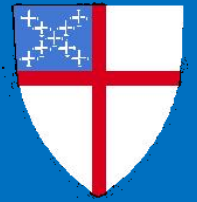


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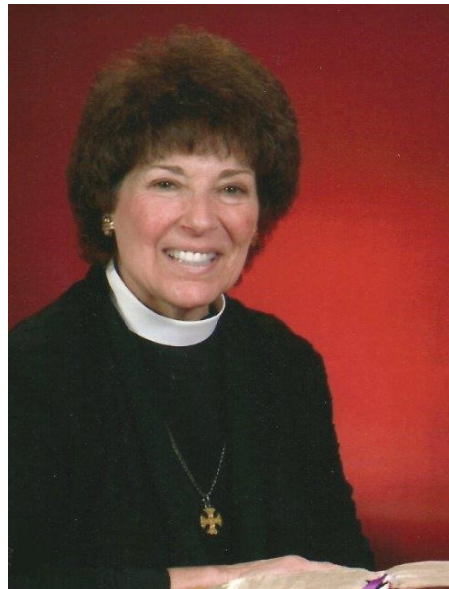
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Reflections from the Rectory

By The Rev. Dr. Joy A. Rose, TSSF



The Rev. Dr. Joy A. Rose

Dear Friends,

After what has proven to be a very busy and very well-attended Lent and Easter season it is certainly tempting to stop and take a rest and just "coast." However the church, especially a smaller church, doesn't stop being church after the holidays. It continues to preach and teach and spread the gospel to those outside the church by word and deed. Today I want to take a moment and "brag on" a very dedicated, caring, and hard-working group of parishioners at St. Luke's – our Visiting Eucharistic Ministry Team.

This dedicated group of folks give of their time and talent to go out as a group to two assisted living centers and bring church – including the opportunity for communion – to people

who can't get to church. In spite of having been busy participating in all of the Lenten and Easter services, two days later they were right back at their outreach ministry. Their gift is to bring music, laughter, conversation, scripture, prayers and hugs to those who often sit alone for long periods of time without anyone to visit them. It is a joy to see how the residents perk up and look up expectantly when they arrive.

They offer the residents the opportunity to participate in a regular church service but tailored to their specific needs and situation. The service has been re-created in extra-large print; the hymns are old familiar tunes; and special booklets, which are lightweight and easier to hold, keep together everything that is needed for a service. The preaching is informal and connects scripture to the life and concerns of those adults who need full-time care or supervision to be safe.

Sure, it can be hard work ... but it is worth it. We raise the residents' spirits and they more than return the favor. We always leave feeling as if they have given us a gift instead of the other way around. They thank us profusely, holding onto our hands, saying how much it means to them to have the opportunity to be church, telling us that we have made scripture accessible, meaningful and easy to understand, and thanking us for the opportunity to join together and praise God together with song and joyful hearts.

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Soul Food: Psalm 23 According to Roberta Nobleman

Forward Day by Day in one of its meditations last month invited readers to write their own version of Psalm 23. Here's Roberta's. Readers of New Visions are invited to write their own versions and submit them to the Editors for publication.

My Lord is my Midwife
I shall not fear this birthing.
She makes me rest in a simple, ordered place
He restores my real life
She leads me in paths to
THE RIGHT WAY to do this,
Because His name is TRUTH.
Even though I walk restlessly in these nights
Of "not knowing", I fear no evil
For Jesus is with me.
His healing and His parables, His knowing
Those "wolves of want"
Guide me towards this new birth.
You prepare an altar in the midst
Of the "Now" and the "Not Yet"
You teach me to breathe through the pain,
Take my head full of worries, and
You drench me with loving oil from
A lover's hands, gentle and strong.
Only goodness and loving kindness shall
Follow me all the days of this life.
I shall not merely dwell but I shall
Live in my FATHER'S house for ETERNITY

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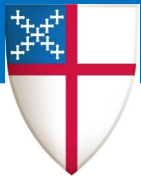
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**Surely goodness and
mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life
and I shall dwell
in the house of
the Lord forever.**

- Psalm 23

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Q&A: Matters of Faith and The Bible

Q. Why Are There So Many Churches?

A. It does seem strange that all the different denominations can't get together and be one church. Jesus did pray that we all might be one as He and the Father are one. And some of the lines of difference are blurring. Some Baptist churches now have kneelers, Methodists wear vestments and have acolytes, Lutherans wear Roman Collars, Catholics have Bible Studies, and some Episcopalians sing praise hymns with their arms raised or their hands outstretched like Pentecostals.

But it is not as simple as all that. The difference between the various branches runs deep. It can be found in the various ways Christians understand God and live out their experience of God. There are three basic differences (ways) of understanding.

The first is something that equates being a Good Christian with being a good American. This understanding sees our country as a Christian Nation and feels that, like the Ancient Israelites, we have been chosen by God to point the way for the rest of the world. In this understanding man is totally depraved and only by the

Grace of God can he help himself. It divides people into the good people and the bad people. The good people, chosen by God, keep all the rules. The bad people don't. There is much emphasis on preaching and the pulpit is central. There is a particular emphasis on the will of God being responsible for everything that happens – even in the face of great tragedies or terrible disasters. It is very past-oriented and desires to bring back the “good old days.”

The second understanding sees an emphasis on getting people saved. These folks divide the Christian world between those who attend a Bible-preaching Church and those who do not. They further divide church members between those who are just members and those members who have “been saved.” They have a very definite formula for salvation. A person must do certain things, say certain words, and believe in a certain way or they will not be able to get the assurance of salvation. Guilt and fear are the two most common ways of leading the people. The church gathers primarily for Bible Study. Members bring their bibles and the sermon often resembles a



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long Bible Study Lesson. This second understanding is very future-oriented. It affirms that this world is an evil place that crucified the very person God sent to save it. Only when we die and leave it behind can we know heaven and the true joy of God.

The third understanding is very present-oriented. It proclaims that the world is a good place, and that life is a good gift from God, who created all things. It proclaims that Jesus and the Kingdom of God are present here in our midst... we have only to open our eyes to see Him and His glorious works. It believes that the universe and the experiences of life communicate God's great love for us and that the universe itself is sacramental. It believes that faith is a journey and the best way to take this journey is with a common community – called “The Church.” The Church gathers regularly to receive instruction, to tell the story of God's love for all people, to be nourished by the sacraments, and to encourage and support one another. The work of the church is to continue the ministry of Jesus especially to those who are poor, ill, or in need.

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Outreach doesn't always have to mean giving money, clothing, food, or supplies. Sometimes outreach is accomplished simply by “being there” and giving of yourself.

communion. That's what the visiting Eucharistic Ministry Team of St. Luke's does for those whom they visit.

Blessings,

That's what Christ does for us in

Mother Joy+

*Reference: Dennis Maynard



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Listening in Silence *From the Bishop's Blog,* *Signs of God's Grace* **Posted by Mark Beckwith** **(April 19, 2017)**

The alleluias rang out on Easter Sunday, celebrating the Resurrection. The hymns were sung with greater volume, reflecting the joy of the day and more voices in church.

And then Monday came, and while the din was different, there was still a lot of it. North Korea. Syria. Immigration. Health care. Tax reform. Gun legislation. It is lot of noise, and for many of us – and certainly for me, I can't seem to turn it off. Not only does it threaten to crowd out the Easter memory, on some days it has become a perverse addiction. The noise keeps many of us in fight-or-flight mode, rendering our psyches on perpetual red alert.

While we celebrate Easter with great fanfare, the original story was one of silence. An empty tomb. A quiet morning when the women first arrived. Easter was first proclaimed in silence.

Over the years I have discovered that silence is an important and life-giving exercise. Spending time in silence is a form of listening, not to mention an important balance to the cacophony that surrounds us. I have found that silence is a unique gateway to discerning clarity, receiving God's blessing and claiming our belovedness.

Some of us are relieved that Lent is over, and whatever we took on or gave up for that season is now in the rear view mirror. But now we have the

Easter season, which gives us seven weeks to absorb the Easter story and accept the gift of new life – for Jesus and for us as well.

I invite you to experiment with some intentional journeys into silence this Easter season. Start with a couple of minutes. Invite God in, and when the various tasks, concerns, anxiety and pain inevitably creep in and take up space or take over your mind, don't punish yourself. Gently go back to the silence. Or stop and try another time.

About twenty years ago I visited the ecumenical Taizé community in southern France. Their music, mode of hospitality and style of worship draws thousands of pilgrims each week from all over the world. The entire community gathers three times a day for worship in a barn-like structure that can expand to accommodate up to 5,000 people. The prayers and chants reflect the

linguistic diversity of the gathered community. And then there is ten minutes of silence. At every service. After a few days there, with so many languages being spoken and sung, I discovered that silence is the world's common language.

We listened in silence. And that silence drew us closer as a community as much as the music and hospitality did. Ever since the community was founded during World War II, Taizé's mission has been the practice of reconciliation, which they have carried out quietly but effectively all over the world. A mission grounded in silence.

We need silence. The world needs our witness of silence – which is not simply the absence of sound, but the space in which God's presence shows up in a unique and life giving way. And which can provide clarity as to how best to move forward in a world that is flooded with noise, and how we might better listen to one another. ❖

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Save the Dates

Choir Rehearsal

Sunday warmups at 9:30 AM

Note: Long-form rehearsals have been suspended because of choir members' work schedules

Bible Study

Next: May 2, 16 @ 7:30 P.M.

NO Wednesday AM Healing Services This Month

New Schedule to Be Announced

CFA Food Drive

2nd Sundays Next: May 14

Vestry Meeting

Next: May 16 @ 7:30 P.M.

Anyone is welcome to attend

Parish Fun Night

3rd Sunday of the month at **6 P.M.**
Fun and games and fabulous pot-luck food. Join us! **Next: May 21**

Snack Pack Assembly

4th Sunday of the month after church.
Next: May 28

Visiting Ministry

Bringing Eucharist to assisted living residents. **Next: On May 16 @ 2:15 Sunrise/Old Tappan, leave church at 1:45. On May 18 @ 2:30 Brookdale/Emerson, leave church at 2:00.**

Book Club

See **Page 8** for Our Schedule!
Next: May 31

Save the Date: Walk-in Dinner Set for May 25



Calling on everyone who is able to help with the next Walk in Dinner at Bergen County Housing, Health and Human Services Center in Hackensack!

St. Luke's and the Lutheran Church of Our Savior, Paramus will be hosting the dinner on **Thursday, May 25th.**

Come to a meeting after the service on Sunday, May 7th to discuss the menu and logistics.

We need your input whether you plan to make a dish, serve or provide transportation or help with all of the above. This is an important ministry at St. Luke's. Please come and learn more of the Where? What? Why? When? and How? — Janet Beddoe



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May Outreach: ST. LUKE'S ARTIST IN RESIDENCE

Someone recently told Jo Stephenson that she should share with New Visions her personal outreach project. We are delighted she did. A bit of a backstory: Jo is part of the visiting Eucharistic Ministry Team that Mother Joy references in her column this month. The group visits Sunrise in Old Tappan and Brookdale in Emerson. Obviously influenced by her experiences with that group, our St. Luke's Artist in Residence decided there was a way for her to combine her passion for painting and assist the residents of one of the senior living centers she already visits. Here's what Jo had to tell us about her idea. – Eds.

This is about my going twice a month to SUNRISE in Old Tappan (retirement and nursing home). I have started a new Program where I talk about a famous painter for about half an hour and then ask the



residents questions on what they know of him. Then I distribute copies of sketches I have done of one of the painter's famous paintings and ask the residents to finish it in water-color. Their paintings are put into frames and hung for everyone to see.....THEY LOVE THE IDEA OF HEARING ABOUT THE PAINTER AND THEN FINISHING ONE OF HIS PAINTINGS!

In addition, Jo shared news about the art classes she offers, this time at the Cresskill Senior Center.

– Eds

My new classes started on Tues. April 4th and every Tues. thereafter for 10 weeks 1:30-3:30 pm...(Cresskill Senior Center). We cover a different subject every week.

The class is comprised of 10-12 seniors. Some are beginners and some are more advanced. This series of classes will also include an outdoor sketching class. The students are also having an EXHIBIT at the Cresskill Library during the month of JUNE. Anyone interested in joining us, please see me or call me at 201 767 1998.

- Jo Stephenson



Monthly Food Ingathering for CFA on Sunday, May 14

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

Sunday of every month. Help our less fortunate neighbors. To learn more about CFA, click here:

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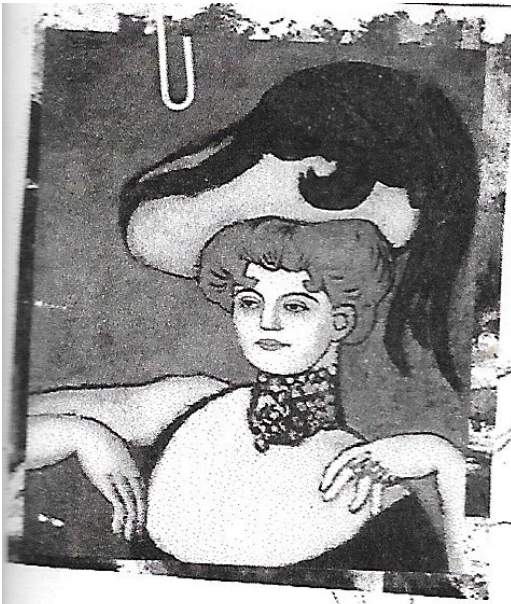
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Want to try your hand at painting? Print out the sketch and see what you can do. Crayons, colored pencils, watercolor paints, oil paints — there are many different media you can try. If you do, take it to Jo and let her critique your work — and give you tips!



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Easter Breakfast

The St. Luke's family gathers for breakfast prior to the Easter service of Festival Choral Eucharist, keeping to the tradition we inherited from our Lutheran parish members



Between the Lines Book Club Meets on Last Wednesdays

The Book Club meets at **Tri-Valley Restaurant** on the last Wednesday of the month to take advantage of the restaurant's generous donation to St. Luke's (see the notice below). Join us for dinner or dessert & coffee @ 7:30 P.M. — and whether you have read the book or not. Check out our schedule!

The May Read:
Whistling Past the Graveyard
by Susan Crandall

From an award-winning author comes a wise and tender coming-of-age story about a nine-year-old girl who runs away from her Mississippi home in 1963, befriends a lonely woman suffering loss and abuse, and embarks on a life-changing road trip.

May 31

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Whistling Past the Graveyard
Susan Crandall

June 28

On Gold Mountain -
Lisa See

July 26

The Fall of Marigolds - Susan Meissner

August 30

The Day We Met - Rowan Coleman

September 27

The Husband's Secret - Liane Moriarty

October 25

The Man Called Ove - Fredrik Backman

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Tri-Valley: Parish Fundraiser

Have breakfast, lunch or dinner at **Tri-Valley Restaurant** on Monday and Wednesday and St. Luke's will receive 10% of your bill. Tri-Valley is located on the corner of Knickerbocker Rd. and DeLong Ave. in Dumont. Be sure to tell the cashier that you are a member of St. Luke's so we get credit for your visit!

Parish Prayer List

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

Shannan Coleman, The Gonci Family, Michael, The Klie Family, Rachel Lynch, Roxanne Gabriel, Scott Lewis, Edythe Davis, Sheri and Tyler, Maryellen Pais, Anne Betterley, Kenneth Calderon, Debbie Booth, The Price Family, The Family of Gloria Jonassen, Keith, Sue Pastore, Marie Romano, Eleanor Abrahamsen, Linda Stephenson, Patricia Stephenson, Eleanor Belisle-Holden, Lisa, Jose Delgado, Elizabeth Sicari, Ralph, Lisa & Doug, Cheryl; Rosemarie; Coby, Hank, Alycia & Julia, Leroy, The Nobleman Family, Bill & Grace Repp, Michael Kelley, Sheila Seigman, The Pitruzzello Family, Stephanie Cash, Angela Stabler, Michael de Mare, Mary Lynn Davis, Polly & Jessica, Terrence Pellegrin, Deborah Holden-Holloway, the Family of Filomena Leone, the Family of Ryan Lee Alexander, Patti Kennelly, Rita Kennelly



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.*

May Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 14 Jo & Junius Stephenson
- 21 Susan Coleman
- 22 David Astorga
- 23 Maureen Bownes

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



To add names to our prayer list, please call: Sue Gonci., 201-220-3090 OR **Email the Church office at Office@StLukesHaworth.org** You may also write names in the book on the Chapel Altar. Loved ones are remembered in prayer during the mid-week service of Healing and Eucharist on Wednesdays at 11:30 A.M.

**For all that has been.
For all that is.
For all that is yet to be.**

We give you thanks, O Lord!

— Dag Hammarskjöld

JARS FOR CHANGE



It's a simple idea, especially for anyone who has pockets in their pants or skirt: Empty the spare change you've thrown into your pockets when you break a dollar bill into one of Heidi's Jars. Yes, Heidi Plinio has provided **Jars for Change** for St. Luke's.

Just ask Heidi or Bob for a jar — decorated with your favorite color ribbon and your name. that jar is YOURS. The jar contents will be collected each quarter in 2017 — June 1, September 1, December 1 and March 1, 2018. Proceeds go to St. Luke's Operating Expenses.

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May 2017						
◀ April						June ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 St. Philip & St. James, Apostles 10 AM – AA Women's Mtg	2 5-7:30AM Jesus Dream Church 7:30 PM Bible Study	3 5-7:30AM Jesus Dream Church NO 11:30 AM Healing Eucharist in May – reschedule TBA	4 5-7:30AM Jesus Dream Church 10 AM – AA Women's Mtg	5 5-7:30AM Jesus Dream Church	6 5-7:30AM Jesus Dream Church 7-9 PM AA Open Meeting
7 Easter 4 9:30 AM Choir 10:30 Holy Eucharist Noon - Sunday School & Coffee; Walk-in Dinner Prep Meeting 1-5 JDChurch	8 10 AM – AA Women's Mtg	9 5-7:30AM Jesus Dream Church 7:30 PM Vestry Meeting	10 5-7:30AM Jesus Dream Church NO 11:30 AM Healing Eucharist in May – reschedule TBA	11 5-7:30AM Jesus Dream Church 10 AM – AA Women's Mtg	12 5-7:30AM Jesus Dream Church	13 5-7:30AM Jesus Dream Church 7-9 PM AA Open Meeting
14 Easter 5 9:30 AM Choir 10:30 Holy Eucharist, CFA Food Ingathering Noon - Sunday School & Coffee 1-5 JDChurch	15 10 AM – AA Women's Mtg	16 5-7:30AM Jesus Dream Church 7:30 PM Bible Study	17 5-7:30AM Jesus Dream Church NO 11:30 AM Healing Eucharist in May – reschedule TBA	18 5-7:30AM Jesus Dream Church 10 AM – AA Women's Mtg	19 5-7:30AM Jesus Dream Church	20 5-7:30AM Jesus Dream Church 7-9 PM AA Open Meeting
21 Easter 6 (Rogation Sunday) 9:30 AM Choir 10:30 Holy Eucharist Noon - Sunday School & Coffee 1-5 JDChurch 6 PM Parish Fun Night & Potluck	22 10 AM – AA Women's Mtg	23 5-7:30AM Jesus Dream Church	24 5-7:30AM Jesus Dream Church NO 11:30 AM Healing Eucharist in May – reschedule TBA	25 Ascension Day 5-7:30AM Jesus Dream Church 10 AM – AA Women's Mtg 3-6 PM Walk-in Dinner in Hackensack	26 5-7:30AM Jesus Dream Church	27 5-7:30AM Jesus Dream Church 7-9 PM AA Open Meeting
28 Easter 7 (Sunday After Ascension Day) 9:30 AM Choir 10:30 Holy Eucharist Noon - Sunday School & Coffee Snack Pack Assembly 1-5 JDChurch	29 Memorial Day 10 AM – AA Women's Mtg	30 5-7:30AM Jesus Dream Church	31 Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary 5-7:30AM Jesus Dream Church NO 11:30 AM Healing Eucharist in May – reschedule TBA 7:30 PM Book Club @ Tri-Valley Restaurant	Notes:		

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Easter Breakfast Fellowship
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