

Good News From New Life

September 14, 2023



16 Pentecost
Holy Eucharist Rite II
Exodus 14:19-31
Psalms 114
Romans 14:1-12
Matthew 18:21-35
Rev Barbara preaching

Calendar of Coming Events

Wednesday mornings: 10:30 am
Short services in the St Luke Chapel

Sept 20: Thecla of Iconium

Wednesdays at 11:00 am: Book Club
Kris Radish: "Annie Freeman's Fabulous
Traveling Funeral"

Sept 24 St Michael and All Angels

Oct 1 St Francis, Animal Blessing
7 pm Taize service

Oct 3 Tuesday Group "Do Not Fear"
Lynn Gorman, leader

Oct 22: St Luke Healing Service

Nov 5 All Saints Sunday
7 pm Taize service

Nov 11 Diocesan Convention

Nov 12 Veterans Observance

Nov 23 Thanksgiving Day

**Nov 26 Christ the King. Debbie
Likins-Fowler, preacher; Bill
Kendrick, organist**

Dec 3 Advent I, 7 pm Taize

Dec 10 Advent II

Dec 17 Advent III

Dec 24 10 am Advent IV

7 pm Christmas Eve

Dec 25 10 am Christmas Day

Angels Are Coming! Sept. 24

On September 24 we will observe the feast day of St. Michael and All Angels (transferred from Sept. 29). St. Michael is one of our patron saints and Rev Barbara enjoys presenting an "angel service" every year.

This year, something new!

The Spirituality Team is giving Angel Cards to all families in the congregation. These will be on the table in the parlor on Sept. 24.

What are Angel Cards? Small cards, each with a good thought for the day, and a charming graphic of an angel.

Where do they come from? A 40-year-old board game called "Transformation," in which the cards played a part. But the cards were so lovely that they took on a life of their own.

What do you do with them?

Put them in a pretty container, and every morning (perhaps during your devotions), extract two cards, randomly, and see what the angels have to tell you that day. This works especially well with a partner or in a group.

Who to ask about them:

Anyone in the Wednesday Group (who have been doing Angel Cards for months now) or Spirituality Team members.

Episcopal Minute: Holy Cross

The celebration of Holy Cross Day commemorates the dedication of the Church of the Holy Sepulcher in Jerusalem in 335, believed to be the same date as the dedication of Solomon's temple hundreds of years before.

Why not call it Holy Sepulcher Day? Because this is really about the True Cross, discovered by the Emperor Constantine's mother Helena during excavations in Jerusalem in 326. Finding relics of Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection were regarded as holy discovery and cause for celebration.

In Jesus' time, this location was outside the walls of Jerusalem, as is stated in the Gospel accounts. During Roman occupation of the area, the city of Jerusalem was considerably enlarged, and the crucifixion and resurrection site encompassed within the walls of the city, and buried under tons of fill. Helena excavated the site and recovered the relics.

The day is commemorated in our Book of Common Prayer and often observed with special services. When presenting this holy day, I often refer to the different types of crosses in our tradition – Roman, Celtic, crucifix with corpus, plain cross, Maltese, Jerusalem, and St John Cross (Christ the King). All are objects of our veneration.

Send newsletter items to Rev Barbara by Tuesday

Please send items by Tuesday evening to Barbara. RevBLBond@msn.com

Server Schedule

Altar Guild

09/16 - 09/22 – Marianne

09/23 - 09/29 – Terri

09/30 - 10/06 – Rita

Readers

Sept 17: Pete

Sept 24: Charlyn

Counters

Week of Sept. 17 - Julie & Andrea

Week of Sept. 24 - Jan & Darlene

Vestry In Charge

Sept 17 – Jeff

Sept 24 – Pete

Healers

Sept 17 – Charlyn

Sept 24 – Amy

Coffee Hour teams

Team 1: Darlene, Bo and Connie

Team 2: Rita, Terri and Charlyn

Team 3: Mariann and Kathy

Team 4: Gladys, Laura and Judy

Wednesday services continue

Rev Barbara will continue to offer brief worship services on Wednesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. in the parlor, or St. Luke Chapel. Each service focuses on a particular saint. Participants also enjoy Angel Cards..

September 20 Thecla of Iconium

September 27 Lancelot Andrews

FISH Items for 2023

Please bring items to church for the FISH pantry! Any of these items can be donated during any month.

September Cleaning products

October Cereal

November Pasta and pasta sauce

December Instant potatoes

Sunday Night Prayer Telecon

Join your New Life family in prayer for about 15 minutes each Sunday night at 8 pm and start your week off prayerfully! A few minutes before 8 pm call 720-843-2008. Enter the access code when prompted: 420030#. If you use a smart phone and would like a text reminder and texted prayers, contact MJ at 330-606-9904. Or pick up a flier in the parlor with the prayers. Rotating telecon leaders are Lynn Gorman, Julie Martin, MJ Maling, Bo Iole and Jo Schiffbauer. We pray for our church, our country, our world, and each other's concerns and thanksgivings. For more information contact any of the telecon leaders.

Vestry Goals for 2023

Vestry has identified three short-term goals for the remainder of 2023:

Build Relationships: Develop New Life's visibility in our community through face-to-face relationships with groups and individuals.

Improve Communications: Improve external communications by redesigning and maintaining New Life's website.

Build Fellowship: Build and maintain monthly fellowship opportunities, including:

- Monthly social events
- Monthly coffee hours
- Events off-site or at New Life
- Tuesday Evening and
- Wednesday Morning group

The Knee

Rev Barbara is making rapid progress in her recuperation from knee replacement surgery Aug. 10. The Altar Guild and others constructed a small free-standing altar in front of the altar rail, and it has worked well. Barbara projects deconstructing the little altar after the Sept. 24 service.



Deacon's Dismissal

Rev Josh Butler

The man told me what happened and at one point said, "I told her not to give that man the keys to her car, him being on a bender and all." I listened right along. It was quite a story and I wanted to say this and wanted to say that but I am learning that it's OK to hear someone's troubles without offering a solution. Somewhere, way deep in telling the story, it happened. As if hearing the story for the first time, the man's tone and posture changed. We sat for a few minutes, shook hands and went.

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New Life Picnic

Sunday, September 10, 2023





Around 25 folks attended the 2023 New Life picnic for worship, food, fellowship and fun! Assisted by Andrea, and with Bo doing the readings, Rev. Barbara officiated a service perfectly suited to being outdoors in God's creation. And she barely sat down despite it being only six weeks since her knee replacement! We had a visitor... a gentleman walking by with his dog, who was very interested in what was going on. Darlene invited him for lunch, so he joined us!

There was SO MUCH FOOD. As usual! Bergs, dogs AND chicken! And all the fixins from sides to desserts. Kathy led an activity called Sun Art, where gorgeous clips from her garden were artfully arranged on paper and 'reverse photo-synthesized' by the sun. It was really neat! Bo and Pete brought their cornhole game and there was a fierce contest between Pete and Jeff and Bo and Emily! (Girls rule, by the way.) Norm brought a cool remote control car that had an unfortunate argument with Kara's human control car. Too funny!

Very special thanks to the picnic organizer Kathy, the coffee hour team hard workers Bo, Darlene and Connie. And to the grill crew: Ben, Kara and Pete. Thanks for all the muscle, Pete! And to everyone who brought food and supplies for the service, the food and and the fun! New Life sure knows how love God, love each other, and throw a picnic! ---MJ

