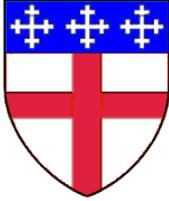


2021
Parish Report
St. Luke's Church
Blue Ridge, Georgia



The Parish Church of the Mountains

The Mission of St. Luke's Church is to grow spiritually in the knowledge and love of Jesus Christ and in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit and to share our faith, our hands and our hearts for the sake of the Gospel, our community and the world



Being Anglican Today

(*Classical Episcopalian)

Our commitments:

■ The Holy Scriptures

Whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning.

Romans 15:4

■ Worship: Ancient and Modern

Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.

1 Thessalonians 5:21

■ Good News and Service

By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love.

John 13:35

WHY NOT?

Come and see!

Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Worship options: In church, in parking lot
and online

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The Rev. Victor H. Morgan, Rector

RECTOR'S REPORT



I think it is safe to say that no one is really sad to see the year 2020 go by. It has been a challenging year both to Church and nation. We at St. Luke's, however, have persevered and even prospered. Putting our faith in God and relying on His untold resources of grace, we have succeeded in turning lemons into lemonade.

I am thinking particularly of how when most churches in the nation were locked down, silent and dark, St. Luke's continued to hold up the torch of life. Balancing the safety of worshipers and the need for a strong message of hope in dark days, drive-in church began. "Stay safe in the family car," became our slogan. Our drive-in church remains popular . . . after all where else can you worship alongside your favorite pet (many of those pets who now eagerly await Sunday worship?)

Also, as the pandemic hit and the need for online worship arose, St. Luke's was on the cutting edge providing it. The gain is we now have many who use this option, not only locally but around the world. I am especially happy to say we have at least two faithful watchers in our neighbour to the north, Canada. You can't have too many friends, and new friends is one positive thing the pandemic has brought us.

I am deeply grateful to the man who made our alternative worship options possible, St. Luke's Junior Warden Jim Noblett. I have ideas, and he turns these ideas into reality. He is the man God has raised up for this hour.

Jim Noblett is not alone. Many have stepped forward in taking on new tasks and responsibilities. Kathryn Noblett and her team of ushers, for example, have adapted to the challenges of COVID-19 and continue to create a climate of hospitality to all who worship at St. Luke's.

Likewise, Teresa Wankel and the Women of St. Luke's, along with Neil McDonald and the Men of St. Luke's, have been there every step of the way during the past year. For both groups: New challenges. No problem!

"Tough Times Never Last, but Tough People Do!" was the title of a book written by one of American's best-known pastors back in the '90s. These words might well tell the tale of the people of St. Luke's in the Year 2020.

This past year has been a year of challenges and opportunities, but so will be 2021! Let me briefly share with you two of my goals for this year. The first is that we continue to reach out to people across this land and indeed the world through the use of the Internet. Technology, as often as not, gets hijacked for evil. Let's claim it for the Lord!

Jim Noblett along with his videoing associate Bob Bradley have done a tremendous job using meagre equipment this past year. In December, a significant upgrade was made when new wireless microphones were purchased and placed in service. This new equipment has eliminated distracting background noises. I am deeply grateful for those of you have given for this purpose.

With that said, the task is not finished. We need additional funds to replace our outdated and compromised soundboard, install multiple cameras and microphones, along with other transmitting equipment. The total cost of this project is around \$15,000. Let's finish the job! Again, many thanks to those who have already contributed to this fund.

My second goal in 2021 is to equip the people of St. Luke's to be able witnesses of Jesus Christ in this community and beyond. Knowledge of the Scriptures, of course, is paramount. At least one reason the church is so mute in today's society is because her members lack knowledge and understanding of the fundamentals of the faith.

In 2020, I attempted to build a better understanding of the Bible and its message with a sermon series in both Trinity-tide and Advent. In Trinity-tide, Sunday by Sunday, we looked at pivotal passages in the early books of the Bible.

We began with Genesis 1, God creating the world good. We continued the following week looking at Genesis 3, the tale of man's problem, how sin entered God's world. From there, we looked at God's response, His unfolding plan to bring healing and salvation through the call of a particular family, the family of Abraham. As the season ended we had gotten the children of Israel to the edge of the Promised Land. In each sermon, I attempted to show how what happened in the Old Testament pointed forward to the arrival of Jesus the Messiah.

In Advent, a similar attempt was made to make the Bible an open book. In these four weeks, we looked at the Gospel in Isaiah. Again, my intent was to show the unity of the Bible. The story of Jesus' birth did not come out of nowhere, but rather is part of a larger narrative.

In Trinity-tide 2021, I propose to do something similar. The story of God's people will continue from the point where we left off this past year. We shall travel from the conquest of the land all the way to the end of the period of the kings. Again, the focus will be on Christ who brings the ancient story to its appointed conclusion . . . and to our part as Christ's followers.

To prime the pump for such a series, in Lent and several weeks into Eastertide, I plan to lead an eight-week study entitled The Bible Course. This study will include a short video produced by an international Bible society followed by a discussion of the key points. The objectives of the course are:

- The Bible Course helps you see how the books of the Bible are part of one big story.

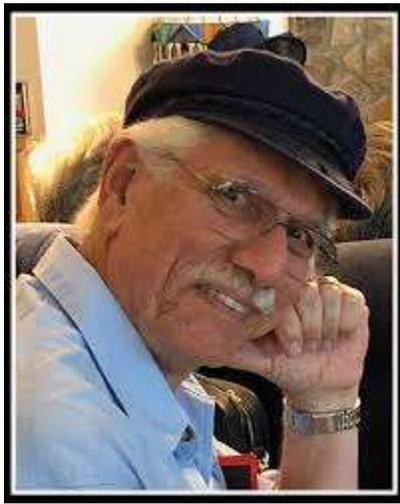
- It shows how key events, books and characters fit together.
- It will help participants grow in confidence as you read the Bible for yourself.

Look for further details about this exciting course as the time approaches. If necessary, to maintain safe distancing, we shall use the Church Proper. Please plan to attend and also to bring a friend or neighbor.

In closing, let me say what a privilege and honor it is to be your Rector. Together let us continue to walk into the light God gives us.

SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT

Submitted by Dr. Al Cash



2020 was a tumultuous year for St. Luke's. Still, our accomplishments, as a Church and as a member of the community, are many – thanks to the dedication and loyalty of each member of our Parish and our specialized committees.

Of note is our Strategic Plan which requires an annual review and update. A committee was formed and has revised the Plan's language to reflect the completion of several previous directives and to add new goals. The updated Plan appears on our website.

Our website remains dynamic – with updates of photos, columns, sermons, events and much more. It also includes a “GIVE” portal allowing donations to the church from any location on earth. We are working on extending that range... We encourage you to visit the site frequently for those updates. As a reminder, the Members' page password is John316 (no punctuation mark or space)

Our annual church events were quite successful – they include: The WSL have been super busy – and quite successful with their yard Sale and Christmas bazaar. Many thanks to Teresa Wankel and her outstanding ladies for their amazing work.

The SLMG continues their parishioner assistance projects. They had a tremendously successful “Things that Guys Like” garage sale, organized and hosted by Neil McDonald. Many thanks to you, Sir, and to your great group of men.

We've had to postpone a number of Teaching Tuesdays classes due to the COVID pandemic.

Our Shrove Tuesday, Snack-in-a-Backpack, and Summer Meals were all well done and well received.

We had three Vestry terms expire in 2020...all three members (including myself) opted to remain onboard for another term if elected. Thank you to Lauren Burgreen

and Bill Trotter for your continued work and dedication. Three years ago, the Vestry approved the addition of a ninth member. The Vestry, acting as the nominating committee, has nominated Bob Bradley to fill that vacancy. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor.

Our Secretary, Kathryn Noblett, continues to do excellent work, always with an open heart and a smile. Thank you, Kathryn.

Also, we have a new Treasurer, Bob Morgan, who has been given remote access to our bookkeeping application. He'll be doing his work from home, and all that work will have an offsite backup to protect all that data he'll be entering. We are thrilled to have you aboard, Bob.

We cannot close that chapter without expressing profound gratitude to Cindy Cranor for her outstanding service as church treasurer. Likewise heartfelt thanks to Meredith Yacavone who returned as acting treasurer when Cindy was forced to resign because of family commitments. Without a doubt the success of our budget over the past few years has been due to their expertise, diligence, and dedication.

As 2021 unfolds there will be much work, and continued planning in furtherance of our Lord's work, and specifically for St. Luke's. Let us remember these words from Jeremiah – Chapter 29, Verse 11: "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."



JUNIOR WARDEN'S REPORT

Submitted by Jim Noblett



The Year of our Lord 2020 started out, as most years do full of promise for a great year. Unfortunately, we were blind-sided with a global Covid pandemic and all normalcy disappeared.

Our Church, like many other organizations and businesses was impacted to an extent no one would have considered in January. Under pandemic regulations, all in-church services were halted and we were forced to adapt to bring God's Word to our congregation. With leadership from our Rector we started up a broadcast ministry, first to our parishioners as a parking lot service broadcast on

FM radio. Later we added services live streamed to Facebook and uploaded to YouTube. These services proved to be extremely popular and we gained viewers throughout our whole country and several countries overseas. Our Rector, noting the successful outreach the live streaming and YouTube videos were providing, asked that we investigate the possibility of installing a dedicated audio/video system instead of using a cell phone for the broadcasts. After consultation with the Vestry, we got two estimates for dedicated equipment and are in process of raising the money to fund the installation.

When the pandemic regulations were eased and after consultation with the Assisting Clergy and Deacons as well as the Senior and Junior Wardens, our Rector restarted in-church services subject to social distancing guidelines. We also added areas in the pavilion as well as in the Green Room to allow parishioners to attend services in the safest way possible. As we close out 2020, we are still in the midst of the pandemic and continue to provide God's Word in the safest and most socially responsible way.

Although COVID and its restrictions had the most impact on our Church, there were other things that also involved changes. A.D. Frazier expressed his intention to donate a new organ to St. Luke's for the glory of God, in remembrance of his late wife Clair. The new organ required structural changes to the building to accommodate more speakers and a larger console. These changes were done by a contractor overseen by the Junior Warden and were completed in the spring. The new organ was installed and tuned to our building in June of this year. It is a much more modern instrument than our old one and is beautiful to look at and hear.

The stacked stone wall around the oldest part of our Cemetery was also in need of restoration. The wall had been originally built over 100 years ago and used packed sand instead of mortar to secure the stones. Rain and winter weather caused

rocks in several areas to become loose and fall out. Pat McConnell spearheaded the restoration effort, getting contractors to provide estimates and raising funds to pay for the work. The repair effort started in July and was complete in August. The repair effort included a concrete cap to help the wall resist rain in the future, which needed to be painted to match the wall color. Our Maintenance man, John Johnson took this work on in addition to his regular duties. The wall looks absolutely great and should last many years before any new work is needed.

There were several smaller projects that were completed this year, as follows.

- The South Transept was poorly lighted and needed to be remedied. Gordon Bailey designed and built a new lighting fixture. Since the lights were on a stairwell, he also designed and built a custom structure to fit the stairs to allow us to safely install the new lights. Many thanks to Gordon and Pat Bailey for volunteering to help get the work done.
- The ice maker in our kitchen stopped working and we ordered a replacement. Pat McConnell's brother did the installation for us.
- We discovered that the sump pump in the Parish house crawl space had stopped working and the crawl space was full of water. Neil McDonald and I pumped the crawl space out and replaced the sump pump. Neil is one of our greatest resources, and I would like to say "Thanks" for all he does for our Church.
- Our Treasurer's computer was old and very slow, so a new one was purchased and installed. In addition to this, the Admin Assistant's computer was still running Windows 7 which Microsoft stopped supporting at the beginning of 2019. In view of that, the Vestry approved an upgrade to windows 10 for that computer. This was done in February.
- The toilet in Thomason Hall had been causing issues for some time. I recommended a replacement which was approved by The Vestry. Once again, Neil McDonald sprang into action and helped purchase and install the new toilet.

Despite COVID we did manage to hold a combined WSL/SLMG Yard and Barn Sale, which was very successful. The WSL also held their Christmas Bazaar, which was also very successful. Both these events were held in a socially distanced manner to ensure the health and safety of our parishioners as well as the public who attended.

2020 was a very challenging year but thanks to God, we made it through. Not only was our Church able to provide God's Word to our congregation, we actually reached people outside our area. I pray that 2021 will be a year of recovery for our country and the world.

ALTAR GUILD

Submitted by Teresa Wankel

The Altar Guild is a lay ministry to serve God in His house by preparing the sanctuary for worship, maintaining and caring for the sacred vessels and altar linens and serving the clergy and parish.

The Rector, the Rev. Victor Morgan, is the head of the St Luke's Altar Guild, which functions under his guidance and direction. Altar Guild members should be congregants confirmed in the Anglican Church and should view their service as a sacred duty.

Members of the St Luke's Altar Guild are: Jean Allen, Priscilla Cashman, Teresa Wankel, Patsy Williams and Meredith Yacavone

A special thank you to Anna Bradley for supplying and arranging greenery for the altar during Lent and Advent.

We gladly welcome anyone who would like to serve in this ministry. If you are interested in becoming a part of the Altar Guild, please contact any one of the members listed above.

COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE

Submitted by Dr. Al Cash, chairman

The Communications Committee provides an on-going stream of publications and contacts with parish members and the community. Its purpose is to assist the Rector in sharing God's word at every level available. This past year the committee continues to refine the church's website to provide a more dynamic tool for the parishioners and for the community. We have added a "GIVE" portal in the center of the Homepage. Feedback continues to be positive, with frequent donations and offerings of photographs and articles. "This Sunday at St. Luke's" (our weekly E-newsletter) continues to be published. Service booklets are printed and distributed weekly at the front door and in the parking lot.

The committee reaches out to local newspapers and to Chambers of Commerce on a regular basis to provide information about our services, events, and commitments. The Rector remains faithful to his weekly column publishing our Lord's message and offering insights and explanations of the Gospels and the Prayer Book on Facebook. We thank him for these contributions.

CONCERT COMMITTEE

Submitted by the Rev. Victor H. Morgan, co-chairman

St. Luke's Concert Committee is tasked with selecting and overseeing community concerts (providing receptions when indicated) at St. Luke's throughout

the year. The committee is further tasked with seeking funding and monitoring expenses.

The committee's mission is **to enrich the life of Parish Church of St. Luke and the broader North Georgia community through the promotion of music to the glory of God.**

Current members of the committee include the Rev. Victor H. Morgan, A.D. Frazier, Carlos Martel, Gloria Wells, Lissa Knight, Kathryn Noblett and Tim and Jennifer Higdon.

Four concerts were planned for 2020. Sadly, because of the pandemic none were held. Members will soon meet to make plans for events in 2021.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Submitted by Roger Johnson, chairman

As with most things during 2020, the curriculum devised by our committee got interrupted beginning in March as the pandemic hit. We were able to present the following classes:

- *Strategies for Disruptive Incidents at St. Luke's* with Neil McDonald;
- *Pilgrimages and St. Ignatius* with the Rev. Dr. Heard, Deacon;
- *Digging Deeper into the Sermon on the Mount* with the Rev. Mr. Wikander;
- *Christianity during the War Between the States* with Pat Bailey;
- *The Glastonbury Story* with Pat Dearing;
- *Signs in the Gospel of St. John #1* with the Rev. Mr. Morgan; and
- *Signs in the Gospel of St. John #2* with the Rev. Mr. Morgan.

The remainder of the classes were cancelled due to dealing with the COVID virus.

I wish to give credit and a BIG personal "thank you" to the committee and our presenters who did such a magnificent job in giving their sessions.

As for 2021, our committee will soon be asking each of you what subjects you would like to investigate in the coming months. The Rev. Mr. Morgan's goal is to begin sessions starting at Lent. So standby for "BIG DOINS... coming to a church near you"!

Committee members are: The Rector, the Rev. Mr. Wikander, Deacon Tony McConnell, Pat Dearing, Teresa Wankel and Roger Johnson.

MEMORIAL GARDEN COMMITTEE

Submitted by Pat McConnell

The year 2020 was a memorable year for the committee. Sadly, we had several deaths. For health and safety reasons during the pandemic, most services were held

outdoors. Eleven bronze plaques were ordered and installed. The plaques are ordered from Matthews Bronze of West Virginia, and the current cost with shipping and tax is now over \$96.

The biggest problem and expense was the necessary repair of the stone wall, surrounding the Witzell family burial area. Georgia law requires that any entity that occupies property upon which a burial area exists must maintain property.

The committee was faced with finding a company with the expertise to restore the dry-stone wall, that was erected in 1903. The committee was fortunate in locating Mr. Sheldon Ross of Blairsville, owner of All Stone and Masonry. Mr. Ross surveyed the property and agreed that he had experienced workers that could repair the wall. Thus, a contract was made at a cost of \$6000. The committee is a self-funding entity, so it was necessary that a fundraising effort be put forth. Twenty-three parishioners donated to this need, and \$8748 was raised. The work was completed in August. The committee thank all who supported this project.

Burial sites are available at a cost of \$500 for the cemetery and \$350 for the Memorial Garden. If you wish to make arrangements or need more information, contact Pat McConnell at 706-632-8443.

MEN'S GROUP

Submitted by Neil McDonald, chairman

The St. Luke's Men's Group officers this year are Chairman/Coordinator Neil McDonald and Secretary/Treasurer Bob Morgan. All men who attend St. Luke's services are considered as members and are cordially invited to attend our meetings and all other activities. There are no dues and, no special skills are required to participate—just join us. We meet on the second Tuesday of each month—(See schedule on St. Luke's website calendar).

We assist parishioners or others in the community who lack resources to perform minor repairs or maintenance for themselves, and we occasionally perform maintenance and repairs that would otherwise require payment to vendors. We respond to many requests that are within our capabilities to assist.

Despite the 2020 COVID-19 pandemic, we accomplished these objectives in service to our Lord:

- February, \$50 donated to support the WSL's "Her Hope" pregnancy relief center initiative;
- February, donated \$100 to Deacon McConnell's discretionary fund;
- February, sponsored Shrove Tuesday pancake supper (clearing approx. \$520 for the SLMG treasury);

- April and December, we donated to Fannin/Gilmer County Habitat for Humanities—totaling \$400;
- May, donated \$200.00 for “Snack-in-a-Backpack” and delivered food within the community;
- May and December, donated to Anglican Relief & Development Fund—totaling \$600 this year;
- May and June, we harvested/loaded/delivered/and stacked firewood at the Family Connection for community residents for cooking and heating;
- June, installed motion activated LED security floodlights for a parishioner in need;
- June, installed baseboards in the Thomason Hall green room restroom
- September 11 & 12, held joint WSL/SLMG annual garage sale fundraiser;
- September--assisted with repairs and sale of a camping trailer for a parish family;
- October, we made an ongoing commitment to deliver food monthly to thirty-two North Court Apartments residents to assist the Fannin Food Bank;
- October, we prepared food and assisted WSL with St. Luke’s Day luncheon event in the pavilion;
- November, conducted grounds clean-up of violent storm debris, and prepared the Memorial Garden for interment services;
- December, assisted WSL with Annual Christmas Bazaar pre-event/post-event setup and clean up;
- December, Thomason hall plumbing repair--removed/replaced a malfunctioning commode; and
- December, we finalized an ongoing project installing St. Luke’s informational signs along area roadways.

CONCLUSION: The Lord has blessed us mightily to accomplish much in His name. Thanks be to God!

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Submitted by the Rev. Ronald O. Wikander, co-chairman

There are very few people who would consider describing 2020 as a typical year. I am happy to report that the constraints we have overcome as a parish did not deter us from serving the community at a pace which far exceeded that of previous years.

The Outreach Committee did not hold meetings this year because of the isolation restrictions placed on meetings to address Coronavirus. However, members of the parish did a wonderful job of greeting folks who attended our worship services, obeying protocols for social distancing, as well as welcoming new members to our parish. We have also received over a thousand “hits” on our virtual worship sites in Facebook and You Tube. Our revenue has been adequate due to the continuing

generosity of our parishioners and through the development of a credit card donation system on our website. Kudos to our Rector, our Senior Warden and our Junior Warden and Bob Bradley for their expertise and leadership regarding virtual worship. We did not miss a Sunday Worship since the beginning of the pandemic!

Members of our parish offered time and talent to several charitable organizations which provided sustenance for food disadvantaged members of our community through Family Connection, Feed Fannin, Snack-in-a-Backpack, and the Summer Meals Program. The impact was realized as hundreds of thousands of pounds of food were distributed. The identified need set records in the community, and tens of thousands of meals were made available. Distribution of Snack in a Backpack and Summer meals doubled previous years.

The Marine Corps League was astounded by the generosity of the community and distributed Christmas Toys to over 1200 needy children in the community. Here again our parishioners contributed time and talent and treasure to this worthy cause.

There are other enterprises underway which qualify as outreach to the community. You will find them in the reports of the Saint Luke's Women and our Men's group.

In summary, this year has been a challenge. I am proud to belong to this church, and especially proud to witness all the things that we have done regarding the needs of this community. May God continue to bless us with His Holy Spirit and allow His love to be shared within our ranks and in all our endeavors.

SECURITY COMMITTEE

Submitted by Neil McDonald

This year the *St. Luke's Safety/Security Committee* was formally approved by our vestry and is now included in *St. Luke's Strategic Plan*. Previously, a few parish members informally performed that role.

The committee's purpose is:

- To address the safety and security of all persons present on our property;
- To provide protection of buildings and their contents;
- To extend adequate surveillance of church grounds; and
- To assure that emergency fire safety, first aid, and security systems are properly maintained, and remain in compliance with civil code requirements.

Current committee members are: Neil McDonald (Chairman), the Rev. Ron Wikander, Deacon Tony McConnell, Dr. Al Cash (Sr. Warden), Jim Noblett (Junior Warden), Pat Dearing, Bob Bradley and Ms. Rosanne Johnston (RN) who maintains our first aid kits, the Blood Pressure monitor, and AED certification/compliance. During 2019 unprovoked attacks against houses of worship were a concerning trend. In December 2019, four of us attended a Church Mutual Insurance Company (our

insurer) sponsored seminar offering strategies to counter such assaults against churches—known as the A.L.I.C.E system.

We studied how to adapt A.L.I.C.E. training to conditions at St. Luke's and produced "*Strategies for Dealing with Disruptive Events at St. Luke's*". On January 28th, we presented that PowerPoint based lecture during the first "Teaching Tuesday's" event to train our parishioners.

As a significant protective measure, we favored a video monitoring system. At that time, numerous wireless connectivity conflicts prevented this from being an immediate option. Over several months, these technically savvy members resolved every conflict--Pat Dearing, Jim Noblett, Dr. Al Cash, and the Rev. Ron Wikander.

In February, ETC Security Division installed our video security system to permit live monitoring of church building entrances and parking areas--with videorecording. This was funded by two donations.

During 2020, St. Luke's has modified our normal order of worship in response to the imminent COVID-19 pandemic. But we must not forget that the *potential for violent or disruptive events to occur at our church has not gone away.*

Our committee members are deeply concerned about all matters affecting our safety and security at St. Luke's—but cannot do it alone. Each of us have a responsibility to notify St. Luke's Safety/Security Committee whenever we notice unsafe conditions that must be addressed.

God has given us the wonderful *gift of discernment* to prepare ourselves against all forms of potential harm—be it from microbes, or from the misguided acts of troubled human beings.

Thanks be to God for keeping us safe during this challenging year!

WOMEN OF ST. LUKE'S

Submitted by Teresa Wankel, president

I am certain that many of you are glad to see 2020 in the rear-view mirror. Trust me, I am right there with you. It was a difficult year in a lot of ways but through it all the Women of St Luke's persevered. We were able to finish our winter Bible study before the lockdown (see more on the Bible study below). When we couldn't meet physically, we met via Zoom – with only a few minor glitches. Once things opened back up, we resumed bi-monthly, in-person meetings as well as continuing to use the magic of Zoom for those who wished to join from the comfort and safety of their homes. We held our annual yard sale and had the best year of sales ever. We hosted our annual Wine and Cheese social which garnered a box full of toys and \$250 in donations for Toys for Tots. All through the year, we continued to meet and work on product for our annual Christmas bazaar knowing that we might have to cancel at the last minute. Thankfully, the Christmas Bazaar went on as scheduled.

We had to make some adjustments to our normal routines, but out of the crazy came some new and wonderful ideas that we will hopefully expand on and carry into the future, i.e., the outdoor Christmas Market. Proceeds from our Yard Sale (\$3422.50) and Christmas Bazaar (\$7110) fund our many outreach programs. For 2020 these included the Barnabas Fund, Family Connection, Feed Fannin, Good Samaritan Fund, Her Hope Pregnancy Center, Immanuel Church, North Georgia Community Action, Safe Choice Pregnancy Center, Snack-in-a-Backpack, Sunny D Children's Theater Camp, and our Benevolence Fund which is used to assist St Luke's parishioners and the extended community. Our winter Bible study provides a respite from the busyness of the holiday season and is a great way to begin the new year. Last year's Bible study was by Anne Graham Lotz, "Jesus in Me, Experiencing the Holy Spirit as a Constant Companion". I think all participants agreed, this was the best Bible study we have done thus far. If you have not read the book, I would encourage you to get it and read it. It is well worth your time. This year's Bible study will be based on the book of Revelation. I say this every year, but it's true every year - the successes we've experienced would not have been possible without God's grace, the amazing Women of St Luke's, the wonderful people of St Luke's and friends of St Luke's. We invite all women to join this active and vibrant group in our mission to serve Christ, our Church, and our Community. The WSL meets every other month on the second Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. in the Yellow Room.

Financial Pledge for the Year of our Lord 2021

As stewards of God's gifts and in gratitude for all blessings, I pledge the following amount to the work of Christ through St. Luke's Church for 2021.

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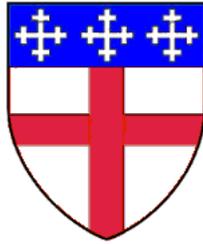
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Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him to store, as God has prospered him. 1



ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

17 January 2021

1. Call to Order and Opening Prayer.....The Rector
2. Approval of Minutes for 2020 Parish MeetingThe Senior Warden
3. Budget and StewardshipRoger Johnson
4. Nominating Committee, Vestry Members.....The Senior Warden
 - Dr. Al Cash, Second Term
 - Lauren Burgreen, Second Term
 - Bob Bradley
5. Election of Vestry Members.....The Senior Warden
6. Report of Nominating Committee, Junior Warden.....The Senior Warden
7. Election of Junior WardenThe Senior Warden
8. Appointment of Senior Warden for 2021.....The Rector
9. Summary and Charge.....The Senior Warden
10. Closing RemarksThe Rector
11. Prayer and Adjournment