



Dear Beloved in Christ,

We are in the midst of Lent and Annual Vestry Meeting (AVM) season.

Unfortunately, we had to reschedule a couple of our AVMs due to concurrent, but different clergy illnesses. It's a good reminder that there are still many illnesses circulating at this time of year and washing hands, masking in public, and staying home when we are sick are good ways to care for our neighbours. We hope you are staying well, and if not please let us know if we can pray for you or help in any other way.

### **March Events Calendar:**

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#### Worship

- Worship times and locations are listed in the Monthly Events Calendar. Please pay attention to the following changes to the typical schedule as we accommodate the Annual Vestry Meetings for Holy Trinity Lombardy and the Parish of Kitley by moving their worship those days to 11 AM:

**- March 3<sup>rd</sup> worship is at 9 AM in Athens and 11 AM in Lombardy for Lombardy AVM**

**- March 10<sup>th</sup> worship is at 11 AM in Newbliss for Kitley AVM**

- Holy Week will soon be upon us. We will have regional opportunities to gather for worship and fellowship: Maundy Thursday (Mar 28<sup>th</sup>) 6 PM at Holy Trinity Oak Leaf with potluck Agape meal and Eucharist; Great Vigil (Sat. Mar 30<sup>th</sup>) at 8 PM at Holy Trinity Lombardy. We will also have ecumenical Walk of the Cross events on Good Friday (Mar 29<sup>th</sup>) at 10 AM in Seeleys Bay and Athens with services following at 11 AM. There are also Good Friday services at St. Andrew's UC, Toledo at 2 PM and Holy Trinity Lombardy at 4 PM.

- Easter Sunrise services will take place at the Athens Cemetery (behind Athens UC) and the Toledo Cross Mar 31<sup>st</sup> at 7 AM. Easter services will take place at Lombardy and Newbliss at 9 AM, Athens at 11 AM, at St. Luke's Leeds at 11:30 AM at Olivet.

- We continue to offer worship online with weekly Sunday Morning Prayer at 9AM and Wednesday Evening Prayer at 7PM. They are always available following the service on both our YouTube channel and Facebook page so you can still worship with us any time.

#### Discipleship

- St. Luke's Leeds is hosting a Lenten Quiet Day on Saturday March 16<sup>th</sup> from 10 AM – 2 PM at Seeleys Bay United Church, 29 Hellen St). The Quiet Day includes worship, lunch, and opportunities for silent reflection on the themes of Lent

- Bishop William is scheduled to visit Leeds Anglican Ministries on Sunday June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10 AM hosted by Holy Trinity Lombardy. If there is any interest in Confirmation by the Bishop, please let Rev. Trish or Nancy know as soon as possible so we can schedule Confirmation classes and advise the Bishop's office.

- Online Bible Study continues on Tuesdays at 9:30 AM. We read the Gospel for the coming Sunday and informally talk about what stands out to us, what it is saying to us, and how we are being invited to act or change. The link can be found at the end of this update.

#### Ministry

- St. Luke's Leeds continues to offer free brown bag lunches and frozen meals at Re-New Creation St. Luke's Thrift Shop in Elgin (open Wed – Sat 10 AM – 2 PM at 18 Main St next to Gordaniers).

- St. Luke's Leeds offers a free community lunch on the last Friday of every month at the Elgin Community Complex – however, as the last Friday in March is Good Friday, the community lunch will take place on March 22<sup>nd</sup>).

### Fellowship

- Holy Trinity Lombardy is holding a parish Chili and Stew Supper on March 8<sup>th</sup> gathering at 5 PM for supper at 5:30

- The Parish of Kitley is joining with St. Andrews United Church Toledo for their annual pancake breakfasts which will be held at St. Andrews on March 30<sup>th</sup> and April 6<sup>th</sup> from 8 AM – Noon

- Kitley Elders will meet next on March 21<sup>st</sup> at noon for a potluck lunch followed by entertainments at St. Andrew's United Church.

- All are invited to monthly meals at the Junction Restaurant: Open Table Lunch 12:30 PM March 5<sup>th</sup> ; Men's Breakfast 8 AM March 12<sup>th</sup> ; Women's Lunch 12:30 PM March 26<sup>th</sup>.

### Mission

- During Lent, Holy Trinity Lombardy is taking up a special collection for the local food bank – they welcome non-perishable food and personal hygiene items as well as financial donations.

- St. Luke's Leeds Jug Campaign for school lunch programs continues until Easter

- The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund continues to do good work around the world with our aid partners. You can read about their midwifery projects in Canada, Mexico and Peru here:

[https://pwrdf.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/Canada-Mexico-Peru-March-2024\\_EN.pdf](https://pwrdf.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/Canada-Mexico-Peru-March-2024_EN.pdf)

### Resources

- All Charitable Income tax receipts have now been mailed or emailed. If you have not received your receipt or have a question, please contact Rev. Trish or Nancy or your wardens and we will have someone look into it.

- The Draft 2023 Financial Summary for all LAM congregations is being included in the Annual Vestry Reports. We will include the revised edition in the end-March Update.

### Links

Tuesday Study / Meditation Group: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83680869366>

LAM Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/LeedsAnglicanMinistries>

LAM web page (you can find links to other parish pages here): [leedsanglicanministries.weebly.com/](https://leedsanglicanministries.weebly.com/) LAM

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZYMAKxAQA1PmdNY7uanaDQ>

“The journey of life is absolutely a sacred journey, but we don't know that when we're younger. We often don't want to think about life in terms of a sacred journey, because we don't know for certain where we came from, and we don't know for certain where we're going...In the everyday maelstrom of life, however, people don't want to think about any of that. They just want to get through their day. They want to accomplish things. They want to own things—and there's nothing wrong with that. But when we get to the halfway point in our lives, we begin to realize that all the things that we have accumulated don't mean a whole lot. We can't take them with us when we die. As we age, we begin to take into account what really matters in life. Things like family, relationships, love, commitment, and service to others are what matters. When we start focusing on those things, it no longer becomes just a church phrase to say or something to do. Working with others really warms our hearts. Leading with love changes who we are.”

- Rev. Dr. Barbara A. Holmes, Center for Action and Contemplation

On behalf of Ven. Nancy and myself, In Hope Eternal, Trish