

THE PULSE



March 8, 2020 Second Sunday in Lent

St. Charles Episcopal Church

A church with a big heart, shining the light of Christ, joyfully serving others.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: During the Lenten season, many churches offer Stations of the Cross as an opportunity for reflection on the mercy and love of God. Here at SCEC, we will pray the Stations of the Cross every Friday beginning on Friday, starting at 12 Noon. Remember our Anglican mantra: All May, Some Should, None Must. For more information, contact Deacon Steve or Jim Bachman. Upcoming dates are March 6, March 13, March 20, March 27, and April 3.

VIGIL WATCH (Altar of Repose). Maundy Thursday is the holy day falling on the Thursday before Easter. It commemorates the Maundy and Last Supper of Jesus Christ with the Apostles and marks the beginning of the Easter Triduum. Immediately following the service, a vigil watch before the Reserved Sacrament will take start. Please sign up in the Ludtke Hall to pray in the Library for one hour until 12 Midnight Thursday. For more information, contact Deacon Steve or Jim Bachman.

SECOND SUNDAY ADULT FORUM: Join us for a special presentation from Rev. Stacy this Sunday **March 8th, 2020**, as she will be sharing with us her experiences in the Holy Land. Don't Miss Out! Forum is from 9:45am- 10:30am.

UPCOMING FUNDRAISER: TIME CHANGE! St. Charles Episcopal Church is honored to hold the first fundraiser ever held at Raising Cane's, the new chicken finger restaurant in Batavia, **Sunday, March 8**. Their signature chicken fingers are marinated, hand-battered and freshly cooked to order. Combine that with crinkle-cut fries, homemade coleslaw, Texas toast, fresh-squeezed lemonade or iced tea and you've got yourself a meal! Pick up a flyer in Ludtke Hall and come anytime to 1998 McKee St. (just off Randall Rd.) from noon-7 p.m. Or join a number of your friends who'll be gathering about **2:30 p.m.** Raising Cane's will donate 15% of all our sales to SCEC. Tell a friend!

LENTEN ADULT CLASSES -- The Adult Formation Class will use the Living Compass booklet, *Practicing Courage with All Your Heart, Soul, Strength, and Mind*. We will NOT have class on March 8th, instead, we will be listening to Rev. Stacy's review of her Israel Pilgrimage. The Lenten class will meet again on Sunday **March 15th** at 9:45am in the library. Participants should have read all the previous week's devotions either from the booklet or by requesting them via emails from livingcompass.org/lent. The devotion(s) for discussion each week will depend on the inspiration(s) of the facilitator. Let Katie Thomson or Jim Bachman know your questions.

Fox River Valley Initiative + Allies = Results! On **Sunday, March 15th**, 200+ people will gather from the Fox River Valley Initiative (FRVI) at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in St. Charles. *Our church / institution* is one of the 18 member institutions of FRVI. The work of FRVI is accomplished because of the dedication of ordinary citizens who see the importance of churches, non-profits and associations uniting together to work for change. This past year we increased the Medicaid reimbursement rate at the state level to cover hospital based Crisis Stabilization Units (a place to go in a mental health crisis); broke ground on 48 units of affordable housing at 1212 Larkin in Elgin; pushed for the inclusion of affordable housing money in the state's capital budget (\$200 Million was won) and Kane County Sheriff, Ron Hain, became one of the first in the NATION to join the Do Not Stand Idly By Gun Safety Consortium -- a market based approach to reducing gun violence. March 15th is a moment to celebrate those successes, map out next steps, and work for more results. Will you join us? When: Sunday, March 15, 2020, 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 1145 N 5th Ave, St. Charles. For more information and to sign up to attend, please contact Laura Graf at LauraJGraf.research.@gmail.com or leave a text at 331-303-2006

ST PATTY'S LUNCHEON! Please mark your calendars for **Sun. Mar 15** at noon for the 17th Annual YES St Patty's Luncheon. This luncheon will be held in honor of all the Youthful Episcopal Seniors (65+) for all their dedication to SCEC. Traditional Irish fare will be served including corn beef, potatoes, cabbage & carrots, green salad, Irish soda bread, dessert and beverage. Entertainment will be the Foy School of Traditional Irish Dance. Tickets sales will begin on Mar 1 after both services. Tickets are

\$10 for Adults and \$5 for Children (3-12). An alternative menu available with hot dogs, chip, drink and dessert for \$3. If you would like to help out, please see the signup sheet in Ludke Hall or contact Kat Hari.

NEW COOKING CLASS! SCEC is partnering with Fox Valley Food for Health to re-launch our cooking class. Mark your calendar for **Saturday, March 21**, 1-3 p.m. in Ludtke Hall. FVFH is that special non-profit that teaches teens to grow organic produce and prepare healthy meals that are delivered free to those with serious illnesses (predominantly cancer.) FVFH co-founder Mary Fremgen and her team will be cooking up delicious chicken and quinoa Buddha bowls, wild and brown rice salad with winter squash and cranberries, and deep dark chocolate budino for dessert. Learn the recipes, enjoy the food and have fun! Tell your friends. Price remains the same, just \$30! Sign up in Ludtke Hall. Questions? Call Bo Smith at 630-263-9512

LIGHT THE WAY CAMPAIGN UPDATE:

Over the last few weeks the Light the Way team has been active in gathering information about projects and formalizing the campaign leadership team for the next phase.

As the campaign moves from discernment and planning to active solicitation, the leadership team has evolved to focus on this next phase.

- Bill Yeck and Erik Balisi are now the co-chairs of the campaign and will be leading the campaign going forward.
- Kristin Madden is now the campaign coordinator. In this role Kristin is helping to make sure we have clear tasks and timelines and helping to coordinate with contractors and vendors who are providing estimates on work.

Other people who will be involved in critical ways include:

- Rev. Stacy, who will provide general oversight and spiritual guidance.
- Treasurer Holly Parks, who will help ensure that we have the proper mechanisms in place to handle donations to the campaign.
- Parish Administrator Kim Cole, who will help with the production of communications and recording of pledges as they come in.

Finally, the campaign has met with two contractors and walked them through the building, discussing the updates that need to be made. They will be providing written estimates to us, which the campaign will then use as the firm cost estimates for the campaign. If you have any questions (or would like to get involved!) contact Erik Balisi, Bill Yeck, or Rev. Stacy.

CARPET CLEANING! The week of March 30th spring cleaning will be in process in the library. If you are available to clean the floor and furniture or help dust or polish glass or brass **March 30 or 31st** please contact Candace Moline 630-244-9660. Thank you for your volunteer spirit!

MISSION TRIP DEADLINE for signing up for the trip to Peru is **March 31st**. For additional information about the mission trip, please contact Rev. Stacy at revstacy@stcharlesepiscopal.org or Hugh Robinson at hugh.robinson1947@gmail.com

MARCH 1, 2020 ATTENDANCE & CONTRIBUTION REPORT

75 members attended the Eucharist and donations received totaled \$7,821.00. Thank you! Loose plate offerings are designated in the following ways:

Week 1 – Building Fund

Week 2 – Operations

Week 3 – Rector’s Discretionary Fund

Week 4 & 5 – Operations

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Mon. & Wed. 12 pm-5 pm, Tue. & Thur. 9:30 am-2:30 pm

The office is closed on Fridays.

ACOLYTES FOR 8:30 AM AND 10:45 AM HOLY EUCHARIST

Don't forget to include on your calendars serving God at the altar at St. Charles. Please log on to Sign-up Genius today to see the many opportunities available for you to serve in this important ministry. Any questions please ask Regan Jancauskas.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/index.cfm?go=c.SignUpSearch&eid=0FC0CFDDFAC8F661&cs=09B5BADF8FBB8B117B7E640F5BC09BCF&sortBy=l.title>

FEED MY SHEEP Are you looking for an opportunity to serve? Sometimes it's nice to let someone else do the cooking (or calling for take-out) when you have a life event – surgery, birth of a child, sick family member, death, job loss, moving – so we have our “Feed My Sheep” ministry. Join this ministry to provide support to our parishioners by delivering a home cooked meal, bringing take-out from a favorite restaurant, ordering food to be delivered, or giving a gift card to a restaurant. The meal doesn't always have to be dinner – some people just need a little breakfast help or some lunch. Even if you don't think you can cook, there are other ways you can still show one of our members some love and support!

When a request comes in, we send out the word and ask for people to sign up to deliver a meal. Information about food preferences, allergies, quantities is provided. You just need to connect with the person to arrange for delivery. We only provide a few meals a quarter, so this isn't a time-intensive ministry. As someone who has been a recipient of meals during times of family crisis, it's a greatly appreciated ministry. If you are interested in signing up for this ministry, please contact Phyllis Otto or Lisa-Ann Barnes to be added to the list.

FOUND! Reading glasses! If you are missing your reading glasses, 2.0+, please contact the parish office. They were found in the pew in front of the organ.

PULSE DEADLINE is now Wednesday's at NOON. Thank you!

UPCOMING SAVE THE DATES:

3/23 Healing Service, 4/5 Palm Sunday, 4/9 Maundy Thursday, 4/10 Good Friday, 4/12 EASTER SUNDAY! SCEC Rummage Sale 4/25, Peru Mission trip 6/19 to July 1.

PRAYERS FOR THE COMING WEEK

For Healing and Intercession

Irene Voss, Ingrid Judd, Vicki, Steve, Jim, Babette, Rosa F., Carl & Linda, and Nancy. We also include all those being prayed for by the Daughters of the King.

For those who have died: Kay Schuckert

For the Homebound

Darlene Gillis, Norma Strait, & Judy Clark

For those Seeking Employment

Jessica Birk

For Discernment

Tara Osborne

For the Church Commissions *of the Diocese:* Congregations
Commission; Commission on Ministry; Anti-Racism Commission
And our Companion Dioceses of SE Mexico and Renk

SCRIPTURE LESSONS FOR MARCH 8, 2020

<https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/texts.php?id=25>

Genesis 12:1-4a • Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 • John 3:1-17

SCRIPTURE LESSONS FOR MARCH 15, 2020

<https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/texts.php?id=26>

Exodus 17:1-7 • Romans 5:1-11 • John 4:5-42

SERVER SCHEDULE

March 8, 2020

March 15 ,2020

LEM

8:30 AM

10:45 AM

Deb Sturges
Jim Bachman
Katie Thomson

Kathy Mertes
Katie Thomson
Tom Miller

LECTORS

8:30 AM

10:45 AM

Cynthia Victor
Bo Smith
Kristen Madden

Diane Edwards
Dottie Finatri
Ed Manning

USHERS

8:30 AM

Jeff Victor
Fay Viverito
Ed Manning
Mike Ditch

Larry Engel
Barb Wolfrum
John Coffey
Paul McNassar

10:45 AM

ACOLYTES

8:30 AM

Open

Open

10:45 AM

Open

Open

Open

Open

INTERCESSORS

10:45 AM

Bo Smith

Bob Huber

ALTAR GUILD

Deb Sturges
Kathy Heikkinen
Jody Rullman
Katie Thomson

Kathy Mertes
Maria Owen
Linda Boerner
Charles Boerner

FLOWER TEAMS

Catherine Huber

n/a

H.E.M. s

n/a

n/a

VESTRY

Jill Mosshamer

Kristin Madden

COFFEE CAFÉ

8:30

Open

Open

10:45

Dottie, Lydia & Mary

St. Patty's Day Lunch

BREAD BAKERS

Chris Trotta

Sheri Weil

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

Thursday, March 5

- 10:30 am Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting
8:00 pm Church cleaning

Friday, March 6

- 9:15 am Morning prayer
12:00 pm Stations of the cross
5:30 pm Al-Anon
8:00 pm AA

Saturday, March 7

- 8:00 am AA
9:45 am DAR Meeting
10:00 am Altar Guild Meeting
3:30 pm Lazarus House Meal Prep

Sunday, March 8

- 8:30 am Family Style Worship Service, Enriching our Worship,
Prayer 1
9:30 am Coffee Hour 1
9:45am Rev. Stacy Forum on Holy Land
10:00 am Choir Rehearsal for 10:45 service, Formation classes
10:45 am Classic Holy Eucharist, Enriching our Worship,
Prayer 1
12:00 pm Coffee Hour 2

Monday, March 9

- 5:30 pm AA
6:15 pm Education for Ministry Meeting

Tuesday, March 10

- 5:00 pm AA
7:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting

Wednesday, March 11

- 10:30 am Healing Prayer Team Meeting
2:00 pm Music Rehearsal

5:00 pm AA
6:00pm Choir Rehearsal
6:15 pm Men's Cursillo Group
6:30 pm Fox Valley Knitters Guild

Thursday, March 12

8:00 pm Church cleaning

Friday, March 13

9:15 am Morning prayer
12:00 pm Stations of the cross
5:30 pm Al-Anon
8:00 pm AA

Saturday, March 14

8:00 am AA
10:00 am DOK
12:00 pm Labyrinth Walk

Sunday, March 15

8:30 am Family Style Worship Service, Enriching our Worship,
Prayer 1
9:30 am Coffee Hour 1
10:00 am Choir Rehearsal for 10:45 service, formation classes
10:45 am Classic Holy Eucharist, Enriching our Worship,
Prayer 1
12:00 pm St. Patricks' Day Luncheon Y.E.S. Group

Prayer for the election of a Bishop

The Standing Committee requests your prayers during this time of transition in our diocese for those who serve on the Search & Nomination Committee and all who may be discerning a call to be our next bishop. Please pray for them during weekly worship through the election convention in June of 2020.

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 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.

Household Prayer: Morning

Loving God, you have given me the gift of this new day, and you send me out to live it fully and well. Help me to be attentive to your direction and leading. If you should call me to go in some direction, give me courage to try this new thing. If you present me with a mysterious truth or grace, help me to understand, or to seek understanding, with a sense of wonder and faith. Whatever this day may hold, I trust that you will keep me in all my comings and goings. In your Son's name, I pray. Amen

Household Prayer: Evening

Gracious God, as the evening comes and the light fades, I look for you even in the shadows. Your love and protection stay with me through the night hours, and I rest in your promises. For the day as it has been, I give you thanks. For the gift of rest, I offer a hymn of praise. You love me and the whole world so greatly that you offer us salvation. After a night of rest, bring me into the light of a new day. In gratitude, I pray in Jesus' name. Amen

RULE OF LIFE

at St. Charles Episcopal Church

Our Rule of Life is how we live the Gospel daily.

- ❖ Christ is the cornerstone of the church, and prayer is the foundation of our life together.
- ❖ We come together in the celebration of the Holy Eucharist on a regular basis.
- ❖ We listen to one another with the compassionate heart of Christ and ask questions for clarification.
- ❖ We respect one another's stories by listening and keeping their confidence.
- ❖ We strive to practice forgiveness as we have been forgiven through Jesus' death and resurrection.
- ❖ We behave knowing God is in our midst.
- ❖ We seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving our neighbor as ourselves.
- ❖ We respect the dignity of every human being.
- ❖ We actively build worship, education, service and giving.

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