



# the shepherd's VOICE

A monthly newsletter  
April 2022

wherever you are on your spiritual journey, st. luke's welcomes you

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## Easter at St. Luke's

**HOLY SATURDAY**  
Saturday, April 16

**The Great Vigil of Easter  
with Holy Baptism**  
8 p.m.

*This service begins in the  
Memorial Garden*

**EASTER DAY**  
Sunday, April 17  
*Nursery opens 8:30 a.m.*

**Holy Eucharist, Rite I**  
8 a.m.

**Feast of the Resurrection  
Festival Holy Eucharist**  
9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

**Coffee Hour**  
10:15 a.m. | Parish Hall

**Easter Egg Hunt**  
10:15 a.m.  
*Children up to 3rd grade  
gather in the circle in The Park*



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### In the midst of life, we are in death.

Media vita in morte sumus is an ancient chant that found its way into our prayerbook burial service. As the earth around us blooms and sings, bombs fall, ambulances rush through the street, we wonder if our runny nose means we should take a test. Our mortality stands alongside our living. In these times of so much change in which most of us have little capacity to bear more change, we are going to add a little more change at St. Luke's. We are going to begin a planning process to define the next few years of our life together, so that we can be faithful and creative even in these death dealing times. We could sing, In the midst of death, we are in life.

### Masks Optional

To live faithfully in this time, you and I are asked to hold a lot of information in tension. We are living in the midst of a global pandemic. Our access to vaccination and booster shots places us among a small elite on the planet somewhat protected from the virus. Some of us do not want to wear masks because we are vaccinated and boosted and unlikely to carry the virus. Some of us are vaccinated and boosted and understand wearing masks as the best we can do for our own and others protection. We all know that assuming a certain amount of real risk of exposure to the Covid-19 virus is the cost of living in these times. We do not all agree on which risks are reasonable. These are a variety of legitimate positions in our community, and there is no one position the church can take that contains them all. Our choice is that for the time being, masks are optional at St. Luke's. We do not know if there will be a variant in the future that will mean we should change this policy. For the time being, this means that some of us will wear masks and some will not. We will honor one another's choices and not question them. We ask that if you have a cold or allergies or any kind of upper respiratory issues that you please wear a mask for the protection of the most vulnerable among us.

### Strategic Planning

St. Luke's will be beginning a process of strategic planning in April. We will be working with outside consultants to plan how we come back together and imagine the next few years. A particular early focus of this work will be recruiting and hiring a Children Youth and Families staff person and planning for that department's work for the next 18 months. We will report out more details as we have them.

### Spring is here!

You will see in this issue of Shepherd's Voice that some of our regular programming is back. Praise the Lord! Please join us for 4th Friday in The Park, help us get the word out, and bring your friends.

### Regathering

Our community is re-gathering and that requires some intentionality. If you haven't been back for awhile, please have a look at the calendar and pick one event to get started. Maybe call a friend and plan to come together. It is very good to be back together, but we know that the first step back can be tough. We are praying for you and hope to see you soon!



# Holy Week

at St. Luke's

## Palm Sunday: Sunday of the Passion

April 10

Service times: 8 a.m., 9:15 a.m., 11:15 a.m.  
*We gather outside of the church for the 11:15 a.m. service and process in together.*

## Delivery of Easter lilies

to homebound members after all services.  
*Nursery opens at 8:30 a.m.*

## Tenebrae

Wednesday, April 13 | 7 p.m.  
Nursery opens at 6:40 p.m.

## Maundy Thursday Liturgy and Foot Washing

April 14 | 7 p.m.  
Agape Meal at 5:45 p.m. in Budd Hall

## The Night Watch

*begins at 8:30 p.m. | Wilmer Chapel*  
The Nursery opens at 5:30 p.m.

## Good Friday, April 15

The Night Watch concludes at 11:30 a.m.

**The Three Hours** - Noon until 3 p.m.  
*Nursery open from 11:45 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.*

## Stations of the Cross

6:15 p.m. | Nave

## The Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday and Adoration of the Cross

7 p.m.  
*Nursery opens at 6:30 p.m.*

## Holy Saturday

**Holy Saturday Liturgy**  
10 a.m. | Nave

# Adult Formation

Sunday mornings at 10:15 a.m.

## April 3

### **Ways we Remember, Honor, and Celebrate Our Loved Ones**

Join us in a conversation as we think through the various ways that we celebrate the gift of our loved one's life, the various ways that they impacted those around them, even as we ourselves are in the midst of grieving their death. In the burial service we proclaim: "yet even at the grave we make our song: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia." This is a time of to talk about funeral planning, planned giving, various ways to celebrate a life well loved and well lived.

## May 1

### **Broadening our Vision on Climate Change Solutions**

Dr. Kim Cobb, climate scientist and professor has studied the effects of climate change on oceans and reefs for over 20 year. She is now focusing on climate change solutions, informed by her research of not only oceans and reefs, but also upon the coastal communities in Georgia. Our discussion will center on how her prior work led her to this current direction, including her work in underserved communities whose concerns are often different and often unheard.

## May 8

### **Changing the Conversation: Talking About Climate Change Without Sounding Partisan**

Join us for a conversation with Mark Douglas, professor of Christian Ethics at Columbia Theological Seminary. We will talk with him about dialogue tools and faith-specific resources to engage leaders on climate change and its impacts on Georgia's communities.

## May 15

### **Out of Hand Theater: Calf**

How would you like to be identified for your entire life by the one worst thing you've ever done? Out of Hand Theater Company presents *Calf* by Levi Jelks. Calf follows Eli "Bull" Willis in the months after he's released from incarceration, as he attempts to overcome obstacles to building a new life and connecting with his son. This is a two-part series on Mass Incarceration Advocacy. May 22 will include a talk back session with the actor and with the Georgia Justice Project.

**Lectio Divina with the Gospel of Thomas** | Wilmer Chapel Lectio divina is a powerful means of reading sacred text for spiritual growth. Join Sophia Brothers Peterman and others in the gentle, nonthreatening practice of group lectio divina with the Gospel of Thomas. We will meet the third Sunday of every month, working our way through this collection of 114 sayings, called logia, said to be the words of Jesus written down by Thomas, the Twin.

## May 22

### **Out of Hand Theater's Calf: Talk-Back & Georgia Justice Project**

The actor, Marcus Hopkins-Turner, who played the role of Eli "Bull" Willis in the performance of Calf, and the Georgia Justice Project return to engage in a talk back session with us around mass incarceration. Even if you missed the performance, please join in the conversation.

## FROM THE ARCHIVES: KNOW THESE KIDS?



In the fall of 1974, the youth choir was called St. David's Choir. See if you can identify anyone you know.

Palmgren, and Mary Bowers  
Lucia Burgess, Eliza Gilliam, Pattye Fristoe, Lisa Fristoe, Tricia Powers, Louise Currey, Clifford King, Sue Suttor (organist/choirmaster) Laura Hall Lanier, Tommy Bowers, Lee Russell Currey, Richard Harrower,  
From left to right: Stuart Girardeau,

## Easter Flower Dedications



### Easter Flower Dedications

*Donate \$25 or more for each person or family unit you would like to honor or remember at Easter. The Flower Guild appreciates your generous gift toward this great celebration of Easter, as well as your kind support throughout the year.*



My Name \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Gift Amount (\$25 or more) \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

In Thanksgiving for \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE NOTE:** This form must be received at the church by **MONDAY, April 11** to be listed in the Easter Day bulletins. Place completed forms in the box provided at the Reception Desk, or mail them to the attention of Valerie Freer, 435 Peachtree Street NE, Atlanta, Ga 30308. Please make checks payable to St. Luke's, marked "Easter Flowers." Or you can make and pay for your dedications online: [StLukesAtlanta.org](http://StLukesAtlanta.org).



# Save the Dates



April 22 is the 4th FRIDAY



Sunday, April 24  
Loaves and Fishes



## A Note from the Rector: Staff Transitions

I want to thank Hala Hess White on behalf of St. Luke's for her nearly 14 years years of service and artistic approach to all of St. Luke's communications. If you have ever noticed how beautiful our communications pieces are, that's all Hala. As of April 1, Hala is no longer on staff at St. Luke's having left to begin a new job closer to her home.

I've heard that when Hala joined St. Luke's not that long ago, we were carving bulletins on papyrus and sending the Shepherd's Notes by messenger pigeon. We have come a long way in communications at St. Luke's because of Hala's excellent work and vision for the church. We now produce full service bulletins for three Sunday services, all very visitor friendly. We manage our own website and on site publications and posters. We produce a weekly newsletter, monthly newsletter, and manage Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram accounts. We livestream two services on Sundays and various educational programs. Under Hala's leadership, St. Luke's has a modern, multi-channel, marketing and communications office. I also want to note as the spouse of a communications professional, that this particular job can sometimes bear the stress of an office and in particular the person in that role can become the focus of an institution's struggles. It is tough and often thankless work. This is not a goodbye. This is a, see you again soon, friend.

- Winnie

*If you have communications questions or concerns during this time of transition, please reach out to Megan Wyman (404-873-7610 or [megan@stlukesatlanta.org](mailto:megan@stlukesatlanta.org)) and she will point you in the right direction*



# ..... children - Youth - Families .....

**May 1, 8, and 15: Butterflies in the Park | 9:45-10:15 a.m.**

The board of The Park at St Luke's is installing native plants, including a butterfly garden in April. We would like to celebrate this special garden by having the children of St Luke's raise and release butterflies in the garden. This adventure will happen over three Sundays (May 1, 8 and 15 from 9:45 - 10:15 a.m. - the time between the family service and Sunday School). Join us in the Park for lemonade and cookies each Sunday to learn about the butterfly garden, native plants, and how caterpillars change to butterflies. Parents are welcome too.

**April 17 Easter Day: Flowering the Cross**

Children meet at 9 a.m. in the Bell Tower

Children are invited to bring flowers and gather in the bell tower before the 9:15 service to process into the church and flower the cross. If you forget your flowers, don't worry! The Flower Guild will have some on hand to distribute.

**Easter Egg Hunt in the Park**

10:15-10:45 a.m. Don't forget to bring your baskets!



**J2A** PARISH WIDE PICNIC

SUNDAY  
APRIL 24TH  
FOLLOWING THE  
11:15 SERVICE

**BBQ**

**FUNDRAISER**

Join us for a parish wide picnic to raise money for the J2A Pilgrimage to Grand Tetons, Wyoming. Some of these youth have been waiting for more than 2 years to participate in this life-changing event.

\$10/PERSON \$5/CHILD

[REGISTER HERE!](#)

A QR code is located in the bottom left corner.





## Faith & Advocacy Network (FAN)

### Opportunity to Learn and Act: Creation Care, Earth Day and Education

Throughout scriptures and other religious writings, we see acknowledgement and praise of God's glory and power revealed through the beauty of the earth and all of nature. "Nature is the first Bible," says Richard Rohr. As our planet seems increasingly fragile and threatened, the Episcopal church has affirmed its commitment to care for God's creation.

St. Luke's has made a loving commitment to care of creation, through our campus sustainability practices, parish education programs, parish life activities for all, and active advocacy. By promoting care of creation as a congregation, we hope that our efforts will be promoted by all church members, who in turn will be examples for their families, friends, associates, the community and other congregations – and all the while, celebrating God's beautiful earth as a source of peace, joy and fulfillment.

This year, Earth Day has adopted the theme of "Invest in Our Planet." With the coming of spring and the opportunity for more safe "in person" activity, we are excited to invite the parish to engage with us as we learn, advocate and act, and have fun and fellowship together. The programs will be streamed as well.

We are thrilled to offer two forums on May 1 and 8. On May 1, Dr. Kim Cobb, Professor of School of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences at Georgia Tech who has studied oceans and coral reefs for many years, will share some about this work and how it led her to a shift in her direction, including work in underserved communities whose concerns are often different and often unheard. On May 8, one of our most well received prior forum speakers, Dr. Mark Douglas, will return to discuss "Changing the Conversation" on environmental issues.

We look forward to the opportunity for more engagement and fun with the parish. A plan to tour the Kendeda building at Georgia Tech, often called "the greenest building in the Southeast" in partnership with Sojourners and Georgia Interfaith Power & Light is in the works. The date will be announced soon.

We want and need your creativity and participation as we plan for more "in person" activities, engagement and FUN together. Please join us as we come together for fun and fellowship and make a difference in our parish and our community. Go to [stlukesatlanta.org/advocacy/](http://stlukesatlanta.org/advocacy/) to sign up for Creation Care alerts to be connected and part of the fun! We welcome your input, suggestions and participation in caring for God's world

*FAN spotlights help spread awareness about the social justice and environmental causes supported by St. Luke's that are among our Faith & Advocacy Network team focus areas. They highlight ways that we can live a Jesus-centered life by educating ourselves about issues in our community and steps we can take to make a difference. The way of love is a way of life.*

The Rev. Winnie Varghese

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We celebrate the lives that make up the community of St. Luke's Church.

## Birthdays during April

1	Tommy Lamson	Laine Patterson	Jacob Evans	Katherine Evans
Lindley Cole	Sophie Krepp	Caroline O'Rouke	20	Michael Jones
Leslie Burns	6	Priscilla Hopkins	Jeanne Hollis	Erin Eggebrecht
Alex Sherrill	Joseph Kingston, Sr	13	Randy Maxwell	Emma Gifford
John Michael Fierer	Saunders Glenn Bohan	Anna Winer	Lisa Boswell	Katie Bryan
Mark Tucker	Leonard Hayes, II	Kim Sydnor	Lauren Okula	Sam Noland
2	Sydney Tashlein	Frank Robinson	Sarah Pyrda	27
Mark Jones	7	Crawford Kennedy	Charles Bryan	Barbara Slick
Cooper Pierce	Felecia Ward	14	21	Jason Nevoit
Chassie Post	Jason Byrd	Sharon Brown	Coleman Budd	Jeanine Brogan
Adam Couvillon	Kamal Ghali	Elaine Swobe	Pat Dusenbury	Mary Helen O'Connor
William Currey	Grace Anglin	Lynn Baxter	Cathryn Johnson	Dawn Biggins
Wynn Healan	8	Jessica Hutchings	Mark Fierer	Wade Thompson
Julianna Faulkenberry	Alex King	Robin Alston	Leigh Ann Allen	Joseph De Give
Lila Faulkenberry	Kay Van Doren	Zoe Webber	William Arnold	Nora Ann Williams
Avery Sherrill	Kate De Give	Wesley Clark	Nicholas Skowronek	Jackie Kopp
3	James Poindexter	Fitz Kennedy	Wallace Putt	28
Gary Sams	Wilson Dobbs	15	Jack Byrd	Sara Blanchard
Mel Mobley	9	Maureen Southwell	Margaret O'Rouke	Tucker Griffin
David Gillon	Gordon May	Cissy Ahearn	22	Emma Graham
John Dale	Mary Cobb	Tom Williams	Horace Griffin	Lexi Bradley
Dawn Killenberg	Nick Scofield	Polly Davidson	Chuck Martin	29 Marcia Williams
Ally Batty	William Okpala	16	John Bencich	Ann Barrett
Andrew Walker	Kaitlyn Poindexter	Christiana Hollis	23	Chuck Howard
Malcolm Patterson	10	Grayson Phillips	Orrie Evans	Jeri Durrett
Ian Payne	Peggy Foreman	17	Don Hackney	Susan Stewart
Reece Meagher	Wardell Saulsberry	Helen Alston	Becky Mick	April Lloyd
Sydney Meagher	McCoy	John Brewster, Jr	Graham Haer	Hunter Anderson
4	Michael Horten	Bryan Sells	James Boswell, IV	Wrenn Wire
Marti Breen	Rosemary O'Boyle	Nadine Cole	24	30
Richard Gerakitis	Josh Bryan	Sam Boswell	Dora Wier	Cotten Alston
Park Fowlkes	Claire Miller	Miles Bassett	Bruce Harlan	Rod Daugherty
Kate Silvis	Enoma Osa-Ogbeide	18	David Crutchfield	David Lang
Andrew P.R. Young	11	Ruth Caproni	Alex Miller	Frank McDonald, Jr
Jackson Ledford	Ruth Osborne	Mary Kyle	25	Ashley Orr
Edythe Lanier	Myra Stubbs	Elizabeth Moore	Merrily Labarthe	Isabel Wynn
5	Yadira Perry	Kate Kane	Kathleen Dumitrescu	Erin Kennedy
Harlan Stone	Elizabeth Brinkley	Leslie Cash	Cathy Ephraim	Eve Nettles
Cathy Saneda	Rick Blanchard, Jr	Sarah Elizabeth Sells	Devon Ippolito	Josephine Ryder
Chris Bracken	Bennett Pappas	19	Callen Inman	
Henry Sullivan	12	Charlie Zapf	Vicoria Evans	
Soheila Mehram	Pamela Osborne	Len Sinclair	26	
Chris Moore	Hilton Hines	Pride Forney	John Fry	
Marnie Jachman	Brittany Huet	Keith Roberts	Scott Nelson	
Chris McClure	Jackie Inman	Katherine Law	Betsy Whittum	



## Pastoral Concerns

Call the church at 404-873-7610  
9 a.m.-5 p.m., weekdays

- To connect with our Pastoral Care staff for such things as illness, hospitalization, miscarriage, divorce, unemployment;
- To add a name to our parish prayer list
- To have someone placed on the St. Luke's Intercessory Prayer list to be prayed for daily.

After-hours and on weekends, call the church at 404-873-7600 to get the name and number of the priest on call.

*May God bless you and comfort you  
in your difficult times  
as well as your joyful ones.*

## Submit Announcements

E-mail Megan Wyman  
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to submit articles and information.

The deadline for each month  
is the middle of the preceding month.



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*"Wherever you are on your spiritual journey,  
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We pray for peace, but maybe we don't have the words. We pray for a just peace, but maybe we don't have the words. We pray that the lives of innocents and the lives of any human child of God will be spared. We pray that our leaders will find a diplomatic way, a nonviolent way of solution. But we don't know how to pray as we are. So, the Spirit must intercede for us at this time.

— The Most Rev. Michael Curry  
Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church

God of peace and justice,  
we pray for the people of Ukraine today.  
We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.  
We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,  
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.  
We pray for those with power over war or peace,  
for wisdom, discernment and compassion  
to guide their decisions.  
Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear,  
that you would hold and protect them.

We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen.

— Archbishop Justin Welby of Canterbury  
and Archbishop Stephen Cottrell of York,  
Church of England

