

Good News From New Life

October 17, 2024



Pentecost 22: Oct 20

St. Luke the Evangelist

Holy Eucharist Rite II

Ecclesiasticus 38:1-4, 6-10, 12-14

Psalm 147:1-7

Luke 4:14-21

Pete Iole preaching

Calendar of Coming Events

Oct 20 Pentecost 22 St. Luke

Pete Iole, preacher

Pot Luck Lunch

Parish event: Remembrances

Oct 23 Book Group 10:30 Parlor

Oct 27 Pentecost 23

Nov 3 All Saints Sunday,

Coffee Hour Team 4

Nov 9 Diocesan Convention

Nov 10 Pentecost 25

Veterans Observance

Scott Bridges, preacher

Taize time TBA

Nov 17 Pentecost 26

Nov 24 Christ the King

Dec 1 Advent 1, Coffee Hour

Dec 8 St Nicholas, Morning Prayer

Joe Bridges, preacher,

Taize time TBA

Dec 15 Advent 3, Rev Audra Abt

Dec 23 Advent 4, Troy Dunn

Dec 24 Christmas Eve

Special liturgies:

Nov 3 All Saints Sunday

Nov 10 Veterans Observance

Nov 24 Christ the King

Parish Event October 20

On Sunday, October 20, following the service, we will gather for a potluck lunch and a sharing of memories about our history, including the backgrounds of both previous parishes.

“Memories” will be exchanged, written down, and summarized, helping us to understand who we are as a parish right now. This is the first step in congregational development. Team One has been asked to oversee the potluck lunch arrangements.

St Luke Observance

St Luke the Evangelist, St Luke the Physician, St Luke the Gospel writer – we revere St Luke for many reasons. Tradition says that he was a physician, and his writings (the St Luke Gospel and the Book of Acts of the Apostles) often show a healing ministry. His writing is highly literate and in narrative style, with parables included nowhere else: the Good Samaritan and the Return of the Prodigal Son. We dedicated our chapel to his name.

Our own ministry of healing prayer will be emphasized this Sunday, with renewal of commissioning for our healers, and individual healing prayer offered during communion distribution.

Episcopal Minute: St George

The military patron saint of England is Saint George. The Saint George cross is dominant in the British flag, and in our Episcopal shield: a red cross on a white background. Shakespeare's famous play Henry V has the warrior king exclaim as he leads his troops into the battle of Agincourt in 1415: "For Harry, England and Saint George!" It was quite an effective rallying cry.

In life, St. George was a Cappadocian who served as a body-guard to emperor Diocletian, and he was martyred for his Christian faith in 303 CE. According to Dan Jones' new biography of Henry V (see next column), "In death (St George) has watched over Englishmen at war ever since the heyday of the crusades. George was recognized as the patron saint of the realm by Edward III, and now occupies a special place in the annual cycle of royal pageantry." (p 268)

The chapel at Windsor Castle is named for Saint George and is the spiritual home of the Order of the Garter. At the time of Henry V, relics of St George were kept there, including an arm bone and a fragment of skull. A German king named Sigismund contributed another precious relic: George's heart, enclosed in a beautiful gold reliquary.

Yes, I know, the whole relics business is somewhat distasteful to us in present day, but in the fifteenth century, there was enormous power assigned to these relics, and the heart was a prized ceremonial possession of the chapel for generations, says Jones.

The Bookshelf: Henry V

The new biography of Henry V by Dan Jones has just hit the bestsellers' list and it is quite amazing. I have been devouring it for days, and I will put it on our Bookshelf in case you wish to try it yourself. I will enclose a family tree.

Dan Jones is a prolific writer of English history. I previously read his huge book, Powers and Thrones: A New History of the Middle Ages (2021, 636 pages) and was mesmerized. Jones knows his history and relates it in an engaging and entertaining style..

I was previously only familiar with Henry V through the Shakespearian play, which portrays Henry (Prince Hal) as carousing with his rotund friend Falstaff and being none too responsible as a young man. In reality, Henry was amazingly responsible, an astounding ruler who made up for the lax style of the previous kings including his father Henry IV. And, alas, there was no Falstaff. Shakespeare is a little suspect as a historian. He was often relating history to be complimentary to the Tudors and their forebears – he was, after all, writing in the time of the Tudors, and the Tudors could be rather unforgiving.

The real Henry V according to Dan Jones was a superb military leader who believed that most of France belonged to England, and hence went on major campaigns to "recover" land. The Battle of Agincourt in 1415 is the most famous, because of Shakespeare perhaps, but also because it was just an amazing feat of military genius. Henry ruled for only nine years, but they were very impressive years. Good book!

Stewardship Materials

Our annual Stewardship Effort is underway. The packet, containing a cover letter and pledge card, has been sent to all parishioners. Extra pledge cards will be available in the parlor.

Parishioners are asked to prayerfully consider how they can financially support New Life in 2025 and fill out their pledge cards accordingly. It is hoped that all signed pledge cards will be returned to the church by Oct. 20, the day of the parish event.

Preaching Schedule

Oct 20 Pete Iole

Nov 10 Scott Bridges

Dec 8 Joe Bridges

Dec 15 Rev Audra Abt

Dec 22 Troy Dunn

Jan 5 Charlyn Bridges

Send newsletter items to Rev Barbara by Tuesday

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

FISH Items for 2024

Please bring items to church for the FISH pantry! Any of these items can be donated during any month, but the following schedule is suggested.

October Cereal

November Pasta and pasta sauce

December Instant potatoes

Directory Update by Dec 1

Please send changes for our directory to the Office soon. A new directory will be issued on Dec 1.

Vestry Goals

1. Consciously enter into congregational development process.
2. Continue to develop relational experiences in the local community.
3. Improve the physical plant of our building.

All Saints Sunday Nov. 3

Our All Saints service on November 3 honors our Beloved Departed, especially those who have died since last November. Please feel free to add names to our list, posted by the entrance to the sanctuary. All collected names will be printed in the bulletin for that day, and Rev Barbara will read the names during the Eucharistic Prayer, from the altar.

All Saints Organ Concert Nov 3

The MacDowell Music Club of Canton is sponsoring a concert by four organists on Sunday at 3 pm at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Massillon. The four organists are Bill Kendrick (well-known to our parish), Sandy Simpson, Ralph Morrison and Mark Thewes, all well known in the community.

Bill Kendrick will be playing for New Life's first two Advent services, Dec. 1 and Dec. 8. What a treat!

208th Diocesan Convention

The 208th Diocesan Convention will be held Nov 8-9 in Perrysburg, Ohio.

New Life's delegates will be Julie Martin, Larry Mackey and Jeff Maurer. Alternates are Scott Bridges, Pete Iole and Terri Mackey.

Server Schedule

Altar Guild

10/19 – 25 Terri

10/26 – 11/01 Marianne

Readers

Oct 20 Bo

Oct 27 Charlyn

Nov 3 Pete

Nov 10 Amy

Nov 17 Bo

Nov 24 Charlyn

Counters

Oct 20 Jan and Susan

Oct 27 Julie and Andrea

Nov 3 Susan and Julie

Nov 10 Jan and Julie

Nov 17 Susan and Jan

Nov 24 Jan and Andrea

Vestry In Charge

Oct 20 Larry

Oct 27 Darlene

Nov 3 Pete

Nov 10 Larry

Nov 17 Julie

Nov 24 Darlene

Healers

10/20 All healers

10/27 Amy

Nov 3 Julie

Nov 10 Bo

Nov 17 Charlyn

Nov 24 Amy

Acolytes

Oct 20 Jan

Oct 27 Kathy

Nov 3 Andrea

Nov 10 Jan

Nov 17 Kathy

Nov 24 Andrea

Coffee Hour Teams

Team 1: Darlene, Bo, Connie 10/20

Team 2: Rita, Terri, Charlyn 12/1

Team 3: Marianne, Kathy, Julie 1/5

Team 4: Gladys, Laura, Judy R 11/3

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.

Deacon's Dismissal

Rev Josh Butler

A recluse died some years ago and the local newspaper delighted in reporting the worthless stock certificates found in his home, boxes full of risky investments that came to naught. What a fool this man had been! Yet who among us has not bet on the wrong horse, put a nickel in the wrong slot, turned left when we should have gone right, asked the wrong date to the dance or first attended a church we would one day leave for another? When the man's will was read and his charitable gifts were known, no one recalled the worthless certificates.

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