

# Tidings



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## Encourage One Another

*This month's focus in Tidings is Pastoral Care Ministry.*



St. Luke's Church is a Stephen Ministry Congregation. Stephen Ministry is a program in which extensively trained volunteers offer confidential, one-to-one Christian care to people who are experiencing a life challenge or crisis. If you would like to speak with a Stephen Minister, please telephone the Pastoral Care Office (828.6425, ext. 212). A Stephen Minister will be assigned to you within twenty-four hours.



*Julie Anderson*

One of the largest ministry programs at St. Luke's may be the one people know the least about because it is conducted behind the scenes. The one exception to this is Elizabeth Turner who coordinates the twenty ministries under the umbrella of pastoral care.

What most people don't realize is Elizabeth and the others involved in Pastoral Care Ministries are crucial to the well-being of many people within the church and beyond.

"As with all the ministries, the volunteers gain as much as the recipients, and it is a blessing to give them the opportunity to serve. Pastoral Care equips people for life and discipleship," Elizabeth Turner said.

The roots of the ministry date back to 1985 and the efforts of Dr. Colette Kohler and a small task force she formed.

"I attended a week long seminar sponsored by the Alban Institute which was led by Marlene Wil-

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*A ministry of faith, hope and love provided by caring individuals with a true calling to help those around them*

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## Pastoral Ministries

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Sometimes Pastoral Care simply means listening.  
(Photo: Dorothy Tarbox)

son who had conducted a very successful program in Boulder, Colorado, for volunteers working in non-profit organizations. She decided that what she had been doing would be very applicable to volunteers in churches," Kohler said.

Kohler added that during that week, they were told to design a program in their own congregations and then attempt to put it into place. Later, a one-day workshop was given for the Commission Chairmen at St. Luke's so that they could begin recruiting persons to jobs with specific duties which would accomplish their purposes. "From this followed the designs for front office volunteers—a telephone ministry (Congregational Care Assistants) to shut-ins, hospitalized and convalescent patients, birthday, and anniversary calls," Kohler said.

Pastoral Care Ministries today still provide a kind-hearted person to listen, care, show compassion, empathy to those struggling with death, loss of hope, medical problems or any other situation that may need an extra hand or a compassionate listener.

Compassionate describes the eighteen active men and women involved in the Stephen Ministries.

"We are not therapists; we are listeners. We work one on one in complete confidentiality. The others on our team do not even know who our care receivers

are," said Judy Durbin, Stephen Minister leader. Durbin has been involved with the program for five years.

Durbin said the 50-hour program was developed in St. Louis by Kenneth Haugk in response to the need for people to talk, so people were trained to listen, not cure.

Those who are Stephen Ministers (care givers) are very

committed. There is not a lot of turnover.

Durbin said the care receivers do not have to be members of St. Luke's. Most of the care receivers are referred to Stephen Ministers by Pastoral Care and the clergy.

"We all have care receivers... There is a calling and a need for it. I wish I had known about it earlier in my life," Durbin said.

For all the ministers give, they also receive.

"We give a lot of love and care to our care receivers and receive a tremendous amount back," Sybil Judge said.

Another program that falls under the umbrella of Pastoral Care is Community of Hope which uses the 14-week, 42-hour training program designed by the Pastoral Care Department at St. Luke's Hospital in Houston. The purpose of the training is to awaken trainees to God's call in their lives and to help them to discover their spiritual gifts for ministry. This experience builds community and develops spiritually centered pastoral caregivers.

"Learning about your feelings and talents and how you can use your gifts and talents to help others (is the goal of the course). You take a personal inventory of your talents," said Nancy Wallace, a Community of Hope trained lay chaplain.

Everyone needs help at one time or another.

"In general, the philosophy of Lay Ministry stems from the fact that we all have been given gifts by God which are



The Rev. Wayne Knutson addresses the Community of Hope Training class.

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empowered by the model of Jesus' ministry and the in-dwelling of the Holy Spirit for the exercise of our gifts for the good of the community in which we live—both the congregation and the world," Kohler said.

Kohler added, "The clergy cannot do it all and with the coordinated participation of both ordained and lay persons, the Church in action becomes an instrument in caring for God's creatures and creation and a witness to the Kingdom on earth. Some ministries are very visible; others are behind the scenes, but all are for the fulfilling of the Great Commission to "Know Christ and Make Him Known."

Just like in the Stephen Ministry, Community of Hope emphasizes listening and not offering advice.

"There's a fine line about not forcing yourself on people...not trying to solve everything, but to listen more," Wallace said.

Pastoral Care ministries like Congregational Care Assistants provide needed support for those dealing with a crisis in their life; however, there are portions of the ministry that celebrate momentous events in parishioners lives.

"It is a way to keep up with our parishioners in our church. This is such a caring church and it is due to ministries like these," said Leah Lewis.

Congregational Care Assistants keep

track of members who are in the hospital, convalescing at home, the homebound and the bereaved. They also call parishioners on their birthday and wedding anniversary.

The Women of St. Luke's are deeply involved in pastoral ministries and a group of younger women provide comfort and joy to parishioners through Feed My Sheep, Guild of the Christ Child, and writing notes of encouragement.

The Guild of the Christ Child presents a gift to the family who has a newborn.

Feed My Sheep is a ministry that delivers a meal to a parishioner after a hospitalization.

"We could always use people to sign up," said Renee Wright, President of the WOSL. If interested call the church office.

The women also make memorial gifts through the diocesan Book of Remembrance to honor those in our parish who have died. These funds are used for scholarships for seminarians.

Another key ministry of pastoral care reaches out to those who have suffered the loss of a loved one. Gretchen Bealer, coordinator, facilitates classes, sends for grief materials, and arranges for telephone bereavement support.

"We do not do individual counseling, but we do referrals," Bealer said.

"Grief and the Holidays," a special



Home Communion

program sponsored by the Bereavement Ministry will take place November 19 during the Christian Education hour, and January 10 to February 14, 2007, there will be a six-session class of "Life after Loss", an educational and support group, on Wednesday afternoons.

Other ministries that fall under the realm of Pastoral Care are Parish Nurse Ministry, Lay Eucharistic Visitors, Recovery Ministry, Hospital Ministry, and Intercessory Prayer.

"On January 9, 2007, the parish nurse ministry has arranged for LifeLine Screening to administer stroke screening tests. The Parish Nurses also plan a Health Fair in the late spring," Turner said.

To sum it all up, Pastoral Care ministries offers so much to each member of the congregation whether they are in need or not. It is a ministry of faith, hope and love provided by caring individuals with a true calling to help those around them.

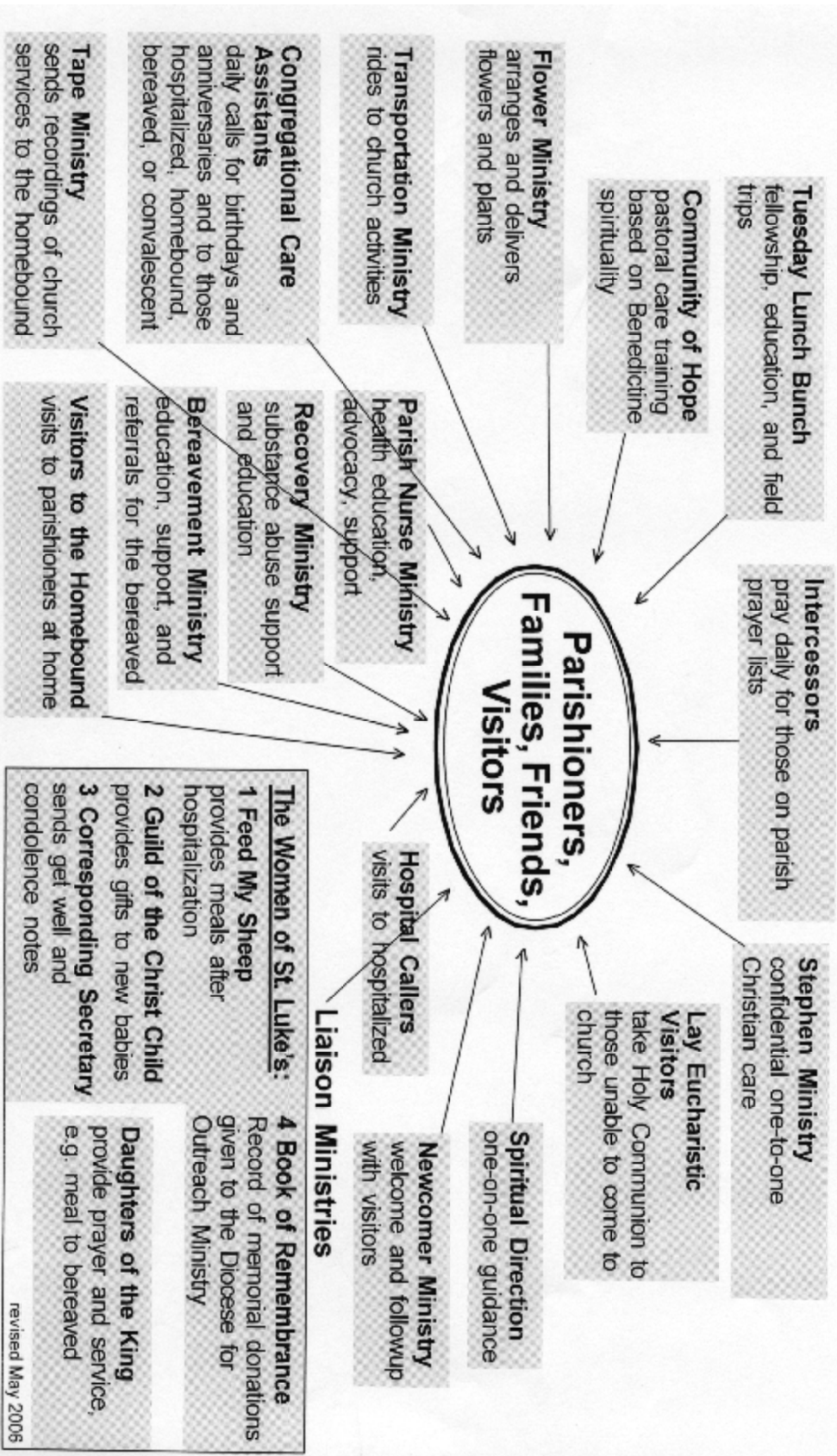
Said Bealer, "Pastoral Care is a healing presence. To me, it is the heart of the church. We care for the wounded, celebrate birthdays, deliver flowers, train lay ministers—and everything is rooted in love and prayer." ❖



## Pastoral Care Ministries at St. Luke's Episcopal Church

St. Luke's Pastoral Care Ministries seek to provide Christ's unconditional love through:

- Christian caregiving;
- Nurturing and healing;
- Compassion, love, and empathy; and
- Recruiting and training caregivers for service.



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## Around the Churchyard

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### Green Door ready for fall

The Green Door Thrift Shop is bustling with fall shoppers, consignors, donors and volunteers! We would like to say **thank you** to all parishioners at St. Luke's who donate, consign, shop and volunteer at the Green Door! A special thanks goes to all the Women of St. Luke's who brought donations during the Open House on October 1.

Please bring us your good condition fall clothes that you no longer need and come shop at the store and find something new! We have clothes and shoes for ladies, men, girls, boys, toddlers, and infants, including brand name items such as Cole Hahn and Chico's and some items that have never been worn. We also have housewares and fall decorations for the home.

Come join in the hustle and bustle of Fall— at the GREEN DOOR. The Green Door Thrift Shop is located at 1030 Nacogdoches Rd. (near the Walgreen's in Lincoln Heights at Broadway and Basse Rd.) We are open 10.00 a.m - 1.00 p.m., Tuesday to Saturday.



Save the date:

### Women of St. Luke's Christmas Tea

1.00-3.00 p.m. at the home of  
Bonnie and Wade Giddens  
More details later.  
**Sunday, December 10**

### Usher's Annual Membership Breakfast

**December 9, 9.00 a.m., Parish Hall**

All ushers are invited as well as are those St. Luke's—male and female—who are interested in the Usher's Guild. We will discuss new programs, new activities; and plan activities in support of the Christmas season events. There is no charge for the breakfast. Plan to attend and bring a friend.



## Travel Opportunity

Join Mike and Ellie Seiferth  
for a  
**Spring Break Trip**  
to

*Literary London*

**March 9-16, 2007**  
Telephone 828.6425  
for a brochure.

### School Science Fair seeks judges

The St. Luke's School Science Fair Committee is looking for judges for the 2006-2007 Science Fair. If you are qualified and interested please contact Margay Stillings ([mstillings@saintlukes.net](mailto:mstillings@saintlukes.net)). The date of the Fair is Thursday, November 17, and the categories are: Chemistry and Biochemistry, Physics and Engineering, Botany and Environmental Sciences, and Life Science (Microbiology, Medicine, and Health).



### Chrismon Workshop

**Wednesday, November 8, 10.30 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.**

**Large Conference Room**

Materials, demonstration, and training will be provided for you. The ornaments will be sold with the proceeds benefitting St. Luke's. Childcare is provided in the Noah's Ark Room. Contact Veronica Peterson ([Ceedeep@aol.com](mailto:Ceedeep@aol.com)) for more information.



Above: The Holy Strollers group took their children to Tumbleweeds for their outing in October.

## Welcome to St. Luke's Newcomer Class

Are you new to St. Luke's?  
Are you interested in becoming  
part of this dynamic community?

Join us in the  
**Small Conference Room** located  
in the Parish Office to learn more  
about the broad spectrum of worship,  
music, spiritual formation, and min-  
istry opportunities at St. Luke's.

**Sunday  
November 5  
at 10.15 a.m.**



## House Group Ministry

Our House Group ministry at St. Luke's has a place for YOU! House Groups provide a friendly welcoming place to meet new friends as you share in worship, study, and some outreach.

Three groups are currently open to new members, and we would welcome you warmly at any of them:

Sunday, (time to be decided, beginning October 22): Leaders: Caroline and Curt Mowen; Study "An Ordinary Day With

Jesus".

Sunday, 7.00–9.00 p.m. (every two weeks): Leaders: Marie and Larry Morgan  
Study: Bethel Bible Study.

Tuesday, 7.00–9.00 p.m. (2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays); Leaders: Judy Durbin, Mimi McGannon, Elizabeth Engelke; Place: St. Luke's Church; Study: Bill Hybels, "Character: Who You Are When No One's Looking".

All three groups welcome men and women of any age. If you are interested in any of these groups, or if you have any questions, contact Jane Fleischer (828.6425; [jane@saintlukes.net](mailto:jane@saintlukes.net)) or Gill Cook ([gillian.cook@worldnet.att.net](mailto:gillian.cook@worldnet.att.net)), or you can contact one of the leaders listed above.

## Cursillo Weekend

Friday-Saturday, November 9-12

Looking to take that next spiritual step? Enjoy a wonderful fun-filled and exciting weekend. Experiencing your new walk with Christ at Cursillo. Scholarships are available. Telephone Ben Powers for more information (828.6425).



Save the date

## ABCs of Discipleship continue in January

January 7, 14, 21

C is Commitment. It is one thing to say that we are committed to "Christ and His Church." What practical "hands-on" instruction is required that we might be all we can be for Christ's sake?

The Commitment class is a three-session course on discovering God's vision for your life through the spiritual gifts He has given us. Once we have discerned what we can do by way of our natural and supernatural gifts, then we can decide what we will do— if God wills it— as to real ministry and mission at St. Luke's and the world.

## The Bishop Elliott Society welcomes William Stafford

Friday-Saturday, November 10-11

St. Thomas Church, San Antonio

The Very Rev. Dr. William S. Stafford, Dean of the School of Theology, Sewanee—The University of the South, address the theme *Yet She on Earth Hath Union with God the Three in One: Conflict & Division, Peace & Union in the Church in Past & Present* at the next Bp. Elliott Society lecture. For more details visit [www.bishopelliott.org](http://www.bishopelliott.org).

Save the date

## Women's Retreat at Mustang Island Retreat Center

Friday-Sunday, March 23-25, 2007

Speaker: Rev. Margaret Waters from St. Alban's Church, Austin.

Cost: \$200 per person includes the cost of your room and food. Questions contact Jan Paprskar (828.6425).



St. Luke's Seminarian-in-Residence Susanne Methven was ordained to the Diaconate by Presiding Bishop Elect Katharine Jefferts Schori on October 6, in Fallon, Nevada, at the Nevada Diocesan Convention.

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## Children's Ministries

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### Rolling Stones Scavenger Hunt

Sunday, November 12, 4.00-5.30 p.m.,  
Youth Room

All fourth- and fifth-graders are invited to come to the Youth Room for snacks and a SCAVENGER HUNT in the church!!! Bring a friend! Also, we have Rolling Stones T-shirts for sale for \$5. Contact Ann Allen or Jane Fleischer (828.6425) during the week or purchase them at Rolling Stones events.

### Do you love to organize things?

Children's Ministries could use your help! For years, we have had a wonderful, *huge* set of flannel board figures, but they are in desperate need of arranging and organizing! This is a project that could be done at home, and it would be a great help. If you are interested, please contact Ann Allen (828.6425, [ann@saintlukes.net](mailto:ann@saintlukes.net)).

### Advent Outreach Project for Families

This year we have a wonderful possibility to offer families as an Advent Outreach. One of our own youth (eighth-grader Cameron Planas) is organizing a project called **Stuff a Soldier's Stocking**. He himself has "adopted" a soldier with whom he corresponds and sends care packages. Cameron would like to expand this effort to reach more of our soldiers.

The Christmas season is an important time to reach out to those far from their families and let them know that others care about them. For details about this project, please refer to Cameron's article on page 8.

This would be a truly meaningful activity for families to take on this Advent. Please consider having your family sponsor one or more soldiers. The deadline for bringing your items is **Monday, November 27**



Save the date

**Advent Wreath  
Event**

**Sunday, December 3,  
5.30-7.30 p.m.**

More details will be in  
the December *Tidings*.

### November Parent's Night Out

Friday, November 3, 5.30-10.00 p.m., Nurseries

We are delighted to be able to offer a *Parent's Night Out* on the first Friday evening of each month. Sponsored by our Nursery Ministries and operated by members of our Nursery staff, this offering provides parents of infants through fifth-graders the opportunity for an evening out while their children are in capable hands 5.30 p.m. to 10.00 p.m. The cost is \$12 per child, with a \$30 maximum per family.

As space is limited, registrations will be received on a first-come, first-served basis. Families must register by signing up *in person* on the form on the Nursery office door located in the Main Hallway. No telephone or E-mail registrations, please. The sign-up sheet will be posted two Sundays before each event. We ask that parents please take an information sheet regarding Parent's Night Out Guidelines when they sign up their children.

### Thank you

The Nursery Committee sponsored a nursery clean-up on October 8. From the smallest Lego to the big playhouse, everything in the Noah's Ark and Shepherd's Rooms was disinfected and returned to its proper place. We are committed to providing a clean, safe place for your child to play.

Big thanks to the following parents and nursery workers who participated: Bryn Caddell, Lisa Chamberlain, Kari Dix, Paula Guajardo, Dawn Gerety, Kate Imber, Anne

Krause, Jessica Lundgren, Megan Maturo, Kate Simpson, Maegan & Quintin Stansell, Blyth Treuhaff, and Kris Hernandez.

### New Items for the Parish Nurseries

Our Shepherd's and Noah's Ark Rooms have some additions, thanks to the proceeds from the All Things Kids Sale. We now have a new dress-up rack (complete with mirror!), a new doll house and furniture, some large soft stacking blocks and a Lego table. Come and see!



Above: One more from the Holy Strollers' gathering at Tumbleweeds.

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# Youth Ministries

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## Stuff a Soldier's Stocking

Cameron Planas, St. Luke's Eighth Grader



Stuff a Soldiers Stocking (SASS) is a way of celebrating the birth of Christ through love and comfort.

My Grandpa served in the U. S. Army during the Vietnam War. During his tour of duty, he was thousands of miles away. His living situations were dreadful and scary. He always had something to look forward to though . . . letters from home. My Grandpa had left behind a new fiancé, and she was determined to get him back. My Grandma wrote him letters every day. When the mailbag came, there was always a letter from her to warm his heart and comfort his fears.

Not all soldiers are that lucky. They do not all have a family to remember them or a sweetheart to send tons of letters. I would like to send what little comfort and love I can. This is where SASS comes in. SASS is an idea that I got from thinking of what I would do for Nathan at Christmas time. Nathan is a soldier that I have "adopted." I write him weekly and send him one care package a month. At Christmas I want him to feel the love of Christ and the spirit of the holiday season. I am going to stuff a stocking for him. Then I thought, why stop with Nathan? Why not do more?

In order to make a difference to more than just a few soldiers we need help. We would like to call on the help of St. Luke's and its congregation. We will organize the donation of items that soldiers need, stuffing Christmas bags (in lieu of an actual stocking), and getting them shipped by December 5.

I feel blessed to have everything God had provided for me. I do not have an abundance of worldly goods, but I have an abundance of His love and I would like to share that.

### Suggested items for stocking bags

Slim Jims	chewing gum
candy canes	nuts (packaged)
Crystal Light On The Go	instant oatmeal
sun screen	eye drops
Christmas cards*	instant grits
Christmas candy	stationary set
crackers (packaged)	hot chocolate mix
snack cakes (Little Debbie)	magazines
Chapstick	instant coffee
toothbrush	nail clippers
toothpaste	Kleenex (travel size)
sewing kits (travel size)	disposable camera
books	nasal spray
AT&T phone cards	puzzle books
sunflower seeds	fruit snacks
cookies (small bags)	

\*Christmas cards that can be signed "Merry Christmas, God bless you."

**Note** Do not include pork or pork products, glass containers, or inappropriate material and please remember that the stockings will be sent to soldiers of various creeds and religions.

### Stuff a Soldier's Stocking

Merry Christmas! What better time of year to share the love of Christ than at His birthday. Please submit the names and addresses of family members or friends that are currently deployed in the Middle East or Afghanistan. We would like to reach as many soldiers as possible. Thank you.

Name of Soldier:

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Address:

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#### Collection Details

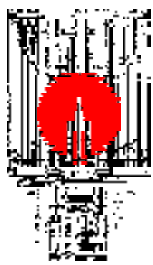
1. Collect items from the above list (you do not have to purchase them all.)
2. Place the items in a Christmas gift bag
3. Bring your donation to the Parish Office **by Monday, November 27.**
4. Please include a contribution of \$5 (cash, or check made payable to St. Luke's) to help with shipping costs
5. If you would like for your gift to be sent to a specific friend or family member, please include his/her name and current APO/FPO address.

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## Music Ministries

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### MUSIC AT ST. LUKE'S

*Sunday, November 5, 8.00 p.m.*  
**1st Sundays @ 8: Compline**

*Sunday, November 19, 4.00 p.m.*  
**Music for Renaissance Recorders**  
with Gerald Self

*Saturday, November 25, 5.00 p.m.*  
**Texas Bach Choir**

### **1st Sundays @ 8: Sung Compline Service**

**Sunday, November 5, 8.00 p.m.**

Experience a beautiful half-hour of sung and chanted prayer graced by candlelight and incense. Compline is offered at St. Luke's on first Sundays October through May. The Compline Choir prepares and shares an ancient liturgy meant to end the day by honoring God and praying for His protection through the night. As we approach Thanksgiving and Christmas, Compline is a great way to maintain a relaxed and even keel during what can be a hectic time.

While church services are always free and open to the public, there may be a charge for some concerts and other events. For tickets and information, please contact David D. Eaton (828.6425, [eaton@saintlukes.net](mailto:eaton@saintlukes.net)).

### **Renaissance Recorder Concert**

**Sunday, November 19, 4.00 p.m.**

Gerald Self, the host of "Music Antiqua" heard each week on KPAC (88.3 FM) and builder of St. Luke's harpsichord, will bring a program of music for the Renaissance recorder to St. Luke's at 4.00 p.m. on Sunday afternoon, November 19. The program will feature music for recorder quartet as performed on a matched set of Renaissance-style recorders based on antique originals.

The full, dark sounds of these instruments blend together exceptionally well. Of special interest is the unique way that these instruments are tuned. Instead of using the modern equal-temperament system, these instruments are tuned in meantone, a very "unequal" temperament that was the norm during the Renaissance. The unusual tone quality of these recorders coupled with their ancient tuning system will produce a sound like you've never heard before from a recorder quartet.

Gerald Self will provide spoken "program notes" for the concert and talk about the recorders, the composers, and their music. In addition, David Eaton will perform music on a 17th-century Flemish-style harpsichord tuned in meantone, demonstrating the vivid tone colors produced by this ancient temperament.

### **Texas Bach Choir Concert**

**Saturday, November 25, 5.00 p.m., Church**

The first Texas Bach Choir Concert of the season features their new Assistant Conductor, Joy Hague. She will be directing the TBC in a program of unusual chronological breadth: from the 11th-century music of Hildegard von Bingen to the late 18th-century American Colonies. A number of TBC finest soloists will be featured. Tickets: adults \$15, seniors/KPAC members \$15, students w/ID \$3, music students free.

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## Pastoral Ministries

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### **Grief and the Holidays**

**Sunday, November 19, 10.20-11.05 a.m.,**

**Small Conference Room**

Holidays, especially Thanksgiving and Christmas, are often difficult, lonely times for those who have lost a loved one. Whether the loss occurred recently or some years ago, the death of a family member or close friend is a major cause of the "holiday blues." Someone special is missing, and the traditions aren't the same. What can we do to help ourselves, our family members or our friends who may be feeling sad about the upcoming holiday season?

The Rev. Chuck Jennings will be at St. Luke's on November 19 to help us understand the difficulties of the holidays and offer suggestions for coping better. Pastor Jennings is the bereavement coordinator for Nurses in Touch Hospice and is also the pastor of Northview Baptist Church in Floresville. Pastor Jennings was here a few years ago and was so well-received that we invited him to return.

Whether you're grieving a recent loss, have experienced losses in the past, or have friends that you want to support, you will find this class valuable and well worth attending. Please bring family members or friends who might benefit.

### **Stephen Ministry continuing education**

**November 21, 7.00-8.00 p.m., Large Conference Room**

St. Luke's Stephen Ministry presents a monthly series of continuing education speakers on a variety of topics. In November, Dr. Colette Kohler will give a presentation about life transitions entitled "Where have the memories gone?" Everyone is welcome to attend. Contact Elizabeth Turner (828.6425 x212, [elizabeth@saintlukes.net](mailto:elizabeth@saintlukes.net)) for more information.

### **Smokeout Sunday**

**November 12**

Smokeout Sunday is a special day when church members can receive help and support to quit smoking and be educated about the effects of tobacco use. For thirty years, American Cancer Society volunteers all over the nation have conducted the Great American Smokeout (GASO) on the third Thursday in November. This year, it will be held November 16. This program encourages tobacco users to quit for one day with the help and encouragement of their co-workers and friends. Many people have made the Great American Smokeout the first day of a tobacco free life. St. Luke's Church will observe Smokeout Day on November 12. The Parish Nurses will have informational material available about kicking the habit.

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## Outreach Ministries

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### SAMM Shelter Volunteer Night

November 12, 5.00–8.00 p.m., SAMM Shelter

**SAM Ministries** ([www.samm.org](http://www.samm.org)) is an interfaith ministry to help the homeless and those at risk of becoming homeless attain self-sufficiency by offering, with dignity and compassion, shelter, housing, and services. On second Sundays, volunteers have opportunities to be renewed and fulfilled as they serve. Contact David Schrantz ([sooeepigs@satx.rr.com](mailto:sooeepigs@satx.rr.com)) or Gaya and Allen Hamilton ([allengaya@yahoo.com](mailto:allengaya@yahoo.com)).

### Third Annual Great Grocery Race

The Great Grocery Race benefiting the Good Samaritan Center begins with distribution of bags on December 3. The race concludes on December 10.

### Good Samaritan Center needs storytellers, readers

The Good Samaritan Center would welcome anyone who would like to spend 30-45 minutes reading or telling stories to children. The time commitment is flexible, and you may volunteer weekly, every other week, monthly, or whenever you are able. The ages involved at this point are preschool children (preschool-age). If you are interested and would like more information, please contact Ann Allen (828.6425, [ann@saintlukes.net](mailto:ann@saintlukes.net))



### Thanksgiving Eve Eucharist and Dinner

Wednesday, November 22

Eucharist, 6.00 p.m., Church

Dinner, 6.45 p.m., Parish Hall

\$10 per person (Family Price: \$25 for 3 or more)

We are looking for eight St. Luke's families to welcome and host families we have invited from the SAMM Shelter to join us for the evening. Contact Fr. Prehn (828.6425 x210, [chip@saintlukes.net](mailto:chip@saintlukes.net)) or Maurine Molak ([maurinesmolak@aol.com](mailto:maurinesmolak@aol.com)).

### Alternative Gift Mart

If you are looking for a less commercial and more meaningful way of Christmas gift-giving this year, you may wish to consider the Alternative Gift Mart. In lieu of buying gifts, you can make donations to mission and outreach ministries in memory, honor, or thanksgiving of special people in your life. Look for full details in the December Tidings.

### Habitat for Humanity benefits everyone

Julie Anderson

*If I had a hammer, I'd hammer in the morning.*

*I'd hammer in the evening.*

*All over the land . . .*

Ten members— seven adults and three youths— from St. Luke's and nine others from Christ Church and St. Marks lifted real hammers to drive nails to help build a home for a deserving family at the Habitat for Humanity build Saturday, October 7.

People participate in current projects for many reasons.

"I have been involved in the last four events through St. Luke's.

It makes me feel useful. I think it is great for people to be able to come together to assist in any way they can to build or repair a house," Mike Humes, Habitat volunteer, said.

During the build the volunteers were responsible for the blue board insulation, roof decking, and siding.

Humes added, "To me it is like the old barn raising events we read about in American history class where all the neighbors gathered to help each other build a barn. I think the real heroes here are those that organize and conduct the events."

Aiding the church members were the homeowners and their son. Helping those same homeowners gives purpose to the ministry group.

"Habitat is a wonderful ministry that provides tangible results in people's lives. It is very satisfying working together to build a home for a family that may not otherwise be able to

afford one. Shelter and security are such basic human needs. Habitat is a great way to take care of those needs for your brothers and sisters in Christ," says Paul Krause, Habitat volunteer.

Others use the Habitat organization and the builds to recall fond memories.

"I donate money in my father's name for Fathers Day; it reminds me of when I was a teenager and how we would work on projects around the house," Kelly Malone, Habitat volunteer, said.

"At the end of the Habitat day I feel like I have helped make a difference in the lives of some deserving individuals and shared in the fellowship with others who are motivated to effect changes in our world," Malone added.

Habitat builds school volunteers in a variety of ways.

Malone said, "Habitat provides such worthwhile experience to any who participate and literally every one can participate. No matter your skill level or physical abilities there is always something to do around the site. It is a great opportunity for our youth to be involved and earn community service time."

The experience offers its own rewards.

"I would say to others that at the end of the day you really felt like you accomplished something special. And it doesn't take a great deal of effort on your part. All you have to do is what you are capable of doing," Humes said. ✕

## Rowdy Women of

### St. Luke's

**Thursday, November 2,**

**6.30 p.m., Parish Hall**

This group of women meets for a very informal gathering, meal, and fun. All women are invited. No agenda, no reservations. Simply come and enjoy. **Please note the date change from October 26 to November 2.**



## Friday Night Singles

**Friday, November 3, 5.30 p.m., Church, Paloma Blanca**

Single members and visitors of all ages are invited on the first Friday of each month to the 5.30 Evening Prayer service in Christ the King Chapel, followed by dinner at a nearby restaurant. This month we're going to Paloma Blanca (5800 Broadway).

## Baby Boomers Gathering

**Thursday, November 9, 6.30-9.00 p.m., at the home of Liz and Chris Medley**

Cost: is \$10 per person with reservations being taken in the Crossing or Parish Office Sunday, October 29 through noon, Monday, November 6.

## Recreational Coed Volleyball

**Sunday afternoons thru November 12**

St. Luke's plays in the San Antonio Episcopal Volleyball League this fall. Games are played against coed teams from other Episcopal churches in the Gymnasium at St. George Church. To play at any point in the season, **JUST SHOW UP**, even if you haven't been before. Contact Steve Rogers ([steverogers@usa.com](mailto:steverogers@usa.com)) for more information and schedule.



## Women's

### Project Night

**Thursday November 16, 6.30-9.00 p.m., Parish Hall**

Please bring any projects you may be working on or just join us for pizza compliments of Double Dave's. Bring your own beverages. RSVP to Heather Rubsamen (828.6425) for a headcount for pizza and to reserve childcare (no charge).

## Up & Coming

**Sunday, November 19, 12.30 p.m., Paloma Blanca (5800 Broadway)**

This is a group for single or married, twenty-to-thirty-some-things, who meet monthly for lunch after the 11.15 a.m. Sunday service. The group also holds an evening Bible study on first and third Thursdays. For more information, contact Casandra Garcia ([casandrm@lonestar.utsa.edu](mailto:casandrm@lonestar.utsa.edu)).



## Lunch Bunch going to Little Flower Shrine

**Tuesday, November 21, 9.30 a.m., Off Campus**

We are going on our annual intown field trip to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Little Flower at 1715 N. Zarzamora. Our guided tour begins at 10.00 a.m., so we will carpool and leave the Lower Parking Lot promptly at 9.30 a.m. Lunch will be Dutch treat at Karam's (121 N. Zarzamora) after the tour. This should be a very interesting and rewarding event. Sign up on the reservations board in the Main Hallway by November 19.



Barbara Bertolett and Terry Gay Puckett speak with Bp. David Reed, who addressed the Tuesday Lunch Bunch in October.

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## Life at St. Luke's

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### St. Luke's receives memorial garden and touch-ups

Mary Peñaloza



Over the summer St. Luke's was blessed with several significant gifts which have been used to enhance our beautiful place of worship.

If you have not visited the Young Memorial Garden on the south side of the building, you are in for a special treat. This cool, quiet spot was given in loving memory of Willie Johnson Young by her family. Mrs. Young, known affectionately at St. Luke's as "Bill", loved children, and gardening and her church. For many years she was the "Grandmother on Campus" at St. Luke's School. Ken Graves and Christi Davis, members of the Art and Architecture Committee, wanted to create a place that would reflect her life.

Ken said, "We knew that a garden environment that focused on children was the right theme." He looked for a piece of



art that would be an appropriate focal point and found just the thing in the statue of children catching butterflies. The screen covered in fig ivy creates a wall of soothing green. Even the color of the cross has meaning, as red is a traditional color used in the church as a sign of refuge. The effect is a simple place for anyone to sit and relax and contemplate.

Recently you may have noticed that the sanctuary is looking particularly fresh. Under the direction of Mary James, the nave and narthex were completely re-painted. The woodwork is also being cleaned and polished. This was made possible through an anonymous gift and was completed in time for the ordination of Bishop David Reed.

Almeda Hodge, Chairman of the Arts and Architecture Committee, is dedicated to taking care of St. Luke's. She said that the members "are passionate about keeping St. Luke's looking

its best." Because these projects are not in the current budget, the committee's work is made possible through the generous gifts given to St. Luke's in honor or memory of loved ones. Our beautiful new Processional Cross was given to the people of St. Luke's in loving memory of Gary Woodring and Fred Burtner by their families and dear friends. Almeda explained that the committee has other plans in mind and "will be able to handle whatever can be afforded through these special gifts." This is another way that we praise God and give our best to his church and his people. ✠



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### Family Matters: The Seasons

Welcome to Family Matters! Each month we provide examples of family-oriented activities that are easy to do and will bring families closer to each other and closer to God. We hope that you enjoy! This month we focus on the wonderful changing of the seasons.

#### Suggested Activities

Share with your family or friends how the presence of God has revealed himself to you in the past season.

Share with your family or friends what you would like to accomplish during this season.

Take a walk in your neighborhood as a family. Pay special attention to the changes in the natural environment (sights, sounds, smells, and textures) and talk about how these make you feel.

Share any memories from your past that you are reminded of. Discuss how God is relevant in these memories and the changes that you see.

#### Prayer Examples

God of rhythms and cycles, open our hearts and all our senses to your presence in nature during the coming season. Amen

May we trust that this season, like all others, will bear witness to God's extravagant love and faithfulness. Amen

#### Scripture

Genesis 8.22 *As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease.*

Ecclesiastes 3.1-8 *For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away; a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace.*

Enjoy. Many Blessings! ✠

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## Life at St. Luke's

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### Time, Talent, Treasure: Making the Commitment

*Ted Burkhart, Stewardship Chair*

Over the past three months you have received three brochures in the mail which envision the future of ministry at St. Luke's. The first describes the dreams and visions of our ministries. The second highlights members and leaders of our parish as they relate how their faith has led them and their family to commit of their time and talent to do His will through the ministries which are an integral part of our church family life. The third discusses the use of our financial resources in support of those ministries and includes a Commitment Card.

Based on the leadership of our clergy, staff and ministry heads it is easy to get excited about the possibilities for our making a difference in the world. As we seek to accomplish those goals our commitment is required; it is our calling to serve those who need our help and to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ.



I urge you to consider prayerfully your commitment to the life and ministry of our church, to examine how your life reflects your response to God's gifts to us. His love is unfailing, no matter who or what we are. We have the certain knowledge that God loves us and wants us to be a part of His work; to make His love known; to tend to His sheep; and to be good stewards of the many gifts He has given us. Our ministries are carried out because of the commitment of our church family in Time, Talent, and Treasure. But it is the commitment that is difficult. We possess the Time, Talent, and Treasure. Making the commitment is the future of our ministry at St. Luke's, and it is our individual decision to make.

Please complete and return the Commitment Card that is included in the third brochure on Stewardship Sunday, November 5 and place it in the collection plate. It also may be mailed to the Church office and it may be accessed on our website. ✕

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### Clergy in Our Midst: Bill Killam

*Neal Wagner*

[*Editor's Note: As many parishioners already know, a number of clergy are members of St. Luke's. We thought it might be interesting to our readers to find out what brought them to our parish. For the next few issues of Tidings, look for our short series Clergy in Our Midst.*]

On a recent Sunday morning in the News and Reviews Adult Education class, Bill Killam is asked to give the final devotion. As usual he gives a thoughtful, centering prayer. Some Sundays Bill misses the class because he is doing Home Communion as a Lay Eucharistic Visitor.

Bill and his wife Corinne landed at St. Luke's when he retired to San Antonio in 1995. They had tried several local churches with "dismal services," when a parishioner who dearly loves St. Luke's asked them to come with her one Wednesday evening. When they said it was quite far from where they lived, she picked them up and drove them herself.

Bill attended MacMaster Seminary in Canada, becoming an ordained Baptist minister in 1960. As a "rebellious bookworm" and an "angry young man," he was not entirely happy with the Baptists, who were constantly fighting among themselves, lib-



Corinne and Bill Killam

eral against conservative. (Bill likes the irony of escaping to the Episcopalians just in time for more struggling. He says, "There is nothing new under the sun.")

So he switched to the Unitarian church, where he met Corinne at a singles group. During the next year he finished a master's degree in psychology and counseling at the Andover Newton Theological School in Boston, getting a heavy dose of Carl Jung. He then led two Unitarian churches in the Boston area for nine years, followed by twenty-five years working as a programmer at a bank in Boston until he retired.

Around 1976, the Killam's younger son, ten years old at the time, suffered from an obsessive-compulsive disorder. In this time of need, a charismatic prayer group, part of an Episcopal church, reached out to them. In a single prayer session, which became for them a profound religious experience, their son was completely healed, doing well to this day.

So there you have them: Bill Killam and his wife Corinne—a delightful couple who might not be at St. Luke's but for one parishioner's enthusiastic invitation and insistence on driving them to a service. ✕

## Memorial Gifts to St. Luke's Church, July-September, 2006

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Dorothy (Fritzi) Abbott  
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#### **Births**

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#### **Weddings**

Laura Denton Wells &  
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## Anniversaries

3	10	20
Summer & Chris Stone	Lisa & Randy Petrosky	Kay & Bill Fitch
5	Laralee & Kurt Wahrmund	21
Lesley & Jason Reichert	11	Cathy & Robert Lewis
Katherine & Jean McPherson	Kit & Roger Williamson	Caroline & Byron Knight
6	12	Karen & Bill Waring
Judith & Steve Pogue	Brenda & Bob Partain	25
Sherry & Steve Ramsey	Diane & Jimmy Thrush	Mary & Kirk James
7	Lucie & Mark Webb	Carol & Cameron Ocker
Paula & Mike Gulley	13	28
8	Mary & Ken Curll	Heather & Rollins Rubsamem
Claire & Ray White	Amy & Guy Stidham	29
Mary & Philip Young	Jackie & Scott Hawn	Carolyn & Larry Seidel
Roxana & Don McGregor	16	30
Jessica & Bill Young	Kim & Will Russell	Bridgette & Drew Watson
9	Maegan & Quintin Stansell	Anne & Paul Krause
Genie & Dan Hanke	18	
Janet & Robert Maloney	Carra & Jorge Garza	

## Birthdays

1	8	15	23
Sybil Woolley	Lisa Kefauver	Deborah Mayer	Rad Fleischer
Pat Andrews	Margie Farrimond	Molly Matthews	Renee Wright
Tamyra Mackechney	Mary Klefforth	Georg Erik Helveston	Stephen Maturio
David Holck		Carrie Gulley	
Diana Zinsmeister	9	17	24
Alex Alfaro	Oliver Holden	Jean Harris	Will Hausser
	Don Greer	Lucy Wilson	
2	Alberto Manterola	Kenneth Farrimond	25
Judy Welsh	Steve Marion		Alyne Woodring
Nancy Maloy	Marc Strode		David Chidgey
Cebem Musgrave		18	Grant Magnon
Sergio Tubilla	10	Mary Frances West	Rowan Pawloski
	Toni O'Brien	Evelyn Callen	
3	Verlyn Stahlecker	Cindy Beall	26
Barney Sledge	Paul Martin	Rachel Maurer	Anne Eckles
Corey Mowen	John Sumners		Porter Loring
	Blake Damm	19	Bob Partain
4	Emma Zepeda	John MacNaughton	Melanie Ritsema
Ruthie Swain		Margaret Ford	Alex McPherson
Charlie Alfaro	11	Trent Cameron	
Claire Goodrich	Cynthia Sarosdy	Emma DeKiewiet	27
Augusta Rosser	Peggy Alexander		Nancy Hawkins
	Scarlett Foster	20	Cameron Brown
5	Luke Maloy	Mary Jean Higgins	
Lurlene Willis	Andrew Fisher	Sarah Villareal	28
Joe Paprskar		Bobby D. Wilson	Mary Jo Hancock
Honey Shepperd	12	Jennifer Pawloski	Mimi McGannon
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Jeff Prevost	John Case	21	
	Malcolm Ellis	Jane Manterola	29
6	Audrey Crevoisier	Maggie Samsel	Howard Kochwelp
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	13		Jackson Cameron
7	Nancy Dean	22	
Judy Durbin	Christine Hausser	Michelle Brady	30
Carolyn Thurmond	Jared Walker	Byron Yarbrough	Ruth Hammond
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**Baptismal Dates**

The Parish clergy have established the dates for Holy Baptism according to the prescription of the *Book of Common Prayer* (page 312) and our own Parish needs.

**2006**

November 26 Sunday after Thanksgiving 9.00 a.m.

**2007**

January 7	Baptism of Our Lord	11.15 a.m.
April 15	Second Sunday in Easter	both services
May 27	Pentecost	10.00 a.m.
August 5	Transfiguration	10.00 a.m.
November 4	All Saints' Sunday	9.00 a.m.
November 25	Sunday after Thanksgiving	11.15 a.m.

**SERVICE SCHEDULE**

**Sunday**

Holy Eucharist 7.45, 9.00, 11.15 a.m., Church  
6.00 p.m., North Chapel

**Monday**

Evening Prayer 5.30 p.m., North Chapel

**Tuesday**

Evening Prayer 5.30 p.m., North Chapel

**Wednesday**

Holy Eucharist 10.00 a.m., North Chapel

Evening Prayer 5.30 p.m., North Chapel

**Thursday**

Holy Eucharist 7.00 a.m., Christ the King Chapel

Evening Prayer 5.30 p.m., North Chapel

**Friday**

Evening Prayer 5.30 p.m., North Chapel



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