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FROM YOUR RECTOR... ONE OF OUR OWN ORDAINED by the Reverend Sean Ferrell TO THE PRIESTHOOD



I am pleased to share with you an important event in the life of our parish, even from afar. On Sunday, June 29, 2008 at 5:30 p.m., the Reverend Erin Seltzer Hensley was ordained to the priesthood at Saint Alban's Episcopal Church in Washington D.C. I was fortunate enough to travel to Saint Alban's on behalf of Saint Luke's to present Erin for her ordination as a Priest of this church.

Also representing Saint Luke's were Erin's parents, Mary Beth Seltzer and Dave Seltzer, along with Jim and Pat Craig, along with Matt, Nikki, Jackson, and Brennan Seltzer.

Erin grew up at Saint Luke's, and after pursuing her undergraduate degree at Guilford College in Guilford North Carolina, she studied at the Protestant Episcopal Theological Seminary in Alexandria, Virginia (also known as VTS or simply "Virginia") where she was graduated in May of 2007. Erin was ordained a transitional deacon last December.



Much applause greeted the Reverend Erin Seltzer Hensley moments after the Right Reverend Michael Curry, Bishop of North Carolina ordained her to the priesthood.

Since graduating from seminary, Erin has been serving as curate at Saint Alban's in Washington D.C. since graduation, a parish located on the grounds of the National Cathedral. If you happen to be in Washington D.C., take the opportunity to stop in and offer your congratulations to Erin.

Saint Luke's generously gifted Erin with the traditional ordination gift for ordination to the priesthood (and generally from one's home parish)- a chasuble and stole, the vestments of priests. We did so through the generous gifts of so many of you. During the service, Erin's hus-



Erin greets a St. Alban's parishioner and nephew Jackson following the service.

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Tom DeWitt, John Garrard, Jimmy Harris,
Aud Hazlehurst, Karlie Head, Lee Sparks,
Kevin Youngberg

PLEASE NOTE....

The Vestry will meet Monday, July 21st at 5:30 p.m. in the library.

RIFA SNACK-BACK-PACK

JULY NEEDS

The RIFA Snack-Back-Pack provides 204 needy children with nutritional, kid-friendly food during the weekend. The back packs are assembled at RIFA and picked up by the guidance counselors from local elementary schools. Please check the list below and pick up some of these items when you shop.

Mac & Cheese

Canned Spaghetti/Ravioli/Lasagna

Canned Fruits & Vegetables

Cereal Packages - Individual Raisin Boxes

Cheese & Crackers - Peanut Butter Crackers

Please bring your items to the church and place them on the table outside the Library. If you have any questions, please contact the parish office at 424-0556.

YOGA CLASS

Yoga Class continues on Wednesdays, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. Hope to see you at class. Please call Peggy Bogard at 664-7593 for additional information.

THE JULY ALTAR CANDLES

are given to the glory of God in remembrance of my husband

Joe C. Morris by Linda Gay Morris

ALTAR FLOWERS

Just a reminder to make sure to sign up to provide altar flowers. The signup calendar is found on the bulletin board across from the Parish Hall, or contact the Parish Office.

MIDWEEK CHRISTIAN

EDUCATION FOR ADULTS

A Bible Study led by The Rev. Dr. Gene Davenport is held on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. They are taking a short break and will resume Tuesday, July 8th, to study Genesis.

The Wednesday morning Bible Study will resume in the fall.

The Coffee House theology discussion group is held at 6 pm on the 2nd Thursday of each month. Contact Gary Wake at garyspchelp@gmail.com if you are interested.

FROM YOUR RECTOR...

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band Sam vested her in her new chasuble and stole she received from Saint Luke's.

I've offered Erin a standing invitation to preach and preside at Saint Luke's at a convenient time for her when she is visiting her parents. We'll give you ample notice of when she'll be with us. Friends, we're blessed to have one of our own who is already making a marvelous impact on the future of our church!

If you'd like to drop Erin a note of congratulations, her address is: The Rev. Erin Seltzer Hensley, 3001 Wisconsin Ave NW, Washington D.C. 20016.



Front row L-r: Matt Seltzer, Jackson Seltzer, Brennan Seltzer, the Rev. Erin Seltzer Hensley. Back row L-r: Nikki Seltzer, Mary Beth Seltzer, Jim Craig, Pat Craig, Sam Hensley, and the Rev. Sean Ferrell.
Erin is vested in her new chasuble from Saint Luke's

SPECIAL THANKS TO...

...Norma Greer, Evelyn Kipp, Debbie Torstrick, Angela Williams, Dolores Moore, Karlie Head, & Fran Beare for helping in the office.

...Henry and Evelyn Kipp for taking snack-back-pack items to RIFA and Pat Craig for taking canned food items to RIFA.

...**Greg Kost**, Ron Canter, Steve Daniels, Greg Petrinjak, Tommy Rhoads, Brent Lecher, Jeff Beard, Gus Middleton and Tom DeWitt for keeping our lawn mowed and grounds beautiful during June.

THE REV. DR. GENE DAVENPORT AS THEOLOGIAN IN RESIDENCE

I appreciate being named Theologian-in-Residence at St. Luke's. Perhaps you wonder what that means. Well, there is no job description, but my basic daily routine will be writing and doing research. I also will be available, however, for whatever help I can be in matters of theology for individuals, classes, or groups at St. Luke's. Although my basic field of study is a combination of Old and New Testaments and the literature from between the two Testaments, during my forty-five years at Lambuth I had to teach courses in all areas of religion and philosophy, including religions other than Christianity. So I am able to help in most areas of religion; but if I am asked about something with which I am not familiar, I am not afraid to admit it. In such a case, I usually know where to point for help.

I will not have specific office hours, but will be in my office - next to the Rector's office - from around 9:00 a.m. until around 4:30 p.m., Monday thru Friday.

If I can be of help in any way, please come by my office, call me at the St. Luke's number, or e-mail me at genedavenport@yahoo.com.



SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

The St. Luke's Scholarship Committee has award the 2008 scholarships. This year we had many very worthy applicants and the decisions were very difficult. Because all applicants met the criteria set forth, all will benefit this year.

Due to an anonymous gift, we were able to award \$2,000 on the Meredith Undergraduate Scholarship. This was awarded as two \$1,000 scholarships to John Corey Ford and Kayla Foxx. The Woodbury Graduate Scholarship will be awarded in two \$500 scholarships to Catherine Greer and Tommy Rhoads.

Congratulations to all our applicants and may God bless you as you continue your education.

EL HOGAR - A PLACE, A HOPE, A REALITY

by *Susan Francisco*

Its easy to describe El Hogar, but hard to convey the great impact upon anyone who goes there. El Hogar is Saint Luke's primary international mission project in Tegucigalpa, Honduras that serves the orphans and street children of Honduras, giving them an education and a life. To see a child who was living on the streets with no hope to become a laughing, well-fed, healthy child with a future is very inspiring. On behalf of our parish, I joined former Saint Luke's parishioners Rick and Roz Reycraft, along with two women from their church in Canada and a couple from St. Timothy's in Cincinnati. We worked on the new dormitory for the boys at El Hogar, shoveled dirt and packed it around the foundations, and attended classes with the kids one morning. We also toured the Farm, where the agricultural school is located. Boys from all over Honduras who are recommended by their priest and school, learn animal husbandry and farming techniques. They also continue their education. When they graduate, they take their new knowledge back to the rural communities.

On Friday we went to the Technical Institute where they had a special program in honor of Mothers' Day. We met with Kelman and I gave him his birthday card and a birthday cookie that Lynn Wheeler made. We also got to meet Kelman's mother and sister. Later we toured the workshops where the children are taught a trade; electrician, carpentry, or welding. They're adding automotive repair and refrigerator repair. Once they finish, almost all can get a job. Thus a middle class is born in Honduras! There aren't many opportunities or places that have such a tremendous impact on a country's economy as there are at El Hogar.

I would love for others to take the opportunity to see and experience for themselves what El Hogar does for the children and future of Honduras. You will never take getting a glass of water from the tap for granted again! If you cannot or do not wish to go yourself, you can help by providing financial support by giving to the general operating fund or by sponsoring a child. The money we raised this year with the Parable of the Talents Fundraiser went to buy a computer for the Technical Institute. Please contact me if this seems like a ministry you would like to experience.



Our parish godson Kelman, receiving birthday wishes from members of Saint Luke's Church.



The Parish Office will be closed Friday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day.

OFFICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are in need of more office volunteers, Volunteers are needed mostly in the mornings from 9:00 a.m. - Noon. Exceptions are during staff vacation or illness, major holidays and during year-end financial closings, when volunteers are asked to work longer hours or take 1/2 day shifts. The duties for volunteers revolve around answering the phones and the door, sending out notices in the mail, stuffing inserts into bulletins, making phone calls to parishioners and if you have computer skills, sometimes typing various projects. Many days are quiet and require only answering the phone and door, others are hectic and will keep you busy all morning. If you would like to volunteer, either on a regular basis or on an as needed basis, please contact our volunteer coordinator, Norma Greer at 664-5220.

FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

If you are not receiving "Church News," the diocesan newspaper, and would like to be added to their mailing list, please contact the Parish Office at 424-0556.

The deadline for the August "Parish Life" is **July 18th.**

BAPTISM DATES AHEAD...

The Book of Common Prayer recommends five dates for Baptisms... The Great Vigil of Easter, Pentecost Sunday, All Saints' Day, The Baptism of Jesus, and when the Bishop visits. Other dates may be scheduled, but these dates bear special significance to Baptism on our calendar. The next service that will include Holy Baptisms will be the Sunday after All Saints' Day, November 2, 2008. Please contact the Parish Office if you have someone to be Baptized.

July 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 4:00 p.m. Yoga Class 5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist	3	4 Parish Office Closed	5
			Tien Vacation & Holiday			
					Independence Day	
6 8th Sun. after Pentecost 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist 9:15 a.m. Christian Ed. 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist 6:00 p.m. Senior EYC	7	8 7:00 p.m. Bible Study	9 4:00 p.m. Yoga Class 5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist	10 6:30 p.m. Coffee House Theology	11	12
	Trudy Vacation					
13 9th Sun. after Pentecost 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist 9:15 a.m. Christian Ed 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist 12:00 noon Middle EYC Canned Food Collection	14	15 7:00 p.m. Bible Study	16 4:00 p.m. Yoga Class 5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist	17	18	19
					Parish Life Deadline	
20 10th Sun. after Pentecost 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist 9:15 a.m. Christian Ed 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist 6:00 p.m. Senior EYC	21 5:30 p.m. Vestry	22 7:00 p.m. Bible Study	23 4:00 p.m. Yoga Class 5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist	24	25 8:00 p.m. Holy Grounds Coffee House	26
27 11th Sun. after Pentecost 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist 9:15 a.m. Christian Ed. 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist 12:00 noon Middle EYC Paper Recycling	28	29 7:00 p.m. Bible Study	30	31		

July 2008

		Eucharistic Ministers	Lay Readers & Lectors	Acolytes	Ushers & Greeters	Children's Church
Wednesday, July 2	5:30 p.m.	Loni Harris	Vicki Lake			
Sunday July 6	8:00 a.m.	Bruce Hamilton	Nancy Godbold	Kayla Foxx	Owen & Sue Gwathmey	
8th Sunday after Pentecost	10:30 a.m.	Tommy Rhoads Peggy Bogard	Janie Giles-Carp Lee Sparks	Hunter Thompson Anne Elizabeth Garrard Jenny-Lyn Caterina	Gail & Tommy Hedgepeth Tom & Ginny DeWitt	Debbie Torstrick Lynn White
Wednesday, July 9	5:30 p.m.	Jimmy Harrison	Jimmy Harrison			
Sunday, July 13	8:00 a.m.	Jimmy Harrison	Jimmy Harrison	Jonathan Kendrick	Fred Bowyer & Reggie Weaver	
4th Sunday after Pentecost	10:30 a.m.	Mary Beth Seltzer Tommy Rhoads	Andrea Grimball Arthur Grimball	Rachel Flynt Jon Corey Ford Tommy Rhoads	Jim Bevis & Archie Wright John & Jackie Foxx	Amy Kendrick Cindy Kost
Wednesday, July 16	5:30 p.m.	Gus Middleton	Gus Middleton			
Sunday, July 20	8:00 a.m.	Mary Beth Seltzer	Hamilton Moore	Jeff Beard	Vicki Lake & Leila Frankland	
5th Sunday after Pentecost	10:30 a.m.	Steve Daniels Peggy Bogard	John Caterina Nancy Caterina	Donna Boren Francis Chandler Jane Trently	Chris & Lyn Wheeler Dawn & Jerry Griffith	Liz Garrard Nikki Chalk
Wednesday, July 23	5:30 p.m.	Gus Middleton	Gus Middleton			
Sunday, July 27	8:00 a.m.	Loni Harris	Nancy Pechacek	Kayla Foxx	Owen & Sue Gwathmey	
6th Sunday after Pentecost	10:30 a.m.	Tommy Rhoads Steve Daniels	Dawn Griffith Jerry Griffith	Hamilton Moore Hunter Thompson James Head	Tom & Ginny DeWitt Lee Sparks & Tommy Rhoads	Debbie Torstrick Pat Craig
Wednesday, July 30	5:30 p.m.	Peggy Bogard	Peggy Bogard			
Sunday August 3	8:00 a.m.	Bruce Hamilton	Vicki Lake	Jonathan Kendrick	Fred Bowyer & Reggie Weaver	
7th Sunday after Pentecost	10:30 a.m.	Tommy Rhoads Jimmy Harrison	Tricia Booher Jim Craig	Donna Boren Anne Elizabeth Garrard Jenny-Lyn Caterina	Gail & Tommy Hedgepeth Ton & Ginny DeWitt	Amy Kendrick Lynn White
Wednesday, August 6	5:30 p.m.	Mary Beth Seltzer	Mary Beth Seltzer			

If you are unable to serve at your appointed time please find a replacement and notify the parish office of the change.

THE LECTIONARY: YEAR A

July 6, 8th Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67 •
Psalm 45:11-18 •

7:15-25a • Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

July 13, 9th Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 25:19-34 • Psalm 119: 105-112 •
Romans 8:1-11 • Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

July 20, 10th Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 28:10-19a • Psalm 139:1-11, 22-23 •
Romans 8:12-25 • Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

July 27, 11th Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 29:15-28 • Psalm 105:1-11, 45b •
Romans 8:26-39 • Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

PARISH LIFE ON-LINE

In case you haven't checked out the St. Luke's website lately please take a minute to check it out! *The Parish Life* is now online through the website as well as through e-mail. If you are interested in receiving your monthly newsletter online instead of paper (saving a few trees and a lot of landfill!) please send an e-mail to the church at stlukes@aeneas.net. This way we have your accurate e-mail address and will remove you from the paper mailings, saving the church money on paper and postage! The web address is estlukes.org.

RIFA COMMUNITY KITCHEN

St. Luke's week to serve at the Community Kitchen was June 2 - 7. Thanks to Henry Kipp, Pepper Bray, Van Harlan, Andrea Alexander, Debbie Torstrick, Irene Orzechowski, Brendan White, Lynn White, John Chandler, Lyda Kay Ferree, Richard Perry, Debra Perry, Lee Sparks, Peggy Bogard, Pat Craig, Lupe Mitchell, Gary Woodard, Greg Kost, Patrick Bamwine, Kate Kananura, Jerry Griffith and Amy Bogard for serving.

St. Luke's will next serve December 22 - 27. Please mark your calendars. The number of people served has drastically increased at RIFA and that means more hands are needed to fulfill our commitment to RIFA and to our community. Remember, we only do this twice a year. Please consider making this your Christmas gift to the needy people of Jackson.

SAFEGUARDING GOD'S CHILDREN

The topic of taking every possible step to keep children safe from sexual abuse, particularly in church setting, is a high priority in the Episcopal Church and in this Diocese. Therefore there are several training sessions held throughout the year in an effort to protect our children and our church. Those required to take this training, per the Diocesan guidelines, are all paid staff members, all parishioners working directly with children and all vestry members who are involved in leadership and policy making within the church.

The next session to be held at St. Luke's will be September 11, 2008 from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. Why you ask are we talking about this in July? The reason is that this is an important issue and it is required for many parishioners. If you have not had this training in the last 3 years and you are one of the people require to, please mark your calendars and plan to be in attendance. This training is also available to parents if you want to take extra steps to safeguard your children by knowing signs of abuse or signs of potential predators from any setting your child might be in.

If you find that this date simply doesn't work for you, there are other sessions available in Memphis. You may call the parish office for a list of those dates and locations.

THE ALTAR GUILD WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

By Sue Daniels, Altar Guild Director

The Altar Guild is pleased to welcome three new members this year. Andrea Grimball has been serving for several months already on Roxane Rhoads' team, and Ginny DeWitt and Stella Spitzer have just begun their training. We are grateful to all of them for their willingness to serve, and look forward to working alongside them in this very special ministry.

SAINT LUKE'S SCAVENGER HUNT

In our ongoing series, *the Saint Luke's Scavenger Hunt*, we're inviting you to see if you recognize objects found at Saint Luke's and their location. If you've never seen this set before, take a few minutes and look around to see if you can find it. The location will be published in the next edition of *The Parish Life*.

The answer for June's scavenger hunt is as follows: This photograph was the window over the north door in the Narthex that exits to the garden via the ramp.



Scenes from the Baptism of Arthur Burton Crews and Carter Emory Roberts on the Feast of Pentecost.

SAINT LUKE'S BEGINS NEW RIFA PROGRAM TO ASSIST WITH FOOD SHORTAGES

On May 25, 2008, the Jackson Sun reported that higher food and fuel prices have sent more people to RIFA's Community Kitchen for food at a time when fewer people seem able to give, staff members say. Especially worrisome is the drop in giving. An annual food drive through the U.S. Post Office usually brings in 17,000 pounds of food for RIFA - enough to cover the summer, when donations usually dry up - only brought in 7,000 pounds this year. RIFA's soup kitchen usually serves about 110 people per day, but about 150 have been visiting each day in the first few weeks of this month.

As a result, Saint Luke's is undertaking a new project to assist in food collecting. Beginning in June, we are inviting each family at Saint Luke's to purchase either a #10 size can when they do their shopping or suggested item and bring them to Saint Luke's on the second Sunday of the month. A #10 sized can of food (those are the extra large ones) can be purchased for \$3-\$5 at Kroger or Wal-Mart. Specific items needed currently for the Community Kitchen are large commercial size rolls of aluminum foil (can be found at Sam's or Madison Wholesale), 40 gallon trash bags, gallon size mushrooms, large #10 cans of pork and beans or baked beans and large cans of chili. Please plan to bring a can to place in the new offering box in the narthex so we can help those in need.

RIFA is also in need of items to stock the food pantry for grocery bags given to the needy to take home. Suggested items for July are 1) Canned meats 2) peanut butter 3) jelly 4) cans of pears or peaches 5) evaporated milk and 6) instant potatoes.

62ND ANNUAL LAYMEN'S CONFERENCE OF TN AUG. 15-17



The cabin is filling up fast. Jim Spruill is coming from North Carolina. DeWayne Speaks is coming from Memphis and John Ross will be joining us just after returning from Spain. Leon King will be there for the first time. The cost of the conference ranges from \$105-\$135 plus lodging and activity fees (for golf or canoeing). St. Luke's will take all the prizes this year!

For more information or to register online, please view the Episcopal Churchmen website at www.episcopalchurchmen.net, call Dubose Conference Center at 931-924-2353 or call Van Harlan at 668-0264. Van is the keyman for St. Luke's and he is working tirelessly to fill the cabin and help St. Luke's to have excellent representation for this spiritually fulfilling and relaxing conference.

WE REJOICE WITH...

- ...The Reverend Erin Seltzer Hensley at her ordination to the Priesthood.
- ...Patrick & Kate Kananura Bamwine at their wedding.
- ...Colin & Victoria Crews at the baptism of their son, Arthur Burton Crews.
- ...Joshua & Sarah Roberts at the baptism of their son, Carter Emory Roberts.

IN RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE AS OF MAY 31, 2008

Pledged To Budget 2008.....	\$309,000.00
Needed Year-to-Date.....	128,750.00
Received Year-to-Date.....	117,104.94
Income Surplus (Deficit)	(11,645.06)
Needed Monthly	25,750.00

Please make every effort to keep your pledges current throughout the year.



JULY ANNIVERSARIES

July 2	Keith & Peggy Tomes
July 3	Steve & Sue Daniels
July 6	Fred & Lina Bowyer
July 10	John & Harriet Ross
July 12	Arthur & Andrea Grimbball
July 18	Lorne & Kat Semrau
July 19	Tom & Ginny DeWitt
July 30	John & Carroll Moss
July 31	Don & Valerie Howarth

JULY BIRTHDAYS

July 4	Peter Livelli
July 5	Evelyn Kipp
July 6	Ed Dugger
July 9	Jeff Beard
July 9	Stephanie Foxx
July 9	Jan Hamilton
July 10	Eleanor Garrard
July 11	Peggy Tomes
July 12	Pepper Bray
July 12	Andrea Grimbball
July 12	Christopher McCrudden
July 13	Lynn White
July 15	Norma Greer
July 16	Margaret Kemp
July 16	Fielden Tostrick
July 18	Austin Wright
July 19	Donna Butler
July 20	Doris Martin
July 20	Irvin Rainey
July 21	Charlie Flynt
July 23	John McCutchen
July 24	Madison Bruno
July 24	Christopher Chalk
July 25	Jeff Apple
July 24	Jacob White
July 27	Victoria Crews
July 27	Tanya Wright



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