

The Spirit of St. Luke's

Issue 1

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OUR MISSION:
TO KNOW GOD AND TO MAKE GOD KNOWN



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Dear People of St. Luke's:

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

*“See, the home of God is among mortals,
He will dwell with them as their God;
They will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them;
He will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more;
for the first things have passed away.”*

And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See I am making all things new.”
Rev. 21.1-5a

We have just celebrated “the home of God among mortals” at the Nativity of Our Lord. The excitement and anticipation, the joy and goodwill are fading: the temptation is to pack away with the Christmas ornaments the awe and wonder too. Is it easier to anticipate than to fully live the awaited event? What do we do or how do we respond to the God among us? The Church gives a season (now to Ash Wednesday) for reflection and response, the season of “Epiphany” – revelation or manifestation of God in Christ. If we are missing these spottings of the divine, can we **image** the encounters? How does this sighting bring about a new earth of no tears, no death, no mourning and no pain? What are we afraid of, what do we fear in seeing the presence of Christ among us? Is the old earth we know more comfortable than the earth that could be? Perhaps our seven weeks of readings will give pause to truly take in that incredible realization that God is with us – now.

O perhaps another lens is the Spirit of Christ in creativity and fellowship. No doubt music reveals our common feelings and situations but also the places of the divine. We are blessed with opportunities in the next few months: January 7th brings an unexpected gift in *The Hilltoppers*, a men's ensemble of fifteen students from Dennison University of Granville Ohio; on February 11th, dinner and jazz in the *Heart and Soul* event at St. Luke's; and on February 25th Curt Sathers, an extremely accomplished organist, will give a recital that will indeed give us a glimpse of heaven. Music? Art? Fellowship? Worship? At Bealls? Publix? Keep alert!

Peace,
Carol+

New Members

Those who desire to be confirmed or received

Bishop Leo Frade, Diocesan Bishop of SE Florida, will visit St. Luke's March 11 for Confirmation, Reception (of those confirmed in the Roman Catholic and Orthodox traditions), and Reaffirmation (those desiring to reaffirm their faith). Those who are interested in being confirmed or received, the following classes are required: Confirmation Classes on Sundays from 3-5 PM:

- Jan. 29 Authority as Scripture, Tradition and Reason: the Development of The Bible
- Feb. 12 Tradition: Church, Councils, and Creeds; Reformation, Emergent Church
- Feb. 19 Tradition: Prayer, Almsgiving and Fasting/modern applications; Saints and Sacraments;
The Book of Common Prayer
- Feb. 26 Reason: Natural Law/Elizabethan Settlement; Science and Faith; Ethics and Morality;
The Episcopal Church, The Anglican Communion

Any and all persons are invited to attend one or all classes. Please call the office to register – 286-5455

ECW NEWS

Women of St. Luke's, each and every one, are members of the Episcopal Church Women. Start the New Year by sharing with us your spirit and new year hopes by attending the first meeting of 2012 on Jan. 14th at 10:00 am. Gail St. Philip, this year's chairwoman of the annual fashion show, will make the grand announcement of the theme for this year. Last year was "Denim and Diamonds." What will it be this year? We will hear about the plans for this grand event and other activities of the ECW for 2012.

ECW Recognition Sunday is scheduled for the 10 AM service on February 5th. At this service we will honor a St. Luke's Episcopal woman who has shown love and dedication to our church family. We are planning to wear our Red and Crème colors for that service. We are looking forward to a fun filled season. Please join us.

Martha's Guild

You may remember this story. Martha and Mary offered hospitality to their friend Jesus. Mary sat and listened to him as he talked but Martha objected to the fact that she was left with all the work. Jesus told Martha not to worry about small things, but to concentrate on what was important. And so it is **Martha's Guild** at St. Luke's serving at a very important time in the lives of our parishioners - the death of a loved one. Catherine Winters has served for the past 8 years as coordinator of Martha's Guild and is retiring from this service. She states that she has found this experience both rewarding and enriching and we thank her for her leadership. So we are hoping someone among you would serve as coordinator for the receptions following funeral services. We have volunteers who help to plan and obtain or make the food for the receptions. If you would like to help in this special service, please call Pat Isaacs at 288-0063.

Parker Book And Gift Store

After Christmas Sale! We will have an after Christmas sale on selected Holiday items on January 8th and January 15th. A special table will be set up and you may take 20% off any item on the table. Come on in after Sunday Services and stock up on Holiday items for next year.



Volunteers are still needed to staff the store. If you are interested, please see Ed Isaacs or call him on 772-288-0063

ST. LUKE'S NEXT WORK DAY

Saturday, January 7th
beginning at 8:00 AM



Specific targets:

- Finish the shrub border at the church.
- Prepare the "Garden Angels (?)" beds (did I get that right, Lisa?)
- Mulch Parish Hall bromeliad.
- Plant and mulch shrubs to the left of Parish Hall entrance.
- If extra help available, pull more vines in Memorial Garden.

Rich Oswald,
Landscape Chair



The Denison University Hilltoppers

Men's Acappella Ensemble

will perform a free concert at St. Luke's on
Saturday, January 7th at 4:00 PM.

Come and enjoy an afternoon with this
talented, enthusiastic and engaging group
of college students.

Food and Forum

DVD presentation entitled God After Darwin

With Dr. John Haught

Professor of Theology at Georgetown University

How does the story of the Universe and life on earth,
told by the sciences, fit with the story of God and
Creation? Is there any reason to believe that life has
meaning and purpose, in light of modern science?

**January 29, 2012
5:00 PM**

Potluck supper followed by program
Childcare provided.

FLOWERS . . .

adorn our altar each week. If you wish to honor or remember someone, please sign up on the Flower Chart at the back for a specific week and call the office to make the financial arrangements.



Alternatively, the Vestry has approved the concept of a Flower Guild. If you love flowers and would commit to tend them in our upcoming Community Garden, arrange them on Saturdays for the Sunday service when there are enough flowers for a bouquet, please see Vicki Zambardino. This is a call to those who would like to serve in a special way.

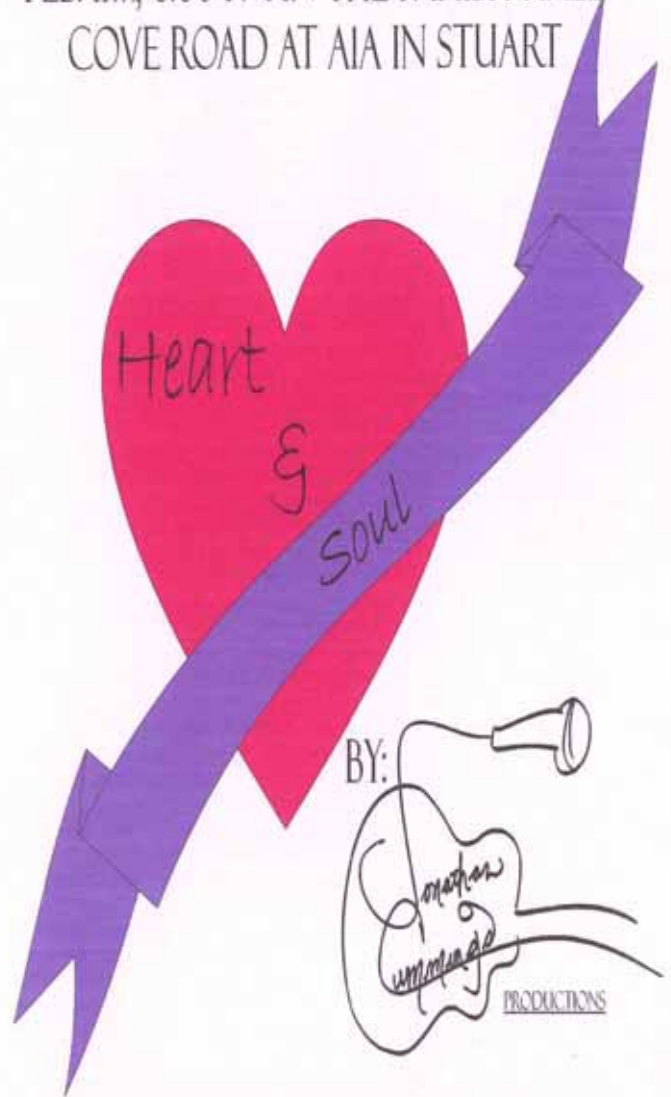
Birthdays

Happy Birthday
to all those
who celebrate
this month!

Anniversaries

Happy Anniversary
to all those who celebrate this
month.

ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH:
HEART & SOUL! DINNER AND JAZZ
FEB. 11TH, 6:00 PM IN THE PARISH HALL
COVE ROAD AT AIA IN STUART



FEATURING THE MUSIC OF:
JONATHAN CUMMINGS & FRIENDS -
A FOUR PIECE JAZZ ENSEMBLE PLAYING
MUSIC OF THE 30S, 40S AND 50S

Cost is \$45 per person . For tickets, call the
office at 772-286-5455

BIOGRAPHIES FOR VESTRY NOMINATIONS

The following people have been nominated for open Vestry positions. Elections will take place at our annual meeting on **Friday, January 13th at 6:00 pm**. There are 4 persons for the Class of 2015 (3 year terms). Qualifications for vestry nominees are: a member in good standing, pledging, regular attendance, and participation in the life of the church. The nominating committee consists of the outgoing vestry members.

Peter Zambardino

My wife Vicki and I have been members of St. Luke's for approximately 7 years, moving here from New York in 2004. Since joining St. Luke's, I have participated in Church life by helping in several ministries, including: Chairing the Finance and Bingo Committees, serving as a Chalice Bearer and working as a volunteer in the Children's Christmas Sale and the Back to School Event. Prior to coming to St. Luke's, I was a member of the Church of St. Andrew in NY for 20 years. There I served on the Vestry and held the positions of Junior Warden and Senior Warden. I am submitting my name to the Vestry Nominating Committee this year in the hopes that I may contribute in another way to the life of St. Luke's. Thank you for your consideration.

Lisa Marie Maritato

I have been an active member of St. Luke's for the past 18 months at the 9:00 am New Creation service. I have received all my sacraments as a Catholic and I find St. Luke's to be a refreshing and wonderful approach to religion and to my beliefs. I have five children ranging in age from 12 to 25, the oldest of which is the theatrical director at the Riverside Children's Theatre in Vero Beach. My 22 year old serves as First Lieutenant in the Army at Fort Lewis in Washington State. My 19 year old is attending Indian River State College and my other 2 children still live at home. I have been a business owner in Stuart and Palm City for the past 24 years running the Classic Cleaners stores, and I am currently pursuing my Bachelors Degree in Science (RN) at IRSC. After experiencing 18 months of worship at the Contemporary Service, I feel a calling to serve on the Vestry. I deeply appreciate what St. Luke's has given me spiritually and feel a desire to give back.

Jim Couillard

When Jeanne and our 2 children moved to Florida from New England in 1971, we became members of the Episcopal Church family. Since that time, it has been a privilege to serve on the Vestry and as a Eucharistic Minister first at Grace Church (WPB) and now St. Luke's, where Jeanne and I have been members since 1990. I am presently involved in the shower ministry and Kairos Prison Ministry at Martin Correctional Institute (MCI). In 2010 I retired from Pratt & Whitney Rocketdyne from Managing Electrical Controls in rocket technology after 44 years of employment. In my retirement I spend 1 day a week at MCI as a class proctor for various re-entry programs, for those getting ready to come out of prison and reenter society. I have enjoyed long distance running, some golf and involvement with Tropical Trekkers, the local Florida Trail Assoc. chapter. Jeanne and I enjoy traveling frequently to be with our family in Florida and Virginia, and when we can to other points of interest in the US and abroad. I feel strongly that serving on the vestry is a way to do God's work and caring for what I have received in return for the blessings of this life.

Randy Gerber

I was born in Ohio. I went to high school in South Carolina and straight into the Coast Guard out of high school. After that, I went to the University of South Carolina and received a BS degree in Marine Science. I then went to MUSC and got a Physical Therapy degree. I later went on to get a MBA at FAU and a minor in International Business. I am married to Melissa and have 2 children, Nate 13, and Alison 10. I enjoy traveling and scuba diving and spending time with my family. We moved to Palm City last year and have really enjoyed getting to know everyone at St. Luke's where it really feels like a big family.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

January 20, 2012 - Trivia Night at 6:00 pm. There will be a potluck supper followed by games of trivia. Tables of 8. Start getting your teams together. More information to follow. Please call Kate Hall at 978-440-9948.

January 29, 2012 - Food and Forum. The topic will be God After Darwin hosted by Dr. John Haught, Professor of Theology at Georgetown University. The program begins with a potluck supper at 5:00 PM in the Parish Hall. Childcare will be provided.

February 11, 2012 *Heart and Soul* a night of jazz and fine food, a silent auction and baskets worth the raffle ticket - at St. Luke's Parish Hall. Tables or individual tickets available for parishioners and supporters. More to be revealed . . .

February 25, 2012 at 4 PM is the date for Curt Sather Organ Recital and Fundraiser at St. Luke's. Many may remember Curt who played at St. Luke's July 10th and 17th. He accepted the position of minister of music at a Lutheran congregation in Minnesota.. We are delighted that he will be coming.

Ladies Night Out



All ladies of St. Luke's are invited to a Night Out at the home of Susan Auld. Please join us on **January 8th** from 4-7 for an evening of good spirit! Please bring a "dish" to share and join in the new year spirit.

Please respond to Susan (772) 463-4573 or auldsusan@comcast.net. Please car pool since parking is limited. This is a great opportunity to meet the ladies from all services-8,9 and 10. Last time we had a fabulous evening and we are looking forward to continuing this tradition.

Phase II of the Praise and Honor Walk



When you see the word HOPE, does it lift your spirit? When you see the word LOVE, do you feel compassion for someone? Or when you see the name of ELIZABETH, your grandmother, does the thought of her warm your heart? Or the name of your son, Patrick? These words, Hope, Love, Elizabeth or a name of loved one can become daily remembrance and legacy at St. Luke's. Here at St. Luke's we can purchase a paver with the word or name of your choice. As we pass by "your" paver, the power of mind and spirit will grow in this place and our world. If you are interested in this special opportunity, The Praise and Honor Walk, please take an order form at the back of the church or in the Parish Hall and give the completed form along with your check to the office.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY
December 2011

2011 Monthly Plate & Pledge Budgeted =
\$22,083 plus \$91,227 shortfall

Shortfall

Income year-to-date
through

-0-

December 31, 2011

	<i>Attendance</i>	<i>Plate & Pledge</i>	<i>Shortfall Donations</i>
12/4	212	7653	-0-
12/11	224	3013	-0-
12/18	208	5260	-0-
12/24 & 12/25	342	6912	-0-
TOTAL	986	22, 838	-0-

Funds applied from the following to meet shortfall:

	<u>TYD</u>
*Thrift Store Earnings	\$ 1,100
*Bingo proceeds	\$ 1,000
*Parker Bookstore	\$ 800
Donations to Shortfall	\$ 500
Other - Borrowing from Non-Operating	<u>\$ 200</u>
	\$3,600

*Reflects budgeted income from various ministries, donations to shortfall, and borrowing from non-operating.

Trivia Night

How many people came to our first trivia night and enjoyed it? Answer: 48...and they all said they enjoyed it. We are planning another evening, so you snowbirds can join in too. We would like to double that number! Please mark your calendars for Fri., **Jan.20th** at 6:00 pm. Again, it will be a potluck supper and then the games will begin. We will have tables of 8 so you can join your friends or bring new friends and show them what fun we have at St. Luke's. There will be more information each week as we prepare to take on the other teams. We will have a professional hostess again and I look forward to hearing from you. Start to put together your tables and find a name for your team. You get 10 points if you know my phone number... (if you don't ...here it is 978-44-9948).

- Kate Hall

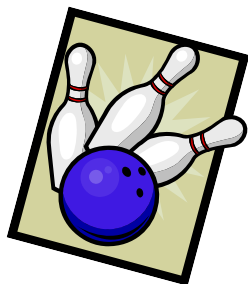
Children & Youth News

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J2A:

Class resumes Jan. 8 when we will be studying the lessons for the Epiphany.

EYC:



For our January **E Y C** outing we will be bowling at the Stuart Lanes on Sunday, January 15th after the 10 AM service.

Sherri and Tolly Allen
Dick Barron

ALTERATIONS



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Email: ahernon55@att.net

► Window Treatment Modifications

Phone: 772-546-2747

► Custom Pillows Created For You

Phone: 772-546-2747

Mention that you saw the add in St. Luke's
"Trade And Tithe"

FOR SALE

2 Burial Plots with Concrete Liners
Forest Hill Memorial Park Palm City, FL
\$3800.00
call Don Hubbard (772) 288-1738

PROPERTY TO SELL?

LOOKING TO BUY?

I offer GREAT service, 30+YEARS experience in ALL
TYPES of Real Estate, honesty, integrity AND
RESULTS! (10% of commission on any sales originating
from this Trade and Tithe ad will be donated to St. Luke's.)

RACHEL STAFANI
Broker, Associate
Cell: 772.284.5270

**ILLUSTRATED
PROPERTIES**

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist
9:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Contemporary
10:00 AM Holy Eucharist

9:00-11:30 AM- Nursery Care
9:40-10:30 AM- Christian Ed. for Children and Youth

Coffee Hour After Each Service

WEDNESDAY HEALING SERVICE:

10:00 AM Holy Eucharist with Anointing
Laying on of Hands for Healing

OUTSIDE GROUP MTGS. AT ST. LUKE'S

"Attitude Adjustment", Mon. thru Sat., 7:00 - 8:00 AM
"Primary Purpose", Mon., 7:00 - 8:00 PM
Alanon, "Just For Today", Tues., 7:30 - 9:00 PM
NA, "The Truth Group", Thu., 8:30 PM
CA, "Back to Reality", Fri., 7:00 PM
"Eleventh Step", Sun., 7:00 PM
AA Intergroup-283-9337, or ww.martincountyaa.org

THE PARKER BOOK & GIFT SHOP:

9AM-10:30AM & 11:00-11:45AM (Sunday)
Located in St. Luke's Parish Hall

BINGO:

Fridays at 10:45 AM in the Parish Hall

ST. LUKE'S THRIFT SHOP:

STORE HOURS 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Wednesday through Saturday
(Located on the church grounds)

ST. LUKE'S WEBSITE:

www.stlukesfl.org

Church office hours: 9:00 AM-12:00 PM

**Phone Number – (772) 286-5455
Email - stlukes@stlukesfl.org**

**Location: Cove Road@A1A
5150 SE Railway Ave.,
Stuart, FL 34997**

PLEASE CALL CHURCH OFFICE WHEN:

- *A family member is admitted to the hospital
- *Your address, phone number, or email changes
- *A new baby arrives in your family
- *Your ministry/group has a meeting
- *You feel the office or church can assist you in any way