

# THE BELLRINGER

SAINT LUKE'S CHURCH, FOREST HILLS

SUMMER 2010

*Teaching-Encouragement-Mercy-  
Helps-Administration-Giving-  
Leadership-Discernment-  
Faith-Healing*

## **Have You Tried Saint Luke's Ministry Discovery Exercise?**

Dear Friends,  
Saint Luke's "Ministry Discovery Exercise," introduced in May, e-mailed to the parish at Pentecost and now posted on the web, is a way for you to *explore* and *respond*. *Explore* within by considering the gifts God has given you. *Respond* with others by sharing your gifts through the many ministries that give spirited embodiment to Saint Luke's Church as we live into the future God has in store for us.

All people have gifts for ministry. Sharing our gifts builds up the Body of Christ, strengthening our parish community for carrying out the mission of the church – reconciling the world to God through Christ. Each one of us is called by Christ and each of us has a gift, a quality, a skill, that we can offer in response to that call.

Perhaps you already have a sense of the talents you can (and do) offer through the church in order to be doing God's will; or perhaps you are newly wondering how to participate in the life of the parish. Either way, the three-part exercise is designed to help you discern what some of your gifts might be at this time and how you can offer them through various ministry projects at Saint Luke's.

So that Saint Luke's Church deepens in ministry and mission as a gift of God for all God's people, I ask you to prayerfully explore and discover your particular gifts for ministry. Feel free to be in touch at any time if you have any questions.

Certainly contact me after you have completed the exercise and would like to consider becoming more involved. You can reach me through the church office or e-mail me directly at [stlukestom@yahoo.com](mailto:stlukestom@yahoo.com).

Yours in Christ,

## ***Wednesday Worship at 10:00 AM***

No matter the season – yes, even through the summer – you are invited to mid-week worship in Saint Luke's chapel where the Holy Eucharist with Special Intention for Healing is offered. From prayers of healing for those who are sick, to intercessions for the healing of divides between nations and religions, we gather to break bread for the *shalom* – the wholeness, peace and health – of all God's people, of all God's creation.

If weekday mornings do not fit your schedule, think of the chapel as a quiet space apart. Come when you can, stay awhile and pray. Have you ever studied the stained glass windows of this one-time baptistry? As you enter the narthex on a Sunday morning, have you noticed the icon hanging on the chapel wall? It changes seasonally. Come and see.

## ***ImaginAuction 2010 – the Most Successful Ever***

This year's ImaginAuction, held on Saturday, **May 22**, was a grand success. A delightful evening of dining, dancing and bidding on wonderful items was had by all. Everyone enjoyed an enchanted evening of fellowship. A record-breaking amount, \$15,692, was raised to support the varied ministries of Saint Luke's. We are grateful to the many people who made this event so successful. The co-chairs would like to thank:

Anne Su, Claire and Chris Dippel, Gary Carldon, Joe Occhiuto, Ann Espenschied, Suzanne Schick, Emily Taylor, Jean Tessier, Allen Smith, Bill Paine, Barbara Glick, Joan Golan, Jane Thornton, Jonathan Wallin, Sally Hagwood, Karen Van Westering, Lisa Duca, Terri Mattasov, Joanna and Louise Guinther, Jennifer Stewart, Audrey Lamadieux, David Friedman, Lori Sbordone, Louise Occhiuto, Olivia Smith, Shannon O'Rourke, Amanda and Elizabeth Wallin, Dana; "The Band" (Mark Adams, Jonathan Quash, Gerald Lindsey, Freddy Dugard and the student musicians); sexton Martha Garcia and company; Carol and Dennis Khare, Earl Liao, Mollie Smith, Amanda Calandra, Alice Chodkowski, Patricia Gambis, John and Ellen Patterson, Saint Luke's Vestry, Brian and Marianne Percival, John and Ann Fallon, Abigail Torres, Joyce Egginton, Paul Dinas, Isabelle Smith, Tom Reese, Bill Stokes, Bill Ryden, Saint Luke's Lawn Brigade, Theresa O'Rourke, Ann Chamberlain, Jim Bates, and Louise Foisy.

It is the contribution of our parishioners' and friends' time, talent and treasure that makes events like this so successful. We are ever so appreciative for all you did to make this year's auction truly special. *SO LET'S DO IT AGAIN NEXT YEAR!*

-- Velma Adams

#### *The Newly Baptized*

On Pentecost Sunday, **May 23**, we welcomed Corinna Isabella Schotte Hanson into Christ's Body, the Church. Please keep her and her parents, Margaret and Heather, in your prayers.

#### *Joyce Egginton Wins Award*

Joyce Egginton's environmental classic, *The Poisoning of Michigan*, first published by Norton in 1980 and republished in an enlarged edition last year, has just been awarded first prize by the Midwest Independent Publishers Association. This new edition, published by Michigan State University Press, includes a new foreword by Joyce and an afterword by three distinguished scientists.

The book tells the story of a massive contamination that affected the food supply of Michigan's nine million people for almost a year before it was discovered. A highly toxic fire retardant chemical had been mistakenly mixed with cattle feed and distributed to Michigan farms, contaminating virtually all milk and meat supplies throughout the state and contributing to

many cancers, hormonal and immune problems. Renewed interest in Joyce's book is the result of growing concern about the long-term toxicity of industrial fire retardants, now in widespread use, to which most of us are unknowingly exposed on a daily basis. Joyce has been invited to speak at a conference on the subject to be held at Berkeley this fall.

#### *8:30 Coffee Break*

On Sunday, **June 6** following the 8:30am liturgy, the Inreach Committee once again will host a fellowship gathering for our early morning worshipers. The committee is also seeking volunteers from the 8:30 service for future "coffee breaks." If you'd be interested in lending a helping hand, please speak to Carol Khare or Anne Su, Inreach co-chairs.

#### *Faith of Our Children and Youth*

On Sunday, **June 13** at the 10:30am liturgy we will pray for and celebrate our ministry with children and young people at Saint Luke's. Though our demographics at present make a school-aged church school program a challenge, our boys and girls participate in the church's life in compelling ways and will be recognized for their service. Graduating high-school seniors will also be honored, and our Festival Youth Choir will sing. And don't forget...

#### *Our Annual Parish Picnic*

Immediately following the **June 13** liturgy, everyone is invited to our parish picnic in the parish hall and on the church lawn. Sign-up sheets are posted at church, or you can call or e-mail the church office, telling us what dish you'll bring to share as we all share some time together at the start of summer.

#### *Episcopal Charities of Long Island Annual Appeal on June 13*

When disaster strikes, whether man-made or natural, the resulting devastation catapults us into a desire to respond in any way possible – through gifts of money, material goods, hands-on activity. The mobilization of help is truly impressive.

But what about the struggles of those bowed low from the daily grind of poverty, hunger, homelessness and oppression? Often they are ignored. Maybe it's because we are so

accustomed to them that they cease to move us in the same way as the consequences of a disaster. Maybe we forget that “them” could be “us.”

In our giving, we must be mindful of the day-to-day struggles of those among us. Episcopal Charities of Long Island (ECLI) exists to “foster, develop and contribute to the support of the religious, educational and charitable work of the Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Long Island.” Here are just a few of the ministries supported by ECLI in 2009-2010.

**Ministry to the Unemployed:** Men and women who have lost their jobs receive counseling at Grace Church, Riverhead Jobs Development Program to help them cope. They are taught to inventory and evaluate their job skills and adapt them to today’s employment environment. This program has a high success rate with job placement.

**Ministry to Youth:** The Biko Transformation Center in the Bushwick/Ocean Hill area of Brooklyn nurtures young people in the neighborhood helping them find expression in music, visual arts and poetry. Their mission is to promote intergenerationalism, break down ethnic differences, and champion peace and social justice.

**Ministry to the Homeless:** Family Promise of Nassau County is a church-based family shelter network within the Archdeaconry of Nassau. This shelter initiative offers stability to families in crisis and the support network necessary to help them as they seek permanent housing.

**Ministry to the Oppressed:** In 2009 the former St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church in Astoria, Queens became the eighth shelter of the Ali Forney Center’s housing sites for homeless gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender (GLBT) youth in New York City. The St. Andrew’s space provides GLBT teens who are homeless or otherwise at risk a place where they can sleep safely, learn new skills, resolve crisis situations, and become linked with needed services.

**Ministry to the Hungry and the Lonely:** The Senior Lunch Programs at Church of the Resurrection and All Saints Church, both in Richmond Hill, are serving seniors in their community with more than lunch once a month. These programs offer an opportunity to gather in

fellowship and enjoy one another’s company, being served in love by their community.

Bishop Provenzano has urged us to double the amount of money given to support projects such as these in 2011. *Please support the vital work of ECLI by writing a check to Episcopal Charities of Long Island with “ECLI Annual Appeal” on the memo line and placing it in the collection plate on **June 13.***

-- Barbara Gratz

### ***Vestry Retreat***

On Friday and Saturday, **June 18 and 19**, our Vestry returns to Mount Manresa Retreat Center on Staten Island for their annual retreat. Taking a break from the usual press of agenda items, the Vestry Retreat is designed as a time and space for considering the needs of the parish from different points of view than those that often take shape during the regular series of business meetings throughout the year. This year’s theme is “Parish Life – Vestry Role – Personal Prayer.” Please keep our vestry members in your thoughts and prayers.

***Coming to Saint Luke’s  
Friday, June 25 at 7:30pm  
NEW YORK OPERA FORUM  
in a concert presentation of  
Richard Strauss’s  
ELEKTRA  
Suggested donation \$12,  
Seniors and students \$10***

### ***Independence Day: Freedom in Christ***

At our Sunday liturgies on **July 4** we will pray for our nation and consider our challenges from the perspective of our faith and freedom in Christ.

### ***“Summertime, and the Livin’ is Easy...”***

Get set for the annual **Saint Luke’s Barbecue**, coming up on Saturday, **July 17 (rain date, July 18)**. Please save the date for this all-American classic. Everyone is welcome, so please invite a friend – or several – to join us at this event. For a mere \$10 per person (\$5 for children under 12!), you get burgers, hot dogs, salads, watermelon, brownies — the works!

This is *not* a potluck, but we are looking for three or four people to provide potato salad, cole slaw or

dessert. We could also use one or two *grillmeisters* (or *meisterins*) to take a turn flipping burgers during the event. As usual, we are in need of a few extra lawn chairs as well.

Sign-up sheets will be placed in the narthex and parish hall beginning in late June, so please indicate how many people will be in your party; if you are interested in helping out, please let us know what you'll be bringing – salads, dessert, and/or lawn chairs – and if you'd like to lend a hand with the grilling. You can also get in touch with me. Just give me a call or drop me an e-mail (212-769-7082, [ltg@operanews.com](mailto:ltg@operanews.com)).

-- Louise Guinther

**2010 Forest Hills Community Food Drive**

**Saturday July 24 through Sunday July 25**

Saint Luke's, along with other local churches and synagogues, will participate in this year's food drive in support of the Interfaith Hunger Network of Queens. Volunteers are needed on Saturday, **July 24** to accept donations of food at the Associated Supermarket on 64<sup>th</sup> Road just off 108<sup>th</sup> Street. To volunteer, please contact Gary Carldon ([gcarld@msn.com](mailto:gcarld@msn.com)) or call the church office (718-268-6021).

Food items may also be dropped off from 10:00am to 4:00pm all that weekend at Church in the Gardens parish house, 50 Ascan Avenue; at the Christian Science Reading Room, 2 Station Square, from 10:00am to 7:00pm on Sunday; and at Saint Luke's during the Sunday services.

*Please note that fresh foods and items in glass containers cannot be accepted.* Top-priority foods requested are canned beef stew, tuna, corned beef hash, hot cereals, powdered milk, 46-ounce cans of fruit juice, and peanut butter. Donations may also be made by check to the Queens Interfaith Hunger Network. You can also donate by attending Church in the Gardens' fundraising picnic on **August 19<sup>th</sup>**. For more details, call Church in the Gardens at 718-268-6704.

-- Gary Carldon

**Outdoor Eucharist and Potluck Picnic Supper  
Wednesday, August 11**

On Wednesday evening, **August 11**, at 7:00pm we will gather on the church lawn for Holy

Eucharist followed by a picnic supper. Our worship theme will be "All Things Bright and Beautiful: Caring for the Earth." Mark the date now and plan to participate in this late summer gathering. All are welcome, so bring your friends. Sign-up sheets will be available at the end of July.

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 15 AT 10:30AM**  
**SAINT LUKE'S HOSTS**  
**CHURCH IN THE GARDENS**  
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**SUNDAY, AUGUST 22 AT 10:00AM**  
**CHURCH IN THE GARDENS HOSTS**  
**SAINT LUKE'S**

**June, July and August Birthdays  
Anniversaries**

**June**

- 3 Michael Boyce
- 3 Lori Sbordone
- 5 Steven Seligman
- 6 Joe Dinas
- 6 Sheila Miller
- 8 Joyce Egginton
- 9 Varghese K. Varghese
- 9 Alberta Haynes & Tipton Carlson (A)
- 11 Liam Maskell
- 15 Shibu Varghese
- 18 Shirley Vickers
- 20 Elijah Williams
- 21 Lucia Tasker
- 21 Tipton Carlson
- 25 Shibu & Shalini Varghese (A)
- 25 Jim Bates
- 28 Philip Gurney

**July**

- 2 Wayne & Sally Baxter (A)
- 3 Harper Curran
- 6 Denise Presnick
- 6 Christopher Dippel
- 6 Robin Resin
- 8 Sally Baxter
- 9 Ann Espenschied
- 9 Shannon O'Rourke
- 9 Dennis Khare
- 10 Hedi Hoffman
- 12 Camilla Chodkowski
- 13 Tom Reese
- 14 Carol & Dennis Khare (A)
- 19 Olivia Smith
- 22 Ian Ryding
- 27 David Pentlow
- 31 Jackie Dinas

31 Frances Sergi  
**August**  
3 Marleigh Adams  
4 Paul Dinas  
11 Whitney Schott  
12 Jennifer Stewart

18 Jim & Ann Chamberlain (A)  
20 Isabelle Smith  
25 Fred Guinther  
27 Sally Hagwood  
27 Karen & Jim Van Westering (A)