



St. Luke's Episcopal Church Newsletter

Early Pentecost/Summer

Letter from our Rector



Dear People of St. Luke's,

Recently I attended an informal, regional gathering with Bp. Lane. The purpose was to give him an opportunity to fill us in on "what's going on across the Diocese," and for us respond in kind about our own situations. Since he has recently made his visitation to St. Luke's in April, we've heard some of what he had to say, but it was good to hear all of it again.

Bp. Steve said a common theme he hears a lot has to do with the

adjustments congregations are making in response to changed circumstances. Since the last installment of prayer book revision in 1976 the Episcopal Church as a whole has strongly embraced the Eucharist as the normative service on Sundays. But since we are an ordered church (i.e. orders of ministry) it takes a priest to celebrate Communion. Meanwhile, increasingly it is not always possible to have someone full time. So of course the logical response is to have some form of Morning Prayer on those Sundays when a priest is unavailable. That pattern used to be common, but had become uncommon till forced on us again by dint of circumstances.

One can discuss whether or not this is a good thing, but Bp. Lane noted something happening as a result: creativity in worship. He had various anecdotes of folks doing various things, including with the prayers of the people. I thought, "This describes what is happening at St. Luke's." He went on to say that he found in himself a certain tendency to get into a rut, liturgically; to do the same thing just because there's a lot going on and it's easier that way. Of course, all the rest of us clergy could relate to that.

At this point I want to add a cautionary note: I understand that one person's rut is another person's anchor. Both continuity and change are necessary, and in fact are healthy, and we are going to do our best to balance both. But balance is a dynamic thing, not a static one. I am reminded of riding my bicycle along the gravelly path of the rail trail. Sometimes riding is fairly smooth, other times one has to continually adjust. To say the same thing differently, good worship is about participation; folks have to be able to enter in.

I think that, on the whole, we're doing O.K. Not only so, but the effort needed to navigate the bumps and sandy spots on the trail feel very much to me like the leading of the Holy Spirit. Thank you for your participation as we move on.

Faithfully,
Fr. Tim



LOBSTER LUNCHES ARE BACK!

Farmington Summer Festival: July 25, 26

Wilton Blueberry Festival: August 1st

Farmington's Summer Festival returns on the last weekend of July. St. Luke's will provide lobster roll bagged lunches on Friday, July 25th by delivery and on Saturday, July 26th on the sidewalk in downtown Farmington. On Friday, August 1st, St. Luke's will both deliver and sell lunches out on High St. as we did last year.

The cost of a bagged lunch this year will be \$11.

We need volunteers for the following tasks:

- *Advertising help (deliver flyers)
- *Drivers
- *Driver Helpers (to ride with driver and help run lunches inside)
- *Kitchen help: Stuffing bags, stuffing rolls, bagging lunches
- *People to work the tent (selling lunches) on both July 26th in Farmington and August 1st at the church.
- *Someone(s) to organize delivery routes
- *And last not but least, donations of 1,000 cans of Coke, Diet Coke, and Iced Tea. We also need 2,000 (yes, 2,000) brownies (cut in 3 x 3" squares). Start baking, if you'd like; they can be frozen at the church!

These sales are St. Luke's biggest fundraisers. We are asking for help from everyone who is able. Sign-up sheets are up on the undercroft wall. Thank you for all you do!

Folks are welcome to call the office anytime now. Order slips are at the ready!



Out of the mouths of babes...

Lead on, oh kinky turtle (king eternal)

Our Father who art in heaven, halibut be thy name.

Our Father who art in heaven, how old be thy name.

Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong, they are wheat puff, he is strong. (weak but)

A bull work never failing

Praise him, praise him, naughty little children. (all ye little children)

One was ate by a fierce wild priest (beast)

Bringing in the cheese (sheaves)

Low in the gravy lay

Hark the Harold angels sing!

Baby Jesus sleeping in heavenly peas

Stand beside her and guide her through the night with the light from a bulb.

As shepherd washed their socks by night.

What a friend we have in cheeses.

Lasagna in the highest!

(Thank you to Justy Nazar for her suggestions!)



You might notice this is a rather short newsletter! Fear not, there will be another one in September for a "Late Pentecost" edition. We welcome suggestions and content—poetry, prayers, essays and updates. Just contact Lisa in the office!

PRAYER (for the good use of leisure)

O God, in the course of this busy life, give us times of refreshment and peace; and grant that we may so use our leisure to rebuild our bodies and renew our minds, that our spirits may be opened to the goodness of your creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

~Book of Common Prayer, p. 825

United Thank Offering (UTO) is a spiritual practice found throughout the Episcopal Church. When we find ourselves thankful for something, we put some change—it can be any amount—in "the blue box." Once or twice a year this small change is gathered up to become grants which make a real difference.

***We are still in need of a UTO Coordinator,** whose primary job is to put together the ingathering and remind us to use the blue box. If you might be interested, please see Fr. Tim.*



HANNAFORD GIFT CARDS!

Did you know that using Hannaford Gift Cards for regular purchases and gifts benefits the church, as St. Luke's receives 5% of every \$1000 purchased? This is an easy way to support valued programs at St. Luke's! *Please see Tony McLaughlin for more information or to purchase.*

Please remember our Food Pantry needs this season!

For the month of **July we will collect LIQUID LAUNDRY DETERGENT**

for **August we will collect EVAPORATED MILK**

and for **September we will collect TOILET PAPER**

These collections will be for the food pantries in Farmington and Wilton

Please bring these items to church with you. Thank you!

Summer office hours note:

Please check the the eWitness and bulletin for week-to-week schedule changes. With the exception of a couple of weeks away, Lisa will be in the office many/most early mornings and mid-late afternoons. Fr. Tim is usually in Tuesday – Friday with hours varying. His summer vacation this year will be August 11 – August 30th. Please feel free to call ahead!

Summer church schedule note

Of course, Sunday Eucharist Services continue throughout the summer, with the exception of third Sundays when Fr. Tim is at St. Barnabas and we celebrate a Liturgy of the Word. We have left adult bible study on the calendar, but there will be Sundays when this will be group-led.

July 13th We have Fr. Tim Parsons filling in.

August 3rd Blueberry Festival weekend--there will be an 8:00 AM Eucharist Service at St. Luke's followed by an 11:00 AM Service at the Methodist Church for an ecumenical service.

August 24th We will have a supply priest filling in for Fr. Tim while he is on vacation.

Please check the St. Luke's Calendar for more details.



Celebrating June – August Birthdays:

June

Tony McLaughlin

July

Sunny Parry

Scott Lindsay

August

Carolyn McLaughlin

Cady Pillsbury

Toby Lindsay

A poem for the little ones...

BED IN SUMMER

By Robert Louis Stevenson

In Winter I get up at night
And dress by yellow candle light.
In Summer, quite the other way,
I have to go to bed by day.

I have to go to bed and see
The birds still hopping on the tree,
Or hear the grown-up people's feet
Still going past me in the street.

And does it not seem hard to you,
When all the sky is clear and blue,
And I should like so much to play,
To have to go to bed by day?

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