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SAINT LUKE'S PARISH WINDOW

"TO KNOW CHRIST AND TO MAKE CHRIST KNOWN"

SAINT LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, PRESCOTT, ARIZONA



Worship Services

Saturdays

5:30 p.m.

Sundays

8:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

Wednesdays

10:00 a.m. Mid-Week
Eucharist Service

Morning Prayer

Thursdays

8:30 a.m.

Bible Study

Wednesdays

6:00 p.m.

Parish Window Changes

This will be the final *monthly* issue of the Parish Window. After this September *Parish Window*, we will be publishing a quarterly newsletter.

There are several reasons for this change:

1. A quarterly *Parish Window* allows for more in-depth articles and pictures.
2. The quarterly *Parish Window* will become more attractive and user friendly.
3. The Weekly E-pistle, our email newsletter is providing the upcoming events, so duplication in the *Parish Window* is unnecessary
4. The E-pistle will be enhanced to provide more information and news on a weekly basis.

Be sure to watch for our next **Parish Window** in January.

The deadline will be December 15, 2015.

Saint Luke's Pot Lucks – 2015

September	Ellie & Richard Lassiter	October	Rosey & Les Garripee
November	Jan & Ed Hume	December	Host/Hostess Christmas Party

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A Note from Father Pierre-Henry

Dear people of St Luke's,

As I am about to begin my second year with you I would like to tell you how grateful I am to serve the Lord in such an amazingly generous and welcoming community! St Luke's generosity is seen through the warm welcome that visitors and newcomers feel when they visit us Sunday after Sunday. St Luke's generosity is seen when newcomers feel at home and included in all that we do. St Luke's generosity is expressed through the various ministries we have for the community and outside. The great thing with generosity, is that more we share and more we have to share! Let us keep doing the good work!

In all our ministries there is room for growth, and certainly new ministries are going to be added in order to serve the needs of more people. We have lots of possibilities in front of us, possibilities to worship more fully, to serve more fully, to study more fully, and to love more fully.

Communication is very often a source of conflict within a congregation, especially when information is not shared. The Vestry, the staff, and I have tried our best to communicate, and to share what needs to be shared. We are working to improve our communication tools. Our Weekly newsletter (the E-pistle) is going to be even more attractive, with all the news and info about St Luke's. Our monthly newsletter (*Parish Window*) is now a quarterly edition, which should allow us to have more in-depth articles, and non-dated materials. Finally, a new website, designed by a local company, is under construction. It will be more modern, responsive, interactive, and will allow us to have a better presence on the net.

I am very excited about what lies ahead for us! Together, let's rejoice for all the good things the Lord has done in our lives. Let us rejoice for God's blessings, and let us try to do our best to know Christ and to make Christ known.

Your Brother in Christ,

Pierre-Henry+

The Deacon's Voice

The Upside of Downsizing

Moving can be an emotional process at any age, especially as an elder. Many seniors have accumulated decades worth of belongings, and the idea of going through them can be daunting. But starting the process of downsizing sooner rather than later can ease the transition for seniors and their families. It can be an emotional, uplifting experience for adult children and their parents if elders downsize and are in a good place. The key to making downsizing a positive experience is to start the process before it becomes an urgent necessity. Waiting until an emergency or hospitalization occurs can make the process stressful for everyone. Discuss downsizing early and openly. When you spring something on someone out of nowhere, it can be frightening. But if you have an ongoing dialogue that's genuine, then that's how it can be made a positive experience.

Starting the conversation about downsizing early also gives older adults time to ready themselves emotionally. Preparation with regard to emotion is key. It can help make it successful. If you aren't emotionally prepared, it can make it a very uncomfortable, unpleasant experience for everyone involved. Giving time to process and accept the change can make all the difference during this transition.

With emotional preparation, downsizing can become a positive experience. Parents might be surprised how much they enjoy the opportunity to pass on family heirlooms to loved ones. It can be such a wonderful experience that the parents can have, being able to see their furniture or objects with family members who have been treasuring them. It can be a really great bonding experience and a really positive experience for everyone involved.

Many retirement facilities have people who can help you decide what will fit into your new home.

In His Service,

Deacon Kimball Arnold

Eucharist at Quixote's Garage

The Reverend Emilie Finn celebrates Eucharist at 10:30 a.m. at Quixote's Garage on the last Monday of each month...all are invited! Quixote's Garage is in the alley that leads up to the Sam Hill warehouse off of Willis. Quixote's Garage is a drop-in for anyone who needs a place to be out of the cold, heat, or just a safe, calm place to relax during the day. They are open every day from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. They have a telephone and take messages, their address can be used to receive mail, they have several couches, free coffee and sometimes goodies. They

Elder Appreciation Sunday Celebrates Its Tenth Anniversary

All parishioners, friends and family are invited to a reception for St. Luke's elders on Sunday, September 20 in the fellowship hall immediately following the 10 a.m. service. Please plan to greet our outstanding elder honorees and receive a wonderful new book with their interesting life stories.

Refreshments will be served.

Tokens of God’s Mercy

Today in sorting through a stack of papers I found a treasured item. It was an international courier envelope that came to me in 2006 bearing a memory card of photographs I had taken and lost on our tour to Thailand. The photos on the memory card are probably the best I’ve taken anywhere and I was heart-broken when they did not arrive home with me. To make a long story short: The memory card was about the size of a postage stamp. It held 600 pictures. I asked our tour guide to check with our hotel in Chiang Mai. No luck.

In the meantime I prayed, letting go of the meaningfulness of these pictures to me and asking God to help me keep things in perspective. I also asked a few friends to pray for this even though the chances of the card being recovered were about nil.

Our tour guide then checked the Bangkok airport and additionally tracked down the bus driver who had taken us to the airport. Weeks later the bus driver, who was by then 200 miles north in China and had already used the bus many times for transporting other groups, found the memory card stuck to the curtain of his bus. It was transferred to the curtain when I was filling travel forms out using street light from the window. The 600 photos were returned to me in the envelope I rediscovered today.

For me, this was a God thing – a miracle that God in His mercy granted me that only He could have done. The envelope is a reminder to me of His faithfulness in little things.

Do you have reminders of special things God has done for you in the past? Do you tell your stories to others who are hungry for first-hand accounts of God’s amazing works? Do you let these memories give YOU energy when life is difficult? God is good. Spirituality involves seeing this in things large and small.

Peace and Joy, **Nancy Carmichael**, Spiritual Director (928) 445-6287



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Length: The recommended length is a maximum of 300 words or three-fourths (3/4) of an 8.5" x 11" page, Verdana size 12 font.

Photographs: All photos should pertain to an article or event. **Contact:** The author’s name and a contact email address or phone number is required for consideration of publication.

Editorial Review

Changes: All articles are subject to editing by the Editor for content, clarity, brevity or style as established by the Editorial Board. Articles are subject to approval by the Parish Rector. Authors may be notified of editorial changes prior to publication.

Attribution: The name of the author will be included with the article.

Priorities: Reasonable efforts will be made to publish all submissions.

To Tell the Youth



TIME FOR NEW BEGINNINGS!

The children and youth are excited to start a new year at St Luke's with a lot of new projects and events.

The second Sunday of every month you will see our young people participate in the Service, taking over the different liturgical jobs: reading, bringing the bread and wine, passing the plate... this is a good opportunity for them to be involved and to become active members of their church.

This June we are taking our youth group on a mission trip in Cortez, Colorado. The teen have been asking and Father Pierre-Henry and I think that they are ready to engage themselves in helping others and see Christ in action. It is going to be a wonderful adventure and a spiritual experience that will stay with them forever.

In order to finance this trip the kids have come up with great fundraising ideas. We will have a pumpkin sale in October (yay, how fun!); a garage sale in November (get rid of your junk!) and probably a "car-wash" during spring.

Our Children and Youth ministry is strong but small and we want it to grow. So, BE READY! I am going to need your help organizing family events like "Halloween Feast", "Craftivity", "Mardi-Gras", Vacation Bible School and more.

There are many different ways you can help. First, spread the word and come to the events, bring friends and neighbors with kids. Donate items or food. You can also help during the event (cooking, crafting, story-telling...).

We have a lot of work ahead of us but, it is exciting stuff!!

Children are the light of the Church, we want to welcome them and help them discover the love of Christ.

Jesus rocks!

Sophie Buisson

Hearing Devices Available for Church Services

The ushers will gladly lend you a receiver which you can adjust (the volume) to enhance your hearing and participation in our worship. These devices have a short cord and earpiece. They are located on the usher's table in the Narthex. Return them to the usher's table after the service and they will be available to you the next time.

The Treasurer's Report is posted in the Gathering Hall or available upon request.

Fr. Pierre-Henry has asked the Daughters of the King who attended the 46th DOK Triennial in Midway, Utah, June 19-23rd to tell you about our experience there. In a nutshell:

God's Holy Spirit was with us, as we experienced awesome worship, friends new and old, learning about others and praising God. It was a spiritual occasion set within a community of people dedicated to serve God.

One of the main speakers, Canon Andrew White (the Vicar of Baghdad), has an extraordinary ministry of reconciliation and conflict mediation in the Middle East. For his safety, he has left Baghdad and now coordinates Iraqi aid efforts from other locations in various Middle Eastern countries. His organization, FRRME, delivers humanitarian relief to all who have been displaced due to the horrific violence. The most memorable comment he made was, "When you've lost everything, Jesus is all you have left."

The other main speaker was The Rev. Becca Stevens, an Episcopal priest, social entrepreneur, speaker and author. She is the founder of "Magdalene", a non-profit of women who have survived lives of violence, prostitution, trafficking and addiction. To support this effort, she founded Thistle Farms, which produces high quality products such as hand soap and lotion. She spoke poignantly about the women she helps to survive and that we can all practice advocacy and outreach as prayer.

These are highlights of things heard in the workshops: "Inner Healing"—Jesus is able to bring healing to our lives without the limits of time or place. Dr. Herzog shared stories of acts of healing that were simply amazing. "Jesus absorbed all the bad (poison) into himself to heal us."

"Caring and Sharing: Rooted in Prayer"—Daughters commit to prayer, service, and evangelism. This workshop demonstrated how to bring all three practices into a single cycle. In prayer, we are filled to overflowing with joy in God's goodness. In service, we glimpse Christ's face in our neighbors and share His goodness with them. In evangelism, we see God's mercy at work in their lives and pray for them.

There was much praise singing everyday which was led by Roger Grenier. To praise God in such a way filled each of us with the Holy Spirit.

DOK is an international order, and sixteen countries from around the world were represented at Triennial. It was quite a tribute to us that they and about seven of their chaplains traveled such distances to spend this spirit filled time with us.

In the midst of all of this sharing and praising God, a business meeting was held to elect a new National Council of DOK. Each candidate was introduced and given two minutes to speak. On the second day we voted by ballot for 15 out of the 19 ladies running. From this group the new National President was elected. It was an interesting procedure to be a part of.

Come and talk to any of us who attended and we can tell you how this experience has changed us. "The Lord is working in mighty ways. It seems He is calling the Daughters to deepen our commitment and our work. It only makes sense as St. Luke's is experiencing great spiritual growth that our Lord will call us to reach out in faith in new areas of ministry such as beginning a Junior Daughters Chapter. We imagine he has much more in store for us.

When we think of young girls being forced into slavery and the children of Christian parents slain, our own issues pale in comparison. We may not be able to do much but we can do something. What would you have me do, Lord?"

Susan Bray
Brenda Schwartz
Madelon Cianfrani

1st Annual St. Luke's Benefit Golf Tournament

October 24, 2015

Antelope Hills Golf Course, Prescott

HELP WANTED

St. Luke's is hosting its first ever benefit golf tournament! Here's how you can help....

If you're a golfer join us and bring a friend or two or three! Cost is \$70 per player for golf, prizes and lunch following.

If you're not a golfer there are plenty of ways to help....

- You can sponsor a golfer...pay him/her \$1 per stroke for his/her NET score.
- If a golfer shoots 100 and has a handicap of 30, his/her net score is 70!
- Hint: sponsor a really good golfer!
- You can sponsor a hole...\$100 per hole...get a group of friends together and split up the cost!
- You can solicit hole sponsors...your dentist, your accountant, your mechanic...
- You can bake cookies or bars for the golfers' "goody bags".

Donate prizes for the winners....golf balls, gift cards

All money raised will support the mission of St. Luke's. Please help us continue and expand our efforts *to know Christ and to make Christ known*.

For more information, contact Lucy Kemper 642-8831 lucylee@cableone.net

A special thank you from the Membership Commission for the 64 Time and Talent surveys that were received. We hope each of you received a call from one of the members of the commission. The names of those who indicated an area of interest in serving will be put into the computer. Many of you selected several different areas. The areas under the commissions are categorized in the computer. Your name will be put under the category you selected and a list of people will be sent to the appropriate commission. You will be receiving a call or email from that commission or chairman of the area you have chosen. We hope this will happen within the next 2 months.

It is always a joy to see the commitment of so many people at Saint Luke's. I know there are far more people who are active in activities that did not turn in a Time and Talent survey. From what I know and members of the Membership Commission, 124 households out of 340 are participating in some service at Saint Luke's. Beyond the service at the church, many of you are doing volunteer work in the community and the world. Many hands make light work.

If you have questions, please let a member of the Membership commission know.

We thank you in Jesus name,
Jean Ehlers, Membership chairman and Volunteer Service

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Upcoming Events: September

Mark Your Calendars Now!

September 5 – Office closed for Labor Day

***September 11 – Prayer in the Spirit of
Taize, 6 p.m. in the Chapel***

September 13—Cabaret, 5:30, Parish Hall

***September 15—Vestry Meeting, 5 p.m.
Conference Room***

***September 19—Cursillo Workshop &
Ultreya, 9 a.m. Classroom
Wing***

***September 20—Elder Appreciation Sunday,
Special Reception following
10 a.m. Service in Parish
Hall***

***September 25th—Monthly Potluck at
Lassiters' home, in Prescott,
5 –7 p.m***

***September 25—Food, Fun & Fellowship,
6 p.m. Youth Room***