

# THE PULSE



March 15, 2020 Third Sunday in Lent

## **St. Charles Episcopal Church**

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

**UPCOMING EVENTS:** Please contact the Parish Office (630-584-2596) or [ParishAdmin@stcharlesepiscopal.org](mailto:ParishAdmin@stcharlesepiscopal.org) if you are planning to cancel an upcoming church event, or if you would like to schedule an event or meeting.

**HEALTH ALERT:** In response to the wellness practices in light of COVID19, SCEC has taken measures to keep our Parish healthy. Please do not shake hands or embrace during the service.

- Large quantities of soap and paper towels are available.
- Additional bathrooms are located in the lower level so feel free to use those if you are able.

**Fox River Valley Initiative + Allies = Results!** On **Sunday, March 15th**, a small gathering of select officials (by invitation only) will meet (rather than the large assembly) due to health concerns. We are planning on recording the event; it may even be sent out live. We will make sure people get access to what our guest speakers say.

**ST PATTY'S LUNCHEON:** Has been cancelled

**FSD VOLUNTEER BASH :** Has been postponed

**NEW COOKING CLASS:** Has been postponed

**FREE SPAGHETTI DINNER:** On March 29 will be carry out only. No "dine in" available until further notice.

**LENTEN ADULT CLASSES** -- The Adult Formation Class will use the Living Compass booklet, *Practicing Courage with All Your Heart, Soul, Strength, and Mind*. The Lenten class will meet on Sunday **March 15th** at 9:45am **at a large table in a far corner of the Parish Hall this Sunday**. Participants should have read all the previous week's devotions either from the booklet or by requesting them via emails from [livingcompass.org/lent](http://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.

**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 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 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.

**PASSION PLAY APRIL 5:** Roles are now available if you are interested in participating in "The Sunday of the Passion" on Palm Sunday. Signup sheets may be found just outside the sanctuary on the table near the serving schedule and the visitor cards. More information coming in the weeks ahead.

### **PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

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

**HELLO THERE!** Notice anyone new in the pew near you this morning? Are you a visitor? Please introduce yourself to any new faces! Shine the Light of Christ and extend our hospitality to all. Wear your

nametag. Don't have one? There are temporary tags on the table in the hall outside the sanctuary. We are all greeters!!

**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.

**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](mailto:revstacy@stcharlesepiscopal.org) or Hugh Robinson at [hugh.robinson1947@gmail.com](mailto:hugh.robinson1947@gmail.com)

**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!

### **MARCH 8, 2020 ATTENDANCE & CONTRIBUTION REPORT**

60 members attended the Eucharist and donations received totaled \$4,349.31. 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

**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.

### **UPCOMING SAVE THE DATES:**

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

Scott Judd, 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 15, 2020

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

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

## SCRIPTURE LESSONS FOR MARCH 22, 2020

[https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/texts.php?id=27#hebrew\\_reading](https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/texts.php?id=27#hebrew_reading)

1 Samuel 16:1-13 • Ephesians 5:8-14 • John 9:1-41

## SERVER SCHEDULE

**March 15, 2020**

**March 22, 2020**

### LEM

8:30 AM

10:45 AM

Kathy Mertes

Katie Thomson

Tom Miller

Diana Brown

Katie Thomson

## LECTORS

8:30 AM

Diane Edwards

Open

10:45 AM

Dottie Finatri

Phyllis Otto

Phyllis Otto

Lisel Ulaszek

## USHERS

8:30 AM

Larry Engel

Open

Barb Wolfrum

Fay Viverito

10:45 AM

John Coffey

Jim Bachman

Paul McNassar

Charles Boerner

## ACOLYTES

8:30 AM

Oliver Ulaszek

Open

10:45 AM

Open

Oliver Ulaszek

Open

Open

## INTERCESSORS

10:45 AM

Bob Huber

Katie Thomson

## ALTAR GUILD

Team 2

Kathy Mertes

Maria Owen

Linda Boerner

Charles Boerner

Team 3

Diana Brown

Diane Edwards

Katie Thomson

Open

## FLOWER TEAMS

n/a

Dottie Finatri

## H.E.M. s

n/a

Janet & Jody

## VESTRY

Kristin Madden

Mike Ditch

## COFFEE CAFÉ

8:30

Barb/Larry Wolfrum

Lela Lowe/Fruit &  
Freezer Food Fantasy

10:45

St. Patty's Day Lunch

Rich and Carol Foster

CANCELLED

## BREAD BAKERS

Shari Weil

Lisa-Ann Barnes

## **CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK AHEAD**

### **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, Rite 1, Prayer 1

9:30 am Coffee Hour 1

9:45am Adult Forum (New Meeting Spot) \*

10:00 am Choir Rehearsal for 10:45 service, Formation classes

10:45 am Classic Holy Eucharist, Rite 1, Prayer 1

### **Monday, March 16**

5:30 pm AA

6:15 pm Education for Ministry Meeting

### **Tuesday, March 17**

5:00 pm AA

7:00 pm Vestry Committee Meeting

### **Wednesday, March 18**

2:00 pm Music Rehearsal

5:00 pm AA

6:00pm Choir Rehearsal

6:15 pm Men's Cursillo Group

### **Thursday, March 19**

8:00 pm Church cleaning

## **Friday, March 20**

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

## **Saturday, March 21**

3:00 am	Hesed House Breakfast Prep
5:00 am	Hesed House Breakfast Serve
8:00 am	AA

## **Sunday, March 22**

8:30 am	Family Style Worship Service, Rite I, Prayer I
9:30 am	Coffee Hour 1
10:00 am	Choir Rehearsal for 10:45 service, formation classes
10:45 am	Classic Holy Eucharist, Rite 1, Prayer 1

### ***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**

God, my maker, hold me this day, with the same hand that shapes the mountains, with the same hand that cradles the deep. Keep my heart soft and supple, make my faith strong and firm. Renew me, re-form me, re-create me into the image of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen



## **Household Prayer: Evening**

We come to you now, O Lord, weary from the day's journey, thirsty for rest, hungry for peace. Renew us in your love and restore us by your grace, until we find our rest at last by the river of the water of life. 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.

## **St Charles Episcopal Church Receives 2020 Best of St. Charles Award**

### **St. Charles Award Program Honors the Achievement**

ST. CHARLES February 26, 2020 -- St Charles Episcopal Church has been selected for the 2020 Best of St. Charles Award in the Places of Worship category by the St. Charles Award Program.

Each year, the St. Charles Award Program identifies companies that we believe have achieved exceptional marketing success in their local community and business category. These are local companies that enhance the positive image of small business through service to their customers and our community. These exceptional companies help make the St. Charles area a great place to live, work and play.

Various sources of information were gathered and analyzed to choose the winners in each category. The 2020 St. Charles Award Program focuses on quality, not quantity. Winners are determined based on the information gathered both internally by the St. Charles Award Program and data provided by third parties.

### **About St. Charles Award Program**

The St. Charles Award Program is an annual awards program honoring the achievements and accomplishments of local businesses throughout the St. Charles area. Recognition is given to those companies that have shown the ability to use their best practices and implemented programs to generate competitive advantages and long-term value.

The St. Charles Award Program was established to recognize the best of local businesses in our community. Our organization works exclusively with local business owners, trade groups, professional associations and other business advertising and marketing groups. Our mission is to recognize the small business community's contributions to the U.S. economy. CONGRATS SCEC!!!

*Prayer for People Critically Ill  
or Facing Great Uncertainty*

God of the present moment,  
God who in Jesus stills the storm  
and soothes the frantic heart;  
bring hope and courage to all  
who wait or work in uncertainty.  
Bring hope that you will make them the equal  
of whatever lies ahead.  
Bring them courage to endure what cannot be  
avoided,  
for your will is health and wholeness;  
you are God, and we need you.  
*-Adapted from New Zealand Prayer Book, p. 765*

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