



ANNUAL REPORT 2009

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2. WELCOME **The Rev. David Read**

3. REPORT OF THE DISCERNMENT TEAM & ELECTIONS **Curt Mowen**
 - a.) Presentation of Nominees

Andrew Chaudoir	Virginia Lyda	Gene Scott
Ty Edwards	Carol McGanity	Roger Thurmond
Nancy Hawkins	Caroline Mowen	Matt West

 - b.) Nominations from the Floor **The Rev. David Read**
 - c.) First Ballot

4. CHORISTERS

5. SENIOR WARDEN'S COMMENTS **Curt Mowen**

6. ST. LUKE'S PERMANENT ENDOWMENT **Ted Burkhart**
 - a.) St. Luke's Legacy Circle **Ed Hodge**

7. SLIDE SHOW

8. INTRODUCTION OF COUNCIL DELEGATES and ALTERNATES **Curt Mowen**

(106th Diocesan Council: February 18-20, Corpus Christi)

<u>Delegates</u>	<u>Delegates</u>	<u>Alternates</u>	<u>Alternates</u>
Ted Burkhart	Paul Krause	Kathryn Franks	Curt Mowen
Kye Fox	Larry Martin	Sandy Graciano	Ben Powers
David Goodrich	Caroline Mowen	Timmie Greer	David Schrantz
Dan Hanke	Marilyn Schrantz	Genie Hanke	J. C. Stromberger
Paul Krause	Matt West	Larry Morgan	

9. HEAD OF SCHOOL REPORT **Mark Reford**

10. FINANCE REPORT **J. C. Stromberger**

11. RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING VESTRY **The Rev. David Read**

Dan Hanke	Michael Mortensen
Larry Martin	Curt Mowen
Larry Morgan	J. C. Stromberger

12. INTRODUCE NEW SENIOR WARDEN **The Rev. David Read**

13. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEW VESTRY MEMBERS **The Rev. David Read**

14. CLOSING PRAYER and BLESSING **The Rev. David Read**

RECTOR

The Rev. David G. Read, Rector

Grace to you and Peace from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ. It is hard for me to believe that seven months has already passed since my first day as Rector of St. Luke's Church and School on June 1, 2009. I have spent a lot of time during these seven months listening and learning. It has been a joy to meet you, to learn our history, to hear the stories of how God has been at work in this place, to jump into activities, to survey our ministries, to understand our struggles, and to piece together an understanding of the big picture that is our wonderfully active St. Luke's Church and School. I want to thank all of you who have helped me and my family to make a transition into the life of St. Luke's. In particular the insight and wisdom of the Rev. Chip Prehn and Senior Warden Curt Mowen have been invaluable to me.

I believe that the Holy Spirit is actively at work among us calling us and prodding us into a new chapter in our history. There are many indicators that we have turned a corner and are becoming the community Christ beckons us to be. Here are a few signs of growing health:

I arrived just in time to participate in commencement ceremonies for our school. At that time there were only 25 students in our school who were also members of our parish. Today there are 40 students in our school who are members of our parish family. It is a sign that the relationship between Church and School is healthy and growing. It is also a sign that we are doing a better job of welcoming and inviting school families into the life of our parish. This growing relationship is also the result of the hard work of our new Head of School Dr. Mark Reford who began his work the same week I began mine.

A second sign of health is in the area of steward-

ship. When I was installed as Rector I stated in my sermon that "we need a new attitude of how the incredible resources of this parish will be managed . . . It must be Biblically based, it must be transparent, it must create trust rather than competition, and it must unify us rather than divide us." We have made some significant strides in this area. We began 2009 facing into a budget with a \$300,000 deficit. We finished the year with a surplus. Our annual pledging grew 10.5% over 2009, and the treasurer will present a balanced budget to the parish today. Just one week ago the vestry paid in full its long-standing obligation to the Permanent Endowment Trust that has been owed almost since the rectory was sold some 25 years ago. This payment closes a chapter in our history that has created much conversation, anxiety, and misunderstanding. We may now move forward.

A third sign of health among us is much harder to quantify. There is a positive atmosphere when we gather. There is new energy and excitement. There are new faces among us. There is a sense that our future is bright, and our past is being healed. These are signs of the Holy Spirit moving among us, and it is exciting to see.

2010 is filled with promise. If there is one theme I could hope to sound over and over in 2010 it is this: We need to shift our focus from internal to external. Our previous challenges forced us to focus most of our time, energy, and efforts to solve our internal problems. Now we need to refocus beyond ourselves again. If we are to be Christ's light on the hill, we need to look outside of our walls and take the light of Christ out to people who do not have a church home, to people who are down and out, to transform the community of San Antonio for Christ. We had a glimpse of what this might look like when we worked together as the Body of Christ this past Thanksgiving and fed over 300 hungry people. I was extremely proud of you on that day.

Our budget contains the funds to hire a third priest who will start around July 1. I have already been in conversation with Bishop Lillibridge and current and previous Senior Wardens and begun to seek out a person to join our staff.

Our budget also contains the funds to hire a part time person to coordinate visitor follow-up and new member incorporation. This person should help us to practice faithful hospitality every Sunday morning as we strive to create a welcoming atmosphere for all of the people the Spirit has led to our campus.

In 2010 we will also need to reconsider the question of a third worship service on Sunday mornings. We have previously had three morning services, and it is time to examine carefully that possibility again. The goal of adding a new service will not be to spread the existing congregation across more services. The goal of adding a new service will be to reach people who are not currently here. This will take much planning and research.

We have come a long way together in a short amount of time. Our future is very bright and there are wonderful opportunities before us. As we strive to move forward we will be tempted to listen to our fears. Our fear of the unknown and of the future will whisper doubts in our ears: "What if this happens?" "What if that happens?" "What if we fail?" When those fears rise up to the surface we must acknowledge them and name them. Then, we must turn away from them and place our faith in God who can move mountains, in Jesus who can teach us to walk on water, in the Holy Spirit whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask for or imagine.

It is my joy to serve as rector of St. Luke's Church and School. I eagerly anticipate where God will lead us in the year ahead. I eagerly anticipate continuing to build relationships with you as we grow

together. And I promise to strive to serve Christ in our midst with faithfulness and integrity.✠

SENIOR WARDEN

Curt Mowen, Senior Warden

I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. Ephesians 1.17-19

As I think about the last year at St. Luke's Episcopal Church and School, I am struck by the overwhelming evidence of God's Love for us and the Grace He continues to pour upon our communion. Here are three examples that God answers prayer. Praise Him!

This time last year, we were beginning an Every Member Canvas campaign after our fall campaign came in \$500,000 short of what we needed and \$300,000 short of what might work at a minimum. We made it successfully through a tough year. God continues to bless us. Praise Him!

This time last year, St. Luke's School was finalizing the call for a new Head of School. Jill Vassar, the chair of the 2008 Head of School Search Committee, and others, lead us to Dr. Mark Reford. Dr. Reford joined St. Luke's this summer. From the Head of School, "...as an educator, I give thanks every day, for the great Episcopal tradition of daily chapel, because it means that for a moment each day our impressionable, vulnerable, searching, questioning children can think of themselves, not as math students or soccer players, or someone who lost their agenda book or missed a homework deadline, but as a child who is loved." God is doing awesome work here. Praise Him!

This time last year, we were beginning the second year of an interim and our search committee had been in place almost ten months. At the time, I was personally anxious for the search process to be over. Ed Hodge, with the gift of wisdom from God, patiently reminded me (several times, I think), “This will be done in God’s time, not ours.” We are grateful to the members of the search committee, who prayerfully discerned God’s will for our congregation. We called an amazing leader in The Reverend David Read. God has plans for us. Praise Him!

Seven months have quickly passed with David as our rector. We are halfway through the school year, and our treasurer will present a balanced budget at our annual meeting. I am most grateful to God for the opportunity and the privilege to serve Him and through Him, working in me, St. Luke’s Episcopal Church and School. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen. ✠

JUNIOR WARDEN

Michael Moretensen, Junior Warden

2009 offered some challenges for the Junior Warden: The resignation of Joseph Langlinais as Parish Administrator, interviewing and hiring a new Parish Administrator, Dave Thomas, while in the process of welcoming our new rector, David Read, and the start of Mark Reford as the new Head of School.

The Junior Warden has many duties to oversee on a campus the size of St. Luke’s, but the biggest for me was obtaining bids for improving or replacing the porte-cochere and covered walkways along the church and school on the north side of the campus. A year after starting the process a bid was recommended and approved by the vestry for this project. If the School Board approves the proposal, the project will take place in the Summer of 2010.

We have a newly remodeled Parlor for everyone to enjoy as well, and I would like to thank the Arts, Architecture, and Memorials Committee for all the hard work. I would challenge everyone to be very respectful of the space in 2010 and beyond. ✠

ADULT EDUCATION

Gillian Cook

Christian Education Committee Co-Chair

The Adult Education ministry in 2009 continued to offer a wide variety of Sunday morning programs in four areas: *Scripture; History, Theology, and Spirituality; Christianity 24/7; and News and Reviews*. During Lent, the Scripture Track and HAS classes met together for the Lenten program, led by Bishop Robert Hibbs. Wednesday Night programs included *Learning Christian Faith; The Early Class: Passing on the Faith; the Inklings Book Club; Men’s Bible Study; and the Spanish class*. Other weekday offerings included House Groups and the Women’s Bible Study.

The focus in the Scripture Track during the first half of the year continued to be The Gospel According to John. Since the Rev. David Read became our rector in June, 2009, he has taught a Rector’s Hour which replaced the Scripture Track. His classes focused on the relevance of Scripture to topical issues.

The History, Theology, and Scripture area included courses on 20th-Century saints, the Authority of Scripture, Celtic Christianity, and Angels: God’s Messengers. These courses were led by clergy and lay persons from our congregation and outside the parish.

Christianity 24/7 was led by Boyd Naylor and Will and Kim Russell during the winter and spring. After three years of faithful and excellent leadership, they “retired”, and Tim and Elise Crimmins took over this class. The strength of this class is

its interactive format, allowing participants to be involved in the discussion. Attendance could be greater, but those attending are loyal to the class. Participation from time to time by clergy might encourage more people to attend.

News and Reviews continues to meet throughout the year, to discuss current events from a Christian viewpoint and in a Christian environment.

Wednesday Nights drew a fairly small but dedicated group of parishioners, who enjoyed dinner together before attending the various classes offered. The numbers in attendance began to increase during the fall.

House Groups are doing well and a new one is forming. Several members have expressed interest in leadership training. Groups are reading a wide array of books and studies. House Group members are involved in many work projects - from Habitat to Under the Bridge. Haven for Hope, opening in February, will provide new areas for work and witness. Anne Krause and Kate Imber are the new house group chairs.

In addition to traditional teaching methods, there has been a steady increase in the use of technology, both in presentation and in recording many of the classes for later access on the church's website. The generous donation of three laptop computers and presentation equipment facilitates further technological advances.

The Adult Education Committee meets regularly, with additional subcommittee meetings, to oversee and evaluate current programs, and to plan carefully for future Christian formation.

For the coming year, we have two major objectives: (a) to increase overall attendance at Sunday School toward a goal of 50% of all church attendance participating in Christian Formation; and (b) to revitalize Christian Formation on Wednesday nights and throughout the week.✘

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Ann Allen, Director of Children's Ministries

Children's Ministries at St. Luke's encompasses a wide variety of offerings and events to support children ages infant through 5th grade and their families in their faith journeys. Such ministries include:

- Sunday morning classes and Children's Chapels
- Nursery and childcare ministries (Sunday mornings and weekdays)
- The Mustard Seed (weekday early childhood program)
- VBS
- Seasonal events (Advent Event, Christmas Pageant, etc.)
- Collaborating on the annual Parish Family Retreat and on the Wednesday Evening Early Class
- St. John the Baptist Guild and baptism ministries

Although these ministries continued throughout 2009, the focus this past year was on Sunday morning formation and Vacation Bible School which effectively constitute the two greatest ministries to children and families, both in terms of financial outlay, as well as in volunteer involvement! The numbers of people involved in VBS (children, Youth and adult volunteers and families reached throughout the church, school and local community) increases each year. In addition, thanks to the generosity of so many in this parish, we were able this year to invite even most children from the Good Samaritan Center to attend VBS through scholarship assistance! For this and other reasons, VBS is always a highlight of our year in Children's Ministries!

As to areas of growth in our ministries to children and families, for 2010 we aspire to:

- Further pursue a ministry to children with special needs (in its "discovery stages" in 2009)

- Focus on increased training and nurture of teachers
- Enhance our ministry “beyond Sunday mornings”to families by providing resources for the home, as well as by exploring ways which families can reach out to others (service opportunities)

The devotion and heartfelt dedication of so very many volunteers (those involved in the Children’s Ministries and Nursery Boards, in teaching Sunday School or the Wednesday evening Early Class, in leading our Children’s Chapels, in shepherding families with new babies, in sorting supplies and cleaning closets, in spearheading an event or in volunteering for VBS) is truly the “backbone” of Children’s Ministries. It is these people who sustain these ministries and who will continue to help them expand and thrive in the coming year!✘

YOUTH MINISTRY

Elizabeth Allen, Youth Minister

“Cast your nets into deep waters.” This is the direction Jesus gives to His disciples, when they struggle in their daily routine of fishing. This verse resonated throughout our ministry from fall 2008 to fall 2009. Our purpose: to develop and deepen relationships with the youth of this parish with the Author and Perfecter of our faith at the center of ALL we do in our daily lives. Our intern program has aided heavily in this endeavor. Our ratio of youth to adult has been decreased, therefore increasing the amount of time spent with youth and the opportunity for growth and development.

We have implemented new efforts to meet and spend time with youth such as, “Koffee with Kim”, a time for our youth to meet with intern Kim Rogers at Olmos Perk or “Paciugo with Perry”, a time for youth to meet up for ice cream with intern Perry Mullins. Intern Trey McCarty planned a

“Men’s Trip,” to his ranch filled with meaningful bible study, good food, great fellowship, and a lack of showers. The presence of interns has also allowed the ministry to incorporate various bible study offerings throughout the week. These studies incorporate the small group model that allows same sex/same age youth to openly share how the Lord is working in their lives, ask questions, and lead deep discussion.

We have deepened the presence and role our Youth Board Ministry, transitioning the leadership position of chair from Bonnie Giddens to Kim Russell and welcoming several new faces. This group of individuals keeps us heading in the right direction. They pray for the ministry, keep it on track, do an incredible amount of work to support and provide for it. We would NOT be able to spend as much time forming relationships with the youth if it were not for this group of dedicated people.

We have maintained a steady and steadfast group of around 45 youth that dedicate their time and talent to our ministry. We have spent more time this year invested in our local community, serving the homeless under the bridge; becoming more pastoral in our everyday church lives; and planning “Equipped,” a San Antonio -wide weekend dedicated to serving and becoming aware of the community around us, for over 80 youth in this Diocese. We even brought in nationally known speaker, Chris Folmsbee, who later wrote the following in his blog, “I’ve spoken to and trained many students at various gatherings throughout North America over the last decade or so and never have I more clearly witnessed a sense of true community and cooperative learning than while at St. Luke’s. The mutual trust and respect, acceptance, care, gentle honesty, admiration for one another and the overall sense of missional cooperation that the students shared shone brilliantly through a long day of serving others all the while practicing the discipline of fasting. This, along with

a creatively designed schedule and a terrific bunch of committed students and volunteers, led to a day of sudden wonder!”

We spent two weeks of the summer in Goli, Uganda, serving the Nebbi Diocese. What an experience of true servant hood and compassion that was. I have never seen youth be so dedicated and intent on forming Christ-based relationships with people they had never met; both humbling and breathtaking.

This ministry is aware of the fact that we, as youth ministers and leaders, need to deepen our understanding of Christ within the context of our ministry. This spring, I applied for a Peer Ministry training grant through the Youth and Family Institute and received it! This grant allowed us to host over 10 youth ministers in the Dioceses at a Peer Ministry Training weekend. During this weekend, we were all equipped and certified to train youth in the area of Peer Ministry. It was a gift that will continue to deepen our youths’ involvement within their individual communities.

We capped off the year with a ski trip to Winterpark, Colorado with 50+ youth from all around our Diocese. The relationships formed and nurtured with other youth ministries have been strengthened in the past year, as well. The Body of Christ is in full working order and I could not be more excited to see what it brings in 2010.

Our goal for 2010 is simple: Being one in Spirit and Purpose. “If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose.” Philippians 2:1-2

We want to utilize our firm base and foundation of relational ministry and incorporate the idea of

being united in Christ, not only in our own spiritual lives, but in our outward display of Christ’s love to the community. I know no better way to start that by being of one spirit and purpose with the St. Luke’s community. It is our goal to offer more studies and retreats for youth and parents. We are currently planning various mission and outreach opportunities for the coming year with other youth ministries within the Diocese. One of our potential projects is starting a Youth Pastoral Care team. This group of youth will visit homebound parishioners, youth and adults in the hospital, etc. with the hope that we bring a new perspective and focus to the already well established ministry. We are in the process of putting together a Youth Lay Eucharistic Ministry Team, as well. As we end the year, bringing up our nets, so full we can hardly hold them, I look forward to straining ahead to unity of spirit and purpose that we are called to in 2010.✘

COLLEGE MINISTRY

Perry Mullins, College Ministry

Crossroads Episcopal Campus Ministry is an effort sponsored by St. Luke’s Episcopal Church, the Diocese of West Texas, and other local Episcopal churches. The seed for Crossroads began at St. Luke’s about three years ago and has been growing ever since. The group started with just a couple of students looking for a campus ministry where they could express their Anglican traditions and has grown into a close collection of students who come together weekly to worship, learn, have fellowship, and break bread. Several of the Crossroads students also attend church services together on Sundays, many at St. Luke’s.

In the past year, Crossroads has held events such as a College Retreat at Camp Capers, Vocare, movie nights, bowling, and even going to a play at Trinity in which one of the members was an actor. They have also spent time downtown feeding and ministering to the homeless, and are look-

ing forward to more service opportunities in the upcoming semesters.

This year is very exciting for Crossroads because a new college minister is beginning work with the group. Allie Melancon is a teacher at Alamo Heights High School and graduate of the University of the Incarnate Word. Helping her is a new peer minister and Trinity student named Will Parker. Also beginning this year, the Ministry Oversight Council composed of local college students came together. The goal of the group is to provide direction and assistance to the new ministry team.

Events for the upcoming semester include guest speakers, event nights, and a continuation of the weekly program and Eucharist on Thursday nights. Currently the Thursday night gathering is the extent of the weekly programming for Crossroads, but one goal for the upcoming year is that small groups will begin meeting on-campus at Trinity and Incarnate Word a second night weekly.

Another goal for St. Luke's college ministry this year is to begin what is tentatively being called the Timothy program; a program that matches college students with families at St. Luke's to help them integrate into our community more easily. This is a very exciting program, and the generous ministry of the families of St. Luke's Church will determine its success.

Thanks to the support of the St. Luke's Community, Crossroads has finally taken off, and due to the ministry and passion of the families of this church, Crossroads will only be able to grow from here. ✠

MUSIC MINISTRY

David D. Eaton, DMA

Director of Music, Organist & Choirmaster

The Music Ministry highlights for 2009 included the development and growth of the Parish Choir, Chorister Program, our monthly Choral Evensong offerings, the Music at St. Luke's Concert Series, the support of the St. Luke's Friends of Music, and our Advent/Christmas concerts presented at San Fernando Cathedral and also at St. Luke's in partnership with the Texas Children's Choir. All these additional offerings were made in addition to our year-round, weekly Sunday morning offerings by our Parish Choir. Many thanks to the parents of our youth choristers, the members of the Parish Choir, member of the St. Luke's Friends of Music, my colleagues on the staff and the clergy who continue to lift up the music ministry as the living voice of the gospel here at St. Luke's.

Our plans for 2010 include further cultivation of all the events and ministries mentioned in the previous paragraph. Additionally, all of the choirs will begin to prepare for a pilgrimage to England in the summer of 2011. There will be up to 50 additional places for family members and members of the parish who will have the opportunity to join our choirs on this wonderful opportunity to sing in some the great Cathedrals in England. ✠

PASTORAL CARE

The Rev. Dr. Walter L. Prehn III

Clergy Coordinator

The Year of our Lord 2009 was productive and eventful in the realm of Pastoral Care Ministry, although one less than happy change in this realm was the March departure of Elizabeth Turner, Staff Director of Pastoral Care. Elizabeth performed this ministry with great expertise, effectiveness, and impressive servant leadership for a decade. One of the most professionally prepared lay-persons I have ever known, Elizabeth's ambition for the Church of Christ in this world, her deep love

of people, her photographic memory and knowledge of situations, her profound compassion and concern for others (especially those who hurt or get overlooked), and her executive skills exercised out of great pride in her home parish, ensured that Pastoral Care was a light on this hill in 2009. Certainly we clergy cannot even imagine covering all the bases in pastoral care in any given day or week. (We are understaffed with respect to clergy.) The first-class program Elizabeth presided over for ten years made it possible for St. Luke's Church to go forward through turmoil and change with faith, hope, and love.

Because of Elizabeth's good work, St. Luke's boasts successful lay leadership in many areas. Every week of 2009, scores and scores of lay persons in the parish continued to be deeply involved in pastoral care-giving through the following ministries: lay Eucharistic visitors ("LESS"), Stephen Ministry teams, weekly callers (congregational care assistants), ministry to the bereaved; the Bethany Guild (splendid and caring parlor receptions following funerals), intercessory prayer team (who pray from a prepared list every day of the year), and other indispensable ministries to those in need such as the prepared-food ministry of the Women of St. Luke's (Feed My Sheep) and the discerning care-giving of the Daughters of the King throughout the year.

The Community of Hope, which involves about twenty parishioners in a Benedictine experience, is in the process of reorganization. Christine Sturm and Kelley Smith have done diligent, excellent work to hold things together. The Community of Hope has traditionally fallen under Pastoral Care in our organizational chart, but it is not, strictly speaking, a pastoral care ministry. It is a monthly-constituted community of individuals who are doing various kinds of ministries and apostolates in the parish and out in the world, who seek feedback, direction, inspiration, and deep-

ening spirituality in a gathering of similarly engaged persons. For example, the Lord has given Olive Gaskins an apostolate to feed street people every Sunday. She is a member of the Community of Hope because she needs the worship, the Word of God, mutual support for ministry, the deepening provided by the Rule of St. Benedict, and the insightful and dedicated fellowship to keep her sound and focused. It is a wonderful opportunity for Olive and many others.

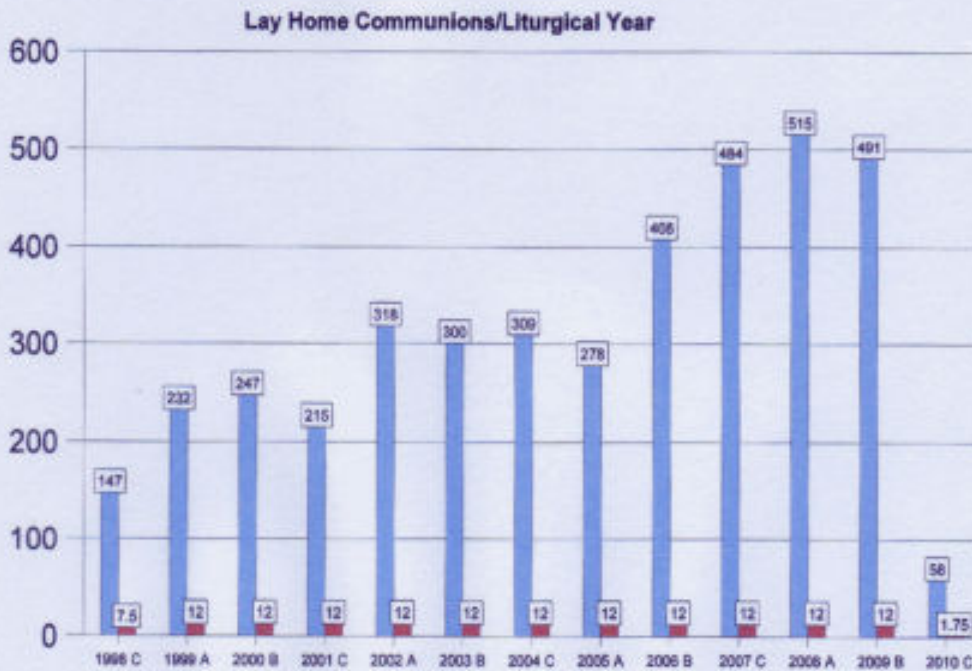
The high quality and professional caliber of our lay leadership in pastoral care might be illustrated by taking a look at the bar chart provided by Colette Kohler, Coordinator of lay eucharistic visitors. (See chart, next page)

Imagine the connection being made between a home-bound parishioner and his home parish when a LEV arrives with the Blessed Sacrament from a celebration of the Eucharist in our church that morning! Thank you, Dr. Kohler, for your continuing commitment to the real and professional ministry of lay persons. (Incidentally, the decrease in Communion from 2008 is explained by the death of nearly 30 parishioners. Four parishioners are being trained right now for the LEV ministry; this increase in personnel is related to an increase in demand.)

Gretchen Bealer reports that the ministry to the bereaved had another good year in 2009. Both Grief and the Holidays and Life After Loss had record participation. She writes that "the ongoing challenge is convincing parishioners and family members that grief is a normal process but a difficult and painful one and that St. Luke's stands ready to help with groups, presentations, Stephen Ministers, etc. I think that the calls from [the weekly callers] are greatly appreciated and mean more than we can imagine, even when there is just a voice on an answering machine. Any time we can understand more fully the Paschal mystery in this small way—going deeply into and through suffering with another human being and

LAY EUCHARISTIC PROGRAM 2009

The Lay Eucharistic Program was approved by the Bishop in 1998 according to the National Church Canons, Title III Ministry Canon 3 for License of Lay Persons to take consecrated Sacrament following the Celebration of the Holy Eucharist on Sunday or other Principal Celebrations to members of the Congregation to members who, by reason of illness or infirmity are unable to be present at the Celebration. St. Luke's has had 3 teams of 2 Lay Eucharistic Visitors who take Communion on an every 3rd Sunday rotation. On those Sundays that have a 5th Sunday, the group meets for supervision, additional training and co-ordination to meet special needs. At the present time there are 6 Lay Eucharistic Visitors, a Co-ordinator. At this time there are 6 persons being trained as Lay Eucharistic Ministers to expand the size of the teams and provide back-up substitutes to meet the increasing need for this ministry. In Liturgical Year B (Dec 2008-November 2009) 491 Communion were delivered to those unable to attend church at an average of 38-40 locations on a monthly and occasionally bi-monthly basis.



witnessing the transformation that occurs—what could be a greater blessing?”

The congregational care assistants (“callers”) are coordinated by Sybil Judge, who reports that this ministry is alive and well. If you have been called on your birthday, while you were in the hospital, or after the loss of a loved one, you can thank those marvelous ladies on the CCA team. They report every day for duty, and they do it with love and verve! A key link here is Rhonda Jordan, Pastoral Care Administrator, who keeps tabs on all parish needs and emergencies, coordinates clergy support, and mails a packet of four grief booklets to the bereaved. Rhonda is passionate about pas-

toral care, and is the right hand of the clergy during the course of the work day.

Gillian Cook reports that the Stephen Ministry program is doing well at St. Luke's. Indeed, the leadership and the teams are feeling their oats and looking to be more active than ever in 2010. Stephen Ministry was begun at St. Luke's 21 years ago, and our program is a flagship of the San Antonio region. Thanks to Gill Cook, Judy Durbin, and the Stephen Leaders Group, the program is getting outstanding leadership and professional attention. Janice Clyborne graduated from the Leadership Training Course in July and has been seated on the Leader's board of Stephen Ministry.

Gill writes, "By the Grace of God, our work goes forward with regular supervision meetings and continuing education for our faithful and dedicated Stephen Ministers." St. Luke's should be very proud of these seventeen professionally-trained pastors: Their dedication to their Lord, to their care-receivers, and to the twice-monthly supervision meetings is a huge and exemplary commitment!

What has been written above is but the tip of a marvelous iceberg, and there were far too many penguins to name in this wee report. You know who you are: May the Lord continue to bless you for the ministry you do!✠

WOMEN OF ST. LUKE'S THE GREEN DOOR THRIFT SHOP

Bonnie Giddens, President

The Women of St. Luke's joyfully report 2009 was a stable year for our ministry in spite of the rough economy. Our leadership smoothly transitioned through the loss of several families due to the AT&T move in 2008. Although the economy did affect the Green Door Thrift Shop, the profits for 2009 were \$42,658. The Women of St. Luke's tightened their operating budget and were able to pledge \$37,658 to charity, only \$2,200 less than the previous year's pledge. The speaker luncheons and retreat were well attended and the women are busy planning the Women's Retreat and Green Door Style Show for 2010.

The Green Door Thrift Shop had a very good year in 2009 following its transition to computers at the end of 2008. The computerization of our inventory led to much greater efficiency in our operations. Even with the economic crisis, the Shop generated \$42,658 in profits for Women of St. Luke's. Much of this success is due to our dedicated volunteers and also to the generous donations we receive from the parish.✠

WORLD MISSIONS

Alix Pillman, Chair

We have mission opportunities throughout the year. Volunteers are traveling to Piedras Negras, Mexico every month. We have planned VBS opportunities coming up this summer for both Monterrey and Piedras Negras, Mexico. We also have planned trips for the Water Ministry to Honduras and northern Mexico.

St. Luke's Mission Board offers Basic Emergency Response Training for those interested in Outreach and Mission volunteer opportunities. There is also some scholarship money available to assist in make Mission trips. Recent trips include Liberia, Mexico, and Uganda.

There are opportunities year round for mission trips through St. Luke's or the Diocese of West Texas. Contact: Alix Pillman (697-8702, gopherbroke@live.com).

Some of the organizations we help: Texas Water Ministry: Drill a water well in Honduras and bring clean drinking water to a village of 500 people for less than \$8 per person. Contact: Jack McGuire (821.6755x103, jack@loopcoldstorage.com). Trinity Dental Clinic, Monrovia, Liberia: Improving oral health in Liberia and West Africa. There are currently only three licensed dentists in Liberia serving a population of three million people.✠

LOCAL OUTREACH

Mike Humes, Chair

The Outreach Ministry supports organizations and projects that help meet the physical needs of the poor, hungry, homeless, hopeless, and imprisoned. While attending to these needs, we seek opportunities to share our faith, offering the nourishment of the Gospel and the hope of freedom in Jesus Christ. Contact: Mike Humes (488-3198, mhumes1@satx.rr.com).

Some of the organizations we help: Haven for Hope, an independent non-profit organization dedicated to improving the lives of homeless men, women and children in the San Antonio-Bexar County area by providing a wide array of critical social services on a centralized campus. Habitat for Humanity: St. Luke's has been providing financial and volunteer labor for several years and has co-sponsored houses with Christ Church. We again plan to sponsor a house in the fall of 2010. Women's Storybook Project of Texas: The trained volunteers of the Women's Storybook Project of Texas meet regularly with offenders in the Woman's prison in Gatesville, TX, children under the age of twelve and record them reading stories to their children or grandchildren. The book and tape or CD is then mailed to the child. For some of them, it is the only time they ever hear their mother's voice. ✕

ACOLYTE MINISTRY

Michael Mortensen, Acolyte Master

Our acolytes serve in various capacities at St. Luke's on a regular basis at weekly services, monthly Evensong, Lent, Easter, and Christmas in addition to weddings and funerals. While we lost some members to graduation and a few attending schools out of state, our program remains strong with dedicated members. While Easter Vigil and Christmas Eve are always great celebrations for the Acolyte Guild, I think that the Institution of David Read, our new rector, will remain a highlight for years to come. We look forward to continued growth in 2010. ✕

USHERS' GUILD

George Harrison, Head Usher

The most important blessing for 2009 was again the addition of several new members. These new members brought a renewed enthusiasm and min-

istry-orientation to the Guild. Second was the development of a special events team of ushers to serve on special occasions, such as funerals and concerts.

The Guild's biggest challenge was training of new members and revising the Usher's Manual to reflect recent changes in services. Another challenge was the need to recruit ushers for the 8:00 a.m. service.

The primary goal for 2010 is to conduct a formal training program to provide broad orientation of new ushers and to refresh and cross-train the existing guild members. This is planned to be sometime in the fall. A second goal is to expand the number of special events ushers who would see this as a special ministry. A third goal is to identify at least one usher on each of the four 10.30 a.m. teams to fill in for Charles Mardiros in making service recordings. ✕

PARISH LIFE

Jane Fleischer, Staff Liaison

Amigos (Chair: Renee Wright) The Amigos group meets for food, fun, and fellowship in various parishioners' homes throughout the year. We are a group of twenty- to forty-somethings, mostly married with kids but some also single without kids. Anyone is welcome! We meet for a potluck dinner usually on the third Friday of each month but the date does vary somewhat.

We have recently begun to utilize "Evite" to send out notice of our get-togethers, and this seems to be working well. We were so happy to be hosted in the home of Fr. David and Jacqui Read for our December get-together.

Many couples have paired up to host and that is a welcome approach as well. Traditionally, the host provides the main course, and the guests bring the appetizers, side dishes, and desserts. We have

hosts signed up for the next couple of months but always welcome others to sign up. We meet every month except for April due to Easter and Fiesta and July due to the summer break.

If you are interested in being included on our Evite list, please e-mail Renee Wright (wright18@satx.rr.com) and also contact Renee if you would be interested in hosting an upcoming month.

Baby Boomers—Born between 1946-1967 (Committee: Susannah McAllister, Timmie Greer and Trish Borgo) Anyone is welcome although in truth, the age is not an issue. We try to meet once a quarter on a Thursday night at one of our parishioner's homes. There is no agenda—only to enjoy dinner and conversation. The usual gathering is between twenty and forty people. It is very relaxed and fun. A good way to get to know and meet parishioner's in a casual atmosphere.

Our aim for 2010 is to have at least three more dinners. We are also planning on utilizing Evite to send out dinner notices later in the year. If you would like to host a dinner (or co-host with another couple) please contact Jane Fleischer (828.6425, jane@stlukes-sa.net).

First Friday Friends (Co-Chairs: Judy Durbin and Charles Mardiros) Our First Friday gathering continues each month as we meet at the 5.30 p.m. Evening Prayer Service in Christ the King Chapel, then go to a nearby restaurant for dinner. The name of the restaurant is posted in Tidings and the insert of the Sunday service leaflet.

We have anywhere from six to twelve or more people present each month, and the group ranges in age from forty- to eighty-something. We welcome everyone. No advance notice needed. This is our fifth year to meet, and our goal is to keep going!

Men of St. Luke's (Chair: David Schrantz) The Men of St. Luke's meet in the Parish Hall the third Thursday of the first month of each quarter (January, April, July, and October) at 6.30 p.m. in the Parish Hall for food (most of the time steaks) and fellowship. No program. An absolutely great deal for just \$10, a chance to get to know other guys in the parish.

We met four times in 2009 and will meet four times in 2010. Contact David Schrantz (493-2771, sooepigs@satx.rr.com).

Coed Recreational Sports (Contact: Steve Rogers) For over twenty years now, several Episcopal churches have gotten together to form a coed recreational sports league. Off and on during that time, but consistently for the last six years, St. Luke's has participated in this league. We play softball from early March to mid-May and volleyball from around Labor Day to mid-November. This year, for the first time in quite awhile, St. Luke's is hosting basketball on Sunday afternoons in the school gym during January and February.

We need 6 players for a volleyball team (at least 3 women/boys) and 10 for a softball team (at least 4 women/boys). Since this a recreational league and no commitment is required, we'll have a few people who play almost every week and several people who may only play a couple of times during the season.

This is a low-pressure, fun way to spend about an hour on a Sunday afternoon, and get to know some folks from St. Luke's and other local Episcopal churches. This is a recreational league, so great athletes are not required, but females or boys below high school age are especially needed, because league rules require a certain number of them on the field at a time. If you are looking for competitive "city league" play, this is NOT it. You have

to be able to make allowances for all skill levels, because anyone who shows up and wants to play, gets to play, even if they only come once during the season. This is a family event, so please feel free to bring your kids. I would recommend that kids be at least middle school/junior high age, or with some experience in an organized baseball/softball league For more information, contact Steve Rogers (601.2787, steverogers@usa.com).

Tuesday Lunch Bunch (Committee: Alyne Woodring, Sybil Judge, Rita Browning, Harry & Nelda Greer and Eddie & Sharon Sholar) On the third Tuesday of each month from September to May parishioners of retirement age and their guests gather for Holy Eucharist, lunch and a program at St. Luke's. Lunch is catered by Ruth Stone for a very reasonable price. The programs vary, but are always interesting and informative. We also have one or two field trips each year.

Men's Breakfast Group This group of retirees meets Wednesday mornings, 7-9 a.m., in the Small Conference Room. The aim is just pure fellowship and getting together. Breakfast tacos are served. Anyone is welcome to come.

Events Parish Life is also responsible for the following events at St. Luke's: Easter Vigil Reception, Independence Day Celebration, Fall Festival (in conjunction with Children's Ministries and Youth), and this year in August we happily helped celebrate the institution of our new rector, the Rev. David G. Read. ✠

PERMANENT ENDOWMENT TRUST

Ted Burkhart, Chair

Original Trustees Rector (permanent), Church Treasurer (permanent), Colette Kohler, Dr. Bob West (deceased), Bob Mitchell. Three trustees are elected by the PET Trustees for three-year terms.

Current Trustees Bp. John MacNaughton (2012), Ann Wells (2011), Ted Burkhart (2010)

PET oversees Seminarian Fund, Abbott Endowment for Music and Maintenance, Sien Columbarium Trust, Clergy Housing Fund, and General Fund (Unrestricted).

12/31/2008 PET reported \$1,812,144 in assets. During 2009 we received bequests from the Abbott, Held and Buzzini Estates, members of St. Luke's Legacy Circle, each of whom had named St. Luke's Church as a beneficiary in their wills, with several additional contributions from individuals.

12/31/2009 PET Total Assets = \$1,864,447

Notes:

1. Unrealized Gain \$27,376
2. 62% Equities, 24% Fixed Income, 14% Cash Equivalents (managed by the Foundation of The Diocese of West Texas). ✠

LEGACY CIRCLE

Ned Hodge, Chair

The St. Luke's Legacy Circle invites parishioners to make bequests to St. Luke's from their estate symbolizing their gratitude for the many gifts that God has given them. Your bequest demonstrates the priorities in your life! As good stewards of the treasures you have received, responsible Christians ensure the intentional distribution of their estate. There is true JOY in providing for the future of God's people at St. Luke's. Please contact one of the clergy or me if you are considering making a bequest to St. Luke's Church. May God continue to bless you richly for "bearing fruit, fruit that will last." ✠

ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL SCHOOL

Mark Reford, Head of School

2008-2009 School Year

- New Head of School hired
- Two Scholarships awarded to 2009 Graduates (Alkek and Campbell)
 - Campbell Scholarship is full-ride high school tuition at SMH - only four Campbell Scholars selected each year (over 100 applicants)
 - Alkek Scholarship is full-ride high school tuition at TMI - only two Alkek Scholars selected each year (over 80 applicants)
 - FYI - Since the first SLES graduating class in 2004, four St. Luke's students have been recipients of these prestigious awards - 2 Campbells and 2 Alkeks.
- All St. Luke's graduates have received their First Choice for High School
 - Students from St. Luke's attend/have attended Alamo Heights, TMI, St. Mary's Hall, Incarnate Word, NESAs, ISAs, Antonian, Middlesex, KATE, Deerfield, Keystone to name a few (not a complete list of high schools)
- Robotics
 - Received \$25,000 grant to begin studying robotics in the middle school science program
- Annual Giving
 - Exceeded Annual Giving financial goal by more than \$25,000
 - St. Luke's provides tuition financial assistance to almost 20% of St. Luke's families
 - Guided Reading Book Room was established through independent fundraising. More than \$40,000 was raised to establish the Book Room.
- We received a very generous grant to renovate the concrete slab outside the Youth Room creating a multi-use pavilion. All youth doors and windows were replaced, a new water fountain installed, shade canopy installed, new bleachers were purchased, adjustable basketball goal was replaced and new sport-court flooring was added.
- Over 2,500 hours of Community Service Hours by 8th graders
 - School wide - Good Samaritan Center project
 - School wide - Lutheran Social Services
 - Student Voice collected school supplies for students in Iraq
 - St. Luke's administration and members of the Board of Trustees reached out to Trinity Episcopal School in Galveston with a monetary donation in addition to giving classroom furniture and supplies.
- 70% of 5th grade students qualified for the Duke Talent Search; 7th grade students that qualified for the Duke Talent Search were eligible to take the SAT - 4 of those students received statewide recognition for their scores, and 1 student received national recognition.
- Two eighth grade students were recipients of the Almeda Hodge Foreign Language Scholarship which recognize a student studying Latin and a student studying Spanish
- Latin Junior Honor Society inducted students based on their performance on the National Latin Exam - of 30 students taking the exam, 27 scored above the national average. Five of those students earned perfect scores.
- St. Luke's had a Zeus-like performance in the Mythology Exam.
- SHARE (Students Help Art Reach Everyone) selected 3 St. Luke's students to donate their art as part of permanent collections around San Antonio.
- St. Luke's published its 7th issue of Burning Bright, a student literary magazine.
- The Guardian Angel fund raised more than \$40,000 assisting families with expenses associated with attending the David B. Terk Outdoor School and the 8th grade Washington DC trip.
- The Girls "A" Basketball team won the ISAL 1st place trophy - Boys' Basketball, Tennis, Golf and Track teams were also recognized for their performance in ISAL tournaments and meets.
- The Chess program at St. Luke's grew to offer classes after-school and begin working on a competitive team.
- The David B. Terk Outdoor School successfully turned the outdoors into the classroom for students in

4th, 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grades.

- Students in 8th Grade also visited Washington D.C. as a culmination of their U.S. History study.
- Science Fair Awards were numerous - at the area Science Fair St. Luke's received 7 awards including 2 First place awards, 1 Second place award, 1 Fifth place award and two special recognitions from the American Institute for Aeronautical and Astronautical Award and the Air Force Award. At the Jr. Academy of Science St. Luke's students earned 4 Grand Prizes and 1 First Place.
- Chuck Kremer received a Toyota Tapestry Grant to fund a new elective studying the "The Science and Sounds of Electric Guitars". He was one of 50 awards nationwide.
- St. Luke's students came home with five medals from the state PSIA competition. More than 31,000 students from across Texas competed in the annual event.
- In the National Spanish Exam, 7 St. Luke's students scored in the 90th percentile and 4 students earned spots in the top ten places for all students in San Antonio.

2010-2011 School Year

- The Athletics department added Baseball and Soft ball to the menu of activities.
- KPAW hit the airwaves with student-anchored morning announcements.
- PCR Database was fully integrated campus-wide - not only will information be more immediate, the school has gone 'green' and has gone paperless in many areas.
- St. Luke's has established a Merit Scholarship for rising 5th grade students. Two students will be selected for the 4-year full-tuition scholarship for the Chris Jones Middle School at St. Luke's.
- The St. Luke's Veterans Day celebration was opened up beyond our immediate community recognizing all branches of the military and all family and friends that have served or are currently serving in our Armed Forces.



St. Luke's Episcopal Church 2010 Budget Summary
January 24, 2010

	2008 Actual	2009 Actual	2010 Budget Essentials	Transfers from Restricted Funds	Comments
Revenue	\$ 1,269,154.73	\$ 1,388,348.97	\$ 1,551,427.88		
Expenses					
Capital Expense	?	?	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 29,921.00	
Debt Principal	?	?	\$ 22,000.00		
Administration	\$ 158,800.35	\$ 122,869.63	\$ 117,878.00	\$ 25,000.00	
Building & Grounds	\$ 347,175.83	\$ 373,530.54	\$ 381,023.00	\$ 41,094.00	
Christian Education	\$ 27,699.01	\$ 11,819.20	\$ 69,050.00	\$ 50,463.00	
Debt Related Exp.	\$ 288.26	\$ 24,877.33	\$ 5,000.00		
Diocesan Apportionment	\$ 252,828.00	\$ 261,240.00	\$ 251,556.00		
Liturgical	\$ 6,545.03	\$ 2,739.74	\$ 4,200.00	\$ 10,890.00	
Local Outreach	\$ 12,847.66	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 20,600.00	\$ 31,955.00	Excludes clergy funds
Music	\$ 8,611.52	\$ 5,172.17	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 34,219.00	
Pastoral Care/Newcomers	\$ 3,217.47	\$ 103.00	\$ 6,600.00	\$ 6,099.00	
Parish Life	\$ 16,153.39	\$ 3,188.81	\$ 5,050.00	\$ 1,148.00	
World Missions	\$ 3,525.35	\$ 2,889.74	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 11,706.00	
Compensation	\$ 867,468.48	\$ 868,195.37	\$ 906,785.75		Incl merit increases, deacon
Total Expenses	\$ 1,705,160.35	\$ 1,682,125.53	\$ 1,839,742.75	\$ 242,495.00	
Less school Reimbursement	\$ 317,820.00	\$ 301,390.00	\$ 327,237.00		
Net Expenses	\$ 1,387,340.35	\$ 1,380,735.53	\$ 1,512,505.75		
Net Surplus/Deficit	\$ (118,185.62)	\$ 7,613.44	\$ 38,922.13		

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