

# Hark! The Herald

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A Welcoming Family... Worshipping Christ... Sharing His love with others.  
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“St. Luke’s Anglican Church: A welcoming family, worshiping Christ and sharing his love with others.”  
Greetings from the Senior Warden

My Dear St. Luke’s Family,

Here we are again, another month has passed, and even though the calendar says it’s autumn, we’re still waiting for the weather to catch up.

It is with great joy that I can finally say we have a new pastor, beginning his service at St. Luke’s with Sunday Mass, October 18th. Fr. Ryan Bradley is presently an associate pastor at Anglican Church of the Epiphany in La Mirada, CA. He is also an assistant professor at Biola University. You will love him and I know make him feel welcome and part of our family.

I hope you all know just how very much your love and fellowship for me and each other affects my daily prayer life, so I would like to share with you a prayer by The Rev. Gerardo Brambila.

*“I said a prayer for you today  
And know God must have heard.  
I felt the answer in my heart  
Although He spoke no word!!  
I didn’t ask for wealth or fame  
(I knew you wouldn’t mind)  
I asked Him to send treasures  
Of a far more lasting kind!!  
I asked that He’d be near you  
At the start of each new day  
To grant you health and blessings  
And friends to share your way!!  
I asked for happiness for you  
In all things great and small.  
But it was for His loving care  
I prayed the most of all!!*

God says many things about love. In 1 Corinthians 13, we read what Paul wrote to the people of Corinth, it’s still applicable today.

Our heavenly Father, we give Thee thanks for the fellowship we share at St. Luke’s. Open our eyes and more importantly, open our hearts to the needs of others. Help us be grateful for our joys and blessings, and to have compassion for those suffering adversities. We pray in Thy most holy name, Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. AMEN  
May God bless you and keep you safe in His loving arms.

Linda Meyer  
Senior Warden

## 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.



### Church Growth Commission

The Church Growth Commission will meet again on Saturday, October 17, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. in the Emma Hunt Room. Brainstorming and discussion is encouraged! Join us... See Shirley or Max for more information.

Thanks,

*Shirley*

### Pantry News

Just a gentle reminder that there are only three months left in this year to donate to the Pantry. We are in need of breakfast cereal, soups, canned meat and fish, Hamburger or Tuna helper, spaghetti and pasta sauce or anything else you would care to bring as we are beginning to have fewer donations even though we are still serving those who come for help. If you prefer, you can donate to "The Pantry Fund" by leaving money in an envelope (marked for the pantry) in the offering plate. Thank you to those of you who have donated this past month! Blessings to you and yours and to those in need.

Blessings to you and yours and those in need,

*Monica*

### Up-Coming Events

**October 2** – First Friday Family Fellowship @ 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Hosted by Norm & Shirley Vaughn-Hulbert, 722-4782

317 W. Alexander Ave., Merced

Bring your favorite appetizer and beverage, and our host will provide dessert.

**October 13** – Men's Night Out @ 6:00 p.m.

Hosted by John Meyer, 726-0534

257 W. Donna Dr., Merced

**October 11** – Pre-convention meeting to discuss the budget and canonical changes

St. Matthias Anglican Church, Oakdale, at 2 p.m.

All delegates are encouraged to attend. All are welcome.

**October 18 & 25** – African Team Ministries

This mission supports African Anglican Churches

by providing clean water, medical care and laity training.

Let's support their mission.

**October 22** – Vestry Meeting @ 5:30 p.m.

**October 23, 24** – Convention at St. James Cathedral in Fresno

Please return your *Change a Life* purple cubes on Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup>, so that Love INC can collect them soon.

Stewardship envelopes will be ready for pick-up on Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup>. Please return them as soon as you're able.

October 18<sup>th</sup>, Fr. Ryan's first Sunday, is Feast of St. Luke. We will have a potluck following church in Norvell Hall. Vestry will provide a cake and are asking parishioners to bring salads, savorys, etc.

Please wear your name tags on October 18<sup>th</sup> and subsequent Sundays so that Fr. Ryan can begin to get to know each of us by name.

#### Thank You

A heartfelt thanks to all the Team D members, who not only worked their assigned Sundays, but also, worked on the Sundays when we were short of help or else brought food to fill in the goodie table. A special thanks to Sue and Fred Dutton, who assisted every Sunday even though they were not assigned to the team. You both are the greatest!

Now, back to you Team A.

*Monica*



Dear Family at St. Luke's,

Thank you for your cards and most of all prayers. I have felt them as they have sustained me through some dark times.

The surgery on my mouth to repair the broken jaw was successful. Now I must just learn to swallow again and control my numb lips. Plus my speech is again affected. The progress is so very slow that I get very discouraged. Eating is out of the question and even drinking is hard.

*However*, one more month of this and then maybe I can chew again. One day at a time!

A friend of mine who has suffered cancer and so much more shared this thought with me years ago.

“Step by step  
Prayer by prayer  
The Lord will  
Always get you there.”

God bless you all and thank you again for all your prayers and support.

In Christ's love,

*Marilynne Isenberg*

P.S. I'll be back when I don't slobber on the organ keys.

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](http://www.dioceseofsanjoaquin.net)



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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**

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