

# St. Luke's Episcopal Church

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### Presiding Bishop Curry: Easter 2018 Message from the Holy Land



"The world doesn't have to be this way because God has a dream and a vision for this world, and nothing can stop God's dream," Presiding Bishop Michael Curry tells the congregation during the Palm Sunday Eucharist at the Anglican Cathedral Church of St. George the Martyr in Jerusalem. Photo: Mary Frances Schjonberg/Episcopal News Service

**H**ello on Palm Sunday from St George's Cathedral in Jerusalem.

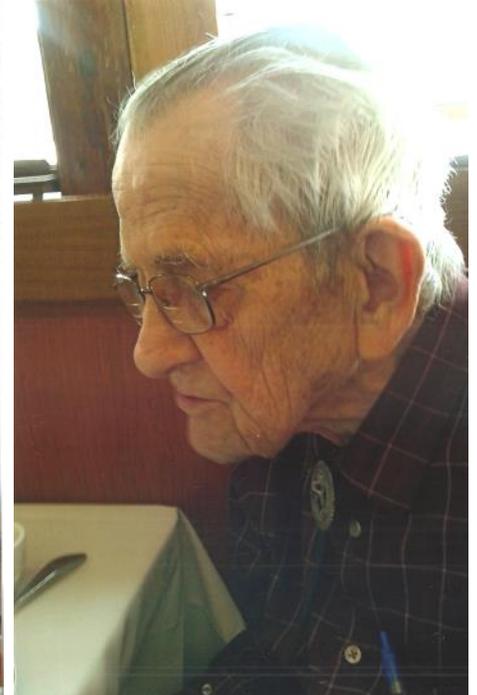
There is a passage in the 27th Chapter of Matthew's gospel where religious leaders, political leaders come together once again after Jesus has been crucified and executed, after he had been buried in the tomb. Once again they come together to seal the tomb, to make sure not even a rumor of his resurrection will happen. And

this is what some of them say:

"Therefore command the tomb to be made secure until the third day. Otherwise, his disciples may go and steal him away and tell the people he has been raised from the dead. And the last deception will be the worse than the first."

It is easy to overlook, and sometimes convenient to forget, that Jesus was executed, Jesus was crucified by an

## DIM SUM SATURDAY!



A group of St. Luke's parishioners gathered at Ridgewood's Dim Sum Dynasty restaurant for an amazing assortment of delicious Chinese appetizers, including a variety of scrumptious dumplings, bok choy (a Chinese vegetable) and even chicken feet. (Yes, chicken *feet*, with barbecue sauce, no less.) A chorus of yums went 'round the tables and a wonderful time was had by all. Many thanks to Siu Chan for organizing the day!



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and Gaspard Caloz*

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*Presiding Bishop Michael Curry has a pensive moment March 25 outside St. George's College at the Anglican Cathedral Church of St. George the Martyr in Jerusalem before the Palm Sunday service begins. Photo: Mary Frances Schjonberg/Episcopal News Service*

unholy alliance of religion, politics, and economic self-interest.

Politics represented in Pontius Pilate, governor of the Roman Empire, representative of that very empire and all of its power.

King Herod, who heard Jesus at one of the trials, representative of the Herodian and economic self-interest at the time.

The Chief Priest, representative of religious aristocracies who had a vested interest in the status quo.

These three powers came together – economic, religious and political – to crucify the one who taught love the lord your God, love your neighbor, and actually live that way.

The truth is the message of Jesus was unsettling to the world then as it is unsettling to the world now. And yet that very message is the only source of hope in life for the way of the cross, the way of unselfish living, the way of sacrificial living, seeking the good, the welfare of the other before one's own unenlightened self-interest. That way of the cross is the way of love. That is the nature of love. And that way is the only hope for the entire human family.

The reality is the way of Jesus was a threat to the way that the world is, and hope for the way the world can and will be.

But on that third day after the crucifixion, when by the titanic power of God, by the power of the love of God, Jesus was raised from the dead. God sent a message and declared that death does not have the last word. Hatred does not have the last word. Violence does not have the last word. Bigotry does not have the last word. Sin, evil do not have the last word. The last word is God, and God is love.

On our pilgrimage here, we stopped and spent two days in Jordan. In Amman, Jordan, we were able to spend some sacred and blessed and painful time with Iraqi Christians. These are Christians, many of whom are Anglican, who have fled their country in Iraq because of war and violence and hatred and desecration. They have given up everything, refusing to renounce their faith in Jesus Christ. And there in Jordan, with the help of the Anglican Church there and many other relief agencies, they are at least safe, hoping to find safe and permanent homes

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**Sign Up  
for  
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*The March 25, 2013 march in Washington, D.C. held in response to the school shooting in Newtown, Conn. On March 24, 2018 members of the diocese will join the march in Washington D.C. held in response to the school shooting in Parkland, Fla. NINA NICHOLSON PHOTO*

## **Processions into the Capital City** *From the Bishop's Blog,* *Signs of Grace* **Posted by Mark Beckwith** **(March 20, 2018)**

This coming Sunday, Palm Sunday, we re-tell (and in some cases re-enact) Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. We hand out palms and shout Hosannas, as we hear and sing the story of Jesus, who is the hope for all Israel, as he enters the capital city. Once inside, Jesus will sit on the throne and become king, the puppet government will be vanquished – and Roman rule will be over. Or so they expect.

The people were excited and expectant – but the Roman authorities were ready. As they were every Passover. Would-be Messiahs were a denarius a dozen in those days; and after they paraded into the city each one would be pulled into a back alley, roughed up a bit and sent out one of the more obscure city gates, with the admonishment that they not try it again. And these dial-up prophets complied, for they had achieved their 15 minutes of fame – and then quickly realized that their quest for something more than attention was a fool's errand.

Jesus was different. He did not bask in the attention. He was on a mission, and he could easily predict its violent outcome. Jesus went to the temple,

turned over the tables of the money changers and then proceeded to teach there every day. His action and teaching posed a significant threat, which caused the Roman spies and corrupt justice system to ramp things up to DefCon 3 – which, by the end of the week, resulted in Jesus being nailed to a cross. A brutal way to make him go away.

This Saturday, six buses filled with Lutherans and Episcopalians from New Jersey will enter the capital city of Washington D.C., along with hundreds of thousands of others, to participate in a "March for Our Lives," a witness against gun violence. The scourge of gun violence is capturing the culture's attention – and there is a groundswell of support to increase gun safety by implementing more comprehensive background checks,

raising the age on purchasing guns and limiting the sale of ever more lethal assault weapons. And that is just a start. High school students from Parkland, Fla., will be leading the procession into the city – and their growing eloquence and outrage about the risks of kids being shot in school is being joined by the growing eloquence and outrage of kids who are at risk of being shot outside of school (and whose voices for too long have gone unheard).

The cultural insistence on gun reform is intensifying – but the political resistance is, yet again, digging in. Funded and aggressively lobbied (if not threatened) by the NRA, too many politicians will echo the decades-old delusion that more guns create more safety, and the constant and annoying whine that the Second Amendment is under siege.

Washington will not mobilize to

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Presiding Bishop Michael Curry and Jerusalem Anglican Archbishop Suheil Dawani pose with Iraqi Christian refugees outside of St. Paul's Church in Amman, Jordan, after their March 24 meeting. Photo: Mary Frances Schjonberg/Episcopal News Service

in other countries.

In the course of our conversations, and listening to them, at one point I found myself quoting a hymn, a song that many folk have heard around Easter, certainly in our country. And I didn't expect a response. You probably know how it goes – it says, "because he lives," referring to Jesus and his resurrection, "because he lives, I can face tomorrow." When I quoted that song, those who have lost their homes, people who have lost everything except life itself, those who have lost loved ones, actually responded to the words of that song. When I said, "Because He lives I can face tomorrow."

When I said Jesus is alive, He's been raised from the dead, I saw them lift

up their heads and respond with the words amen, hallelujah.

My brothers and sisters, evil could not stop him. Death could not stop him. Violence could not stop him. For the love of God, the heart of God, the reality of God is stronger than anything else. And Jesus really rose from the dead on that first resurrection morning.

God love you. God bless you. And, may this Easter season be the first day of the rest of our lives. Amen.

**The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry  
Presiding Bishop and Primate  
The Episcopal Church**



DefCon on March 24th. It won't need to. Most of the politicians will be out of town, and many of them expect that the crowd which shows up on Saturday will shout their slogans, release their anger, figure they have accomplished their task – and then go home.

But many of us will keep coming. If not to Washington, then to gun manufacturers and gun shops, to local officials and legislatures – to our houses of worship and to our street corners, to op-eds and coffee klatches – with both gun rights advocates and gun reform supporters. To rise up and challenge the gun culture which, for the last several decades, has been sacrosanct if not sacred.

I am going to Washington this Saturday in part to follow the passion of young people, but more than that – and deeper than that, I am going to follow Jesus – who, with his unwavering commitment to nonviolence, regularly stepped into the crucibles of power that condoned, if not fostered, violence. The powers of his day stopped him. But his witness endures – and I believe we are meant to draw on his example and follow him – nonviolently, into this evolving cultural chasm. And not give up – and not be stopped.

**Alleluia!  
He is risen.  
The Lord is  
risen indeed.  
Alleluia!**

# BETWEEN THE LINES BOOK CLUB MEETS

## Wednesday, April 25



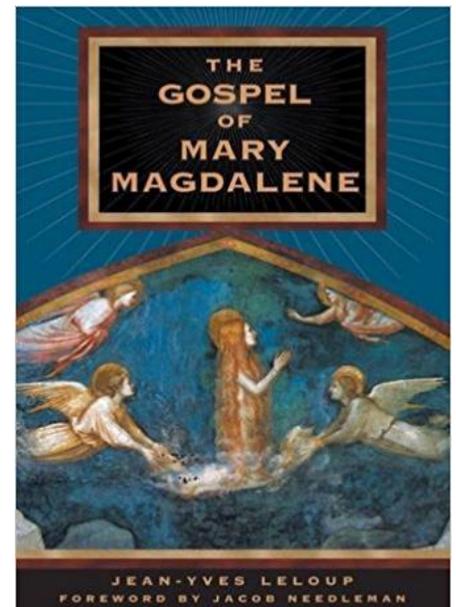
# Bible Study

**Next: April 3 & 17 @ 7:30 P.M.**

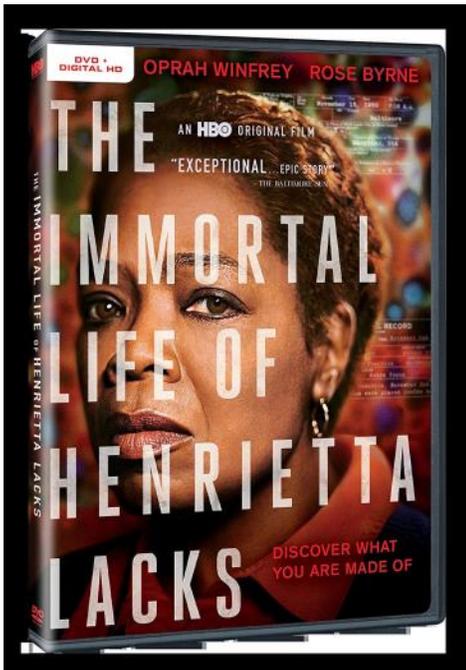
Adult Bible Study resumes after Easter with our study of the Psalms. Everyone is welcome to attend.



## Lenten Program Make-up Session April 8 @ 6:30 PM



Thanks to session cancellations because of the Nor'easters, our Soup, Sandwich and Lenten Study program continues into April as Deacon Erik Soldwedel leads a fascinating foray into the Gnostic Gospels with a discussion of [The Gospel of Mary Magdalene](#). We are reading Orthodox theologian Jean-Yves Leloup's translation from the Coptic. His thorough and profound commentary on this text is presented for the first time in English in this volume. **Join us Wed., April 8 at 6:30 P.M.**



Her name was Henrietta Lacks, but scientists know her as HeLa. She was a poor black tobacco farmer whose cells—taken without her knowledge in 1951—became one of the most important tools in medicine, vital for developing the polio vaccine, cloning, gene mapping, and more. Henrietta's cells have been bought and sold by the billions, yet she remains virtually unknown, and her family can't afford health insurance. This phenomenal New York Times bestseller tells a riveting story of the collision between ethics, race, and medicine; of scientific discovery and faith healing; and of a daughter consumed with questions about the mother she never knew.

## Suggested Reading for the Rest of 2018

**Between the Lines Book Club meets on last Wednesdays at 7:30 P.M.**

**April 25** - *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* - Rebecca Skloot  
**Join us! This month, we're doing Desserts by members!**

**May 30** - *The House of the Spirits* - Isabel Allende (pizza)

**June 27** - *The Other Einstein* - Marie Bedict (dinner out)

**July 25** - *All the Missing Girls* - Megan Miranda (Chinese)

**August 29** - *The Handmaid's Tale* - Margaret Atwood (dessert-4 people)

**September 26** - *Lilac Girls* - Martha Hall Kelly (wine/cheese)

**October 24** - *Before We Were Yours* - Lisa Wingate (potluck supper)

**November** - No Meeting

**December 5** - Dinner

## Visiting Ministry



### SUNRISE OF OLD TAPPAN Tuesday, April 3, 2:00 P.M.

We will carpool from St. Luke's parking lot at 2:00 P.M. See Maureen Bownes about this rewarding ministry.

## April Outreach: Final Call In Support of U.S. Virgin Islands

**ECW Luncheon and  
Barbara L. de Mare,  
Parishioner and Attorney,  
Guest Speaker**



*Presiding Bishop Michael Curry visiting Virgin Island Episcopalians affected by hurricanes Irma and Maria. Photo credit: Amy Sowder/Episcopal News Service*

The needed items include books, writing supplies (pens, notebooks, paper), science lab kits, chairs, globes, projectors, storage containers, water coolers, fans and air conditioners, window blinds, cleaning supplies, etc.



The Episcopal Church Women (ECW) of St. Luke's held a brief business meeting and luncheon on Sunday, March 18 at The Peddler in Cresskill.

During this Lenten season, St. Luke's is participating in a joint outreach fundraising effort with the nine other Episcopal churches in our District 9 area. The goal is to raise \$5,000 — \$500 per church — which will provide assistance to several Episcopal schools in the Diocese of the U.S. Virgin Islands.

A donation box for the project has been placed on the conference table at the back of the church. You may drop in cash or, if you prefer, a check. Checks should be made payable to St. Luke's with a memo note indicating "District 9 2018 Lenten Outreach." **DEADLINE TO HELP: EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 1.**

During coffee and dessert, the group listened to St. Luke's parishioner Barbara de Mare speak about Last Will and Testaments. An attorney with law offices in Hackensack, Barbara specializes in Real Estate, Wills and Trusts, Estate Planning, Corporations, and General Practice.

The schools were devastated last September when two Category 5 hurricanes — Irma and Maria — tore through the Caribbean islands within a two-week period. One hundred percent of your donations will help purchase basic items needed by both students and teachers.

*Hold in prayer all those who have continued to suffer after the ravages of the hurricanes. Let us reach out to them in acts of loving kindness and generosity. Remember the words of Jesus, "Whatever you do to the least of my brothers and sisters, you do unto Me."*

It was a wonderful opportunity for good food, fellowship and learning!



**Surely goodness and  
mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life  
and I shall dwell  
in the house of  
the Lord forever.**

**- Psalm 23**

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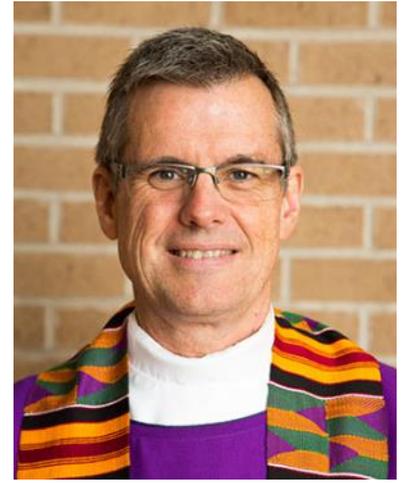
## Transition Committee Announces Schedule, Locations for Walkabouts



**The Rev. Carlye J. Hughes**  
Diocese of Ft. Worth



**The Rev. Lisa W. Hunt**  
Diocese of Texas



**The Rev. Canon Scott G. Slater**  
Diocese of Maryland

The Standing Committee of the Diocese of Newark announced on March 5 a slate of candidates who will stand for election as XI Bishop of Newark at a special convention on May 19, 2018.

Learn about the candidates at [www.dioceseofnewark.org/bishop-search](http://www.dioceseofnewark.org/bishop-search)

The candidates have been invited to participate in a "Walkabout" tour of our diocese. Walkabouts are intended to provide both candidates and diocesan members with opportunities to meet and get to know each other, and to allow the candidates to address concerns and questions from both laity

and clergy.

A total of five Walkabouts are planned for **May 4, 5 & 6, 2018** (see schedule below). To facilitate interaction with all, one is for clergy only, one is for lay only, and three are open to both lay and clergy.

The locations for the Walkabouts were selected based on their geographical location, meeting facilities, accessibility, and proximity to public transit and parking.

To attend a Walkabout, RSVP by **5 PM May 2** at [dioceseofnewark.org/form/rsvp-walkabouts](http://dioceseofnewark.org/form/rsvp-walkabouts).

**Friday, May 4**

**Church of the Saviour, Denville**  
9 AM - 12:30 PM for Clergy only  
1:30 - 5 PM for both Lay & Clergy

**Saturday, May 5**

**Calvary Church, Summit**  
9 AM - 12:30 PM for Lay only  
1:30 - 5 PM for both Lay & Clergy

**Sunday, May 6**

**St. Paul's Church, Englewood**  
1:30 - 5 PM for both Lay & Clergy

**Electing Convention**

**Saturday, May 19, 2018**

Our Deputies to the Annual Diocesan Convention will also have the responsibility of voting for the next Bishop.

## A LOVE LETTER FROM SINGAPORE

To: Everyone we know and love in St. Luke's



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

For the longest time, we have been meaning to write this letter but never got around to it. It has been a year and a few months but it seems like a long time since we departed from your company. We are well settled in here in Singapore, moved back into our home and have readjusted to the way of life here.

Louise now works part time in a law firm and I am in the midst of setting up my own online store, selling apparel. Debbie is doing alright in school and she is on her school's netball team. Adina just turned 3 in December and she goes to Nursery School in a church kindergarten. Rachel turns 2 next month [ March -Ed]. All our girls are blossoming despite the relentless mayhem they cause at home. Chris and Karen will be telling you stories about their antics. I remember how everyone showed them love and concern in St. Luke's and we are thankful for that.

We had a great time catching up and bonding with Chris and Karen and we enquired about each and every one of you. You have no clue how much I miss all of you. It feels like being torn away from family because of the wonderful experiences we have had in St. Luke's. Each and every one of you are so welcoming, so accepting with open arms with a lot of love to give. Never once did we ever feel out of place in St. Luke's. It was beautiful, everyone in St. Luke's exemplifies Christ's second greatest commandment –

**“Love thy neighbor”**

I pray the communities around you will be drawn to your love and fill up the pews.

There are times when I say my bedtime prayers. I'd think about NJ and St. Luke's and miss all of you, shedding a little tear. I'd be transported to the wonderful memories of the fantastic fellowship we've had there. Thank you for the lovely card you sent us via Chris and Karen. I loved

everyone's misses and comments but Al Astorga's comment stood out.

He wrote: **“Hurry back!”**

It put a big smile on my face. God willing, we would love to return to the United States. Perhaps in 2020. Everyone here says we left the U.S. in the nick of time because of the current political climate. Who knows what it will be like in 2020? Let's see...

One day we may just turn up for Sunday service sometime in 2020 and surprise all of you. I am going to keep that in prayer.

I love and miss all of you, the Biesels, the Plinios, the Astorgas, the Plunketts, the Lynches, Claudia, Greg, Carol Maxfield (we share the same birthday), Roberta, Paul, Dave Emerson, John Rios, the Pallattas, Siu Chan, Jack Klie, Louise, Donna, the indomitable Fr. Joe (boy, was he truly amazing, can't be replicated), the Stephensions, the MacDonalds, the Goncis, Tom & Ann Caloz, Cathy, Maureen, Janet and Lisa. If I have left out any names, forgive me, but you are close to my heart as well, nevertheless.

I am typing this letter of on the eve of Chris & Karen's departure from sunny Singapore, we will be missing them, too (maybe sometime next week, haha). I am sure they will be filling you in on their travel experiences and the new things they saw, learned, felt, smelled and tasted in Singapore. And we would like more visitors from St. Luke's Let us continue to keep in touch via Facebook.

We love you all.

'Til we meet again,

In Christ,

Paul, Louise & the girls

# St. Luke's Episcopal Church

## Holy Week and Easter Services



**Maundy Thursday (3/29) —**

Celebration of the Lord's Supper 7:30 P.M.

**Good Friday (3/30) —** The Good Friday Service &

Eucharist from the Reserved Sacrament 7:30 P.M.

**Easter Sunday (4/1) —** Easter Breakfast 9:00 A.M.

Festival Choral Eucharist 10:30 A.M.

Easter Egg Hunt Noon

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### April Art Classes

Jo Stephenson's Tuesday art classes begin on April 10th, and run from 1:30-3:30 P.M. Fees are \$60 for 10 classes and \$10 per class. Classes are held at the Cresskill Senior Center behind the Post Office. (38 Spring Street)

To register, please call Jo at 201-503-9831 or 201-767-1998. Both beginners and advanced students are welcome.

**Note: Jo donated \$310 in proceeds from sales at her recent art show at the Haworth Library to Family Promise of Bergen County. —Eds.**

### Monthly Food Ingathering for Center for Food Action Sunday, April 8

Support our monthly food drives for Center for Food Action in Englewood.

The grocery cart is filled and blessed for the CFA food pantry on the second Sunday of every month.

Help our less fortunate neighbors. To learn more about CFA, click here:

<http://cfanj.org/who-we-are/>

## Save the Dates

### Choir

**Sundays at 9:30 A.M.**

### Sunday School

Christian education will be held on Sunday mornings right after our 10:30 service at church. The class is for pre-school through sixth grade.

### D9 USVI Donations

**Deadline: Easter Sunday, April 1**

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### Bible Study

**Next: April 3 & 17**

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### Vestry Meeting

**Next: April 10 @ 7:30 P.M.**

Anyone is welcome to attend

### Parish Fun Night

3rd Sundays **6 P.M. Next: April 15**

### Snack Pack Assembly

Fourth Sundays **Next: April 22**

### Book Club

Last Wednesdays **Next: April 25**

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For all that is.

For all that is yet to be.

**We give you thanks, O Lord!**

— Dag Hammarskjöld

## Parish Prayer List

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers these members of our parish and extended family:



Edith Biondi, Claudia Smith, Rachel Lynch, Roxanne Gabriel, Maryellen Pais, Sue Pastore, Quinn Rosa, Marie Romano, Linda Stephenson, Patricia Stephenson, Doug Lynch, the family of Stephanie Cash, Patti Kennelly, Rich Gonci Jr., Cathy O'Donnell, Michael Snyder, Kenny Calderon, Diane Kansas, Jason Edone, Bill Heina, Adina and Rachel Kaller, Chan, Hung-Kwong and his family

To add names to our prayer list, please call: Sue Gonci., 201-220-3090 OR Email the Church office at [Office@StLukesHaworth.org](mailto:Office@StLukesHaworth.org)

Our Prayer List is now reviewed on a monthly basis to keep it current and manageable for those who pray regularly. Please contact the office if you wish to keep people on the list for prayers. You may also write names in the book on the Chapel Altar. Loved ones may also be remembered in prayer during the **service of Healing, held on the 3rd Sunday right after our 10:30 Holy Eucharist.**

*Spread the good news  
o'er all the earth,  
Jesus has died and has risen.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Give thanks to the risen Lord.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Give praise to his Name.*

— Hymnal 1982, 178

## April Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 4 Carol Maxfield
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- 19 Helen Shaw
- 26 Carol & Randy Maxfield
- 28 Jane Coleman
- 30 Sue Gonci



If you don't see your special day in our monthly listings, please e-mail the editors and we'll gladly add it!

O God of heavenly powers, by the might of your command you drive away from our bodies all sickness and all infirmity: Be present in your goodness with your servants, that their weakness may be banished and their strength restored; and that, their health being renewed, they may bless your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*



St. Luke's symbol is the ox. This may explain that he is his also patron of butchers. In art, Luke is represented by a winged ox. The ox represents the sacrificial aspect of Jesus' ministry and the wings remind us that the Gospel of Jesus Christ is to travel throughout the world.

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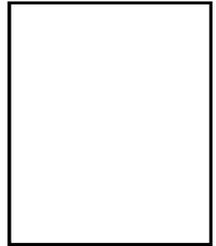


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