON: SATURDAY, JUNE 20TH
WHERE: ST. LUKE'S PARISH
 350 W. YOSEMITE AVE., MERCED
TIME: 3 P.M.
WHAT: BBQ FESTIVITIES
RSVP BY: JUNE 10TH
TO: LINDA MEYER (209-726-0534) or SYLVIA BANKSON (209-722-8596)

Christian Nurture at St. Luke's

Sundays

Children's Church meets in Norvell Hall during the worship service and is for children in the primary grades. They follow a liturgy designed for them that is based on the gospel lesson for that Sunday.



The Rector's Forum – "The Message of Romans"

Our last class session is June 21.

Come join us after Coffee Hour in Saint Ann's Hall.

Mid-Week Bible Study – "The Message of Esther"

Our last class session is June 3rd.

Come join us Wednesday's at 10 a.m. in St. Ann's Hall.

Pantry News

A huge thank you to all the lovely people who contacted me during May in order to donate either money or goods. You and your help are very much appreciated. Here are the pantry needs for this coming month: cereal, canned soups, canned fruit, canned meat or fish, spaghetti and sauce, Hamburger or Tuna Helper. If you would rather donate in cash, please place the money in an envelope, mark it "Food Pantry Fund" and place it in the collection plate. Blessings to you and yours and to those in need. Have a wonderful summer!

Church Growth Commission

The St. Luke's Church Growth Commission will NOT meet in June. Our next meeting will be Saturday, July 18th, 2015 at 10:00 am in the Emma Hunt Room. We enjoy discussion, brainstorming and fellowship. An overview of input, action and suggestions can always be seen on the Bulletin Board in Norvell Hall. See Shirley or Max if you would like to join us! We meet ONLY for an hour once a month.

Blessings...Shirley

A note to my loving church family from Ann Bean

I am now in a recovery and rehabilitation center in Modesto. Change came to me one day when I couldn't walk. I was at home and simply lost the ability to use my legs. The progress is slow. The truth of the matter is I have an infection between my 10th & 11th vertebrae and I have an infection in my blood. The recovery is slow but I am working every day with a Physical Therapist to gain my ability to walk again.

Thank you for all your wonderful cards and special thoughts. Keep me in your prayers that I may recover the ability to use my limbs.

Love To All,
Ann

Diocese of San Joaquin Defense Fund

Make check payable to St. Luke's Church, earmarked for the Defense Fund.

By representing the Diocese, they are representing us.

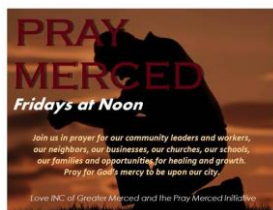
Remember them in your prayers during the appeal process.

News from the Diocese may be found at: www.dioceseofsanjoaquin.net

Address Update for Audrey Harthcock

3460 R Street, Unit 217

Merced, CA 95348-2371



Up-Coming Events

June 3 – The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin (tr.)
We will celebrate this major Holy Day with Evening Prayer at 6:30 p.m.

June 5 – First Friday Family Fellowship/House Blessing @ 7:00 p.m.
Hosted by Linda Herlitz, 384-2003
2863 St. Bonaventure Dr., Merced
Bring your favorite appetizer and beverage.

June 9 – Men’s Night Out @ 6:00 p.m.
Hosted by John Bankson, 3255 Leaf Dr., Merced
Respond to John at 209 722-8596

June 10 – Saint Barnabas the Apostle (tr.)
We will celebrate this major Holy Day with Evening Prayer at 6:30 p.m.
Grant, O God, that we may follow the example of your faithful servant Barnabas, who, seeking not his own renown but the well-being of your Church, gave generously of his life and substance for the relief of the poor and the spread of the Gospel; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

June 14



June 20 – Retirement/Farewell Celebration for Fr. Ron and Linda @ 3:00 p.m.
Hosted by St. Luke’s Parish
The church is providing the meat, dessert, and beverages.
Parishioners are asked to sign-up to bring salads and side-dishes.
Please RSVP by June 10th to Linda Meyer (209 726-0534) or Sylvia Bankson (209 722-8596)

June 24 - The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist
We will celebrate this major Holy Day with Evening Prayer at 6:30 p.m.
Almighty God, by whose providence your servant John the Baptist was wonderfully born, and sent to prepare the way of your Son our Savior by preaching repentance: Make us so to follow his teaching and holy life, that we may truly repent according to his preaching; and, following his example, constantly speak the truth, boldly rebuke vice, and patiently suffer for the truth’s sake; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

July 1 – Saint Peter and Saint Paul, Apostles (tr.)
We will celebrate this major Holy Day with Evening Prayer at 6:30 p.m.
Almighty God, whose blessed apostles Peter and Paul glorified you by their martyrdom: Grant that your Church, instructed by their teaching and example, and knit together in unity by your Spirit, may ever stand firm upon the one foundation, which is Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Camp San Joaquin

Camp San Joaquin is a Christian Summer Camp located in the High Sierra region of the Sequoia National Forest at an elevation of 7,000 feet, between Kings Canyon National Park and Sequoia National Park. It is owned and operated by the Camp San Joaquin, Inc.

A week at Camp San Joaquin is a refreshing break from the heat of the Valley and gives children an opportunity to experience a high mountain camp. All meals are provided and sleeping accommodations are in self-contained cabins. The Camp is rustic, but comfortable.

The Facilities: The camp includes a recreation and conference hall with a large fireplace, a kitchen and dining area, a crafts cabin, restrooms with showers, heated swimming pool, 10 tent cabins which house 70 campers, a long house with four separate dormitories, each with its own full bath, and staff housing. It is a very rustic yet comfortable environment.

Recreation: Camp San Joaquin offers archery, swimming, biking, hiking, nature exploration, crafts, campfires, and other sports such as ping pong, volleyball, horseshoes, and basketball.

2015 Camp Schedule

June 28 Camp San Joaquin Day
You are invited to enjoy a day at Camp San Joaquin.
Holy Eucharist at 11:00 a.m.
Lunch at Noon
www.campsanjoaquin.com

Anglican Elementary Camp (Grades 4-6)
June 28 – July 1
Registration forms and brochures are in the Narthex.
The Registration Deadline is June 15.
The cost for each camp is \$225.

Anglican Junior High Summer Camp (Grades 6-8)
July 19 - 24
Registration forms and brochures are in the Narthex.
The Registration Deadline is July 1.
The cost for each camp is \$325.

Anglican High School Camp
July 26 – July 31.
Registration forms and brochures are in the Narthex.
The Registration Deadline is July 9.
The cost for each camp is \$325.

Scholarship monies are available to parishioners who would like their children or grandchildren to attend Camp. Please see Father Ron for details.

Thank You

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for your love, prayers, and cards. My physical therapy is progressing nicely and I hope to be back at St. Luke's real soon.

Love,

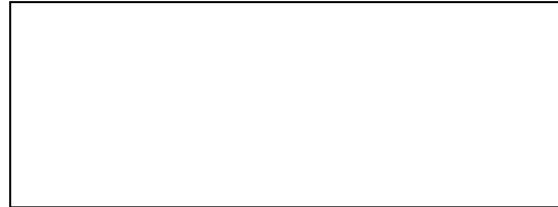
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Weekly Services

Sundays

9:00 a.m. Holy Communion [Children's Church meets during the Service]

11:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study after Coffee Hour

Wednesdays

10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study

6:30 p.m. Evening Prayer/Healing Service

Church Staff

The Most Rev. Dr. Foley Beach, Archbishop, Anglican Church in North America

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Eric Vawter Menees, Bishop

The Very Rev. Ron Parry, Rector (Home: 385-0677), E-mail: rector@stlukesmerced.org

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Mrs. Patti McClain, Administrative Assistant; Mrs. Sue Linardos, Sexton

Members of the Vestry

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Mrs. Shirley Vaughn-Hulbert

Mrs. Karlyne Paul, Treasurer

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Mrs. Sylvia Bankson

Mr. Richard Blank

Mr. Fred Dutton

Mrs. Linda Cometta, Clerk

Class of 2017

Mrs. Linda Meyer, Sr. Warden

Mr. Frank Reed

Mr. Mike Waite

Diocesan Convention Delegates

Mrs. Sylvia Bankson, Mr. Juan Laurel, Sr., Mrs. Carolyn Reed; Mr. Max Dalrymple, Alternate