



MARCH 2014

Light in the Shadows

"Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven." Matt. 5: 16



St. Luke's Annual Maple Fest Dinner & Raffle To Benefit PINS

The PINS Maple Fest Dinner/Raffle will be Saturday, **March 22**, starting at **6:00 p.m.** in **Willard Hall**, the same weekend as the Vermont Maple Open House. PINS (Partners in Service) mission statement is to promote the well-being and successful development of children and youth served by Vermont's Agency of Human Services Department of Children and Families through creating and supporting partnerships between faith communities and human service organizations. The Maple Fest dinner is our only PINS fundraiser each year.

The dinner menu will be everything maple, a touch here and there, nothing overwhelming. Ham with a maple-bourbon sauce will be the main entree with scalloped potatoes, squash, crucifer salad, baked beans and pumpkin muffins. A choice of wines will be available to those who wish to enjoy some with their dinner. The selection of desserts includes: apple, maple cream, cranberry-nut and pecan pies; and carrot-date, chocolate and cheesecakes. **Reservations for the dinner can be made by calling Ruth or Norm Harrison at 875-2784.**

Once again there will be a raffle which for either \$1 a ticket or \$5 for 6 tickets one can choose the item(s) they wish to win. Last year there were over 30 raffle items and we are hoping to offer a great variety this year. We are looking for donations for the raffle and anything is acceptable. Please call Marcia Clinton at 875-3531 regarding your donation.

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Christ Our Passover

"...Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed for us..."

In our liturgical tradition, these words are so familiar that it is easy to not even hear them when the priest holds up the consecrated host and declares God's gift to us in Jesus Christ. But, what does it mean? Christ is our Passover? What does Passover have to do with Jesus? What the dickens is "The Lamb of God"—a new recipe that should include a lot of garlic?



All kidding aside (for the moment, at least), this treasured language reflects our deep understanding as Christians not only of our link to Jewish tradition (i.e. Passover), but also of our understanding of God's love that sought a new way to connect and live among us as one of us. God Incarnate: Fully human. Fully divine.

"Sometimes the Holy Spirit troubles our hearts for a reason and I am always learning that I need to pay better attention to those moments rather than simply ignore them..."

—Rev. Carole Wageman

This is language that is part of our Holy Meal—something we do not take lightly—something that we grow into each time we celebrate it together as the Body of Christ. It is sacred to us and while we might not always understand its mysteries, we do believe that when Jesus says he will show up among us in our Holy Meal, he does just that.

Now, this is not meant to offer a theological treatise on the ontological and Christological interpretation of the Eucharist (Wow...I have now exhausted my "seminary speak" in one sentence!) I am writing about this because there is a unique activity at St. Luke's that we need to understand more deeply. That "something" is St. Luke's annual Passover Seder Feast that is a joy for this congregation and highly anticipated each year. It is something that is well attended and held up as an occasion about which people are very proud and yet, it makes me more than slightly uncomfortable.

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From the Senior Warden

God Welcomed Me

I was 12 when I began attending the big suburban church in Denver by myself. God wasn't a concept in my house, and we didn't go to church, so I went to the youth group with a friend. I was fascinated by the Bible stories, and soon I went to the Sunday services, and then the weekly catechism classes that would prepare me for baptism and confirmation. I pinned a white lace doily on my head and fell in love with God and Jesus with all the fervor of a lonely adolescent, and the idea that I could become a member of The Church with people who cared about me and welcomed me made me feel wonder and joy.



Six months later, I was baptized on Saturday, standing up and embarrassed that I hadn't been baptized as an infant, and very nervous about the confirmation examination by the Bishop the next day. It was powerful to realize that God now knew my name. On the Sunday of my confirmation, my mother—who to my knowledge had never been in a church in her life—sat beside me. She had confided that she'd been raised an Episcopalian as she had braided my hair that morning, and I knew God smiled.

*God's Blessings,
Kathryn*



Annual Maple Fest Dinner & Raffle To Benefit PINS

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To make this 6th annual Maple Fest a success we are dependent on volunteers to either do some easy baking, assist with waiting on tables or help with clean-up. We had a great turnout for volunteers last year and all had fun participating, so give a call to Marcia to place your name on the volunteer list.

Last year PINS made donations to the Department of Children and Families at Easter time with dinners for three families, items for kids attending summer camp, over 50 back-to-school backpacks filled with school supplies. There is a great need for this partnership of PINS so join us for an entertaining evening while we raise funds for this cause.

—Marcia Clinton

Christ Our Passover

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You see, while this event of the St. Luke's Passover associates us with a heritage to which we have some connection (i.e. our Jewish roots as Christians), the truth is that the Passover is the most sacred meal for our Jewish brothers and sisters and we run the danger as Christians of appearing to "co-opt" this sacred ritual when we host a Passover and invite our Jewish brothers and sisters to their own Holy Meal. As stated in the guidelines for Christians from the Passover booklet that is used each year: *"We do not come to the seder as we do to a history lesson or to a restaging of the last supper of Jesus. We come to the seder as guests when it is celebrated by Jews."*¹

Passover is the rich Jewish foundational spiritual story and while Christianity evolved from Jewish roots, I suspect most Christians would identify a different spiritual event as our foundational story. For myself, I root myself spiritually in the Crucifixion-Resurrection, not the story of the Exodus.

Sometimes the Holy Spirit troubles our hearts for a reason and I am always learning that I need to pay better attention to those moments rather than simply ignore them because I might not want to offend anyone. To that end, I began searching out conversations with this year's leaders of the Passover Seder, along with our clergy, and anyone else whose ear I could bend, in order to try and understand how we might use this event to deepen our understanding of who we are as the Body of Christ and how we can be more faithful in what we do with Holy Meals. This was not a committee per se at work that you knew nothing about—this has been an ongoing conversation with existing leadership aimed at "Rector Enlightenment," the outcome of which has offered some promising adult formational opportunities during Lent. (See "Lenten Series" inset on page 3.)

I deeply appreciate the ways in which we have been able to listen to each other and hold very differing views together. It has helped us discern a way forward through a spiritual "activity" around which Christians should tread lightly out of respect and consideration for our Jewish brothers and sisters. My hope is that we will better understand what we are doing in this type of activity and why we are doing it. It is one of the best reflections of how the people of St. Luke's take on difficult subjects and 'rassle with them—much like Jacob wrestling with an angel (another story from our Hebrew scriptural heritage.)

*Blessings,
Rev. Carole*

¹ Klenicki, Rabbi Leon and Klenicki, Myra Cohen The Passover Celebration: A Haggadah for the Seder (Liturgy Training Publications and Anti-Defamation League 1980) p 7

St. Luke's 2014 "Lenten Learning Series"

As a result of the discussions that Rev. Carole has initiated with some of the leadership at St. Luke's (see this month's "Rector Column" on pages 1-2) ...a five-part **Lenten Learning Series** beginning on the first Sunday of Lent, **March 9** and concluding on the fifth Sunday of Lent, **April 6** with a **Seder Meal**. The first four sessions will be held in Willard Hall after 'Coffee Hour' winds down: **11:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m.** and will cover the following topics:

I March 9 –The Story of Exodus from Egypt ...how did the Hebrews get to be slaves in Egypt in the first place? How far back do we have to go to understand the Passover story?

II March 16 – The Story of Oppression & Liberation found in Exodus and how this has impacted African people and particularly slaves in our country's history. Do you know the gospel song: "Go down Moses?" ...well, guess what that song sings about!

III March 23 – The Flow of a Seder Service —what are the parts of the service and what do they mean?

IV March 30 – The Meaning of the Food and the content of the ritual meal.

V April 6 – The Seder Meal. This educational series concludes with a **Seder Meal** on **Sunday, April 6 at 6:00 p.m.** in Willard Hall. This is a change from the past since we are preserving Palm Sunday (April 13) as the beginning of our own Holy Week and are choosing to keep that distinct.

Note: We are still lining up the leadership and filling in the blanks so more information will be forthcoming in the Sunday Bulletins and on St. Luke's Webpage. So stay tuned.

Fear Not

I wonder if fear is not our main obstacle to prayer. When we enter into the presence of God and start to sense the huge reservoir of fear inside us, we want to run away into the many distractions that our busy world offers so abundantly. But we shouldn't be afraid of our fears. We can confront them, give words to them, cry out to God and lead our fears into the presence of the One who says, "Don't be afraid. It is I." —*Henri J.M. Nouwen*

In God's Time

Another deadline seems to be always in the background of MDC activities. As of this writing the Ministry Discernment Committee was scheduled to meet with Bishop Ely, Canon Bates and the Vestry to review our Transition Portfolio. That meeting had to be rescheduled since our responses to the 12 Questions were still under review. Thanks to the parish comments we asked for and received, more time was needed to incorporate the clear and consistent comments coming from you all. I personally want to thank those of you who did take the time to either speak, call, write or email us. You were thankful for our hard work and thoughtful in your prayerful and honest suggestions.

The discernment process we have tried to follow from the beginning is to be open and honest with each other. It has required hard work, many hours of meetings, as well as hours of writing, discussing and then rewriting. As always, our goal is to truly reflect who we are as a body of Christ so that we will have spoken to prospective rectors who will feel in their heart of hearts, this is the church I am being called by God to serve at this time in my life and theirs. It is God and the Holy Spirit at work when this happens, because the next rector will have gone through the same inward looking and prayerful process we have gone through.

All this happens in God's time. In the meantime, please keep each and everyone of our committee members in your prayers.

*Your Brother in Christ,
Lew Watters, MDC Chairman*



In Like The Spirit

In many places, March is notoriously windy: "In like a lion ...!" Though I don't like the damp chill that's often part of the transition to spring, I love windy days. Something about the air's movement—a gentle breeze or ferocious gale blowing through trees, against the house, in my hair—breeds excitement in me, anticipation that something new is astir.

How fitting that in conversation with Nicodemus, Jesus said, "The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit" (John 3:8, NRSV). Like Nicodemus, we fail to comprehend the Spirit of God. But Jesus reminds us that though we can't see the Spirit, we feel his love, see his actions of justice and hear his sounds. These include kind words, bold preaching, weeping for another, shared laughter and songs of praise. —*Heidi Mann*

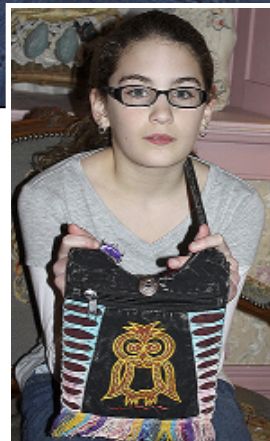


Tea and Cookies Could Never Be Better...A St. Luke's Profile

I was delighted when Amy and Ross Jones were willing to share their story with us over tea and cookies last week on their one afternoon off. What I knew was I would not be interviewing two people—it would be four. Lily and Noah have been fixtures in Church School since Advent, so naturally we have become buddies of sorts. More about that later on.

Ross was born in 1973 in Springfield, VT, another March treasure. He has two younger sisters, Tracey and Corrie. Amy, as the result of her Dad's draft for the Vietnam War, was born in Warner Robins, GA on the Air Force Base in October of 1975. The family moved back to their hometown of Meriden, CT in 1976. She has a younger sister, Abby. Ross, a hometown boy, played soccer, basketball and baseball, but his favorite was baseball and he played seriously on the varsity team all through high school. He had the good fortune to attend the culinary program at River Valley Technical Center that lead him to the food field when in graduated from Green Mountain Union High School in 1991. Off he went to the New England Culinary Institute in Montpelier, VT and enjoyed a two-year internship in Vail, Colorado. After graduating in 1994 he returned to his hometown and became the chef at The Inn of Long Last, a position he held until it closed.

Interesting how an event in young years can set a path. Amy wanted to be an illustrator. She won a poster contest for bus safety in sixth grade, and met Tomi DePaola, a popular children's book author and illustrator. As a result, the poster was printed on all the tray liners at CT McDonalds. Amy attended Orville H. Platt High School in Meriden. There she lived in the art room when she wasn't playing the flute, alto sax or practicing and playing piano. She lettered in band, and upon graduation in 1993 enrolled at the University of Hartford, Hartford Art School in West Hartford. She was an illustration major and some of her dreams came true with an indelible mark. She interned one year with The Bushnell Theater, Partners Program, teaching art at eight inner city schools in Hartford, bringing all her talents and interests together, especially music and art, but theater as well, and graduated with a B.F.A. in 1997. In her mid-teens, Amy worked at her parents' restaurant, The Ebb Tide in Yalesville, CT. The Szawerda family moved to Vermont in the summer of 1994,



purchasing The Greenleaf Inn and opening their restaurant, Ye Old Bradford Tavern. The Fullerton Inn opened under their ownership in 1998.

It was Abby who made Amy aware of who the handsome guys in Chester were. After a brief stint working in Keene, NH, Ross returned to Chester to become the chef at the Fullerton. Amy was working there and so their interest in one another grew. They were married at St. Luke's on June 26, 1999. About then, Amy become the

art teacher at the Cavendish Town Elementary School and served on the board of The Green Mountain Festival Series. When the Fullerton was sold in 2003, Ross became the chef at 56 Main Street Restaurant in Springfield where Amy has been manager of the family business since 2005 on top of being a teacher and supportive mother. In September of 2013, Ross became the Director of Dining Services at The Quechee Club. Amy's interests remain reading and she enjoys photography and scrap booking. Give Ross golf clubs. The family shops together, but Ross is the primary cook.

The Jones' treasures, Lily, 11 and in fifth grade and Noah, 8, and in second grade at Chester-Andover Elementary School. Here my interviewing skills soared. Lily loves to read and her favorite book is *The Hunger Games*. Her pre-Olympic swimming career began at age five, and she has been a member of the CT River Valley Stingrays Swim Team for six years, favoring the freestyle stroke. When she isn't reading, she is playing the piano or flute (sound like Mom?) and plays basketball for the Lady Reds, at CAES. Mr. Noah is very serious about Tae Kwon Do and a green belt at the Twin State Black Belt Academy in Springfield. Like his dad, he enjoys soccer, basketball and baseball. He too loves to read and his favorite series is *Diary of a Wimpy Kid and Stink*. What struck me was Noah's interest in our icicles and he, like a science scholar, explained how they form with wind and natural forces. He does like playing outside, going to the movies, and spending time with the family. He is on top of his creation for the upcoming LEGO contest. In summers the Jones do a get-away to a camper on Lake Sunapee and enjoy swimming, nature, and each other. Both children were perked by Silvio and his two visiting buddies. We always catch up on their cat, Spider. And Noah is working on a LEGO image and photographed Lily's owl purse with Lew's camera. Lily is interested in my nature series of dolls, and in fact, is writing a story about new doll Miranda, the mermaid, meeting LEGO man!

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Amy, raised Catholic and Ross unchurched, experienced disappointing efforts at three churches to marry the two in 1999. Andrew Osmun welcomed them and they remain grateful and blessed. Again when it was time for baptism for the two children, in 2003 and 2006, the Jones experienced the same turnoff. Back to St. Luke's they came to have Paul Brannock-Wanter say yes, of course, I will do the honors! Now with Church School booming, the Jones family is so happy to be back in our welcoming community where Amy has assisted with other teachers and the children are soaring. Lily loves communion and the craft activities. Noah is watching, listening and growing more comfortable about sharing his talents. While here at our house, the children decided to be good stewards and make sand snakes for door drafts for the tower doors at St. Luke's. Lily suggested we do them in church seasonal colors so watch for the purple snake! They are applying ministry to their learning.

Let it be known that St. Luke's welcomes the Jones Family with open arms, and they are pleased and happy to be present, active and receiving our love.—*Bonnie Watters*

March Church School Schedule

- March 2 The Transfiguration; Leader: Ellie Pennell
- March 9 Meeting the Ministers: Leader: Bonnie Watters
Guest: Usher, John DesLauriers
Activity: Making "Welcome Cards"
- March 16 Introduction to Lent; Leader: Polly Montgomery
Activities: Puzzle Card assembling & some aspect of Jesus' life.
- March 23 Giving Back To God; Leader: Sean Whalen
Activity: Music & Scripture Exploration
- March 30 The Story of Blind Bartimaeus: Leader: Polly Montgomery. Activity: TBD



Bill Hoyt, guest "Meet the Ministers" of St. Luke's, at the Church School lesson on "Stewardship." Here the children are creating some artwork to attach to UTO boxes.

Vestry February Meeting Highlights

Focus Topic: Maintenance. Andrew Pennell, speaking for himself and Richard Crocker as the two Junior Wardens charged with maintenance responsibilities, brought up the practical difficulties of attention to both short-term problems and long-term matters in view of Richard's illness and Andrew's work-related travel demands. The bottom line is that a committee (likely called either Property or Buildings and Grounds) will be formed to handle the day-to-day problems, such as snow shoveling, hanging of the billboards in Willard Hall, changing of simple light bulbs, etc. Senior Warden, Kathryn Wright, will seek volunteers for that new committee. Members of another new committee for the Greening of the Church will be sought for the 2014 Christmas season.

Andrew will take charge of the strategic, more long-term issues whose study, improvements, inspections, etc., can be scheduled around his traveling. Those items include overseeing the safety systems, heating systems, major building repairs, and initiating an energy study to determine where and what insulation should be installed in order to better manage heating evenness and costs. Andrew stressed that there are no imminent dangers to the church. Certain other legacy maintenance items are presently being addressed. For instance, Sanford Johnson is overseeing the project to replace and install new ceiling lights in Willard Hall.

Treasurer Position. Sally Hoover is working with Bonnie Johnson to effect a smooth transition as Bonnie takes over as Treasurer.

Office Machines. The Vestry authorized Bill Hoyt to spend up to \$200 to replace the present broken printer. (As of this writing, the Diocese has approved a grant to help replace the present office computer with a new one having better capacity and up-to-date software.)

Parochial Report for 2013. Rev. Carole Wageman and Treasurer Sally Hoover have completed their portions so the report can be sent to the National Church by the March 1 deadline. The average number of regular attendees at the two Sunday services is 48. (Starting in early 2014, the winter attendance upstairs in the heated church at both the 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. services is up over services held downstairs in Willard Hall during the winter months of 2013.)

Search Process. A joint meeting with the Ministry Discernment Committee, Vestry, Bishop, and Diocesan Companions is scheduled for Thursday February 27 to discuss any changes to the Parish Portfolio required by the Diocese before posting can begin.

—*Lillian Willis, Secretary/Clerk*

The Outreach Corner

Colorful Felt Toys Made For Operation Christmas Child

Thank you to everybody who has been saving the recyclable items for us to make toys and games from! We can still use as many covers of any size, shape, and colors.

Lots of whimsical, little felt animals were made at the Operation Christmas Child workshop held at St. Luke's in February. They are really fast and easy to make and will be sure to bring smiles of joy to the children who will receive them (see photo below.) A special note of gratitude to Marcia Clinton for donating the felt for these colorful toys..

Again I thank you for all helping us fill lots of shoeboxes. We can use any kind of new toy, clothing, or game items to fill the shoeboxes up with either homemade or store bought. If you have any questions, contact me at (802) 369-9063. —Cindy



APRIL LITS DEADLINE:

👉 **MARCH 21st**

Send announcements, articles,
photos, etc. to:

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Lent Madness 2014

Stay tuned for this year's Sainly Smackdown due to begin on "Ash Thursday," March 6th. **Lent Madness** is the 2010 brainchild of the Rev. Tim Schenck, an Episcopal priest and rector of St. John's Church in Hingham, Mass. Schenck came up with this unique Lenten devotion as a fun, engaging way for people to learn about the men and women who make up the church's calendar of saints. Loosely based on the NCAA basketball tournament, Lent Madness pits 32 saints against one another in a single-elimination bracket.

Here's how it works: on the weekdays of Lent information is posted at www.lentmadness.org about two different saints. Each pairing remains open for 24 hours as participants read about and then vote to determine which saint moves on to the next round. Sixteen saints make it to the Round of the Sainly Sixteen; eight advance to the Round of the Elate Eight; four make it to the Faithful Four; two to the Championship; and the winner is awarded the coveted Golden Halo.

The first round consists of basic biographical information about each of the 32 saints. Things get a bit more interesting in the subsequent rounds as we offer quotes and quirks, explore legends, and even move into the area of saintly kitsch. It's fun, it's informative, it's the saintly smack down! This year Lent Madness features an intriguing slate of saints ancient and modern, Biblical and ecclesiastical. The 2014 heavyweights include Thomas Merton, Catherine of Siena, J.S. Bach, David of Wales, John Wesley, Harriet Beecher Stowe, and Joseph of Arimathea.

The full bracket is online at the Lent Madness website: www.lentmadness.org if you care to play online or you could just follow along through Lent with weekly Lent Madness bracket updates each week presented by your very own Interim Rector, the Rev. Carole Wageman (who, unfortunately, is not a sports aficionado).

If you're looking for a Lenten discipline that is fun, educational, occasionally goofy, and always joyful, join the Lent Madness journey. Lent needn't be all doom and gloom. After all, what could be more joyful than a season specifically set aside to get closer to God?

Saturday Night Supper

It wasn't the Olympics, but we had nine participants or winners including a couple who attend the First Universalist Parish and are grandparents. The Meyer Family came with games, sassy pizza pans and lots of enthusiasm. In fact, Chris and Kat asked about doing another game night before our May Astronomy night, and we are checking out menus and dates. Steve & Laurel really enjoyed interacting with Zoe and Evelyn and the pizzas and sundaes were great.—Bonnie Watters

Join Us For Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper!

St. Luke's annual **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper** takes place on Tuesday, **March 4, 5:30 p.m.** in **Willard Hall**. It is a wonderful family tradition always held on the Tuesday evening prior Ash Wednesday—when the forty days of Lent officially begin on our church's liturgical calendar.

Featherlight pancakes, topped with pure Vermont maple syrup and served with savory sausages and fruit salad complete the simple menu for the night. Donations of fresh and canned fruit are always welcome. Please be sure to invite your friends and neighbors to come and join us in this fun night. There is no charge but a freewill offering basket will be on each table. See you on March 4th!

Ash Wednesday Services at St. Luke's

Ash Wednesday, the seventh Wednesday before Easter Sunday, is the first day of the Season of Lent. Its name comes from the ancient practice of placing ashes on worshippers' heads or foreheads as a sign of humility before God, a symbol of mourning and sorrow at the death that sin brings into the world. It not only prefigures the mourning at the death of Jesus, but also places the worshipper in a position to realize the consequences of sin. Ash Wednesday is a somber day of reflection on what needs to change in our lives if we are to be fully Christian. On Ash Wednesday, the "imposition of ashes" is symbolic of that attitude of penitence reflected in the Lord's prayer: "forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us" (Luke 11:4, NRSV)¹

Imposition of Ashes and the Penitential Order of Holy Eucharist Service, will be held at St. Luke's Church on **Wednesday, March 5, 8:00 a.m.** (with the Rev. Ian Montgomery) and again at **6:30 p.m.** (with the Rev. Sanford R. Johnson, officiating.) Join us as we begin our Lenten journey.

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2014 Ecumenical Lenten Services

The Chester Ministerium extends a warm invitation to everyone in Chester and the surrounding communities to join their Brothers and Sisters in Christ for a series of Lenten Worship Services on **Wednesday Evenings** beginning at **7:00 p.m.** Our theme for this year's "*Series is the life of Christ from Palm Sunday through the Crucifixion.*" Mark the dates on your calendar and join us! A free-will offering will be received during each service to allow the Chester Ministerium to continue to be a blessing to our community. Fellowship & Refreshments immediately following each service. See schedule below:

- **March 12 7:00 p.m. at Congregational Church of Chester**
Speaker: Pastor Tom Charlton Topic: *Palm Sunday*
- **March 19 7:00 p.m. at Renewed Life in Jesus Church**
Speaker: Rev. Carole Wageman Topic: *Judas' Betrayal*
- **March 26 7:00 p.m. at Chester Baptist Church**
Speaker: Pastor Daryl Martens Topic: *The High Priestly Prayer*
- **April 2 7:00 p.m. at St. Luke's Episcopal Church**
Speaker: Pastor Rick Blaisdell Topic: *Peter's Denial at the Trial*
- **April 9 7:00 p.m. at Andover Community Church**
Speaker: Pastor Susan Moody Topic: *The Crucifixion*

☛ **A Special Note:** The **April 2nd Lenten Service** will be held at St. Luke's Church so we are in need some of our talented cooks to volunteer to make finger foods and other tasty goodies for the fellowship time following the service. Please let Bonnie Watters (875-2114) know what you can bring



Meetings & Events

WEEKLY

• **Lunch Bunch Book Study:**

Mondays, Noon-1:15PM in Willard Hall for a bag lunch & discussion. We are reading "*The Lessons of Saint Francis*," by John Michael Talbot. All are welcome to join us.

• **St. Luke's Choir Rehearsal:**

Sundays 9:15AM in the sanctuary. We always welcome new members. No experience needed, just a love of singing. Please speak to Jacob McLaughlin, our new church musician if you have an interest or want more information.

• **Lenten Ecumenical Services:**

Wednesdays, March 12, 19, & 26th; April 2 & 9th. at 7:00PM. See the complete schedule listed at bottom of this page for information about locations, speakers and topics.

• **St. Luke's Lenten Series:**

Sundays, March 9, 16, 23 & 30th in Willard Hall, following coffee hour: **11:45-12:30PM.** Concluding with a **Seder Meal** on **April 6.** (See the inset on page 3 for more details.)

LESS THAN WEEKLY

• **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper:**

Tuesday, March 4, 5:30PM in Willard Hall. No charge. (Freewill offering.) Canned and fresh fruit donations are welcomed. Invite friends & neighbors. See article on this page.

• **Ash Wednesday Services:**

Wednesday, March 5, at 8:00AM & 6:30 PM, in the Sanctuary. Imposition of Ashes and the Penitential Order of Holy Eucharist at both services. See article on this page for details.

• **Monthly Vestry Meeting:**

Monday, March 10 in Willard Hall. **6:30PM** Bible Study; **7:00PM** Regular Meeting Agenda. The focus topic will be "Outreach." All parishioners are welcome to attend.

We struggle to hear God's voice in many ways, but perhaps the answer lies in doing away with our own activity and letting God speak in the "sheer silence."
—Forward Day By Day, 8/7/2011



MARCH CELEBRATIONS



Birthdays:

7	Polly Montgomery	17	Meghan Guerra
8	Janet Hunter	17	Norm Harrison
8	Lew Watters	17	William Scarlett
9	Ross Jones	21	Sam Crocker
10	John (Doc) Sexton	23	Jack Dowd
17	Jessica Dakin	31	Bill Dakin

Anniversaries:

12 Jim & Joan Sullivan



Reminder: Set your clocks "ahead" on Saturday night, March 8th!

**"St. Luke's
is an
intentional
Christian
community,
deepening faith
and
broadening
love."**

✠ WORSHIP SCHEDULE ✠

Mar. 2 LAST EPIPHANY

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I
10:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Mar. 9 I LENT

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I
10:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Mar. 16 II LENT

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I
10:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Mar. 23 III LENT

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I
10:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Mar. 30 IV LENT (REJOICE/ROSE SUNDAY)

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I
10:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II

☛ **Church School: 10:00 a.m.** Begins in the Church with parents, then children proceed to Willard Hall after the Collect of the Day.

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