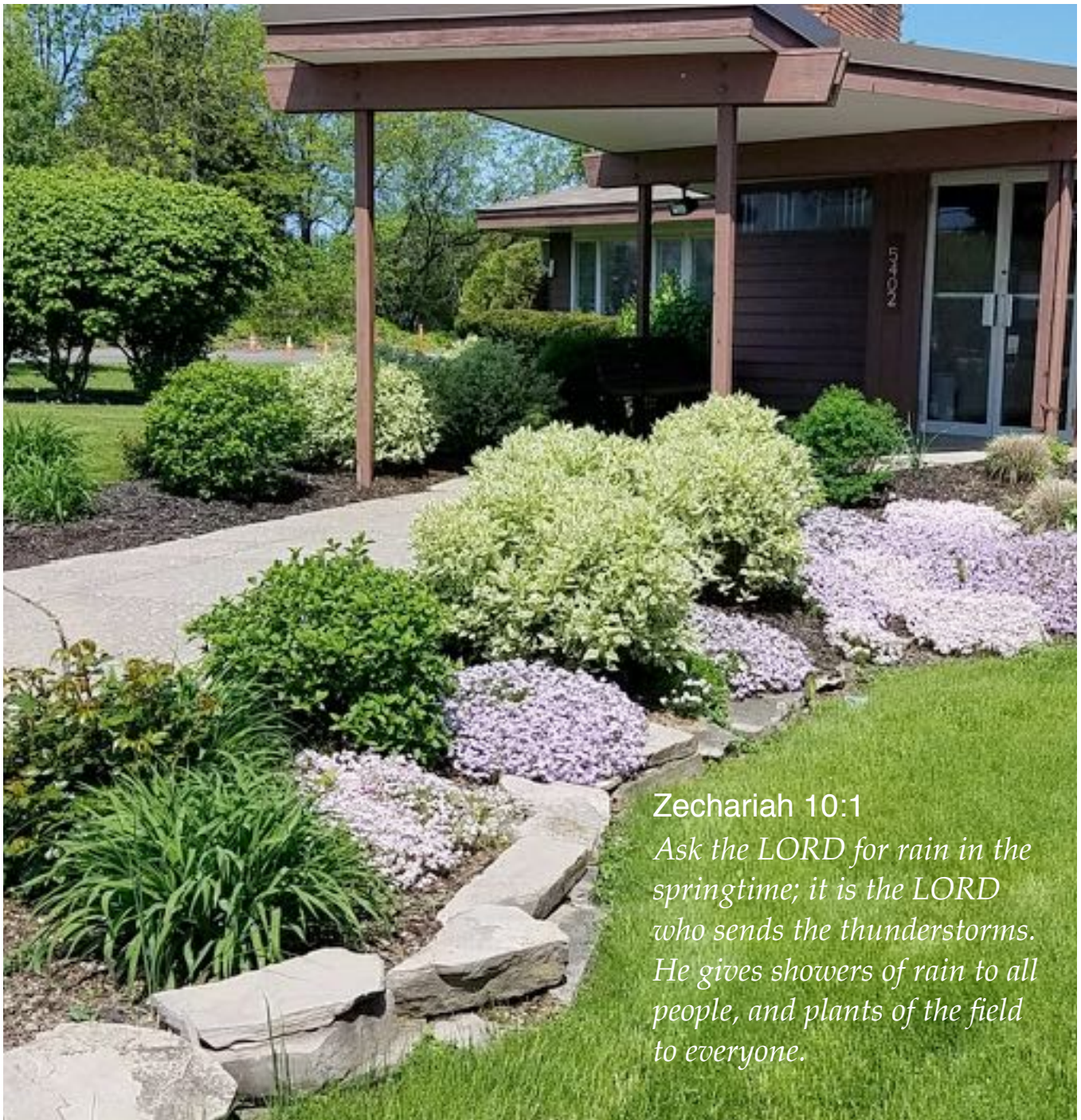


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Zechariah 10:1

Ask the LORD for rain in the springtime; it is the LORD who sends the thunderstorms. He gives showers of rain to all people, and plants of the field to everyone.



WARDEN'S MESSAGE

Hello everyone and finally we can say happy spring! (I hope)

Things continue to thrive here at St. Luke's. We had a great turnout for our chicken and biscuit dinner. We noticed more walk-ins than usual. The word is getting out that you won't walk out hungry if you attend one of our dinners. If you haven't attended one yet, please consider doing so. They are always a great time with great food and fellowship. Thanks to all the volunteers that make these dinners a success!

Our May 'First Thursday Dinner' was hosted by Sedona Brown. She prepared a delicious gluten-free dinner to accommodate our special diet folks. All are invited to these dinners so please check the next one out. It will be June 7th.

We have a Delta Sonic car wash ticket fundraiser going on. Two \$5 coupons for \$5. This is a great deal and a great opportunity for us to raise some extra dollars. Thanks to Reggie Smith for leading the charge with this.

If you didn't notice, our Buildings and Grounds crew, Jerry Wright, Eric Greis, and Jack Young, installed vinyl siding over the eyesore in the front of our church. Looks great guys, thanks! Unfortunately, Spring Cleanup Day was rained out, but we will reschedule. We have basement clean-out day set for June 9. If any committee leaders have anything stored in the basement and want to save it, please tag it. We also need volunteers for this. See sign up on bulletin board.

Our Finance Committee will meet with Solvay Bank May 21 for

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update on our investments. We'll report on this next time.

Lastly, we had a fantastic brunch for Pentecost Sunday with an unbelievably motivational and inspirational discussion by John and Leigh-Ann Tumino, founders of "In My Father's Kitchen". What a fantastic mission they run for our homeless and less fortunate people here in Syracuse. Thanks to Eileen Robertson for setting up these great speakers. Also, thanks to Cindi Dundon and all those that contributed the delicious food, set up, planned, and worked this event. You all did a great job!

Thanks, Bob
Bob Shafer, Warden

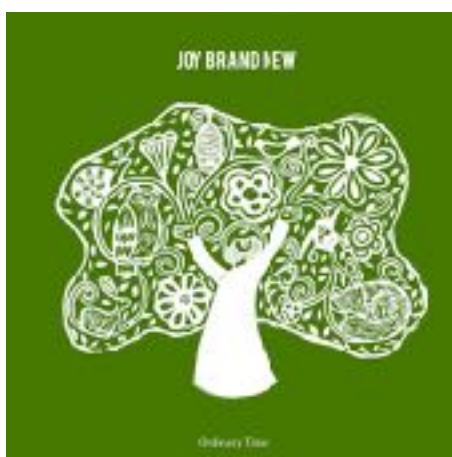


A Word...

The season after Pentecost is also known as “Ordinary” time. That doesn’t mean that this is the uninteresting or uneventful time of the Christian year, but rather that the Sundays between Pentecost and Advent are “ordered.” Each Sunday has assigned readings and prayers (Propers) that guide what we do in worship and for this part of the year they are numbered from 1 to 29.



The way our calendar is constructed we spend the time from Advent through Pentecost walking alongside the disciples and experiencing Christ as they did, from anticipation of His coming, His birth, His Baptism and public ministry, and of course, His Death and Resurrection. But in this time of the year, we focus on how the events of Jesus’ life shape and form our own lives.



Jesus isn’t just history, but the living Lord who, through the Holy Spirit guides and invites into deeper relationship with God, and who opens our eyes to God at work and our own part in God’s work of redemption and reconciliation.

In this “ordinary” time, our invitation is to see the extraordinary in our own lives and to draw on the example of our Lord as we live and move through our daily lives.



God Sightings

Where have you seen God?

Our parish is participating in a diocesan effort called the Learning Communities Initiative. The key goal of this is to open our eyes to where we see God present in our presence; in our congregation, our neighborhoods, places of work or school, and in our wider community. Seeing God’s presence and action is a first step in discerning where God is calling us as a faith community to minister.

We’d like to invite everyone in the parish to look around for where you see God and share that with the rest of us. We want you take a picture, jot a note, send an email, or otherwise capture what you’ve experienced and we will be displaying these “God sightings” on a special bulletin board here at the church and on our social media pages.

We can’t wait to see all the ways and places that God is present in our life!



Digging Deeper into God's Story

The bible contains the story of God's work of salvation in the world. It's also a complex series of books, stories, letters, histories and poetry written by a multitude of authors over a period of nearly a thousand years.

Some things are easier done with others, so I'd like to invite anyone interested in understanding more of the Bible to join me Mondays at 1:00 p.m. or 6:00 p.m. for an exploration of the scriptures. We'll look at who wrote the individual books and why; their historical context, and their meaning and implication for us today.

We'll kick off on June 11th and each gathering will last for no longer than one hour. Hope to see you there!



First Thursdays

We'll have one more First Thursday dinner on June 7th before taking a summer break. If you haven't had a chance yet to join us for one of these great fellowship events please mark this one down on your calendars.

General Convention

by Jon White

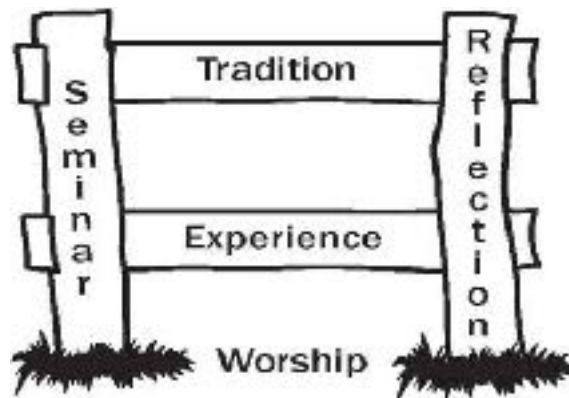
July 2nd marks the opening of the 79th General Convention of the Episcopal Church. This gathering of the church happens every three years with bishops, clergy, and lay leaders from all 110 dioceses coming together to set the work of the church and discern the shape of our life together.

Aside from the entire continental US and Hawaii, our church has dioceses in Taiwan, Micronesia, Haiti, the Dominican Republic, Venezuela, Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, Ecuador, Colombia, Honduras, and a mission area in Western Europe.

The General Convention is the highest authority in the Episcopal Church. At our last General Convention, we made national news when we changed the marriage canon and authorized liturgies for same-sex marriage. There aren't any such high profile issues on the table this time around. At this General Convention, the most significant issue to be addressed is whether or not, and in what manner we may need to revise our Book of Common Prayer.

My general sense is that there is not much appetite at this time for a revision of the BCP. The most likely result coming out of General Convention will be a more intentional study of member experiences with the current book to see what works well, what is outdated from 1979, and what changes if any are really needed.

If you'd like to follow along or learn more, please visit the General Conventions website at <http://www.generalconvention.org>.



Education for Ministry

Many people think that one must be ordained in order to be “a minister.” The fact is that all baptized Christians are called to be active participants in the church’s total ministry: the exercise of the church’s vocation to continue the ministry of Jesus.

Education for Ministry (EfM) is a four-year distance learning certificate program in theological education based upon small-group study and practice. EfM is designed to prepare laypeople to live out by word and deed the promises made at baptism: to love God, to serve Christ, and to proclaim the Gospel. It is administered by The School of Theology of the University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee.

Our diocesan EfM coordinator, Peg Coleman, is looking to form an online EfM group that would begin in September and meet through May. Through study, prayer, and reflection, EfM groups move toward a new understanding of the fullness of God's kingdom. This process can be illustrated by a two-rail fence. One rail is the Christian tradition. The other is the collective experience of the group's members. The rails are linked by fence posts which represent the seminar sessions where life and study meet. The fence is grounded in the soil of regular worship which is vital to the life of the group.

To find out more about EfM, please contact Fr Jon or check out the EfM website at efm.sewanee.edu.



Summer Vacation Food Drive

As we have done in the past, we will have a special food drive to cover the summer months. During the school year children receive breakfast and lunch at school. Families that struggle to put food on the table have a harder time in the summer keeping the children fed. The Outreach Committee proposes a six week food collection to help stock St Charles' food pantry. The collection starts on Sunday, June 10 and ends on Sunday, July 15. With your help we can make this summer food collection a huge success. Thank you for your support.

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| June 10 | Canned Vegetables and Apple Sauce |
| June 17 | Tuna Fish and Boxed Macaroni and Cheese |
| June 24 | Pasta and Spaghetti Sauce |
| July 1 | Cookies, Crackers and Snack Food |
| July 8 | Peanut Butter and Jelly and Canned Fruit |
| July 15 | Powered Drink Mixes and Cereal |



Bake and Treasure Sale

The date for our annual Bake and Treasure sale is Saturday, July 14, 2018. Sign-up sheets are posted for volunteers to bake and work the sale. This fundraiser supports the Outreach Budget so please consider giving 2 or 3 hours of your time to help make this event a success. We have already received some very nice donations. Remember, the last day for donations is July 9. That allows Outreach time to price and arrange the items for the sale. We will again invite crafters/vendors free spaces to set up in front of the Church on the day of the sale.

As always, if anyone has new ideas for Outreach opportunities contact Eileen Robertson at 315-673-4324.





Happy
Father's Day
June 17

Food Pantry



This is an easy ministry to support. No meetings to attend no phone calls to make. All you need to do is buy something extra at the grocery store and put it in our grocery cart. One item from each person would fill our basket each week. The pantry is always in need of our help. Also remember to bring in your change for the penny jar for our deaf congregation. Thank you.

THANKS & PRAYERS

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We Ask Your Thoughts & Prayers for...

Elizabeth, Helen, Patricia Smarzo, Eileen Mitchell, Mark, Paul, John, Inez Robertson, Bob Shields

(Note: Call the church office to add anyone to our Sunday prayer list. However, the name will stay on for only one month. You must call each month to have the name put back on the list.)

Also Members of the Armed Forces:

Note: We will continue to pray for our loved ones serving in the military, but only for those who are deployed in harm's way. Please call the church office to submit a name.)

Happy Birthday

- 5 Heather Woodworth
- 7 Shirley Chrisfield
- 18 Nora Kelley
- 22 Charles Vitagliano
- 24 Gerry Wright
- 30 Phyllis Schwartz

Happy Anniversary

- 30 Rich & Alison Conley



Our sincere sympathy to the Kaish family on the death of their father, **J. Edward Kaish**. Receive him into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light.

Nutrition Seminar with our Treasurer, Sherry Brescia

As you probably know, St. Luke's treasurer, Sherry Brescia, also wears the hat of a professional nutritionist. If you would like to attend Sherry's upcoming seminar, it will be held at Tearney's Martial Arts Center, [3730 Milton Avenue](#), on June 5th at 7 o'clock. It is open to the public and you can register at <https://member-site.net/VIP/default.aspx?EV--gJcMP> or by calling Tearney's at 315-487-8722.

Sherry will speak about the importance of getting nutrients, sound digestion and proper acid/alkaline balance and how they each help to prevent disease and encourage optimal health and boundless energy. By the way, in addition to being a nutritionist, author, blogger and national speaker, Sherry holds a 4th degree black belt in Karate from Tearney's and has run two marathons!



MARK THE DATE - AUGUST 11

Family fun! Towpath Day

Be sure to save the date and attend the annual Towpath Day this August--celebrating and recognizing 200 years of canal history! More details will be included in the August Vital Signs.



A vibrant community bringing all to God's healing embrace.