

St. Luke's Episcopal Church

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The Rev. Kent R. Walley, Rector

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Dear Parish Family,

Happy New Year! As we turn into a new year and are looking ahead to 2019, we at St. Luke's are entering a time of discernment, a time to listen to God and seek His guidance. I want to make you aware of an important process that we are participating in this winter with an organization called RenewalWorks. It runs a program that has helped many churches within our denomination and beyond. The RenewalWorks survey asks each of you to consider your experience of God and the role that St. Luke's has played in helping you grow in your spiritual journey. Your responses are then benchmarked with responses of over 200,000 other Episcopalians and even more Christians from other denominations. A focus group consisting of a cross-section of our parish will be reacting to how our parishioners respond and will be making suggestions. With their input and your input in hand, the Vestry and I will be carefully reviewing the results. RenewalWorks gives us an extensive report, recommendations, and leadership coaching to help us make adjustments that will focus our energies in areas that will be most impactful.

I want to underscore that I believe this is an important tool and an important process for our parish. It is vitally important that you take the time to prayerfully consider your answers to the questions posed in the Spiritual Life Inventory, which is the survey from RenewalWorks that enables us to gather your input. It will only be available online from January 27 until February 17. Your answers are anonymous and confidential.

I believe that your participation in this process will be a blessing not only to St. Luke's but to you personally as well. The Spiritual Life Inventory asks many thought-provoking questions that are intended to encourage deep reflection on your life with Christ. You will soon be receiving communication from the St. Luke's Renewal Works team with more details on how to be involved. Our Renewal Works Leadership team consists of Tiffany Elliott (chair), Lindy Pratt, Barbara Noe, and Tom Mulhare.

May God bless you as you consider your spiritual life through this process, and may His Presence brighten your life in this joyous season of Epiphany.

The Lord Be With You,



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