

Song of Simeon

St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Simeon
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We are a Spirit-filled community of simple grace and acceptance.... Come As You Are!

April 11, 2019

Calendar of Events

Date	Time	Event/Activity	Location	POC
Apr 14	9:15 am	Holy Eucharist – Palm Sunday	St. Luke's	Rev. Marian Windel
Apr 14	1:00 pm	Funeral – William Henson	St. Luke's	Rev. Marian Windel
Apr 15	6:00 pm	Vestry Meeting	Berberich Hall	Judy Crosby, Rev. Marian Windel
Apr 17	5:30 pm	Lenten Study – The Last Week	Berberich Hall	Rev. Marian Windel
Apr 18	5:30 pm	Maundy Thursday	St. Luke's	Rev. Marian Windel
Apr 19	12:00 pm	Good Friday	St. Luke's	Rev. Marian Windel
Apr 21	9:15 am	Holy Eucharist – Easter	St. Luke's	Rev. Marian Windel
Apr 28	9:15 am	Holy Eucharist	St. Luke's	Rev. Marian Windel
Jun 1	7:30 am	4 Our Freedom 5K	Univ of VA Research Park	Lou Lamb
<i>Vestry Meeting</i> 2 nd Monday each month at 6:00 PM <i>This month: April 15th</i>			<i>“Bad Girls of the Bible”</i> Every Thursday at 12:00 in the Parish Hall	
<i>Lenten Study Wednesday, 5:30 pm</i> April 17			<i>Pot Luck – 1st Sunday each month</i>	

St. Luke's Prayer List

Pat Hanly, Johonna, Hal, Jolene, Richard Bernard, Jim Brookeman, Scott Anderson, Wei-fen Yu, Shirley Anderson, Gene Baker, Kathleen Buckley, Gene Corrigan, Becky, Doug Tang, Emil, Ken Crosby, Don Cook, and the Reeves Family, Babs, Lil, Rob, Michael Guthrie, the family of Bill Henson.

Holy Week at St. Luke's

Palm Sunday begins Holy Week. After the prelude, (weather permitting) we will adjourn to the front lawn for the Palm Sunday Liturgy and then enter the church singing.

Wednesday is our last dinner and discussion of chapter 8 of The Last Week.

Maundy Thursday we gather in the church at 5:30pm for foot washing and the Last Supper. None must, all may and some will want to participate in the washing of feet. If you want to have your feet washed and in turn wash another's feet please wear shoes and socks or stockings that can easily be removed. After the stripping of the altar at the conclusion of the service those who want to remain for a short watch please come to the front of the church and we shall read Stations of the Cross and conclude with the service of Compline.

Good Friday Liturgy will be at noon.

Easter Sunday bring bells to ring during our hymn of praise. The alleluias will return and during the season of Easter we will omit the confession and stand for the entire Eucharistic Prayer. As Prayer B says, we are made worthy to stand before God. If you cannot stand for the entire prayer, you may of course be seated.

I look forward to seeing you at these events as we walk through the last week of Jesus life and celebrate God's gift to us in the resurrection of Jesus, the Christ.

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Readings for April 7:

<http://www.lectionarypage.net>

[Genesis 15:1-12,17-18](#)

[Philippians 3:17-4:1](#)

[Luke 13:31-35](#)

[Psalm 27](#)

Welcome for Fr Randy Haycock, Sunday May 5th While we plan on having a *special celebration of new ministry* for Randy, (with a Bishop from the diocese invited) in the next few months, we need volunteers *now* to help plan a welcome Pot Luck on his first Sunday at St Luke's. Anyone who would like to help plan this, contact Lou Lamb and Joann Rawls.

[St. Luke's Volunteer Sign Up Sheet \(click me\)](#)

Date	Greeter	Reader 1	Reader 2	Eucharistic Minister	Acolyte	Teller Senior Warden	Altar Guild (Bob & Judy Bill)	Coffee Hour 1 Babs Fickes	Altar Flowers (Babs Fickes)
Apr 14 (Palm Sunday)		Judy Crosby	Tom Goss		Marta Engdahl			Ben Brewster	Palms
Apr 18 (Maundy Thursday)					Judy Bill		Judy & Bob Bill	N A	
Apr 19 (Good Friday)								N A	
Apr 21 (Easter)	Marta Engdahl	Marta Engdahl	Tom Goss	Don Fickes			Judy & Bob Bill		Easter Lillies
Apr 28			Marta Engdahl	Judy Bill				spec. pot luck for Marion	Easter Lillies
May 5			Ashby Kindler	Marta Engdahl				Special for Rev. Randy	
May 12					Marta Engdahl				
May 19	Marta Engdahl	Marta Engdahl							
May 26			Marta Engdahl						
June 2	Lynne Sprouse		Lynne Sprouse	Marta Engdahl				Pot Luck	

Remember...if all else fails, call or write Bob Lamb at 703-407-2365 or bob.j.lamb@gmail.com



Jesus said, "The light is with you for a little longer. Walk while you have the light, so that the darkness may not overtake you." John 12:35

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Holy Week is the longest walk of the year. We begin the walk on the outskirts of Jerusalem, near the Mount of Olives, where the disciples throw their cloaks over a colt and Jesus climbs on. It is a ludicrous sight - a grown man on a colt, his feet dangling to the ground. Everyone knows that real kings ride great stallions, not donkeys. But Jesus chooses to be a living parable, a parable of humility. Jesus chooses to embrace seeming foolishness to reveal God's wisdom, seeming weakness to show us real strength.

We continue the walk in Gethsemane where the disciples fall asleep as Jesus prays in agony. It, too, is a ludicrous sight - soldiers armed to the teeth to arrest the prince of peace, a disciple running away stark naked. We stay only because thousands of miles and thousands of years insulate us from the danger. Otherwise, our walk would end as quickly as theirs did.

We walk with Jesus to the mockery of a trial where the powerful hurl lies and false accusations. We walk with Peter, Jesus' friend, who denies him three times then weeps bitter tears. These, too, are ludicrous sights - those with all the control inventing fictions, those with great love succumbing to fear.

As we walk on, we see Jesus mocked, stripped and beaten, wishing we could be as far away as the men disciples, desiring to bolt as they did, because the pain and fear are too much to

bear. We walk yet farther, following Jesus as he carries his cross, mourning with the women he meets on the way. And we stop, we still our walking feet, as we look on from a distance as Jesus hangs on the cross. This, too, would be a ludicrous sight were it not so agonizing. A grown man, acclaimed only days before as king, hanging stripped, exposed, impotent. But Jesus chooses to be a living parable, a parable of humility. Jesus chooses to embrace seeming foolishness to reveal God's wisdom, seeming weakness to show us real strength.

Will we accompany Jesus the rest of the way? When our lives, or the lives of those around us, bring us to places of trial and suffering, will we walk with Jesus there? When the bitter, ugly realities of a world in need break in upon our lives, will we step outside our usual preoccupations to accompany Jesus there? When faced with hard choices, will we choose to be a living parable, a parable of humility, as Jesus was? Will we choose to embrace seeming foolishness to reveal God's wisdom, seeming weakness to show the world real strength?

May God give us such courage. In words inspired by of a collect in A New Zealand Prayer Book, we pray:

Jesus, when you walked the way of love, people shouted their joy, they shouted their accusations, they shouted their pain. Grant us your strength so that, when the shouting ceases, we will continue to walk with you all the way to the cross, all the way to new life. Amen.

Your Sister in Christ,



The Rt. Rev. Susan E. Goff
Bishop Suffragan and Ecclesiastical Authority

FOR CHRIST. FOR THIS TIME. FOR ALL TIME.

