



# The Parish Builder

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Thanksgiving and a Contradictory

## We invite you to join St. Luke's Lutheran Church.

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619-463-6633 or [office-sllc@att.net](mailto:office-sllc@att.net)

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## Email Us Your Email Address

**\*Please note our new email address!**

St. Luke's hopes to increase its methods of communication. Email is a fast and cost effective way to communicate. Please send the church office your email address ([office-sllc@att.net](mailto:office-sllc@att.net)) and please indicate how often you check your email. We will not distribute your address beyond the church office and any blanket emails to the congregation will not list individual addresses.

Toward the end of November, most Americans usually celebrate Thanksgiving. In some parts of the country it is the second most important date in November, next to the opening day of deer season. Those who cannot wait for deer season to begin often rely upon their driving skills to bag a buck. Such "hunters" are quite keen to have the opportunity to grill a deer twice. (Oh, deer, he is at it again.)

Thanksgiving, as most of us know, is a time when US Americans observe the harvest thanksgiving celebrated by the Pilgrims Fathers (and mothers and children) which marked their survival in the new world. It is funny how times change. Back then, America was a developing country, and today the Pilgrims' British homeland is a developing country.

With the changing times, most of us have forgotten that the religious freedom sought by the Pilgrims was freedom not to be part of the episcopalian Church of England. Attempts by the English to impose their church on all Christians in England and Wales led to considerable oppression, persecution, imprisonment, and death. When the English tried to impose the same on Scotland, civil war ensued, and the English king of the day, Charles I, and Archbishop Laud were executed for creating such havoc.

An interim period thereafter led by Oliver Cromwell allowed some religious freedoms, but when Cromwell died, Charles II returned from exile to reign, and the episcopalian Church of England was restored to power. All non-episcopalian ordained clergy were ejected from the church. Thousands of Dissenters fled, were jailed, or were killed.

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The restoration of the episcopalian nature of the Church of England and the compulsory use of the revised Book of Common Prayer, including its required ordination rites, owe their legal existence to an act of the English Parliament known as the Act of Uniformity of 1662, or as it is more formally entitled “An Act for the Uniformity of Public Prayer and Administration of Sacraments, and other Rites and Ceremonies; and for Establishing the Form of Making, Ordaining and Consecrating Bishops, Priests and Deacons in the Church of England.” That law is the reason why the ELCA has essentially had to become episcopalian to be in “full-communication” with the Episcopal Church, USA.

So, Lutherans in the ELCA live in a paradoxical situation. On one hand, the ELCA venerates a false “gospel of inclusivity” which seeks to expunge all forms of intolerance from the ELCA along the lines of race, class, sex, and ability. This ideal stems from modern, secular humanism. On the other hand, however, the ELCA has used “grand deception” to structure its ordained ministry around the demands of brutal, sixteenth- and seventeenth-century, English laws of religious intolerance. More paradoxically, those who disagree with this Anglican religious intolerance find themselves excluded from much of the ELCA, most particularly the office of bishop.

This past August, the ELCA Churchwide Assembly took this paradoxical and hypocritical situation to the extreme by voting to allow persons in “lifelong, publicly accountable, monogamous same-gender relationships” to serve as ministers in the ELCA. With comic tragedy, the ELCA has thereby instituted and enshrined a form of same-sex marriage within its ordained ministry which itself is structured and governed by the dictates of anachronistic, Anglican, religious bigotry and injustice. This contradictory situation boggles the mind.

To bring this perplexing situation into simple terms of reference, one only needs to think about celebrating Thanksgiving. In other words, how is it impossible for persons loyal to the institutional ELCA to celebrate Thanksgiving honestly? By importing Anglican religious intolerance, ELCA loyalists have wittingly or unwittingly become exactly what the Pilgrims desperately sought to escape. Nevertheless, within this religious intolerance seemingly anything goes except freedom from imposed episcopalianism. This self-evident contradiction between unjust intolerance and boundless tolerance within the ELCA’s ordained ministry is not limited to the celebration of Thanksgiving. Instead, it undermines the ability of the ELCA to celebrate the Great Thanksgiving every Sunday as a clear, coherent, and credible communication of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

This year, St. Luke’s is preparing to celebrate Thanksgiving differently. Yes, St. Luke’s will still be delivering Thanksgiving baskets to people in need, and yes, St. Luke’s will still have another Thanksgiving meal extravaganza in the Family Center on Thanksgiving Day, but the congregation will be moving to a different place in its life. Like the Pilgrims on the Mayflower, St. Luke’s will be traveling to different shores, to a place where it can worship Jesus Christ unencumbered by centuries old, English religious intolerance and by the newfangled, religious secularism which both befuddle and bedevil the ELCA.

A few centuries ago, a small band of Pilgrims ventured forth into what would become a great country. Imagine what might happen today when a small band of faithful Lutherans do likewise. As scripture says, “On that day, when evening had come, Jesus said to them, “Let us go across to the other side” (Mark 4:35).

## Thanks to the Task Force

We wish thank the task force enlisted to review St. Luke's affiliation with the ELCA and to explore options for alternatives for St. Luke's future. The task force met weekly in order to explore all feasible options, to field and answer questions, and to create an atmosphere of procedural transparency. The task force members G. Logsdon (chair), T. East, C. Floegel, A. Hauk, G. Moore, and L. Swanson are to be commended for their efforts and dedication in managing these important matters so carefully and diligently.

## Reformation Celebration

We also wish to thank the Fellowship Committee and all others involved in providing such a nice meal after services on Reformation Sunday. Reformation Sunday marks Luther's publication of his 95 Theses against indulgences, which many now observe as the beginning of the Reformation. This Reformation Sunday was particularly celebratory as St. Luke's marked its own dedication to the Reformation and its desire to proclaim the gospel purely in both word and sacrament for justifying faith alone in Jesus Christ.

## Sunday School Report

As usual the Advent Workshop will be sponsored by the Sunday School with lots of help from our friends.

Date: Sunday, December 6, 2009

Time: After the worship service

Place: In the Family Center.

Everyone's invited to enjoy the crafts, goodies, décor, and exhibits. It's a great time to bring your friends, family, and especially grandchildren to anticipate the advent of our Lord's birth.

We'll have the gift tree for the children of Baja (via Lutheran Border Concerns Mission) and this year they ask for Top Ramen as well as the usual sox, tooth brushes and toothpaste.

We will greatly appreciate your offers to:

Preside at a simple craft table (call Bev Whitcomb, 698-3470).

Contribute goodies (call Marge Bitter, 466-4023).

Provide a display or music or help with setting up or taking down

(call Pat Swanson, 552-7398).

As you know our Sunday School classes have moved into the Lower Level classrooms and we have revised our schedule to allow more teaching time. Our numbers are small, but the children, the curriculum and the teaching are superb. Please keep them all in your prayers and ask God to entrust us with more children.

Dear St. Luke's Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your recent donation of \$375.00 towards the work being done here at TACO. We are so fortunate for your generous giving as it allows us to meet the needs of those who come here for safety and sanctuary each and every week.

Recent census numbers tell us that there is an ever-increasing number of individuals and families who have fallen below the poverty level in San Diego Count. Those numbers are from 2008, it will be a year before we will know how the economic crisis has affected the families of San Diego. What we know is that in this increase in numbers means more families on the street, more single men and women on the street. It also means that more people who are on the street will miss a meal or two or even one meal a day in order to stretch their income to cover rents and mortgages.

## WELCA

Your donations help us to accommodate our day to day services as well as the increasing numbers of people who are coming for food and services. We know it is not only the homeless men and women that we all see throughout the county, but it is also the folks who are indoors but have no additional money to pay for food or medical care, it is the seniors in our community who come at the end of the month for food as their retirement does not stretch far enough. You help to meet their needs and allow them to continue on for another day or week.

Thank you for your compassionate consideration and caring.

Sincerely,

James Lovell, ASW  
Executive Director

### TREASURER NOTES

St. Luke's Financial statement is located in the Library for inspection by anyone wishing to view it.

Terry East  
Treasurer

### Fun and Fellowship:

Anyone who is interested in signing up for the fall fellowship dinner opportunity may do so after church any Sunday through October 11. Hosts will be setting dates for the dinner between October and early November. If you participated in the spring dinners there is no need to sign-up again. Sign-up in the lower level or call Jennifer 460-6909.

You can always go to St. Luke's web site to see what's happening... here is our new web page address....

[www.st-lukes-la-mesa.org](http://www.st-lukes-la-mesa.org)

As we move forward in our journey, it might be an appropriate time to revisit the Statement of Purpose from our WELCA Constitution. As a community of women, created in the image of God, called to discipleship in Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society and the world.

FALL IS A NEW BEGINNING. Please join us for Circle. Come when you can. All ladies are welcome!

REBEKAH CIRCLE Second Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

Date:	Home of:
September 8	Marge Bitter
October 13	Betty Wiedmer
November 10	Shirley Carrington
December 8	Angie Hauk
January 12, 2010	Loraine Wininger
February 9, 2010	Hazel Knippelmeyer
March 9	Maureen Borchardt
April, May and June	To be announced
July Combined Circle	Lower level
August Combined Baby Shower	Lower level

(For information call Betty Wiedmer 465-7480)

DEBORAH CIRCLE Third Thursday at 10:00 a.m.

Date:	Home of:
September 17	Phyllis Fowler
October 15	JoAnn Hendrickson
November 19	Marge Hersom
December 17	Martha Applegate
January 21	To be announced
February 18	Pat Kettler
March 18	Margi Buller
April 22	Bev Holland
May 20	Marge Henkel
June 17	Betty Davies
July Combined Circle	Lower level
August Baby Shower	Lower level

(For information call JoAnn Hendrickson 462-7184).

LADIES, there is still time to knit a scarf or two for our Christmas outreach at TACO. The goal is to gift each client with a nice warm neck wrap. Following is a simple pattern designed by Darcy's mother, Marge.

Cast on 29 stitches. Knit one row. Purl one row. Continue until your scarf reaches approximately 40". You may make a fringe if you have time, by wrapping yarn around your fingers, then tie off and attach to scarf.

Maureen has an even simpler pattern. Cast on 30 stitches. Knit each row until you have 40". Make fringe.

Bring your completed scarves to either Martha Applegate or Marge Hersom.

**THANKOFFERING:** Thanks to all of you who supported WELCA through your once-a-year thank-offering. WELCA does not receive funding through the church budget, so your donations, and the monthly offerings at Circles, make up our entire fund source for each year. The WELCA Board strives to be good stewards of these funds and to reach out in faith in ministry and action. A complete list of WELCA donation recipients for 2009 accompanied the ThankOffering envelope in the October 18<sup>th</sup> bulletin. If you would like a copy, please see Margi Buller or Marilyn Burns.

**BABY BOTTLES.** Please fill the baby bottles with your pennies, nickels and dimes. Save those quarters for Heifer. The coins will be turned in to the Teen Pregnancy Care Center in El Cajon. Bottles can be picked up and dropped off in the Narthex. For details see Betty Wiedmer.

**SAVE THE DATE:** Advent Potluck and Program  
December 6<sup>th</sup> Lower Level

A-L Main Dish

M-Z Side dishes and salads

"SPECIAL THANKS to Thelma Pace this month for sewing so many quilt tops. Your efforts help the Project Day ladies complete more quilts each month."

## THANKOFFERING UPDATE

For those of you who took part in the WELCA THANKOFFERING it might be interesting to note that this year WELCA was able to send health kits and soap, in addition to layettes, sewing kits and quilts to Lutheran World Relief. Thanks to Janet Menacher, Emily Rose and Grace, we had many more school kits to send along as well. A breakdown of postal costs follows:

32 quilts.....	\$ 40.00
29 layettes.....	\$ 37.70
15 health kits.....	\$ 39.75
12 sewing kits.....	\$ 12.00
28 school kits.....	\$ 39.20
63 bars of soap....	\$ 11.20

Thanks again to all of you kind St. Luke's people for your help in WELCA's efforts on behalf of Lutheran World Relief. And remember that this is just a small portion of what your THANKOFFERING supports throughout the year.

## HEIFER INTERNATIONAL.....

**PASSING ON THE GIFT** is the heart of Heifer International's sustainable community development philosophy. Every family who receives an animal signs a contract to pass on one or more of their animal's offspring to another family in need, along with the training and skills that they have acquired. This unique approach creates a ripple effect that transforms lives and communities.

12 CORNERSTONES FOR JUST AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT form the acronym "Passing on the Gift."

P assing on the Gift

A ccountability

S haring and Caring

S ustainability and Self-reliance

I mproved Animal Management

N utrition and Income

G ender and Family Focus

## ON THE

Genuine Need and Justice  
 Improving the Environment  
 Full Participation  
 Training and Education  
 Spirituality

..... PLEASE REMEMBER TO DROP YOUR HEIFER QUARTERS INTO THE QUARTER BANK IN THE NARTHEX: THEY DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!!

HEIFER INTERNATIONAL alternative gift cards will be available at the Alternative Gift Faire, Sunday, November 8.

### OUR ON-GOING OUTREACH

#### Many thanks to all who served

the homeless downtown on October 5: MARGE HERSOM, CATHIE FLOEGEL, RANDY ENGEL, MARGI and DAVE BULLER, and MARTHA APPLGATE. Our next serving date is November 30.

#### TACO's "Sunset by the Sea"

was a fun evening. Six members attended this fund-raising event on Saturday, October 10, at the home of Drs. Rup and Vani Nagala in La Jolla. The location was donated by the doctors, both longtime friends and supporters of TACO. Though a final total was not official at "press time," at least \$22,000 was raised. According to Rachel Line, Volunteer Coordinator, that amount exceeds the total raised last year.

#### Scarfs for the homeless

were worked on at a workshop on Saturday, October 24, 3:00 p.m. As this issue of the Parish Builder goes to press, the event was being planned.

Of course when Lutherans get together, eating is part of the agenda.....so a terrific potluck (families invited) topped off the afternoon. Thanks to all who took part!!

### St. Luke's Second Alternative Christmas Gift Faire!

will be held Sunday, November 8, in the Lower Level, immediately after worship services. You have received and will continue to receive information about this Outreach Committee event! Ask friends and/or relatives to come to services and then do some shopping. You will be amazed at what is available.....and all profits go to the causes that these nonprofit organizations represent.

Here, again, is the list of nonprofit organizations involved in this endeavor:

FLORESTA  
 GUATEMALA MISSION PROJECT  
 THE TOMORROW PROJECT  
 HEIFER INTERNATIONAL (of course)  
 MARTHA STAUDERMAN JEWELRY COLLECTION, SEASONAL GIFTS, AND HANDMADE PRAYER JOURNALS

#### Lutheran Church Border Concerns Ministry

Manny Cruz extends sincere thanks for all the items recently donated for the school children. The number of backpacks was terrific as well as the multitude of pencils and glue. Special thanks to WELCA for providing \$100 so that an additional number of backpacks could be purchased (on sale, of course). Thanks to Cathie Floegel for doing the shopping.

Ramen noodle soups are an ongoing need, as well as cold and cough (over the counter) medicines. Details about the small Christmas gifts being requested will be in the next issue of the Parish Builder.

## PARISH POTPOURRI

On Wednesday, October 14, members of the choir were treated to a special OKTOBERFEST celebration at the home of CAL and MAUREEN BORCHARDT. The bratwurst and all the German-style food were delicious.

Thanks so much, CAL and MAUREEN.....If you have enjoyed any of the San Diego Concert Band's Christmas concerts in previous years, you are bound to enjoy the selections this year. It opens with a Christmas Festival medley arranged by Leroy Anderson, plus other popular Christmas songs, and a most unusual jazz arrangement of "God Rest You Merry Gentlemen."

Date: Tuesday, December 15, 7 p.m. at the Kroc Center. This has been a sellout performance each year, so it's best to get tickets in advance: see the Applegates for tickets.....KERRIE CALDWELL, daughter of SUE and ROGER, a first semester student at the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music, has been selected to play the part of "Nella" (a major role) in Puccini's opera, "Gianni Schicchi.".....Some definitions:

Flattery:	Phony express
Indecision:	Under the whether
Sarcasm:	Quip lash
Praise:	Letting off esteem



## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

<b>Margi Buller</b>	<b>James Forrester</b>
<b>Bob Fuller</b>	<b>George Hauk</b>
<b>JoAnn Hendrickson</b>	<b>Jonathan Janos</b>
<b>Crystal Matushek</b>	<b>Joe Pace</b>

## NOVEMBER WORSHIP TEXT

1st

### All Saints Day

First Lesson—Isaiah 25: 6-9  
Second Lesson—Revelation 21: 1-6a  
Gospel—John 11: 32-44

8th

### Time after Pentecost

First Lesson—1 Kings 17: 8-16  
Second Lesson—Hebrews 9: 24-28  
Gospel—Mark 12: 38-44

15th

### Time after Pentecost

First Lesson—Daniel 12: 1-3  
Second Lesson—Hebrews 10: 11-14 [15-18] 19-25  
Gospel—Mark 13: 1-8

22th

### Christ the King Sunday

First Lesson—Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14  
Second Lesson—Revelations 1: 4b-8  
Gospel—John 18: 33-37

29th

### First Sunday of Advent

First Lesson—Jeremiah 33: 14-16  
Second Lesson—1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13  
Gospel—Luke 21: 25-36

## MEMORIAL GIFTS

**Donna Bohnsack Memorial**  
**Glen Bohnsack**

## PARISH BUILDER ARTICLES

For December 2009

**Due in the office**  
**November 16th**

*Thank you, Judy*

**NOVEMBER  
PRAYER CALENDAR**

1	Isaiah 61: 10-11	
2	1 Corinthians 15: 50-57	<i>Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion and to you shall</i>
3	Hebrews 2: 14-18	<i>vows be performed.</i>
4	Luke 10: 21-24	
5	Proverbs 8: 1-11	<i>O, you who hears prayer, to you shall all flesh come.</i>
6	Philippians 1: 9-11	
7	Hebrews 1: 1-4	<i>When iniquities prevail against me, you atone for our transgressions.</i>
8	Ephesians 2: 4-10	
9	Psalms 32: 1-7	<i>Blessed is the one you choose to bring near , to dwell in your courts!</i>
10	Isaiah 42: 5-9	
11	2 Corinthians 11: 1-6	<i>We will be satisfied with the goodness of your house,</i>
12	Matthew 6: 5-15	<i>the holiness of your temple!</i>
13	Philippians 4: 10-14	<i>Psalm 65: 1-4</i>
14	Psalms 146: 1-10	
15	1 Peter 5: 12-19	
16	Isaiah 35: 8-10	
17	Psalms 127: 1-2	
18	Ephesians 4: 11-16	
19	Proverbs 16: 21-24	
20	1 Peter 3: 6-11	
21	Psalms 59: 16-17	
22	Psalms 119: 89-96	
23	Philippians 1: 19-26	
24	Acts 22: 12-16	
25	Proverbs 21: 30-31	
26	Luke 6: 32-36	
27	Colossians 3: 18-24	
28	Luke 18: 1-8	
29	Titus 3: 1-8	
30	Proverbs 15: 1-4	

<b>NOVEMBER WORSHIP TEAMS</b>		
	November Reader November Altar Guild	<i>Stephen Johnson Loraine Wininger</i>
<b>1st</b>	Communion Assistant — Bread	<i>Lyle Swanson</i>
	Prayers of the People	<i>Pastor Mark</i>
	Projectionist	<i>Roger Caldwell</i>
	Communion Assistants — Wine	<i>Bob &amp; Bonnie Fuller</i>
	Greeters	<i>Bonnie Fuller, Loraine Wininger</i>
	Usher Team	<i>Randy Engel</i>
<b>8th</b>	Communion Assistant—Bread	<i>Shirley Carrington</i>
	Prayers of the People	<i>Darcy Barghols</i>
	Projectionist	<i>Hazel Knippelmeyer</i>
	Communion Assistants — Wine	<i>Liz Dunnigan, Darcy Barghols</i>
	Greeters	<i>Bob Becker, Chuck Volker</i>
	Usher Team	<i>George Hauk</i>
<b>15th</b>	Communion Assistant— Bread	<i>Pat Swanson</i>
	Prayers of the People	<i>Pastor Mark</i>
	Projectionist	<i>Marie Handley</i>
	Communion Assistants — Wine	<i>Dawn Dolan, Marge Hersom</i>
	Greeters	<i>Bruce Fowler, Bob &amp; Marilyn Burns</i>
	Usher Team	<i>Shirley Carrington</i>
<b>22nd</b>	Communion Assistant— Bread	<i>Shirley Carrington</i>
	Prayers of the People	<i>Liz Dunnigan</i>
	Projectionist	<i>Gail Knippelmeyer</i>
	Communion Assistant — Wine	<i>Bruce Fowler &amp; George Moore</i>
	Greeters	<i>Darcy Barghols, Dawn &amp; Jim Dolan, Knippelmeyer'</i>
	Usher Team	<i>Chuck Hersom</i>
<b>29th</b>	Communion Assistant— Bread	<i>Judi Dunnigan</i>
	Prayers of the People	<i>Pat Swanson</i>
	Projectionist	<i>Shirley Carrington</i>
	Communion Assistant — Wine	<i>Gene &amp; Hazel Knippelmeyer</i>
	Greeters	<i>Marie Handley, Ellis Peterson</i>
	Usher Team	<i>Randy Engel</i>

# NOVEMBER 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 9:00 a.m. Counters 5:30 p.m. Finance 6:00 p.m. Executive Council 7:00 p.m. Council	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 5:30 p.m. WNL 6:15 p.m. Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Choir	<b>5</b> 10:00 a.m. Outreach	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study 9-10 a.m. Altar Guild
<b>8</b> 9:00 a.m. Worship Service 10:25 a.m. Alternative Faire 10:25 a.m. Sunday School 4:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m. SLTA— First Module—“Introduction to the Christian Faith”	<b>9</b> 9:00 a.m. Counters	<b>10</b> 9:00 a.m. Facilities Meet 9:30 a.m. Project day Noon WELCA 6:00 p.m. Worship Arts 7:00 p.m. Parish Ed 7:00 p.m. Rebekah Circle	<b>11 Veterans Day</b> 5:30 p.m. WNL 6:15 p.m. Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Choir	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Evening—Wedding Rehearsal <i>WW Family Night Carnival</i>	<b>14</b> 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study 9-10 a.m. Altar Guild 11:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. Wedding
<b>15</b> 9:00 a.m. Worship Service 10:25 a.m. Sunday School / Tim Ault, MAF 4:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m. SLTA— First Module—“Introduction to the Christian Faith”	<b>16</b> 9:00 a.m. Counters <b>DEADLINE FOR PARISH BUILDER ARTICLES</b>	<b>17</b> 9:00 a.m. Facilities crew 9:00 a.m. Counters	<b>18</b> 5:30 p.m. WNL 6:15 p.m. Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Choir	<b>19</b> 10:00 a.m. Deborah Circle	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study 9-10 a.m. Altar Guild
<b>22</b> 9:00 a.m. Worship Service 10:25 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Deliver Thanksgiving baskets 4:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m. Academy 2:00 p.m. Grossmont Con- cert	<b>23</b> 9:00 a.m. Counters	<b>24</b> 9:00 a.m. Facilities crew/ tree up	<b>25</b> 5:30 p.m. WNL 6:15 p.m. Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Choir	<b>26</b> Happy Thanksgiving Office closed	<b>27</b> <b>Office closed</b>	<b>28</b> 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study 9-10 a.m. Altar Guild
<b>29 1st Sunday of Advent</b> 9:00 a.m. Worship Service 10:25 a.m. Sunday School 4:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m. St. Lukes Academy First Module	<b>30</b> 9:00 a.m. Counters 2:45 p.m. TACO					

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

**WORSHIP: SUNDAYS—9:00 a.m.**  
Sunday school for all ages at  
10:30 am, at various locations

**Also**

**“An Introduction to the Christian Faith”**  
The First Module of St. Luke's Theological Academy  
Sundays, from 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm in the Church Library.

**St. Luke's Mission Statement:**

We are called as a community of Christians  
saved by grace  
—through faith alone in Jesus Christ—  
to spread the Holy Gospel  
in word, sacrament, and action  
*solī deo gloria.*