

St. Luke's Episcopal Church

Newsletter — Pentecost/Summer

(May-July) 2013

Dear People of St. Luke's,

Last week we held our final "Grace Place" session for the semester. We had a scavenger hunt outdoors, since the weather was nice; talked about the things we learned, and had a healthy snack of peanut butter dip and veggies. But we also had a party, and invited the Moms. The kids set the tables with tablecloths and the good china, and we had pizza, chocolate chip cookies, and conversation.

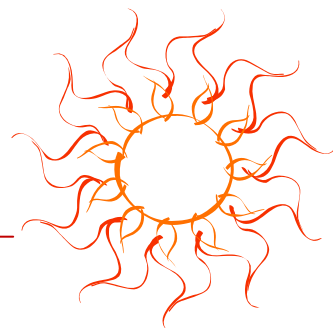
We really wanted parental feedback; was this program important? What could we do differently? One mother said, "it's great to have a block of time to myself." One of the kids said, "I wish this were going on till school ends."

So we decided that the answer to the question, "Was this worth doing?" is "Yes, it is." Much future planning will need to take place; and I will no longer be able to be the main "come up with a detailed lesson plan" person; but I do hope we can continue.

I am especially grateful to folks who played an important role: Gwen, who helped get it off the ground; Kathryn, who provided music, snacks and a mother's touch; John and Rick, who helped with the "shepherding" and helped lead lessons; Virginia, who helped in lots of ways; Dick and Colleen, who helped with food, and other folks who provided snacks or helped with a lesson from time to time.

Faithfully,

Fr. Tim

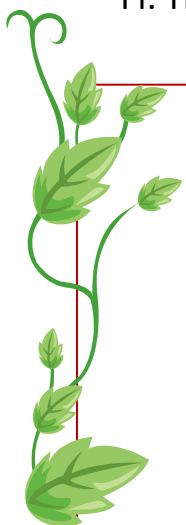


Summer of Fellowship & Fun-draising!

Please join us for St. Luke's upcoming fundraising activities...

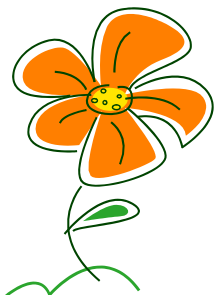
Mother's Day Bake Sale, Plant Sale,
End of July Lobster Roll Sale in Farmington
& the Blueberry Festival in Wilton in August!

see inside for volunteer opportunities, event schedule & details...



St. Luke's Mission In Action...

*KNOW,
SHARE,
SERVE...*



The Hospitality Committee is in need of volunteers.
Contact Brenda Holman if you can assist this ministry!

BAKE SALE SUNDAYS:
MAY 12TH (MOTHER'S DAY),
JUNE 9TH & JULY 14TH

PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY

Thank you to everyone involved in this outreach ministry! Cards, phone calls, visits, transportation and meals when needed have been greatly appreciated.

We could use more volunteers for this outreach ministry.

If you would like to participate, please contact Fr. Tim or Janet Morris, coordinator.

SUNDAY LECTINARY — Please consider being a reader if you haven't already!

Lectors serve a vital role in St. Luke's ministry, sharing The Word, and John Craig is dedicated to providing scheduled readers for Sundays and special services so volunteer & select a day that works best for you!

Acolyte Program

Last March we introduced acolyte education and training as part of the Sunday School Program. It took place on the second Sunday of the month at the regular Sunday school time. Three children have taken part in the program and are now serving or training as acolytes. We are very proud of Cady Pillsbury, Toby Lindsay and Megan Dodge. Cady will acolyte during the summer months and Toby and Megan will continue training on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month when they are able to be there.

Our goal for the acolyte program is to make the Eucharist more meaningful to the children and to communicate the importance of their part in it. By knowing and practicing various acolyte duties they are gaining knowledge of the liturgy. Some of the duties they are practicing are lighting and extinguishing candles, recessing and processing, hooking and unhooking the Altar gate, receiving the alms and elements and assisting Fr. Tim at the Altar. We encourage them to participate only when they feel ready.

Brenda Holman is the mentor for the acolytes and would encourage all children of the parish as well as friends and neighbor to take part. If you have any questions or would like to chat about the acolyte program see Fr. Tim or Brenda.

in Christ...

Holy Conversations

By the time you receive this we will have had two sessions of “Holy Conversations,” which are taking place among Maine Episcopalians around the Diocese. We are attempting to take stock: where are we now? How might we make some significant changes in light of new realities; and how might we identify folks in the wider community to talk with who can help us understand more about community needs. The ultimate goal here is, in Bp. Lane’s phrase, “To move the front line further outside the building and into the community.” Or, to put the same thing differently, the goal is to “discover what God is already up to and join up with it.”

The conversations designed to get us there are not a “straight line!” We have had to look forward by first looking backward (which is what we do every Sunday in the liturgy). We will need to do a thorough job of deciding “where we are” before going out into the community, and there may well be important matters to attend to in house first. On the other hand, in some ways we’ve already “moved the front line,” in the sense of people being involved in various community ministries.

So we’re continuing to work at it. We’re “going slow in order to move fast,” and trying to “dig a \$10.00 hole,” as I said elsewhere. It’s all about listening to various voices in the hope of figuring out what the Holy Spirit is saying to us. I believe we will.



Ordination

On Saturday, June 29 at 11am in the Cathedral in Portland three new permanent Deacons will be ordained, and as you all know by now Corey will be one of them. I am hopeful that we can have some folks in attendance. It will be a joyous occasion and a rare opportunity to experience a really powerful liturgy. Stay tuned for further details.

That said, the most important thing is that we will again have a Deacon, after having gone through a time without one by virtue of Tom’s leaving and Corey’s being occupied in Waterville. We’ll be working out the specifics of her duties, but in general they will involve ways in which the wider community can be brought to our church, and our church to the wider community.

Annual Traditions



We are heading into the period of time Mainers eagerly await—especially this year. We are in late spring, and summer is coming. Therefore, a reminder is in order about some annual pieces of the rhythm of parish life.

The Plant Sale is May 18. From some of the proceeds the ECW supports scholarship help for kids to attend Camp Bishopswood. I already have two requests, so if anyone else is interested, talk with me.

Sunday School will end on May 26, and Church School recognition will be June 2.

(Adult Bible study will continue).

Choir recognition will be June 23.

Ordination: June 29



July 26 & August 2: lobster rolls! Lots of effort, lots of community building, and lots of help for the parish budget.

Mark your calendars!



ORDINATION:

*11am Saturday, June 29th
at the Cathedral in Portland*



CAMP BISHOPSWOOD



Every summer the Diocese of Maine offers a wonderful camping experience at Camp Bishopswood, in Hope, Maine. Located on the shores of Lake Megunticook, the setting is beautiful, the facilities are first rate, and the overall impact of a week at camp on a child's Christian formation is significant. Plus, it's a blast. I've already been approached by two campers so others who want to go should probably make plans soon. Scholarship help is available as part of the ongoing ministry of St. Luke's ECW, please let me know of your interest.

Lenten Project Achievement!!

The challenge was to raise \$350: \$175 to donate a stove through Episcopal Relief & Development; and \$175 for GracePlace snacks & supplies. Contributions came from all members in many ways, and enough that we are able to donate two stoves as well as met our goal for GracePlace! Thank you for all your support.





BIRTHDAYS during Easter & Pentecost seasons:

May—July



May

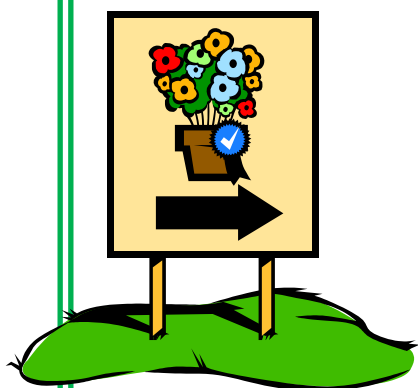
Tom Deschaine (4th)
Virginia Christopoulos (26th)
Bill Berry (28th)
Richard Condon (29th)
Heather Davis (30th)

June

Tony McLaughlin (11th)
Elecia Pillsbury (20th)

July

Sunny Parry (4th)
Carlene Deschaine (16th)



PLANT SALE

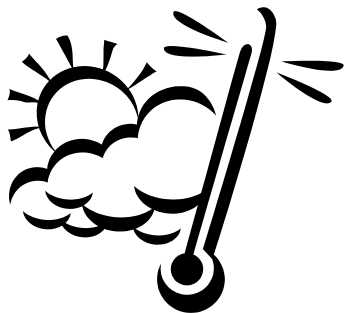
Join us SATURDAY, MAY 18th
9 am — 12 noon

It's time for the ECW plant sale!
Perennials, house plants, small bushes such
as lilacs, and gently used gardening tools,
books, etc. would be welcome for the sale.

**Two gift certificates to Robin's Flowerpot
will be offered as raffle prizes!**

Plants should be dug a week prior to the sale,
as they look better for the sale. Garden owners who
may not be able to dig those plant, Janet O'Neil
would—just call her at 778-3936. We could also use
some empty pots to recycle, just drop them off
outside the kitchen door. Don't forget to volunteer
to help the morning of the sale. Please contact
Jeannine LeVigne, 645-2304 if you can be there to
lend a hand, or if you have any questions.





AS THE WEATHER HEATS UP so does St. Luke's fundraising effort!

Here's a 'quick list' of items or volunteers

we know we will need for each event coming up...please sign up!

MOTHER'S DAY

BAKE SALE:

Baked goods including pies, cookies, breads, rolls, cakes and jams or other goodies. Casseroles and soups are other options.

PLANT SALE:

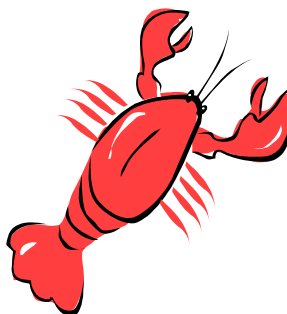


Perennials, houseplants & small bushes like lilacs, empty recyclable flower pots, gently used gardening books, tools & decorative containers or other related items.

LOBSTER ROLLS, JULY & AUGUST:

FARMINGTON — July 26

WILTON BLUEBERRY FESTIVAL — August 2



Volunteers are needed to prep rolls, pre-pack lunch bags, bake brownies, provide rolls, purchase canned & bottled drinks (soda/tea/water), bring in coolers, assist with preparing routes & deliveries, and clean-up.

We also need folks who can run the table at St. Luke's during the Blueberry Festival. People can also help by posting signs and with other publicity ahead of the events. Don't forget to tell your friends and coworkers about all that's coming up at St. Luke's!



Last Day of Sunday School: May 26th
CHURCH SCHOOL RECOGNITION:
Sunday, June 2



CHOIR RECOGNITION:
Sunday, June 23

WECO Meeting —Thursday, June 6th, 8:00 am, at Wilton Methodist Church.

HANNAFORD GIFT CARDS—Summer fun!

Do you know someone who could use convenient gift certificates for summer traveling?

Whether visiting the beach, mountain trails or anywhere in-between,

Hannaford Gift Cards are a simple solution

for picnic, snack & supply shopping during summer fun!

Using the card for regular purchases and gifts benefits the church, as St. Luke's receives 5% of every \$1000 purchased, an easy way to support valued programs at St. Luke's. Please see Tony McLaughlin, Janet O'Neil, or Gwen Doak for information.



FOOD PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED...

Please don't forget our Food Pantry needs over the summer months!

For the month of **May we will be collecting TOOTHPASTE,**

for **June we will collect CANNED TOMATOES,**

and for **July we will collect LIQUID LAUNDRY DETERGENT.**

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

Please bring these items to church with you for the food pantries, thank you!

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Coffee Hour is a ministry of hospitality and fellowship here at St. Luke's.

Please sign up in the kitchen to support this ministry, thank you!

REMINDER: CHURCH LIBRARY CHALLENGE!

Don't forget that this year Justy Nazar has challenged the congregation...

...so select a book from the Church Library & give a quick review!

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Janet O'Neil & John Sytsma

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