

## Saint Luke's Episcopal Church



From the Rector, The Reverend J. Sierra Reyes

### **Giving God Thanks and Praise!**

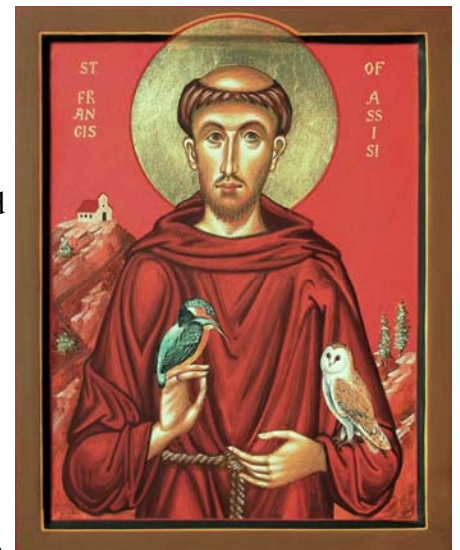
One of my favorite saints is St. Francis of Assisi. When we see artwork or statues of Saint Francis, he is frequently portrayed in a joyful stance, often with a bird on his shoulder. There is a wonderful story about Francis and the time he preached a sermon to the birds:

Francis was walking along the road and came upon a grove of trees. The trees were teeming with singing birds, blissfully exalting their song. Francis was so moved by the beauty of their song, that he stopped his journey and went to the birds. He stood before the trees and proclaimed,

*“Sister birds, God has given you beautiful voices. God has given you beautiful plumage. God gives you trees in which to build your nest. God gives you berries and fruit and worms for food. God gives you air to fly through. God loves you all very very much. And it is because God loves you,”* Francis said, *“that you give back your song to God.”*

In Francis' mind, the birds' song was their saying “Thank you” to God. And they said “Thank you” to God so beautifully that we, humans, could learn a lot from our avian brothers and sisters. The legend surrounding Francis was that after he finished his sermon to the birds, he went on his way. But the birds followed him and flew around him. Some birds even came and perched on his shoulders and arms as he walked – which is why icons and statues of Saint Francis show him with birds.

The birds were so moved by Francis' preaching, just as Francis had been moved by the birds' singing, that they came together in this marvelous sharing of thanks and praise to God! Francis knew the importance of gratitude. Gratitude starts with an awareness that you have been given a gift. The birds Francis encountered on that walk were aware of a gift. We, the people of St. Luke's, must be aware of our gift. Our gift of beloved community. Our gift of learning and formation. Our gift of peace and solace.



Saint Francis practiced a life of gratitude. And we are called into the same stance. We have been given this gift of the Body of Christ which is embodied in the mission of St. Luke's Episcopal Church. And in all that we do as the Church – prayer, praise, worship, giving, preaching – all of these are expressions of gratitude to God.

Everything that we are – everything that we have – comes from the grace of God! And as it has been said – Gratitude is knowing that God is good. Not by hearsay, but by experience. The month of October will focus upon stewardship at St. Luke's. This year's stewardship campaign theme is “Giving God Thanks and Praise!” I hope that you give back your song to God and financially support the life and mission of God in our midst.

*Give back your song to God.*



## **St. Luke's welcomes Deacon Linda Brown!**

On September 9, St. Luke's welcomed Deacon Linda Brown as our new deacon. Many have asked, "what does that mean?" A deacon is the sacramental sign of servanthood, which we all share with Christ and one another. The deacon is a proactive servant. She is an intermediary, agent of the Church and Bishop, one who traverses the space that divides people and groups from one another, creating connections between the Church and the world, and holding before the Church the character of the whole ministry of the Church as servanthood.

Deacon Linda's responsibilities at St. Luke's will include engaging with our outreach ministry and encouraging St. Luke's presence in the surrounding neighborhoods. Deacon Linda is passionate about making sure that St. Luke's presence is at the table surrounding issues of social justice and ecumenical/interfaith gatherings in our community. She will also provide support to our faithful Eucharistic Visitor ministry.

The Rev. Deacon Linda Brown is originally from the Washington, DC area and came to Colorado so that she could earn her graduate degrees from CU Boulder in the biological sciences. After graduate school she worked in the engineering and environmental consulting field which took her and her husband, Jesse, to various regions of the country. Upon retirement, she completed a theological degree from Iliff School of Theology and was ordained as deacon in 2011. Her diaconal ministry has included serving as deacon at Holy Comforter Episcopal Church in Broomfield, as general manager of the 32nd Avenue Jubilee Center, on the Diocesan Board of Examining Chaplains, and at St. Clare's ministry for the homeless. Linda and Jesse live in Arvada and have been married for 46 years. They both are certified spiritual directors and Benedictine oblates. They enjoy the great outdoors, especially hiking, and recently walked the Camino de Santiago across northern Spain.



Deacon Linda joins our rector Sierra Reyes and assisting priest Sandy Blake in the clerical leadership of the church. We welcome Linda and her husband Jesse to the community!

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## **"Come and See"**

The Deacon's Corner, from Deacon Linda Brown

In John 1: 37-39, we read that two disciples of John the Baptist began to follow Jesus. Jesus seeing them, asked, "What are you looking for?", and they replied "Rabbi, where are you staying?" Jesus said, "Come and see." This is an invitation that Jesus extends to all of us, lay people and ordained clergy alike. As your new deacon, I am grateful to God, Bishop Rob and Rev. Sierra for extending the invitation to me to "come and see" what is happening at St. Luke's and the surrounding neighborhood. The role of the deacon is to "interpret to the Church the needs, concerns, and hopes of the world" (BCP 543). So, over the coming months, my desire is to "come and see" and learn what the people of St. Luke's are doing in their community, discover what are the unmet needs, explore possible partnerships, and facilitate St. Luke's engagement with the poor and marginalized. I'd like to hear from you on what you feel are some of the unmet needs and social justice issues of the community. Let us all "come and see" and discover together what Jesus has in store for us!

## **TransFormations – October 2018**

*Gordon C. Tucker Jr., Director of Christian Formation*

### **Monthly Feature: Season of Pentecost**



Following Pentecost, which we celebrated on May 20, we entered that long period in the liturgical calendar known as the Season of Pentecost, the season of the Holy Spirit. It lasts for 27 Sundays through November 25, the feast of Christ the King. The following week (December 2) begins Advent. During the season of Pentecost, we reflect on the story of salvation proclaimed in the preceding cycle of seasons (Advent through Easter). The liturgical color is green, which symbolizes growth – growth of the grass and trees, growth of crops, growth of the church, and growth of Christians together in the fellowship of faith.

### **Update on Church School**

On September 9, we inaugurated our 2018-2019 Church School year with a joyful Homecoming Sunday celebration in church, with music, dancing, and presentation of the Godly Play Creation story. Many of our children were present for this celebration, which impressed many parishioners, who know that the children go somewhere on Sunday mornings, but may not know where they go and what they do. We have now settled into our routine of Church School classes in the Sacred Space (age 3-1st grade), Atrium (2nd-4th grade), and Upper Room (5th-12th grade). We are looking forward to a wonderful year.



### **Update on Adult Education**

We have an excellent lineup of Adult Education classes this fall. We began on Tuesday, September 4, in the Library with contemplative prayer (Lectio Divina) at 9:30 a.m., Holy Eucharist at 10 a.m., and Bible study at 11 a.m. On Wednesday nights starting on September 12, we began an “Introduction to Anglican Spirituality” starting with a simple supper at 6:00 p.m., study at 6:30 p.m., and brief worship service at 7:00 p.m. In October, Congregation Rodef Shalom and St. Luke’s will resume their fellowship and interfaith study of B’midbar (Numbers). On September 16 between services (9-10 a.m.), we began a series titled “Faith Journeys” in which several parishioners related how they live out their baptismal ministry of seeking and serving Christ in all persons.

## 2019 Stewardship Campaign – Giving God Thanks and Praise!

Stewardship is having the wisdom to understand that everything we have is a gift from God, of which we are to be the absolute best caretakers. Stewardship is a way of life, honoring God in everything we do with all of God's gifts. Stewardship is having the heart to give back out of love a portion of every gift that has been entrusted to us by God.

With a grateful heart, we seek to share generously what we have received, as an act of faith & gratitude.

God's gifts to us of time, talent, and treasure can be a means to grow our faith through service and sharing in the joyful community of St. Luke's Episcopal Church.

*In All Things,  
Give Thanks*

I Thessalonians 5:18

As stewards, we can give in a number of ways...

**Volunteering** our time and talent to one of the many St. Luke's activities such as our Church School, Altar Guild, Music Choir, Hospitality and Welcome, etc.

**Annual Giving** is a pledge to support the annual expenses of running the church's physical operations as well as supporting the worship, outreach and administrative expenses. Your weekly contribution will help to meet this need. Please look for your stewardship mailing in the second week of October.

**Planned Giving** through living gifts, with tax and income benefits, through your will as bequests, or gifts of special assets can build a future legacy to St. Luke's. These gifts truly express your great love for the continuation of our church.

We ask you to consider how you can be a steward of our Parish community. Discover and share your gifts which will allow the continuation of the various ministries, events, outreach and social activities that St. Luke's is privileged to offer.

Week of October 8<sup>th</sup> – Stewardship Mailings Sent

October 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, and 28<sup>th</sup> – Stewardship Sundays with Faith Testimonies

November 4<sup>th</sup> – All Saints' Sunday: Conclusion of Stewardship Campaign

Dear St. Luke's Members and Friends:

In early October, you will receive your letter outlining the 2019 Giving God Thanks and Praise Stewardship Campaign. For your convenience, the October and November editions of *The Lark* will include the commitment pledge form and a list of Questions and Answers about the parish and stewardship at St. Luke's. Thank you for your involvement in our community and participation in this year's annual giving.

Reverend Sierra +

## ***Giving God Thanks & Praise!***

2019 St. Luke's Stewardship Campaign

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>2019 Commitment \$</b> _____ (Please indicate TOTAL commitment for 2019)
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**Payable as follows:** *(Please indicate desired payment schedule to assist in our budgeting.)*

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Please circle one:**    weekly    monthly    quarterly    annually

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

*This Commitment is an expression of faith and intent and not a legal obligation.*

*Contact our Parish Administrator to make any adjustment. Make checks payable to St. Luke's Episcopal Church.*

*All mailed payments should be postmarked prior to December 31, 2019.*

\_\_\_\_\_ **To assist in my giving, I would like a box of envelopes supplied to me.**

You will receive a quarterly statement reflecting your Commitment status.

*This statement will be sent to you via email, unless you indicate below your preference for U. S. Mail.*

\_\_\_\_\_ **I prefer my quarterly statement via U. S. Mail. (check, if applicable)**

If you would like additional information regarding any of the following opportunities for payment, please indicate and return as instructed below:

\_\_\_\_\_ a. Payment of commitment in stock or other marketable securities.

\_\_\_\_\_ b. Appropriate codicil to your will or other estate planning opportunities.

**Please complete this *Give Thanks and Praise* Commitment Form and mail to:**

St. Luke's Episcopal Church  
Attention: Brock Erickson, Parish Administrator  
1270 Poplar Street, Denver, CO 80220

**You may also complete and email this form to [office@stlukesdenver.org](mailto:office@stlukesdenver.org)**

## ***Giving God Thanks and Praise!***

### **2019 St. Luke's Stewardship Campaign – Questions and Answers**

#### **What is the appropriate amount for my Commitment?**

*Your Commitment to St. Luke's Episcopal Church is a personal decision. Any gift offered to God through the church will be greatly appreciated and respected. In our Sunday liturgy, we regularly say "It is right to give God thanks and praise." As a spiritual recognition of our belief that everything we have comes from God, we encourage you to consider a proportional commitment to St. Luke's.*

#### **What is a proportional Commitment?**

*Proportional giving or the "tithe" is a blessing in which Our Lord encourages us to participate. The biblical standard is the tithe – or 10% of all that we earn. We must acknowledge, though, that we are all at different places on the journey toward that goal. Establish your Commitment at a level where you feel led (3%, 6% or 15% of gross income). We recognize every individual's and family's financial situation is different. As you choose where your giving level will be, the following chart may be helpful.*

#### **I have not given proportionally in the past, where do I start?**

*An initial Commitment to proportional giving may be 3% which is approximately the national average. Hopefully in future years, you will be able to build on that percentage.*

<b>Income</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>12%</b>
\$25,000	\$750	\$1,000	\$1,500	\$2,000	\$2,500	\$3,000
\$50,000	\$1,500	\$2,000	\$3,000	\$4,000	\$5,000	\$6,000
\$75,000	\$2,250	\$3,000	\$4,500	\$6,000	\$7,500	\$9,000
\$100,000	\$3,000	\$4,000	\$6,000	\$8,000	\$10,000	\$12,000
\$150,000	\$4,500	\$6,000	\$9,000	\$12,000	\$15,000	\$18,000
\$200,000	\$6,000	\$8,000	\$12,000	\$16,000	\$20,000	\$24,000

#### **Do we actually have members of our congregation that give proportionally?**

*Yes, we do have members who are giving proportionally across a wide range, including our rector and her family.*

#### **What example does our church leadership set?**

*Our Vestry and Clergy have made a strong commitment to encourage proportional giving and building to the tithe. They represent a cross section of our congregation.*

#### **By when do I have to pay my Commitment?**

*We anticipate full payment would be made by December 2019. As our expenses occur all during the year, our preference would be for payments to be made early or on a monthly or quarterly basis.*

#### **How often will I receive a statement on the status of my Commitment?**

*Our Parish Administrator will send out quarterly statements indicating any unpaid balance on your 2019 Commitment. You will receive this statement by email unless you specifically request a mailed paper statement.*

*2019 Stewardship Campaign FAQ continued from previous page*

**May I make my payment by contributing marketable securities?**

*Yes. Notify our treasurer, and he will provide instructions. We have members who contribute this way. If you have a low cost basis security, you may contribute the security to the church and thus avoid capital gains tax. Please check with your tax professional before making a securities contribution.*

**May I make my Commitment payment online?**

*We are currently working on this capability and anticipate having this ready for use, effective January 2019.*

**Will I be supplied envelopes for my giving?**

*To conserve resources, we are ordering envelopes for those households that request them. If you wish to receive a box of giving envelopes, please check the box on the pledge form.*

**May I change the amount of my Commitment during the year?**

*Yes. Your Commitment may be increased or decreased at any point during the year based on your personal circumstance. This is not a legal obligation. Notify our treasurer and he will make the appropriate adjustment.*

**What was the effect of the rector transition to the church's finances?**

*The strong lay leadership of St. Luke's held the community together throughout the 15-month transition from the retirement of The Rev. Doug Dunn to the arrival of The Rev. J. Sierra Reyes. The pledges collected in 2018 decreased by 30% from the previous year, a sign of the uncertainty of the transition. With the arrival of our new rector, we are enthusiastic to return to our regular giving levels and move toward growth as we welcome new members to our community.*

**Does St. Luke's have a 2019 Budget?**

*We are in the midst of developing our 2019 budget. St. Luke's is currently in a very solid financial condition with our investments. We have no long-term debt. Your Vestry is committed to financial discipline and integrity. The vestry will present the parish's 2019 budget at our annual meeting in February.*

**How can I submit my pledge form?**

*Pledge forms may be placed in each Sunday offering plates, mailed to the church offices, emailed to [office@stlukesdenver.org](mailto:office@stlukesdenver.org), or placed in the offering box located in the entrance to the parish hall.*

**What if I have additional questions regarding my Commitment? Please contact any of the following:**

Perry Pearce, Church Treasurer

720-810-6893 [ppearce1@gmail.com](mailto:ppearce1@gmail.com)

Brock Erickson, Parish Administration

303-355-2331 [office@stlukesdenver.org](mailto:office@stlukesdenver.org)

J. Sierra Reyes, Rector

303-355-2331 [rector@stlukesdenver.org](mailto:rector@stlukesdenver.org)

**A Prayer for Stewardship:**

*O God, in whose every creation we discover a gift freely given: help us to understand that all we have comes from the outpouring of your generosity, inspire in our hearts a deep sense of gratitude, and move us to share what we have received with the same immensity of spirit in which it was given. May our gifts of substance and service be an example of Christ's enduring presence and outreach to this community. Amen.*

## **Fall Christian Education Schedule**

Church School for ages 3 through high school resumes September 9th at 10:15 a.m.. Please see the Church School bulletin board for the weekly study plan. Note that Church School will conclude for youth to return to their families during the peace at the 10:15 service.

### Wednesday Night Soup, Study and Worship (Childcare provided)

Each Wednesday evening, with supper 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall, followed by discussion and Evening Prayer

- 10/3: Women Writers in Anglican Spirituality, led by Reverend Sierra Reyes
- 10/10: Interfaith Study of the Book of Numbers with Rodef Shalom
- 10/17: Interfaith Study of the Book of Numbers with Rodef Shalom
- 10/24: Interfaith Study of the Book of Numbers with Rodef Shalom

There is a sign-up sheet on the refrigerator in the church kitchen to help with the meal.

### Sunday Morning Faith Journeys

Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. we will hear the faith journeys of members of our community. Grab a cup of coffee and join us for these sacred conversations of journey and faith.

- 10/7: "Walking the Camino de Santiago" with Deacon Linda and Jesse Brown
- 10/14: History of St. Luke's Church, presented by Jim Robertson
- 10/21: History of St. Luke's Church, presented by Jim Robertson

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## **Celebration of New Ministry Of Rev. Sierra Reyes as Rector of St. Luke's Thursday, October 18, 7:00 p.m**

The Celebration of New Ministry is a liturgical opportunity for our faith community to come together as a whole to celebrate the covenant a church makes with their rector to worship and carry out their various ministries in mutual support of one another.

We will officially celebrate The Reverend J. Sierra Reyes as the 17<sup>th</sup> rector of St. Luke's Episcopal Church on Thursday, October 18 at 7:00 p.m. (The Feast Day of St. Luke).

A joyful reception will follow in the Parish Hall. Mark your calendar, invite your friends, and join the Vestry and the St. Luke's community for this wonderful occasion!



## Vestry Notes for September



- Reverend Sierra Reyes has appointed Perry Pearce as **treasurer** of St. Luke's Episcopal Church. Perry is committed to keeping the congregation informed about the financial health of our congregation.
- St. Luke's was awarded a grant from the **Historic Colorado**, the State Historic Preservation Office for Colorado. The scope and purpose of the grant is to complete a Historic Structure Assessment to know the condition our historic church. Many thanks to Gordon Tucker and Anna Bennett for their work in writing and applying for the grant.
- Ted Wolverton and Bill Imig have agreed to serve on the **Endowment Committee** of St. Luke's. The Endowment Committee advises the Vestry on the health and use of the church's endowment fund and helps parishioners with planned giving through living gifts and through your will as bequests.
- The following **outreach grants** for September have been approved: Amiguitos (\$1000), St. Francis Center for the Homeless (\$1000).
- A **parking lot lease agreement** has been reached between Paddington Station and St. Luke's.
- The vestry and other church leaders are researching solutions for securing the stairwell opening next to the church kitchen.

If you have a matter for the vestry to consider, the item must be submitted to Reverend Sierra Reyes no later than **two weeks** before the scheduled vestry meeting. The next vestry meeting is scheduled for October 28.

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## What is that Beautiful Stone?

Have you ever wondered about the lovely rusticated and dressed stone used in the 1890 church and 1938 parish house buildings of St. Luke's? The pink or gray stone is known as Castle Rock Rhyolite, or geologically as Wall Mountain tuff, and was originally quarried near the town of Castle Rock in the late 19th century. Many striking historic buildings along the Front Range were constructed of rhyolite, including Trinity Methodist Church and St. Elizabeth's Church in downtown Denver, the Richtofen Castle (just a few blocks from St. Luke's), Denver's Union Station, the Castle Marne B&B, and the famed Molly Brown House. It's been noted that Castle Rock Rhyolite is ideal as a building stone because of its uniformity, durability, and light weight. Every time we come to our church home we can also appreciate its permanence and graceful beauty, so take a few moments to revel in this special feature of the historic fabric of St. Luke's.



## **From the Outreach Committee**

By Joyce Imig

“We have been called to heal wounds, to unite what is fallen apart, and to bring home those who have lost their way.”

St. Francis of Assisi

### **The St. Francis Center for the Homeless**

One of the ministries that the St. Luke’s Outreach Committee supports is the St. Francis Center (SFC), established in 1983 by the Episcopal Diocese of Colorado. SFC is a day shelter at 2323 Curtis Street in downtown Denver.

Open from 6am to 6pm and run by a staff of well trained and committed individuals, the Center provides much needed care and services for those who are homeless in the Denver area. With the help of volunteers those services include social services, showers, storage for personal clothing, employment assistance, use of telephones, a clothing room, mail service, toiletries and other basic necessities. SFC also has an outreach staff who spend their days on the streets assisting homeless men and women who can’t handle being in the Center. The Center serves more than 700 men and women each day, 7 days a week.

St. Francis’ Executive Director, Tom Luehrs and its Board of Directors are closely linked with other agencies helping the homeless through the Coalition for the Homeless. Together, they have been able to build 2 apartment complexes for the homeless, Cornerstone next door to the Center and Apartments at Cathedral Square built on property provided by St. John’s Cathedral. Each houses 50 previously homeless individuals and provides the support system the residents need to be successful. St. Luke’s, through our endowment fund, was able to fully furnish one of these apartments.

### **How Can You Help?**

I encourage you to visit the center. You might start by talking to those from St. Luke’s who volunteer there: John Martin, Ben and Joy Binaisa, and Bill and Joyce Imig. You can arrange a tour by calling Crystal Rains (303-244-0761). She is the person to talk to if you decide you would like to volunteer.

St. Luke’s also collects items for SFC in a basket on the stage in the parish hall. Items most needed are gently worn jeans (especially dark colored men’s waist sizes 30, 32, 34, and 36), new men’s boxers, blankets, coats, towels and washcloths, hotel size toiletries, eyeglasses, especially reading and sunglasses, stamps, backpacks and rolling bags.

Together we can heed Jesus’s call to take care of those less fortunate than ourselves!

## Lectionary Readings for October 2018

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost, October 7

Genesis 2:18-24

Psalm 8

Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

Mark 10:2-16

Twenty Second Sunday after Pentecost, October 21

Isaiah 53:4-12

Psalm 91:9-16

Hebrews 5:1-10

Mark 10:35-45

Twenty First Sunday after Pentecost, October 14

Amos 5:6-7,10-15

Psalm 90:12-17

Hebrews 4:12-16

Mark 10:17-31

Twenty Third Sunday after Pentecost, October 28

Jeremiah 31:7-9

Psalm 126

Hebrews 7:23-28

Mark 10:46-52

*These readings come from the Revised Common Lectionary and may also be found in the NRSV (New Revised Standard Version) translation of the Bible, copyright 1989, and used by permission. The Collects, Psalms and Canticles are from the Book of Common Prayer, 1979.*

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## An Invitation

**Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people**

**Check-in, Contemplation**

**Lectio Divina, Eucharist**



Tuesday mornings 9:30 (without fail!) in the library at St. Luke's, we meet for friendship with God and friendship with each other. There is opportunity to share our own stories (check-in); contemplation (inviting the Spirit to join us); *Lectio Divina* (what's that?) conversation with God in Scripture; Eucharist (taking Christ into our bodies, so we can be the body of Christ in the world).

A new parishioner in our group said we are about more than friendship; that this group is a "Royal Priesthood". And that is true. Each participant is a "Royal Priest" offering prayer, in hearing and sharing what God is saying to him/her, and what s/he is saying to God in return. And each has a part in praying the Eucharist.

**SO JOIN US**

**Take your interior life to a new depth and to a new height**

## **From the Bishop Search Committee**

Upon the recommendation of the Bishop Search Committee, the Standing Committee has nominated the following two priests for election as the 11th Bishop of Colorado at the upcoming 131st Annual Convention:

- The Rev. Kimberly (Kym) Lucas, Rector, St. Margaret's Episcopal Church, Washington, DC
- The Rev. Canon Ruth Woodliff-Stanley, Canon to the Ordinary, Episcopal Church in Colorado, Denver, CO



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RUTH WOODLIFF-STANLEY

To read the candidates' profiles, resumes and their personal statements, please visit The Episcopal Church in Colorado's Bishop Search Committee website <https://www.bishopsearchco.org>. More information about the search process is also available on this site.

## **From the Bishop Search Committee: Engaged Neutrality**

The Bishop Search Committee has completed the task entrusted to us by the Standing Committee earlier this year, and as a body, we offer our enthusiastic and unqualified endorsement of the slate of three nominees. We believe each of these priests is well qualified to serve as Bishop of the Episcopal Church in Colorado.

While our task is complete, we understand that we have an ongoing responsibility: we continue to be bound by the covenants we made with each other, with the candidates, and with you. Central to those covenants was the promise of permanent confidentiality.

We realize that many of you will be eager to learn as much about each of nominees as possible. And it is only natural to seek to gather information and insights from those who know the nominees well—which, of course, would include members of the Bishop Search Committee. While we understand and respect why you might ask us many questions, we hope that you will understand and respect why, given the unique nature of this process and the covenants we have made, we will respectfully decline to answer any of them. We have made a commitment to disclose nothing we learned about the candidates in the course of our work.

Instead, we will invite you to look at all the information that will be provided via the bishop search website and, in particular, to attend the "Walkabouts," where there will be opportunities to get to know the nominees in person and to hear answers to questions that might be on your hearts and minds.

As for us, if you should ask us any questions, you should expect our answers to be engaged, but neutral. We remain deeply engaged with this process, and unanimous in our discernment that any one of these nominees would make a wonderful bishop for all of us. But we will be entirely neutral—and

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not very responsive or forthcoming—in what we have to say beyond that. We have agreed as well, that out of respect for the process and for all the nominees, those of us who will be among the voting delegates at the Convention will not disclose for whom we voted.

Exciting times lie ahead for all of us. We hope that as you learn more about each of the nominees you will, as we have, come to appreciate the many gifts each of them brings to their ministries, to those closest to them, and to the communities they serve. Please know that you and your discernment of whom to call as our bishop will be continually in our prayers.

### **A Prayer for the Search Process**

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a bishop for this Diocese, and those in discernment with us, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## **Bishop Candidate Walkabouts**

Bishop Candidate Walkabout meetings are be your chance to personally meet the candidates, ask questions, and see them in action.

The High Plains Region Walkabout will be on Sunday, October 7, 2:00 to 6:00 at St. John's Cathedral. Additional Walkabouts are scheduled throughout Colorado until October 12th, as listed below. You may RSVP for a Walkabout at <https://www.bishopsearchco.org/rsvp>.

The Standing Committee urges every delegate and member of the clergy to attend a meeting as part of your discernment of who leads us in the next phase of our spiritual journey.

**Sunday, October 7, 2:00 to 6:00 pm**  
**Saint John's Cathedral, Denver**  
1350 N Washington St, Denver, CO 80203

Includes a Q&A session focused on youth and young adults that will be recorded. Recording will be made available after the walkabout week on Saturday, October 13.

**Monday, October 8, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm**  
**St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Lakewood**  
9200 W. 10th Avenue, Lakewood, CO 80215

**Monday, October 8, 5:00 to 8:00 pm**  
**All Saints' Episcopal Church, Loveland**  
3448 N Taft Ave, Loveland, CO 80538

Includes a Q&A session focused on latino ministries that will be recorded. Recording will be made available after the walkabout week on Saturday, October 13.

**Tuesday, October 9, 5:00 to 8:00 pm**  
**Edwards Interfaith Chapel, Edwards**  
32138 US Highway 6, Edwards, Colorado 81632

**Wednesday, October 10, 5:00 to 8:00 pm**  
**St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, Grand Junction**  
3888 27 1/2 Rd, Grand Junction, CO 81506

**Thursday, October 11, 5:00 to 8:00 pm**  
**St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Durango**  
910 E 3rd Ave, Durango, CO 81301

**Friday, October 12, 6:00 to 9:00 pm**  
**Grace & St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Colorado Springs**  
601 N Tejon St, Colorado Springs, CO 80903

This meeting will be recorded and live streamed at <https://www.facebook.com/EpiscopalCO/>.

## **How You Can Join St. Luke's**

St. Luke's is a beloved community committed to faithfully living out the Gospel in Denver, Colorado. We are delighted that you have been with us for worship. Several of you have asked about membership at St. Luke's. Our church membership is made up of people from all backgrounds and church experiences. Read below to find out how you can join St. Luke's:

### **If you are currently listed as a member of another Episcopal Church ...**

Contact St. Luke's church office (303-355-2331 or [info@lukeonline.org](mailto:info@lukeonline.org)) with the name of your previous Episcopal Church, and we will have your Letter of Transfer sent here. Your membership will be recorded, and you will receive a letter confirming your new membership at St. Luke's.

### **If you are currently a baptized member of another Christian denomination ...**

Contact the church office and ask that you be notified when our next series of "Inquirer's Classes: Episcopal/Anglicanism 101" begin. Our next class offering is scheduled for the Fall during the 9:00 hour on Sunday mornings. You will learn about how Episcopalians approach the study of the Bible, as well as church polity and life at St. Luke's. You will then be presented to the Bishop at the Regional Confirmation service in Spring 2019. If you are previously a member of the Lutheran or Roman Catholic church, you will be 'received' into the Episcopal Church.

### **If you have never been baptized ...**

Join us regularly for worship and fellowship. Since part of what baptism conveys is membership in the Body of Christ, the church, we welcome you to participate in our worship and community life --before, during, and after the baptism. Make an appointment with Reverend Sierra Reyes to discuss the Christian faith and the sacrament of baptism.

Above all, know that you are welcome in this community of imperfect but joyful souls, striving to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God. Welcome home.

- The Reverend J. Sierra Reyes, Rector



This is the wonderful group of newcomers, staff and Vestry that turned out for the Newcomers Gathering on September 22nd at the home of Mike and Andrea LeClaire. What a great time full of fellowship and energy!

# October 2018

Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 9:00 am-2:00 pm  
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	
7:00 Morning Prayer 7:45-HE/10:15-HE/CS 9:00 Sunday Morning Faith Journeys - Walking the Camino de Santiago	9:30-Lectio Divina & HE (LIB) 11:00-Staff (LIB)	6:00 Soup, Study and Worship Women Writers in Anglican Spirituality	7:30-Choir		8:00 - MSL 9-10 - Altar Guild	
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14	16	17	18	19	20	
7:00 Morning Prayer 7:45-HE/10:15-HE/CS 9:00 Sunday Morning Faith Journeys - History of St. Luke's 11:45-Outreach (LIB)	9:30-Lectio Divina & HE (LIB) 11:00-Staff (LIB)	6:00 Soup, Study and Worship Interfaith Study w/ Rodef Shalom	Feast Day of St. Luke  7:00 p.m. Celebration of New Ministry of Rev. Sierra Reyes		9-10-Altar Guild 10-12-Altar Guild (LIB)	
21	23	24	25	26	27	
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28	30	31	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p><b>HE:</b> Holy Eucharist    <b>CS:</b> Church School  <b>MSL:</b> Men of St. Luke's    <b>PH:</b> Parish Hall  <b>LIB:</b> Library</p> </div>			
7:00 Morning Prayer 7:45-HE/10:15-HE/CS 9:00 All-Parish Meeting 11:45-Vestry (LIB)	9:30-Lectio Divina & HE (LIB) 11:00-Staff (LIB)	6:00 Soup, Study and Worship Interfaith Study w/ Rodef Shalom				

**St. Luke's Episcopal Church**  
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**Address Service Requested**

## **St Luke's Episcopal Church**

The Rev. J. Sierra Reyes, Rector  
The Rev. Sandy Blake, Assisting Priest  
The Rev. Linda Brown, Deacon  
Gordon Tucker, Director of Christian Formation  
Thomas Strickland, Director of Music Ministries  
Laura Olivanti, Nursery Supervisor  
Brock Erickson, Parish Administrator  
Mike Kallas, Finance Administrator

**Office Hours: Mon. through Thurs. 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

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## **Service Times**

Sunday 7:00 Morning Prayer  
7:45 a.m. & 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
9:00 a.m. & 11:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship

Tuesday 9:30 a.m. Lectio Divina and  
Holy Eucharist

**Do you have information to share with the Parish? Is there a special celebration coming up in your life? Get it into the office by the 20th of the month for inclusion in the Lark!**

*The Lark is published monthly and can also be read online at [www.stlukesdenver.org](http://www.stlukesdenver.org)*