



## *St. Luke's Episcopal Church Newsletter*

Lent – Easter 2019

### A Letter from our Rector

This year Easter is April 21<sup>st</sup> which means that we should be able to wear spring outfits and have egg hunts; emphasis on the word should! Last year it was on April 1<sup>st</sup> and the year before that it landed on April 16<sup>th</sup>. So why does Easter move around while Christmas is December 25<sup>th</sup> and has been for at least the mid-fourth century. (That's another interesting story, but it will be told closer to the holiday).

A few weeks ago, Lisa and I were talking about why Easter moves and she Googled it to see if there was an answer on the internet. Sure enough there was and one that is easy to understand.

It follows the calendar of Passover since Jesus' Last Supper was the first night of the Passover. Over the years, the Jewish Passover and Christian Easter have rarely coincided, and the reason is in our Book Of Common Prayer.

Our rule for finding the Date of Easter Day is as follows: *Easter Day is always the Sunday after the full moon that occurs on or after the spring equinox on March 21, a date which is fixed in accordance with an ancient ecclesiastical computation, and which does not always correspond to the astronomical equinox. This full moon may happen on any date between March 21 and April 18 inclusive. If the full moon falls on a Sunday, Easter day is the Sunday following. But Easter day cannot be earlier than March 22 or later than April 25.*

Whew! Got it now? I find it much easier to go to the table on pages 882-3 in the BCP and look it up! It lists the date of Easter Day from 1900-2089. The table on pages 884-5 lists the dates of Ash Wednesday, Ascension Day, Pentecost, the first Proper number after Pentecost, and Advent Sunday. All of these dates are dependent on the date of Easter Day.

So this year Easter is on April 21<sup>st</sup> which means that AW is March 6<sup>th</sup>, Ascension is May 30<sup>th</sup>, Pentecost is June 9<sup>th</sup> and we begin with Proper #7 for June 23<sup>rd</sup> (green season) and lastly, Advent begins December 1<sup>st</sup>. Nothing like having your year planned out for you!

Leap years are taken into account by making adjustments to the tables as mentioned in the fine print at the bottom of the pages.

So there you have it! The answer to your questions about the movement of Easter and subsequent dates are contained in the BCP and the internet.

Now that you possess this knowledge, it's time to get back to the reason for Easter Day. As I like to say to the kids, "If we didn't celebrate Easter, we wouldn't have Christmas". Easter, the day Christ rose from the dead, is why we are who we are; Christians. Jesus overcame death after dying for our sins on the cross. Come to the study during the season on Lent and you will learn about why Jesus did this for us.

Happy Easter!  
Mother Sue+

### **Pellet Heating System Update**

As Senior Warden I would like to speak for the Vestry and bring you up to date on our pellet heating system. It seems we have had nothing but trouble since it was installed in 2015. In the beginning it didn't burn the pellets completely and 3-5 tons more of unexpected pellets had to be ordered. We have had to have continuous service on it, sometimes 2 and 3 times per week. Dirty pellets are a huge problem since we can't use the cleaner bagged pellets because our system has to be silo fed. In 2017, the McLaughlins wrote to the company listing the problems, including a fire, but they received no response! A week ago there was another fire in the boiler and the church was filled with smoke. Thank God for Lisa who called for help! The melt down in the boiler would cost \$700 to repair. Putting all of these problems together along with the expense we have occurred it is the decision of the Vestry to replace this pellet boiler with a propane gas boiler. The cost is \$12,000 which includes installation. A propane boiler will heat independently with little attention, whereas the pellet boiler needs attention consistently every 2 to 3 days. The Diocese stated that this is an emergency and

will loan us the funds immediately. We'll figure out in the near future how to handle the loan, insurance or any compensation. Our thanks to Lisa for saving our church on both occasions!

Blessings! Brenda

## Ashes-to-Go



We will continue to have Ashes-to-Go—our fifth year—in downtown Wilton (9 am) and Farmington (Noon) for one hour each.

Anyone from the community wishing to have the imposition of ashes and a prayer, may stop by. If you would like to volunteer to stand with Mother Sue, please let her know you will be there.

"Remember, man, that dust thou art, and unto dust thou shalt return.

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## Sunday School Lenten Project



This year St. Luke's Sunday School Lenten project will focus on the Matri Sneha's orphanage for disabled children in Kolkata (formerly Calcutta) West Bengal, India. Both Max and Mason Labonte were adopted from there. One of their great needs now is for 20 children to receive physical therapy twice a week for a year. Our church family will take on raising \$480.00 to supply PT for three children for a year. Kristy has the names/photos of a girl and 2 boys. If we raise more, I'm sure we can add another child. Kristy Labonte has loaned us many items from India and we will do a few special things as the project progresses.

~Justy Nazar, Christian Ed Director

## Lent and Holy Week Schedule



- ~Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on March 5 at 5:30 pm
- ~Ashes-to-Go in downtown on March 6 in Wilton at 9 am and downtown Farmington at noon.
- ~Traditional Ash Wednesday worship service at 6:30 pm
- ~Palm Sunday Service, April 14 at 9:30 am includes procession with palms and reading of the Passion
- ~On Maundy Thursday, April 18, there will be a Christian

Seder dinner at 5 pm followed by a 7:00 pm service which will include the foot washing ceremony.

~Good Friday, April 19, will be an ecumenical service held at St. Luke's with details to be announced in the next couple of weeks.

~Stripping of the Altar by Altar guild on Holy Saturday

~Ecumenical Easter sunrise service on Voter Hill—exact time and instructions TBA.

~Easter morning service at St. Luke's is at 9:30 where we begin the celebration of Jesus' resurrection! Followed by an Easter Egg Hunt for the children

## Update on our partner St. Luc's Trou du Nord, Haiti

The people of Haiti need our prayers. You may have heard on the news the great unrest there now, with people protesting increased prices of fuel and food and demanding the resignation of the president. Because of the violence, markets are closed and it is difficult to get from one place to another.

Father Tim Boggs, rector of our co-partner, St. Alban's Church in Cape Elizabeth, has been in touch with St. Luc's former priest, Pere Sadoni, and their new rector, Pere Michel. "It is very bad," Pere Sadoni said. From Pere Michel he learned that Trou du Nord has been relatively safe so far, with the church continuing to hold worship services and the school holding classes. However, some of the teachers have not been able to make it to work because of disruptions in traffic.

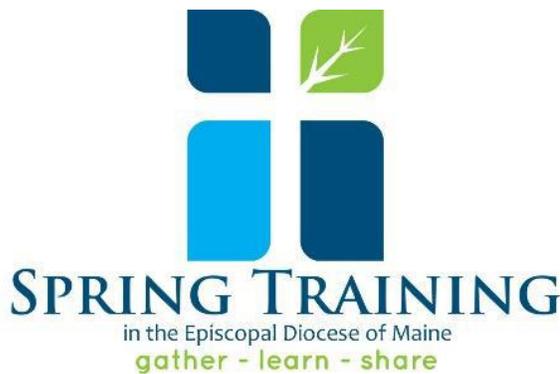
Before this outbreak of violence, St. Luc's was doing well, with Pere Michel, working hard to continue the good work Pere Sadoni had started.

A few people from St. Alban's will not be making the visit to St. Luc's they had planned for this month, but are hoping they can go in a month or two. They would welcome anyone from our St. Luke's to go with them.

~Emily Scribner

## He Chose the Nails

Our study during Lent will be a video discussion by Max Lucado. We did the first study in the series at Advent, "Because of Bethlehem" and learned why Jesus was born. This second series is about what God did to win our hearts. Jesus was a gift from God, one that God chose to give to us without any thought of our ability to reciprocate. That's good because we can't possibly give God a gift that would match his. Our only response is to accept and believe. Have questions? Come to the study at 9am, Tuesdays 3/12, 19, 26, 4/2,9.



### SAVE THE DATE:

**Saturday, April 27**

**9:30 am to 3:30 pm at**

**South Parish Congregational Church in Augusta**

For the fourth year, the diocese will offer a free day of 22 new workshops for clergy and lay people to choose from. **This year,**

**our theme is "Walking the Way of Love".** We will begin our day with a coffee hour, followed by three sessions of workshops with breaks for a lunch, worship and an address from Bishop Steve. This is a great opportunity to see old friends and make new connections with folks from all around the diocese. Registration (details coming soon) is required by Easter.

## EASTER ALTAR FLOWERS



As in years past, we will decorate the altar for Easter. If you would like to remember a loved one, please include their name(s) on this form and return to the church office. Please also include your name and phone number or email in case we have questions.

*Donations and listings should be sent to the church office (or place in the collection plate) no later than **Sunday, April 15** for inclusion in the bulletin, thank you.*

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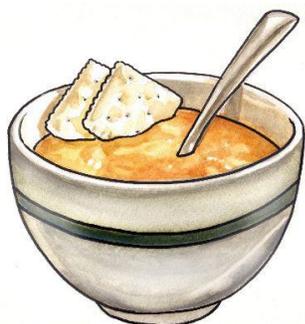
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## Ladies Luncheon

The St. Luke's ladies decided that if the men met for breakfast, we should start meeting for lunch. The first Ladies Luncheon was held October 15<sup>th</sup> at Farmington D. There were 10 in attendance and it was decided that we would meet every 6 or 7 weeks and decided to meet on December 3<sup>rd</sup> at the church. We held a potluck lunch and did a Yankee Swap gift exchange. There were 9 in attendance and we had great food, fun and fellowship. The next ladies luncheon date will be at the beginning of March and the date and details will be announced in the bulletin as soon as it has been finalized. All ladies are welcome to attend whenever your schedule allows, there is no time commitment required to attend the lunch. Feel free to call Mary Kalel for any further information at 508-341-8408.

## Chowder Fundraiser



**March 15, 4:30 – 6:30 pm** In August, when Joe, the owner of Free Range Fish & Lobster in Portland, heard of Tony McLaughlin's passing, he called me to express his condolences to both Tony's family and St. Luke's Family. He also thanked me for continuing to use his company as our lobster supplier for our annual Lobster Roll Lunch Fundraiser. I told him how much we had made on the fundraiser and what a huge help the amount of money is to our very small parish. Without pause, he offered to donate enough fish or haddock if we wanted to have a chowder supper in memory of Tony. I took his idea to the vestry and it was decided to have a chowder supper and that we'll also offer corn chowder as an option for vegetarians and people with seafood allergies, pickles, crackers and gingerbread with whipped cream for dessert. I let Joe know that we would accept his offer and that we were going to have the supper on a Friday in March, during Lent. Carolyn and I will be working on finalizing more details and getting the information to you as soon as possible. March 15<sup>th</sup> is only 2 weeks away so please be watching for more details and the sign-up list for volunteers and donations. Information will be in the e-witness, the bulletins, announced in church and Lisa will be handling the advertising for us.

## Lobster Roll Fundraiser

**Farmington Delivery Friday, July 26<sup>th</sup>**

**Blueberry Festival Sale and Delivery Friday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>**

As I write this, the forecast is calling for another 5" to 6" of snow tonight into tomorrow. I'm more than happy to write about summer activities, somehow making them feel like the not too distant future! Most of you are aware that this is our biggest fundraiser of the year and last year we raised \$4708. This is a fundraiser that gives everyone a chance to take part in one way or another. Volunteer opportunities range from donating Coke, Diet Coke, Ice Tea, Bottled Water, baking brownies at home (this year we will be using plain brownies, NO NUTS), helping with advertising by handing out flyers to all local business 2-3 days before each sale, helping to chop up lobster on Thursday morning before each sale, gathering early each Friday morning to stuff the lobster salad into the rolls and box them, delivery drivers/drivers helpers, sorting orders and organizing the routes and helping with sales for the Blueberry Festival date. This year we'll be needing at least more driver/helper for each delivery and 2 more adults for the Blueberry Festival Sale in the front of the church from 10:00a.m. through 1:30p,m, The volunteer sign-up sheets will go up on the bulletin board by the coffee hour table at the beginning of June.

Between now and then please give prayerful consideration to where your talents can best serve this fundraiser this year. The event will be co-chaired by Mary Kalel and Michelle Ouellette again this year. Feel free to speak to either one of them if you have any questions regarding the Lobster Roll Fundraiser.

~Mary Kalel

## Youth Group

Due to winter weather and illness, we have not been meeting on a regular basis. Hopefully, we will be able to get a sledding party together during the month of March. As of this writing, (2/20), our lawns in Jay have about 2 feet of snow with higher piles of snow along the driveway. Plenty of snow for sledding!

## Prayer Table

The Prayer Table will resume later in April and warmer weather is here to stay. The table will be renamed, "Listen, Love and Pray" and located in front of Life's Perks on Wednesday mornings at 9am.



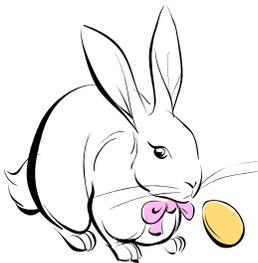
Since 1977, people from the Farmington area have gathered for a simple Easter Sunrise Service on Voter Hill.

Join others in this peaceful service accompanied by an ecumenical ensemble and singing group. A program is provided. If you would like to participate by reading or playing music, you can speak with Irene Berry who is on the committee. Sunrise on April 21<sup>st</sup> will be at 5:40. Of course, get there a little early to gather in silence. The service lasts about 30 minutes. Dress warmly!



***Would you like a simple way to support the church?*** Hannaford Gift Cards are a simple solution! *Using the card for regular purchases and gifts benefits the church, as St. Luke's receives 5% of every \$1000 purchased. Please see Carolyn McLaughlin for yours!*

## **Easter Egg Hunt at St. Luke's!**



Children enjoy an egg hunt inside the church immediately following the 9:30 am service on Easter Sunday. Bring the family and enjoy Easter day at St. Luke's!



*Dear March — Come in —  
How glad I am —  
I hoped for you before —*

*Put down your Hat —  
You must have walked —  
How out of Breath you are —  
Dear March, Come right up the stairs with me —  
I have so much to tell —*

*I got your Letter, and the Birds —  
The Maples never knew that you were coming — till I called  
I declare — how Red their Faces grew —  
But March, forgive me — and  
All those Hills you left for me to Hue —  
There was no Purple suitable —  
You took it all with you —*

*Who knocks? That April.  
Lock the Door —  
I will not be pursued —  
He stayed away a Year to call  
When I am occupied —  
But trifles look so trivial  
As soon as you have come*

*That Blame is just as dear as Praise  
And Praise as mere as Blame —  
~By Emily Dickinson*

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