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**THE INSTITUTION OF
THE REVEREND
WINNIE VARGHESE
AS THE
23RD RECTOR
OF ST. LUKE'S**

**Sunday, October 17
4 p.m.**

*The Rt. Rev. Robert Wright
10th Bishop of Atlanta
will preside*

*The Rev. Barbara Brown Taylor
will preach*

Reception follows.

*Masks required.
Vaccinations requested.*

RSVP Online

In a church where I served years ago, a young adult, who had grown up in a more evangelical church tradition and who was very moved by the welcome of our church said with a lot of energy after an evening service, "I don't want to scare you all, but at the end of the service, I just want to shout out "I just love you all," and another young adult, looked at him, raised an eyebrow and said, "Thanks be to God."



If you're wondering how I am feeling after eight weeks at St. Luke's, that's how I'm feeling, like both of them. I feel welcomed and wanting to welcome others to this wonderful community of St. Luke's.

On October 17, at 4pm, we get to celebrate together this new stage of life at St. Luke's. My institution service, called a renewal of ministry (that means a renewal for all of us) and welcoming of a rector (that's me) will be held that afternoon with a festive, outdoor, covid-safe reception to follow.

Bishop Wright will be with us to lead the service. The epic Barbara Brown Taylor will preach. I hope you get to meet my family, and I hope it will feel like we've sealed the deal and will be together for a good long time.

The service of institution of a new rector has changed a lot over the years and today is very similar to the renewal of vows service we do on Sundays a few times a year. We acknowledge that we are church together, and not solely dependent upon ordained people, while acknowledging the place of ordained people in leadership of the church.

St. Luke's has a unique history of all kinds of vital ministry through the laity, which makes a service like this even more powerful. We are in this together, to love God, love our neighbor, and serve our city. I could not be more excited about our future.

On October 17 that means, it would be great if you could join us in person or online and pray with us.

And all the rest of the time, join us for worship, fellowship, and classes. Let us know how you are, and what we could be up to together.

I hope you can hear someone a little too excited shouting "I LOVE YOU ALL"
Thanks be to God.

Winnie

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MUSIC AT ST. LUKE'S BEGINS ITS SECOND SEASON

Music at St. Luke's begins its second season of concerts on **Friday, October 29, at 7:30 p.m.** with a performance by internationally acclaimed cellist, Guy Johnston. He will be joined with collaborative pianist, Chiao-Wen Cheng. Their performance, sponsored through the generosity of Claire & Gordon May, will feature music by Bach, Grieg, Messiaen, and the USA premiere of a new cello sonata by UK composer, Joseph Phibbs. A reception will follow the performance in Budd Hall.



One of the most exciting and versatile British cellists of his generation, Johnston was born into a musical family and joined his brothers in the world-renowned choir of King's College, Cambridge, where he recorded the famous carol, "Once in Royal David's City" under Stephen Cleobury. He went on to achieve important early successes through the BBC Young Musician of the Year title, the Guilhemina Suggia Gift, the Shell London Symphony Orchestra Gerald MacDonald Award, and receiving a Classical Brit Award at the Royal Albert Hall.



He has made many important debuts including the First Night of the BBC Proms playing the Elgar Concerto with the BBC Symphony Orchestra under Leonard Slatkin, the Brahms Double Concerto in the Philharmonie with the DSO Berlin under Juraj Valchua, Tchaikovsky Rococo Variations

with the St. Petersburg State Capella Orchestra under Dmitriev in Russia, the Elgar Concerto with the Osaka Philharmonic under Tadaaki Otaka in Tokyo, and the Schumann Concerto with the English Chamber Orchestra under Tilbrook.

Taiwanese pianist Chiao-Wen Cheng has performed as soloist, recitalist, and chamber musician throughout the United States and Asia. A vibrant and dedicated chamber musician, Cheng has become a sought after collaborative partner. She completed her bachelor's degree at the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music as a student of Frank Weinstock, where she received a Van Cliburn Scholarship. She completed her master's degree at Peabody Institute, Johns Hopkins University as a student of Benjamin Pasternack, where she received a full scholarship. Cheng holds a doctoral degree from the Eastman School of Music, where she was a student and teaching assistant of Barry Snyder. At Eastman, Cheng was also the recipient of a graduate assistantship as a collaborative pianist and large ensemble pianist.

Johnston plays a 1714 David Tecchler cello, generously on loan from the Godlee-Tecchler Trust which is administered by The Royal Society of Musicians. Both musicians are members of the artist-faculty of the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, NY.

SPRUCING UP COURTLAND STREET

A plan by the city of Atlanta and Central Atlanta Progress to upgrade Courtland Street has prompted St. Luke's to embark on one of the most exciting enhancements our campus has experienced in years.

The plan, now in its early stages, imagines a transformation of the entire Courtland Street side of the church campus to bring a welcoming new exterior and gateway that is on par with the image the church projects toward the Peachtree Street corridor. Clients walking into Crossroads Community Ministries or the Training and Counseling Center and parishioners coming into the Courtland Street parking lot would find themselves greeted by a new streetscape and spruced up exteriors that reflect the "Campus of Miracles" that the St. Luke's community treasures.

The city is already planning to transform Courtland into a corridor that will serve the developing residential neighborhood. The plans call for a wide pedestrian-friendly sidewalk, generous bike lanes, and a reduced footprint for automobile traffic. Courtland is a high-use street, and more people see that side of our church campus every day than view our front entrance on Peachtree Street. The city is also preparing to redevelop the nearby former Civic Center property into a mixed-used community with hundreds of new housing units. The first impression for those residents will be our Courtland Street side.

This is a big project that will likely take several years to complete. It makes sense for St. Luke's to do as many of its upgrades as possible while the city is upgrading the street, sidewalks and landscaping. The Rev. Winnie Varghese has generously asked to help kick off this project by directing gifts in honor of her installation toward the Courtland Street Project. The St. Luke's property committee is working on plans and a budget for the enhancements. Gifts in honor of Winnie's installation will allow the early phases of the Courtland Street project to begin.



More images online:
stlukesatlanta.org/blog/courtland-street/

Eco-apocalypse

Date: October 3 Time: 9 am
 Location: Budd Hall
 Facilitator: Dr. Kyle Lambelet

The end is nigh! The seas are rising, the mountains are burning, and the moon has turned red with blood. These are not the lines from an ancient apocalyptic text. Rather, they are headlines from media coverage of anthropogenic climate change. What should we make of this apocalyptic talk that so often comes up as we engage our planetary emergency? Please join Dr. Kyle Lambelet of Candler School of Theology to explore what wisdom we can glean from apocalyptic tradi-

Finding Your Path of Love

Dates: October 3, 10, 17, 24 Time: 9am
 Location: St. Luke's Room
 Facilitator: Martha Eskew

We will be using Richard Rohr's book *The Universal Christ* as a foundation for a discussion and practice of contemplation and wisdom. Reading *Universal Christ* would be beneficial. Rohr's challenges us to strive to see the Christ everywhere- and in everyone. Martha Eskew brings her experience and wisdom from her studies at the Living School based from the Center for Action and Contemplation in Albuquerque.

Lectio Divina with the Gospel of Thomas

October 17 / 3rd Sunday of the month Time: 9am
 Location: Chapel
 Facilitator: Sophia Brothers-Peterman

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. Come as you are able.

Sacred Ground Dialogue Circle

October 10, October 24 Time: 11:30-1:30pm, lunch available
 Location: St. Luke's Room
 Facilitator: Jackie Lawrence

Sacred Ground is a sensitive, prayerful framework that creates space for difficult but respectful and transformative dialogue on race and racism. The 10-session small group invites participants to walk back through history in order to peel away the layers that brought us to today, reflecting on family histories and stories, as well as important narratives that shape the collective American story. Each session is guided by the vision of beloved community – where all people are honored and protected and nurtured as beloved children of God. For information on joining an upcoming circle contact the Rev. Elizabeth Shows Caffey (elizabeth@stlukesatlanta.org).

Locating a Heart of Compassion for Self and Neighbor

Date: October 24 Time: 9 am
 Location: Budd Hall
 Facilitator: The Rev. Caroline Peacock

In this experiential and interactive session, we will explore the impact of internal, interpersonal, and systemic suffering. We will engage in methods to tend to the suffering with the positive contagion of compassion. The Rev. Caroline Peacock has her LCSW and is an ACPE Certified Educator. She is the Director of Spiritual Health at the Winship Cancer Institute of Emory University.



**The Annual Parish Retreat at Kanuga
 November 19-21**

Guest Speaker: The Rev. Becca Stevens

DEADLINE TO REGISTER: October 22

Register online or pick up a registration form at the church.



The St. Luke's Stewardship Committee is hard at work planning for the upcoming campaign. It will begin on October 18, and Pledge Sunday will be November 14. There are fun elements to the campaign as we seek to raise the pledges that will propel our ministries and fellowship to thrive in the 2022 fiscal year. The centerpiece will be a series of cottage gatherings that occur around the city to promote community and discuss our future as a parish.

Our theme for this year's campaign is **Beloved • Belong • Become**. Through it, we want each member of our faith community to "Be St. Luke's." That means acknowledging one's Belovedness, feeling a deep sense of Belonging in the world and within our community, and Becoming as we grow and evolve in the light of God's divine direction. We invite you to think and pray about how this theme plays out in your life.

Courtney Vann and John Stewart are co-chairs of this year's campaign. Other members of the committee are Alex Crozier, Lala Halsema, Emily Huie, Katherine Marshall, Becky Mick, Lee Tabb, and Tanya Washington. The committee welcomes your prayers and offers of support.



**Ebenezer Baptist and The Temple
Join St. Luke's to Call for Gun Violence Prevention**

Candidates in this year's race to become the next mayor of Atlanta and prominent public health officials will be at St. Luke's in late October discussing gun violence and remembering its victims. Along with our partners, The Temple's Rothschild Social Justice Institute and the social justice ministry at Ebenezer Baptist Church, St. Luke's Faith & Advocacy Network (FAN) will host two events in October centered on Gun Violence Prevention. Mark your calendars now and plan to attend the Public Health Gun Violence Prevention Forum on Thursday, October 21, followed by an interfaith vigil to remember the victims and cost to the community on Wednesday, October 27. Both events will take place at 5 PM in the church.

PUBLIC HEALTH GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION FORUM

Thursday, October 21 at 5 p.m.

One side effect of COVID-19 is the uptick in gun violence that has occurred across our country. While we are not alone in experiencing increased gun violence, neither has Atlanta been immune, having experienced a 58% increase in homicides this year alone. With a mayor's race in the offing, local media is filled with political messaging about getting tough on crime, but few discussions of concrete plans. One approach that deserves more airspace is using proven scientific approaches to contain and treat gun violence as a public health issue.*

Dr. Mark Rosenberg, president emeritus of The Task Force for Global Health, founding director of CDC's National Center for Injury Prevention and Control and former assistant surgeon general, will open the forum with remarks on using science to understand and prevent gun violence. Award winning WABE journalist, Rose Scott and AJC Managing Editor Kevin Riley will lead mayoral candidates through a discussion of their plans to address and prevent gun violence in our communities.

VIGIL REMEMBERING VICTIMS OF GUN VIOLENCE

Wednesday, October 27 at 5 p.m.

The week following the forum, we will gather again to do what people of faith do in troubling times: pray in community. This year's vigil will be an interfaith service with members of the Christian, Jewish, Hindu, Muslim and Baha'i faiths participating. As we have for several years, we will remember those who died by gun violence in Georgia -- 777 people in 2020 and 542 people so far in 2021. We will also remember, the 17 people who died in the shooting at the Tree of Life Synagogue as October 17 is the third anniversary of that hate crime.

As we pray for the dead, we will also remember the trauma that gun violence inflicts on families, friends, and the wider community. A beautiful service to lament the incalculable cost of gun violence will include prayers and music. Among those featured will be Calvin Griffin, bass with the Metropolitan Opera in New York City as well as members of the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra. The music and prayers of consolation, forgiveness, and peace will be followed by the tolling of bells.

* The Annie E. Casey Foundation recently published a report on efforts to curb violence in NPU-V in Atlanta using public health strategies at <https://assets.aecf.org/m/resourcedoc/aecf-improvingcommunitysafety-2021.pdf>. Several Atlanta Journal Constitution Op-Eds have also highlighted this approach, including this one by Dr. Rosenberg, Kathryn Lawler, and Dr. David Satcher.



Learn, pray and act *with* St. Luke's Faith & Advocacy Network (FAN)

As we begin to transition from summer to fall when many of us flow from taking time out to slow down to re-engaging in activities with renewed spirit, we want to remind everyone of the good work and opportunities that FAN offers to carry out our baptismal covenant commitment to strive for justice and peace.

FAN offers a variety of ways to live out our sacred values with many ways to engage. Each committee below focuses on education, volunteer work and advocacy. Contact information to learn more on each is included.
Creation Care – We seek ways to ensure that St. Luke's engages in the care of God's Creation and responsible use of its resources through sustainable church practices. Contact Sue Sherrill at sesherrill@comcast.net.
Death Penalty – We join the Episcopal Church and other churches in our community who oppose the death penalty and offer education, resources and advocacy to help people get involved. Contact Don Plummer at reporterdon@gmail.com.

ECONOMIC EQUALITY – Atlanta is among the US cities with the highest rate of income and wealth inequality. We strive to extend justice and compassion to those most in need. Contact Adelaide Steedley at ad.steedley@gmail.com.

GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION – We share the belief with the Episcopal Church that the right to bear arms does not trump the right to life. We promote common sense gun laws and focus on gun violence impact awareness. Contact Ray Uttenhove at ray.uttenhove@srsre.com.

HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS – More than 3,000 people are homeless daily in Atlanta. We advocate for policies to help those living in poverty to meet their basic needs and are committed to a social safety net for the most vulnerable among us. Contact Adelaide Steedley at ad.steedley@gmail.com.

IMMIGRATION – We affirm that immigrants are valuable members of our communities and are committed to advocating for humane policies that respect the dignity of every human being. Contact Marti Breen at mbreen@c3marketing.com.

LGBTQ EQUALITY – As Christians, we have a legacy of inclusion and believe in a loving, liberating, and life-giving God. Contact David Culp at daver-cp@gmail.com.

MASS INCARCERATION – Our nation leads the world in imprisoning our citizens. This committee gives voice and provides resources to efforts to reform juvenile and adult prisons and our justice system. Contact Don Plummer at reporterdon@gmail.com.

RACIAL RECONCILIATION – Structural racism limits our ability to live in a unified society and we at St. Luke's are equipped to help make our community more whole. We are committed to thoughtfully examining the historical basis for structural racism and advocacy is integral to our mission. Contact Elliot Watts at elliottjwatts@gmail.com and Panke Miller at pankemiller@outlook.com.

SEX TRAFFICKING – We seek ways to connect and strengthen the efforts of partners in the Atlanta faith community working to provide support for victims of sex trafficking and to help restore the freedom lost through acts of kindness and love. Contact Jon Tonge at jtonge@gmail.com.

VOTER EMPOWERMENT – Episcopal congregations across the country are at the forefront of voter engagement efforts. This team's work includes volunteer activities aimed at registering and empowering voters and advocacy. Contact Lala Halsema at leigh@theshimmerfilms.com.

Whatever your gifts to give, we welcome you to learn, pray and act through FAN's programs and efforts. You can find more information on an ongoing basis at stlukesatlanta.org/advocacy.



Thursday, October 7 at 7:30 p.m.
at All Saints' Episcopal Church

The Rev. Winnie Varghese, Preacher
The Rev. Kimberly Jackson, Celebrant

The service is open to all and all are welcome
as part of the ministry of the
Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta to
"draw the circle wider" in our faith community.

Due to COVID-19, masks are required for the service and vaccinations are requested.



Mark your calendars:

- Oct 3 Big Wheels Sunday
- Oct 17 Youth Group 11:30a-1:30p
Lunch provided
- Oct 23 Rite 13 Rehearsal Dinner
- Oct 24 Rite 13 Liturgy
- Oct 30 Trunk or Treat

Register Now! Please visit stlukesatlanta.org or scan the QR code to register for **CHOIR** (as well as Sunday School and Youth Group!)

- LEAD Sunday Worship
- TRAVEL on Choir Trips
- SING for Special Services (e.g., Advent Lessons & Carols, Christmas Eve, Evensong)

Contact Colleen Kingston for more information: colleen@stlukesatlanta.org



Join your St. Luke's friends for dinner (starting at 5:30 pm), classes, hanging out and catching up, rehearsals - and more!

Dina and Company make Wednesday dinners something special - each week. Take a mid-week respite from cooking (or fast food) and join us for good food and good friends!

RSVP online by midnight Monday.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES
SCHEDULE

6:30 pm	Prep Choir in Room 201 (Grades 1 and 2) Program in Room 205 for Grades 3-5
7 pm	Junior Choristers in Room 201 (Grades 3-5) Program in Room 205 for Grades 1 and 2

Classes

October 6 His Truth is Marching On
Location: St. Luke Room Time: 6:30-7:30pm
Speaker: The Rev. Canon Brian Jemmott

October 13 / 27 Sacred Ground
Location: St. Luke's Room Time: 6:30-8:30pm

October 20 Your Digital Footprint
Location: Budd Hall Time: 6:30-7:30pm
Speaker: Michelle Jemmott

October 27 and November 3 Five Principles that make for a great relationship
Location: Budd Hall Time: 6:30-8:00pm
Speakers: Linda and Louis McCloud

All relationships encounter bumps and conflicts; however, most of us do not realize the truth of the saying, "what you are arguing about is not what you are arguing about." So, we get stuck in the problems and not the solutions. This class will look at five systems that are responsible for the solutions that help people in relationships feel safe, seen, secure and joyfully alive. Presented by Linda and Louis McLeod, couples' therapists for over 30 years who continue to be intentional in working on their own relationship.



WE CELEBRATE THE LIVES THAT MAKE UP
THE COMMUNITY OF ST. LUKE'S CHURCH.

Birthdays during October

1 Bruce Faurot Elizabeth Wilcox Ashley Fowlkes	9 Hunter Hughes III Larry Skowronek Jr Hunter Hyde	Drew Vann Jane Okpala Weber Whelan	27 Bert Compton Paul Duckwall Michael Glass
2 Stuart Girardeau Amy Bryan Howell Hollis IV	Caitie Carr Chris Maxwell Alexandra Milliken	17 Robert Long IV Elizabeth Portwood	Aneesh Mehta Amy Haer Eliza Heath
3 Olivia Stephens Sue Mattison Sherra Deierhoi	10 Nina Lamson Norman Hoyes Lori Kirk	18 Janet Tanksley Eleanor Hand Sydney Adams	Glancy Stowers Joe Crawford 2Rowan Scronce
Neill Lester Giede Uzzi Sally Strand Ellie Moore	Erika Birg Darencia Pearson Lansing Lee	19 Veronica Biggins 20 Franklin Biggins	28 Nat Nwizu James Poindexter Jr Sandra Williams
Harry Putt Xavier Tabb Mary Claire Huff	11 Lewis Glenn Lala Halsema Courtney Vann	21 Billy Vaught Laura McNeill Meg Moye	Linda Wiant Charles Calhoun CJ Cash
4 Ruth Yurchuck Katherine Tribble Kathy Hunsinger	Margaret Cushman Ellie Dinerman 12 Carter Fowlkes Jr	Susan Laird Denson Buttrey Liam Serrie	Diane Okpala Alex Daniels Alex Maxwell
Carole Schenck Barrett Batson Debby Crawford-Yates	Rhita Pflieger Rusty Price-Pyrda Weedie Stowers	22 Mary Jane Newsom Mark Carubia Larry Hannan	Henry Pollet Annie Morris 29 Fran Wood
Phil Thomas Hunter Hughes IV	Joey Burby IV Francis Brewster Lois Proeller	Anne Louise Portwood Jordan Killenberg Parker Killenberg	Alice Narucki Mary Bear Hughes Hammy McFall
5 Edwin Johnson I Nancy Hostetter Carrie Teegardin	13 Catherine D'Antignac Kate Fields 13 Matthew Traxinger	23 Aziz Mehram George Heery Jr Geoffrey Hand	30 Frances Harrold Helen Izlar Ellen Winer
Madison Rigger Reed Dobbs Bobby Kidd	Katherine Stewart Katie Hinshaw Nicholas Knoll	Amanda Wood Callie Kennedy Christopher Kennedy	Reese Long 31 Jane Lafferty
June Norris	Jadyn Kaltenbach	Matthew Kennedy	Vaneesa Little
6 Annabeth Balance Julie Lanier Rebecca Sands	14 Charley Hill Robby Russell Jr. Butch Ross	24 Glenn Couvillon Brandon Kopp Leslie Lang	Kate Dinerman Katie Rigby William Patterson
Gavin Bradley Wendy Tucker JC Ledbetter	Joanna Greene Iliana Adams	Libby Taylor	Elizabeth Kirk Jackson James
7 Dawn Shipp Frances Neely	15 Jean Anderson Michael Wakefield May Alston	25 Marianne McConnel Moira Keller Linda Parrish	
8 Fontaine Draper Nova Horten Anna Sherrill	16 Marisa Nihiser Miles Sanders Bill Grantham	Richard Lee Anna Moore Martha Lea Davidson	
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Join us for the next Interfaith Prayer Vigil on **Monday, October 4 at 6 p.m.** (please link in at 5:45pm). Soumaya Khalifa and her colleagues from the Islamic Speakers Bureau have offered to host the October gathering. The vigils are offered on a monthly schedule and leadership rotates among the interfaith community.

There is a real power in interfaith prayer, as St. Luke's parishioner Ann Cramer notes: "Each vigil I am touched that the words are more relevant than they were in the vigils of the past!! The prayers touch my very soul and resonate in a deep spiritual way!"

The Zoom link is online.

Pastoral Crisis or Concerns?

- Call Bethany Trout 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 or;
 - ✘ To have someone placed on the St. Luke's Intercessory Prayer list to be prayed for daily.

After-hours & 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.

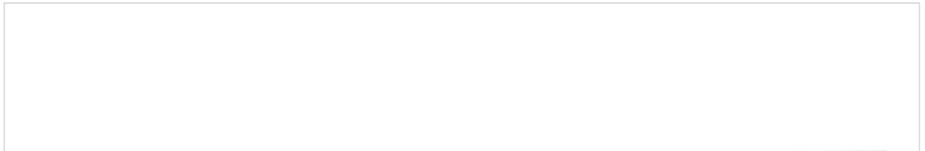
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E-mail Hala Hess White hala@stlukesatlanta.org or call 404-873-7630 to submit articles.

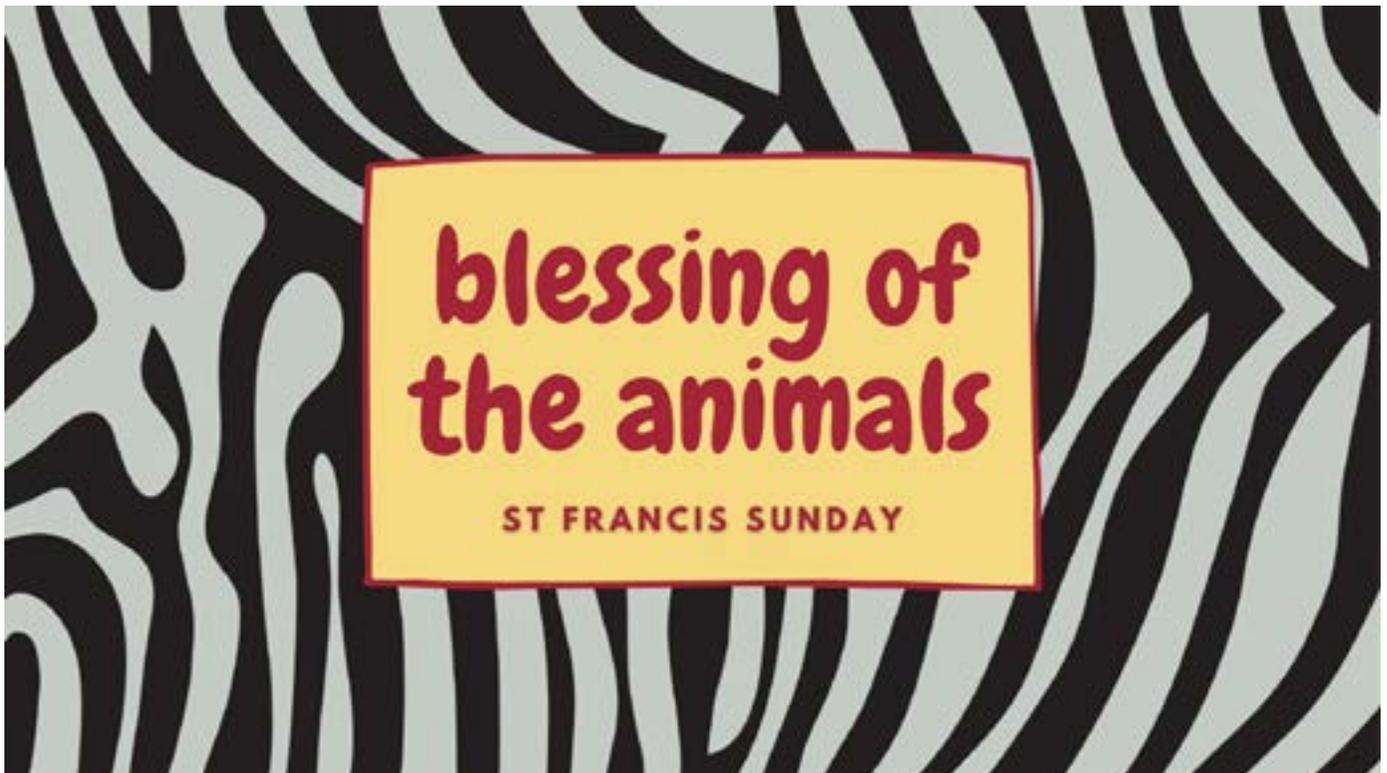
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Sunday, October 3 at 4 p.m. in The Park at St. Luke's - Bring your animals to be blessed!