



This Sunday is Mother's Day

We are sure to honor all moms. All who have lived this wonderful ministry of giving life to others, of nurturance, of sacrifice and abiding love. For the full array of motherhood, we give thanks.



House of Deputies of The Episcopal Church

From President Jennings: The Dignity of Safe and Legal Reproductive Health Care

President Jennings issued this statement earlier today in response to the news that the Supreme Court is preparing to overturn Roe v. Wade:

I was a 21-year-old college junior in 1973 when Roe v. Wade became law. Coming of age with access to safe and legal reproductive health care, including birth control and abortion, shaped my life and the lives of many women of my generation. Our ability to plan our families made it possible for us to use our God-given talents and pursue lives, careers, and ambitions about which our mothers and grandmothers could not have dreamed.

In 1976, three years after Roe became law, the General Convention of the Episcopal Church reaffirmed its 1967 support for “abortion law reform” with [a resolution](#) about abortion that committed our church to “unequivocal opposition to any legislation on the part of the national or state governments which would abridge or deny the right of individuals to reach informed decisions in this matter and to act upon them.” Our church has [regularly updated and refined](#) its understanding of abortion and reproductive health care in the years since then; most recently, in 2018, General Convention [Resolution D032](#) committed us to “call for women’s reproductive health and reproductive health procedures to be treated as all other medical procedures, and not singled out or omitted by or because of gender.” Today we understand that transgender and nonbinary people who do not identify as women can also become pregnant, and so we call for reproductive health care for all people.

And yet, for half a century, the promise of equal access to reproductive health care has never been fully realized. For nearly my entire adult life, Christian extremists have fought to restrict access to abortion with invasive laws, demeaning patient requirements, and clinic regulations that go far beyond what is required for patient safety. As is so often the case, poor people, people of color, and LGBTQ+ people have paid the price disproportionately for these thinly veiled efforts to exercise theocratic control over a decision that should only ever be made by a pregnant person in consultation with their doctor and their conscience.

Now, these extremists are on the verge of making good on a half-century of threats. Last night, we learned through a [leaked draft of a majority opinion](#) in the case of Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization, drafted by Justice Samuel Alito, that the Supreme Court intends to overturn Roe v. Wade this spring. When that happens, people living in the [26 states](#) poised to outlaw abortion will be forced to travel to other states or other countries to find legal, safe abortion care. Those without the ability to travel will too often be returned to the unthinkable, nightmarish days of illegal, unsafe abortions that destroyed the lives of far too many women in the generations before mine. Given the sweeping nature of the legal argument in the opinion, some legal scholars say that it could even be a precursor to outlawing abortion nationally.

The cause for alarm goes far beyond abortion. The draft opinion argues that rights not explicitly enumerated in the Constitution are protected only if they are “deeply rooted” in American history. This history, as we know, was significantly shaped by all-white, all-male electorates that chose all-white, all-male executives, legislatures and judges. Justice Alito’s uncritical embrace of this history is profoundly troubling, especially because the logic of his argument can be employed by far right extremists eager to restrict access to contraception, recriminalize same-sex sexual relationships, and overturn the Supreme Court’s decision guaranteeing marriage equality.

As Episcopalians, we have a particular obligation to stand against Christians who seek to destroy our multicultural democracy and recast the United States as an idol to the cruel and distorted Christianity they advocate. In 2018, our General Convention declared that “equitable access to women’s health care, including women’s reproductive health care, is an integral part of a woman’s struggle to assert her dignity and worth as a human being.” Now—before this outrageous opinion becomes law—we must make our Christian witness to the dignity of every human being by insisting that we support the right to safe and legal reproductive health care because our faith in a compassionate God requires us to do so.

Fundraising For St. Luke's

Here is the form we discussed following the checklist of options for Fundraising. This form will also be in the bulletin this week, and is available online:

<https://bit.ly/StLukesFundraising>

Please fill out the form ONLY ONCE per person. Thank you in advance!

Name: _____

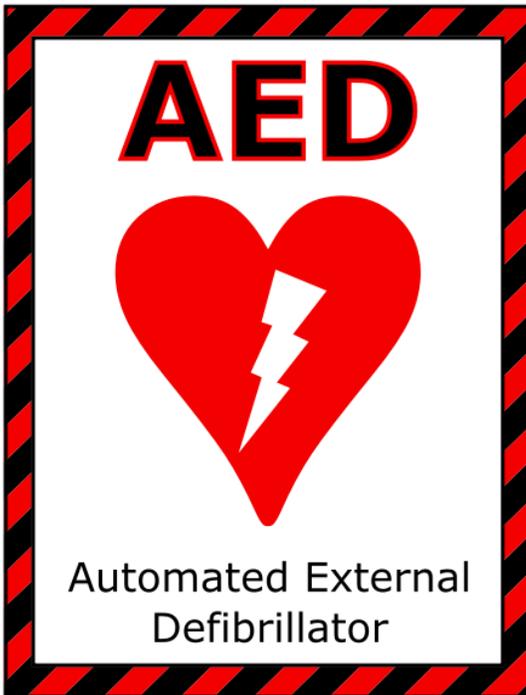
Email: _____

For each choice, please check one box:

- **Leadership** (you agree to take on a leadership role with other members, working as a team, to help coordinate the project. You will always have the Rector and the Vestry as your support);
- **Volunteer** (You will work with other members of a team who will give their time to make this project successful); or
- **Support** (You will support this effort by way of attending or contributing to see this project as successful)

	Leadership	Volunteer	Support
Autumn Rummage Sale			
Autumn Chicken BBQ			
Game Night			
Bake Sale			
Pancake Breakfast			
Monthly Themed Meals			

The above choices were the options that most people voted for earlier. If you have another idea that you would be willing to lead, please let us know here:



Perinton Ambulance

I have received certification for AED and CPR. I encourage any who have not and are residents of Perinton to go ahead and get certified. It was a good blend of hands on and visual learning. The training was sensitive to COVID and distancing and sanitary precautions were in place.

We never know when it will be our turn to need the services of these fine women and men in our community. As luck would have it, we have a number of us trained and ready. But unless you are really ready for drama... Try to stay healthy and when ill consider staying home and joining us by YouTube!

Family Promise Update

In-kind donations: Organize a donation drive or pick up something extra next time you're at the store or shopping on Amazon. Our current and biggest needs continue to be the following new items:

- **For the office:** Staples gift cards and/or basic office supplies (standard self-stick envelopes, printer paper, postage stamps, etc.)
- **For shelter guest apartments & families moving into permanent housing:** shower curtains, toilet brushes with stand, toilet bowl cleaner, brooms, dustpans, mops, and standard pillows.
- Paper towels
- Magic erasers

... as well as basic cleaning supplies like all-purpose cleaner & sponges.

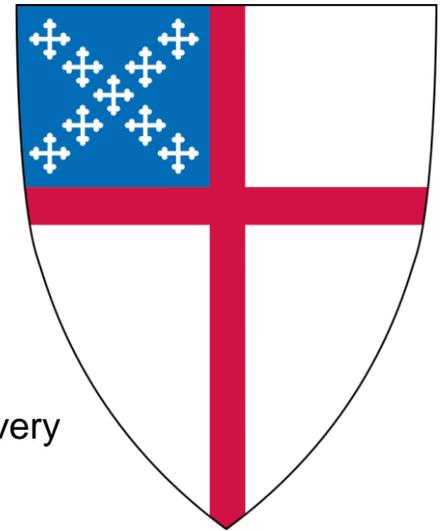


Weekly Memo

May 4, 2022

Lend your heart, Lend your voice. Lend your leadership

There are many opportunities for folks to involve themselves in the life of the diocese. If you go to your diocesan website episcopalrochester.org And go into the tab titled: Convention 91 - you will see many of the openings. I would be more than happy to be your nominator. It is an enriching experience and we are living in very exciting times as a diocese. Come and join us.



The Hill View's next publication is for June 2022. Please submit your articles, photographs, musings, book/movie reviews, etc.etc. to the parish office by Wednesday June 1st for submission! slukefpt@frontiernet.net or slukefpt@gmail.com

Blessings, Ken+



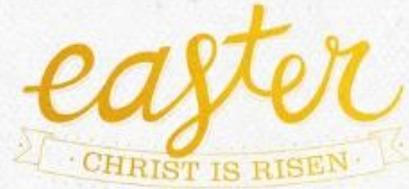
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This Week's Worship
and Meeting Schedules



SATURDAY, MAY 7TH: THEOLOGY PUB

Topic: What's up with Momma!

<https://bit.ly/stlukeetheologypub>

Meeting ID: 892 5262 5755

password: 469891

Dial by your location +1 646 558 8656 US

SUNDAY, MAY 8TH: THE 4TH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER,

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY AND MOTHER'S DAY!

8:00am Quiet Holy Eucharist

10:00am Holy Eucharist, with Music and Children's Christian
Education – Sunday School & J2A

Our YouTube channel for Sunday Worship Services:

<https://bit.ly/StLukesSundayWorship>