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The GOOD NEWS

As you read this, the country will be in the throes of March Madness, the NCAA basketball playoff—ending in April this year, ahem. As I write this, I am thinking through the brackets and who I believe will win the 64 games that will be played, resulting in the national championship.

Do you recall a time when your favorite team won "THE BIG ONE?" I have had a truly favorite team win the NCAA national football title (several times) and the Super Bowl (*several* times as well). I've cheered my high school team to victory in the state championship playoff. At the time, I was tremendously excited for my team.

Funny, though, those past victories don't seem really to matter to me much today. I mean, I don't think that my life is particularly enhanced or deepened by those teams having won.

The really GOOD NEWS, the jump-up-and-down GOOD NEWS, is that Jesus Christ rose from the dead. As John Updike wrote in "Seven Stanzas at Easter," "Make no mistake: if he rose at all it was as his body: if the cells' dissolution did not reverse, the molecules reknit, the amino acids rekindle, the Church will fall."

The resurrection of Jesus is not just a helpful metaphor. It is not simply an apropos literary image. It is TRUE. And that GOOD NEWS means that I don't have to be stuck in my sinful condition. I don't have to fear death. I can, at any time, in any place stare death in the face and say, "I am ready."

Now, that sure beats the Super Bowl!
Canon Neal+

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Saturday, April 19 6:00 p.m.

Shrimp Boil

This year our theme is **Bienvenidos a Honduras** to get everyone into the spirit of supporting this summer's Youth Mission! Our mission project this year is helping Cristo Redentor, Christ the Redeemer Episcopal Church, in Tegucigalpa finish a part of their church building so they can open a school. Funds raised at the Shrimp Boil will go towards mission expenses.

April Activities

- Brotherhood of St. Andrew**
– 7:30 am, Saturday, Apr. 12
in Harman Hall.
- C. S. Lewis Book Group** – 6:30
pm, Monday, Apr. 14. Note
change from the usual 3rd
Monday.
- Evangeline Deadline** – Tuesday,
Apr. 15 for the May issue.
- Greeters Fellowship** – 6:30 pm.
Thursday, Apr. 3 at the home
of Jane Gilbert.
- Healing Prayer Teams Are
Available** – 6:30-7:30 pm,
Mondays, Apr. 14, 21 & 28,
in the Healing Center.
- MacNutt Level III Healing
Prayer Training** – 1:00 pm,
Saturday, Apr. 12 & 26, in the
Healing Center.
- Michaelsen Music & Arts Series:
Huw Lewis Organ Concert**
– 4:00 pm, Sunday, Apr. 6, in
the Church.
- Michaelsen Shredding Event** –
8:00 am-noon, Saturday,
April 26.
- OSL Going Deeper Class** – 10:00
am, Saturday, Apr. 12 & 26,
in the Healing Center.
- Parish Workday** – 7:30 am - 1:00
pm, Saturday, Apr. 12.
- Rough Riders Baseball Game** –
1-5 pm, Sunday, Apr. 27
- Sandwich Ministry** – 9:30 am,
Thursday, Apr. 24.
- Shrimp Boil** – 6:00 pm,
Saturday, Apr. 19.
- Soaking Prayer** – 6:30 pm,
Monday, Apr. 7, in the
Healing Center.
- Spring Healing Conference** –
Friday-Saturday, Apr. 4-5. See
page 7.

Parish Work Day

April 12, 7:30 to 1:00

Weekly Events

Sundays

- Christian Education for all ages**
– 11:20 am -12:20 pm.
- St. Clare's Guild** –2:00 pm in the
Conference Room.
- SLY (St. Luke's Youth)** – 6:00-
7:30 pm.

Tuesdays

- Sunday Leaflet Announcements**
– are due by noon. E-mail to
jmoore@stlukesdallas.org.

Wednesdays

- Group Intercessory Prayer**
– 7:30-8:30 am in the Healing
Center.
- Handbell Rehearsal**
– 6:30-7:20 pm.
- Adult Choir Rehearsal**
– 7:30-9:30 pm.

Thursdays

- Women's Bible Study**
– 10:15 am in the Royal Lane
church entrance.

Fridays

- MSG (Men's Small Group) Bible
Study** – 7:15-8:15 am in the
Conference Room.

Teacher Recognition Day –
Sunday, Apr. 27

Ultreya – 6:30 pm, Sunday,
Apr. 27 at the home of Frank
& Kay Bain.

Vestry Meeting – 12:30 pm,
Sunday, Apr. 20, in Room
205.

Women's Bible Study – 6:30 pm,
Monday, Apr. 14 & 28.

Pentecost

May 11, 2008



Exciting News! This year on Pentecost, which is also Mother's Day, we will combine the Traditional, River, and Spanish-Language services. The service, which will be at 10:00 a.m. in the church, will be bi-lingual and tri-musical. Be sure to attend!

C.S. Lewis Book Group

The C. S. Lewis Book Group will meet on April 14. This is not the usual third Monday, rather the second, this time.

The pot-luck supper and meeting is at the home of Jim & Betty Siber, 9912 Silvertree Dr., Dallas, (972) 669-9656.

We will be reading *Voyage of the Dawn Treader* from *The Chronicles of Narnia*. Others are welcome to join the group at any time. The only requirements are an interest in the writings of C. S. Lewis, and some familiarity and/or interest in the work being discussed.

Greeters Note

- If anyone is in need of a new name badge, please leave a note in the kiosk (envelopes provided) or call Jane Gilbert at (469) 374-9309.
- April 3 - Greeters at Jane Gilbert's, 4020 Morman Lane, Addison, 75001.

Honduras Mission

On February 27, a team of 24 missionaries from St. Luke's and Good Shepherd traveled to Honduras for a week-long mission trip. The team provided medical, dental, construction and Christian Education services within the town of Siguatepeque.

The medical and dental team worked at both St. Bartholomew's and Santiago d'Apostol. Between the two locations, the missionaries were able to minister to an average of 150 patients a day, providing both physical and spiritual healing.

The construction team worked to complete the second story apartment at Santiago d'Apostol. This apartment will serve to house the residing Priest or Deacon at this church.

Christian Education had a wonderful experience ministering to the children at Santiago d'Apostol. Attendance was quite healthy with approximately 75-100 children attending each day.

Please visit the web-site (www.stlukesdallas.org) to view a complete gallery of photos from the trip. Should you have any questions regarding the Honduras Mission ministry, contact Laura Walsh (ldwalsh3@aol.com).



Dead Churches and Live Churches

You may have seen this before. It seems to be an appropriate word for us these days.

Live churches are constantly changing.

Dead churches don't have to.

Live churches have lots of noisy kids.

Dead churches are fairly quiet.

Live church's expenses always exceed their income.

Dead churches take in more than they ever dreamed of spending.

Live churches are constantly improving for the future.

Dead churches worship their past.

Live churches move out in faith.

Dead churches operate totally by human sight.

Live churches focus on people.

Dead churches focus on programs.

Live churches are filled with tithers.

Dead churches are filled with tippers.

Live churches dream great dreams of God.

Dead churches relive nightmares.

Live churches don't have "can't" in their dictionary.

Dead churches have nothing but.

Live churches evangelize.

Dead churches fossilize.

Thanks,

Neal

Birthdays – April

(Apr 2) Nathan Aldredge, Andrea Reed, Sandy Mozur, Elvia Orozco (Apr 4) Christina Nakhoda, Anne Blackford, Adelfo Kribs-Zaleta (Apr 5) Joe Morrison, Grace Morrison, Adele Needham (Apr 6) Linda Slavik, Ren Deaton (Apr 7) James Wilt, Jr, Joshua Gravenkemper (Apr 8) Emily Keane, Julie Macey (Apr 9) Shirley Doumany, Don Winspear (Apr 10) Cindy Aldredge (Apr 11) Frank Norwood (Apr 12) Megan Rain, C. J. Mozur, Mark Boutin, Paulina Villa (Apr 13) Dana Smith, Pat Richardson (Apr 14) Frank Lynch, Evelyn Heath, Dottie Branch (Apr 15) Joel Hatfield (Apr 16) Billie Snyder (Apr 17) David Riddle, Emily Vick (Apr 18) Nancy Blaylock, Patsy Manget, Colin Davis (Apr 20) Spencer Lengyel, Trinity Massengale (Apr 21) Kevin Wright (Apr 22) Philip Verges, Nicole Boutin (Apr 23) Jeff Nicholson (Apr 25) Jennifer McCormick (Apr 26) Bob Mechler, David Fixler, Marshall Mann (Apr 27) Mike Nowell (Apr 29) Margrieta Gulbis (Apr 30) Les Moore

Anniversaries – April

(Apr 7) Russel & Marion Young, Dave & Cathy McCue (Apr 21) Joel & Dianna Hatfield (Apr 23) Scott & Jerri Howell (Apr 24) Chris & Mary Jo Wilt, Antoine & Erika Dooley (Apr 26) Leigh & Gregg Walther

Pardon Our Dust:

Have you noticed the extra dumpsters in the parking lots or the trucks and trailers parked around the church in recent weeks? Maybe you have just walked in for the first time this week, or month, or year, and something just felt different? Well, that's because it is different!

Under the supervision of the Vestry and the Building and Grounds Committee, St. Luke's has undertaken some major projects in recent weeks to make sure that our church is attractive and inviting to passersby, visitors, and guests. As God is working some major changes in the spiritual lives of our parish and its members, so are we working some major updates and much needed repairs around the physical building of our church home.



What to Expect in Coming Weeks

It is our intention and commitment that these projects will not disrupt or hinder our promise to be a center of worship and prayer on Sundays and during the week. Work crews will be in and out during the next two months, but all work should be stopped with ample time to make the worship spaces usable.

What are the Projects?

- + A new roof on the Main Sanctuary. (complete)
- + Reglazing of all stained glass windows. (50% complete)
- + New slate floor in the Main Sanctuary. (25% complete)
- + New sound system in the Main Sanctuary. (to be installed by Pentecost)
- + Organ maintenance.
- + Repair Chapel sidewalk to slope rather than step up to entrance.
- + New counter tops in the kitchen. (complete)

Where do we go from here?

While the above projects are a great improvement, there is still more work to be done. A new committee has been selected to work on what projects in a Phase Two might look like and what priority they might be given.

Post Cursillo Programs

- Ultreya is a monthly gathering of those who have been to Cursillo. We come together to share a meal, hear an inspiring message, sing, pray, and encourage one another. The next meeting is Sunday, March 30 at the home of Jane Gilbert.
- Grand Ultreya is a meeting of Ultreyas from all around the diocese.
- Back to the Mountain is a retreat for those who have been to Cursillo and want to experience the "mountain top" again. April 25-27 at Camp Crucis, Granbury.

Renewal Programs for Children & Young Adults

- Mustard Seeds for 3rd and 4th grades to help increase their faith.
- Living Stones for 5th and 6th grades to help children see themselves as God sees them.
- New Beginnings for 7th - 9th grades designed to respond to issues, concerns, and needs of teenagers. There are two scheduled this year – April 4-6 at All Saints Camp, Texoma, TX and October 3-5 at Camp Crucis in Granbury.
- Happening for 10th - 12th grades is a personal encounter with Christ. 2008 dates are March 7-9 at Holy Nativity Church in Plano; August 1-3 at Camp Crucis in Granbury, and November 14-16. (location to be announced)

Information and applications for all of these programs is available on the website

www.episcopalrenewalcenter.org.

Search Committee Update



The Interview Subcommittee of the Search Committee met with Canon Michell, who discussed how to read Church Deployment Office forms; interpret attendance, giving, and pledging data; and reviewed a list of questions for prospective candidates. The committee discussed a timeline for issuing a call to a new rector by June 1. Our CDO filing document has been approved and is now on file. In addition, Russel Young and Ginger Graves have stepped down from the committee.

WHAT'S NEXT?

We have recently mailed our Parish Profile to nine potential candidates inviting them to be a part of our search process. All of these names came to us from members of St. Luke's, Canon Lambert and Canon Michell. Thanks to all of you who took time to provide names to us. It is not too late to give us additional names, but the time is drawing near. We have recently received additional names and are in the process of contacting them and sending our profile information.

WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

For those candidates who respond and would like to be in our search process, we will begin the process of getting to know them and they will begin the process of getting to know us. We will do this by written questions, telephone interviews, reference checks and ultimately personal interviews and Parish visits.

WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP?

Most importantly, PRAY! It is our hope that every member of the Parish will remember the search process and the Search Committee in their daily prayers. The Search Committee has one goal: To discern and follow the will of God with the guidance of the Holy Spirit in this search process. We ask for your prayers of support and for discernment.

Secondly, continue to be involved in the search process by providing us names of potential candidates that you know that may be compatible with the mission and ministry and values of St. Luke's as set forth in our goals and Strategic Plan.

Should you ever have a question or concern about the search process, never hesitate to contact either of us, a member of the Search Committee, or a Vestry member.

Thanks to all on the Search Committee for their conscientious, hard work. Thanks to all of you for your continued support and prayers.

Laura Walsh & Ellen Winspear,
for the Search Committee

Stewardship Prayer

Loving God, Father of mercies, Fountain of all goodness and blessing, you know our needs before we ask: help us in this life not to run after the hollow prizes of the world, but to run to obtain your promises, that we may be partakers of your heavenly treasure; and inspire us to freely give as we have freely received; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

This Summer Help Our Kids Grow the Fruit of the Spirit!

June 16 - June 20
9:00 a.m. to Noon



Theme verse: "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control."
—Galatians 5:22-23

SonHarvest County Fair VBS takes kids to the country for some down-to-earth farm fun! Through the examples of Jesus and His parables, children will grow the fruit of the Spirit in their lives: love, joy, peace, patience and kindness.

Your kids will love trying their hand at real-life farm activities, creating their own blue-ribbon arts and crafts, going hog-wild playing fun games, eating farm-fresh snacks, singing down-home songs and watching hilarious skits!

So plan to join us at the SonHarvest County Fair and help our kids grow a rich harvest of the fruit of the Spirit!



St. Luke's 13th Annual Charity Golf Tournament

Saturday, May 17



8:00 am Shotgun Start
Florida Scramble
Indian Creek Golf Club
Lake's Course

BENEFITTING



For more than a decade, Jonathan's Place has been taking care of the Dallas area's youngest victims of abuse. Jonathan's Place provides this care through two programs - a "home-style" emergency shelter for abused, abandoned and neglected children and a Foster & Adoptive Family Program.

The emergency shelter provides specialized services and 24-hour residential care and is the only emergency shelter in Dallas County that provides residential services for children in crisis under the age of 10. Annually, more than 400 children who have suffered unimaginable atrocities begin the process of recovery within the safety of two "home-style" cottages on a six-acre campus in Northeast Dallas County.



"Spring Shredding"

Saturday, April 26th
8:00 a.m. - Noon
At St. Luke's Episcopal Church
5923 Royal Lane at Jamestown

CINTAS Document Management will be on site to receive your old documents and will shred all documents for security purposes. Clean out your drawers, boxes, and file cabinets! This is your chance to have old paperwork and financial records* securely disposed of in an easy and efficient manner!

*Check with your financial advisor regarding the time requirements for retaining your records.

This is a Community Service/Fundraising Effort for the Michaelson Fund! Minimum donations of \$20 per person/family is appreciated!
(Bills available on a "first come first served" basis)



For more information log onto www.stlukesdallas.org.

SLY News

Youth Mission Trip



The youth are going to Honduras in July. The tentative dates are July 21-26. These dates will not be confirmed until we are able to make deposits, which we'll do this month. If you did not receive a registration packet and are interested in going (**this includes adults as well!!**) please contact Justin Stanton at the church office.

Frisco Rough Riders Baseball Game – Sunday, April 27

We have purchased a block of seats in the Dallas Morning News Corral, located in left-field. Tickets are \$15 each and include admission to Dr. Pepper Ballpark, a Rough Riders baseball cap, and ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT food and soft-drinks! This is a perfect event for the entire family! Please contact Justin to make your reservation; the limited number of tickets are first-come first-serve!



SLY Meetings

SLY meetings start at 6 pm and last until 7:30 and include dinner. Our focus this spring will be on preparation for our mission trip to Honduras. Hope to see you there!

Here are SLY dates for April:

- Sunday 6: SLY 6-7:30 pm
- Sunday 13: SLY 6-7:30 pm
- Saturday 19: **SHRIMP BOIL**
- Sunday 20: **NO SLY**
- Sunday 27: Frisco Rough Riders Baseball Game @ 2 pm
NO SLY

Spring Conference



The Center for Christian Healing is co-sponsoring a conference with the Saint Michael and All Angels Prayer Ministry on Friday evening and Saturday, April 4th and 5th, with the Reverend Mike Endicott as the featured speaker. The Reverend Endicott, blind from an early age and a citizen of Wales, England, is a dynamic speaker and a sensitive pastor who was ordained by Archbishop Rowan Williams specifically to serve the healing ministry. The conference, "In His Footsteps: Living in the Fruitfulness of the Early Church," has as its objective the "rediscovering of the effective approach of the Apostles, Deacons and the earliest disciples to the miraculous ministry of the healing of the sick and injured."

Cost for the conference is \$40 and includes lunch on Saturday. Registration forms are available in the brochures located in the church office, the Healing Center, or in the narthex of the church or the chapel. Contact the Healing Center at the telephone number or email address listed below or contact Maria D'Antoni by telephone at (972) 252-7911, or by email at mldantoni@yahoo.com.

Other offerings at the Center for Christian Healing include Soaking Prayer on the first Monday of each month from 6:30 to 7:30 PM at the Center. On all other Monday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30 PM, prayer teams are available for individual prayer without an appointment. Contact the Healing Center at (214) 368-6304, ext. 22, or by email, healing@stlukesdallas.org, if you have any questions or if you would like to schedule an appointment for individual prayer, counseling or spiritual direction.



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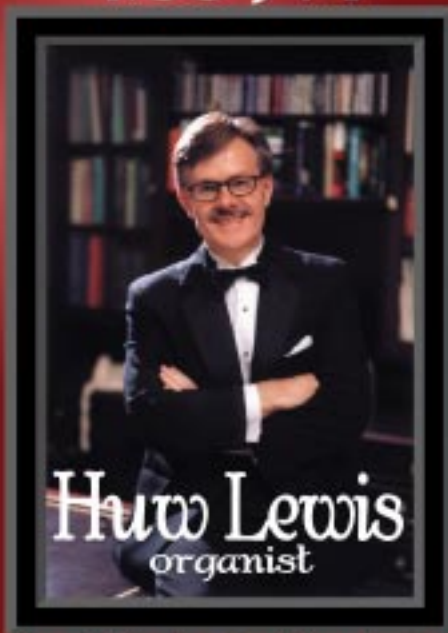
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Services at St. Luke's

Sunday Eucharists

- 7:30 a.m. Rite I *in the Chapel*
- 10:00 a.m. Rite II *in the Church*
- 10:00 a.m. Contemporary Service
in the Chapel
- 12:30 p.m. Spanish Language
Eucharist
in the Church
- 6:00 p.m. Rite II *in the Chapel*

Weekday Eucharists

- WEDNESDAY
6:30 a.m. Rite II *in the Chapel*
- THURSDAY
Noon Rite II with Unction
In the Chapel

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