



# Light in the Shadows

SEPTEMBER 2013

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

## Sharing The Peace

**"Peace be with you!" "And also with you!"**



Say what? If you are like me, these words roll off the tongue easily and quickly without thinking twice about any deeper meaning. Kind of like the response one hears to the question: *"How are you?"* Response: *"Fine."* When actually, the respondent might be anything but fine.

For the past few months, our Worship Committee has been discussing the issue of how we "pass the peace" at our Sunday worship. Although it is a wonderfully joyful time to connect as a community of faith, it does run the risk of leaving the visitor unintentionally excluded not to mention how tempting it is to get in a quick word, question or message that sometimes can feel a bit like a warm up for coffee hour.

Our committee decided to begin doing some education around this tradition of "passing the peace" and below is some valuable reflections from our Lutheran Church sisters and brothers that certainly applies to us Enthusiastic Episcopalians in the pew! These excerpts from, "What is the Exchange of Peace?"<sup>1</sup> can be read in the fuller article at the referenced link.

"For some people, the moments in the liturgy following the prayers of the church are awkward ones. The presiding minister offers these words: 'The peace of Christ be with you always.' The congregation responds 'And also with you.' The members of the congregation are then invited to 'share the peace' with one another. What does that really mean?

Sharing God's peace is not simply offering a friendly hello to those sitting around you. Sharing God's peace is not a time for catching up on news with your neighbor or for reminding someone about an upcoming meeting. Sharing God's peace does not require each worshiper to offer a sign of God's peace to every other worshiper present.

Sharing God's peace with one another is an act of reconciliation. It is an opportunity for God's people to be reconciled with one another as they offer their

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## St. Luke's 75th August Supper... We Made It!

Yes, we made \$1,312 at the August Supper thanks to the help of about forty folks involved in some fashion. But what if ???

**What if** Lew and Bon hadn't gotten the word out: cards, posters, vermontvacation, signs, and PR?

**What if** all the paper products hadn't been donated?

**What if** Bonnie & Sanford J. hadn't found the tent deal and delivered them with Andy Fisher?

**What if** two families hadn't provided the \$300 tent rental fee?

**What if** 10 men and ladies didn't 'up the tents' on Friday night before the supper?

**What if** 10 men and ladies didn't 'down the tents' after worship on Sunday?

**What if** the men didn't show to set up on Saturday morning?

**What if** Norm and Ruth hadn't responded to every telephone call for a reservation to keep a perfect count? And had help from Anita and Mike too?

**What if** three families hadn't paid for the hams & roast beefs?

**What if** Rose, Adelaide & Marcia L. hadn't provided those handsome turkeys and Lillian, Pat and Adelaide hadn't roasted the birds?

**What if** Janet and Richard hadn't roasted and carved those four Jordan hams to perfection?



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## From the Senior Warden

### Bookshelf Treasure

I found a little 8-page pamphlet among the many books that are available for adoption in Willard Hall, and it made me smile in pleasure. *"Some Ought-to-be-Known Symbols & Terms of the Church"* was written by Rev. William Galpin long ago, when the 43rd Edition sold for 4 cents. I found the lists and explanations very enlightening, and I'm sharing some of them below.



- The arch (and we are blessed with so many) represents aspiration of hope and personal effort, a symbol of the spiritual growth we all should strive for in our spiritual life.
- **I H S** is not "I have suffered" as I thought, but the three Greek letters meaning "Jesus, Savior of Men."
- Three interlacing circles represent the Trinity—Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
- **X P** are the first letters of the word "Christ."
- The girdle that our clergy and choir wear around their waists symbolizes a readiness for service.
- Wafers came into use because unleavened bread crumbled and fell from the hand of the communicant.
- Collect is simply a prayer collected out of Scriptural Words.

You are welcome to borrow my little booklet, which will ultimately go to our Sunday School program. If you are interested in the spiritual meaning of the beautiful things around us at St. Luke's, give some thought to helping with a Parish Inventory. The Audit Committee and the Vestry have requested that this be completed in a timely manner, so volunteers are sought.

*Blessings to each of you,  
Kathryn*

### Thank You Note

I would like to extend a huge "THANK YOU" to Don Robinson and Red Johnson for spiffing up the closet in the sacristy after it was dismantled in order to install the new ventilation system that was done in conjunction with the renovation of Willard Hall. Don replaced the shelving and Red painted the shelves, wall and floor. It was a blessing to clean out that closet as we found some treasures and some very old "things." House cleaning is very therapeutic!!! —*Adelaide Johnson, Altar Guild Directress*

## Sharing The Peace

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gifts to God and before they receive the gift of Holy Communion...

...That the sharing of the peace follows the prayers of the church is not accidental. Having been forged into a common people in Holy Baptism, the congregation prays for peace in the Church, peace in the world, and peace for all those in need. Then the congregation follows through with the people offering peace and reconciliation to one another. This is not human peace alone, but the peace which is possible only through Christ. Then, after the exchange of peace, material gifts are offered to God, for the well-being and peace of the Church, the world, and its people. Finally, having prayed for and enacted the peace, we receive the Holy Communion.

Seen in context, it is clear why the exchange of Christ's peace is not a time for saying "Good morning," or for commenting on a neighbor's new outfit, or for reminding someone about next week's potluck supper. It is, rather, a time to set aside our human differences and to recognize and enact our baptismal unity as children of God."

It is interesting that "The Peace" comes after confession. It was not placed there as an afterthought or to provide a "commercial break" before Eucharist. It is actually an active part of our worship—just the way our singing praise, hearing the Word of God, praying prayers of our joint concerns and celebrating the Eucharist are key pieces of how we gather as God's people.

Give it some thought and see how you might personally re-purpose this time of our worship to provide a more meaningful link between our praise, our learning, our prayers, our confession and our celebration...then stay tuned. We plan on sharing more about this opportunity to deepen our worship. In the meantime, think about saving the coffee hour news for coffee hour. I'm sure God delights in a bit of enthusiasm...but even more so if we know why we are being so enthusiastic.

*Blessings,  
Rev. Carole*

<sup>1</sup> <http://www.elca.org/Growing-In-Faith/Worship/Learning-Center/FAQs/Exchange-of-Peace.aspx>

### Saving Grace

Grace is the majesty, the freedom, the undeservedness, the unexpectedness, the newness, the arbitrariness, in which a relationship to God and therefore the possibility of knowing him is opened up to man by God himself. ...Grace is God's good pleasure.—*Karl Barth*

## August Vestry Meeting Highlights

The Vestry held its regular monthly meeting on August 12 and focused on both old and new projects.

- **Mold Remediation Project.** A punch list of outstanding tasks is being created to complete this renovation project. The Vestry thanked **Andrew Pennell** and **Richard Crocker** for so skillfully overseeing the massive Willard Hall project that was basically completed more quickly and with less disruption than anyone imagined possible. Wrap-up testing and outstanding work should be completed soon.
- **Church Musician.** There have been a couple of inquiries about this position, and the committee is following through on them and continuing to publicize the job opportunity wherever appropriate.
- **Church Committees.** The Outreach Committee is still seeking a new Chairperson, but has decided for 2013-2014 to continue giving the same amounts to the same organizations as last year. An Office Guild is being formed, and Rev. Carole is recruiting volunteers to staff the office on weekday mornings. Please let her know if you are interested. Present volunteers are Lisa Crocker, Jean Hancock, and Mike Saul.
- **Diocesan Convention.** For a variety of reasons some Delegates and Alternates are now unable to attend. Kathryn Wright needs to confirm attendees and know if anyone is interested in representing St. Luke's. The next Bishop's Visit will be November 16, 2014, so mark your calendars.
- **The Yearly Audit Report and Recommendations** from the Audit Committee were accepted by the Vestry and sent to the Diocese as required. Those documents are on file in the Vestry Minutes Book in Willard Hall.
- **Other Matters.** Rev. Carole and others are going through the collection of books in Willard Hall to determine what should stay and what should be offered to others. The Emergency Fund is in place, but a policy for determining need has to be created. In response to a request, a policy on offering wine or beer at some functions will be discussed at the next Vestry meeting.
- **Sale on the Screen and MORE.** Along with this year's new version of its Fall Tag Sale and to coincide with the Sale on the Green, the Vestry wants to entice the public to visit the church on Saturday, September 21. Present ideas include a pop-up tent by the sidewalk featuring coffee and bags of popcorn and a scavenger hunt for children to find symbols and features inside and outside the church with the possibility of a raffle (those who have completed the scavenger hunt qualify) for a LEGO prize. We will need volunteers for inside and outside the church and would appreciate the donation of a large LEGO prize to encourage children and also to publicize the LEGO Contest in spring 2014.
- **Upcoming:** An All-Parish Appreciative Inquiry, required by the Diocese in our search for a new rector, will be held on Sunday, **September 8** following the one service at **9:00 a.m.** The next **Vestry Meeting** is **September 9th**.

## Who Are We, Where Are We Going, and Who Will Lead Us?

In last month's issue of LITS, I summarized the activities of the Ministry Discernment Committee, beginning with our commissioning and charge from the Vestry to planning for the up-coming **All-Parish Appreciative Inquiry**, which will be held on Sunday, **September 8**, following the one **9:00 a.m.** worship service and a special coffee hour.



So what is the Appreciative Inquiry and why should I attend? Haven't we done this already? Not exactly. If you have been worshiping with us recently on Sundays, you would know the questions or topics we will all be asked by our Diocesan Companion, Ann Cooper. They are very different, important and insightful. Here are the four new questions we will discuss and share:

1. **When have you felt that St. Luke's was doing God's work and fulfilling our mission?**
2. **What 3 things do you value most in our congregation?**
3. **Remember a time in your life when you really appreciated the ministry of a priest.**
4. **What 3 exciting, energizing and important things will St. Luke's accomplish during the next 3 years?**

At tables of up to six participants we will join a member of the Ministry Discernment Committee, who will help lead our individual discussions. After sharing, we will all write and record our responses using post-a-notes. A table spokesperson will then share a summary with the entire group.

All of these unique and prayerful responses will then be collected for study and use by MDC in drafting the **Parish Profile**. That document will then be reviewed by everyone, finalized by the Bishop and the Ministry Transition Team. Once approved, the Parish Profile will then be publicized worldwide on the church website for prospective rector candidates, who will then discern just who we are and if God is calling he or she to lead our parish on our journey of faith in the 21 century.

Looking at our goal and timetable to have three candidates for the Vestry to consider by April 2014, we are well on our way. Thanks to all of you, MDC has a wealth of material to begin drafting our Parish Profile: the hopes, fears, stories, insights and concerns that will truly reflect who we are, where we are going and who will lead us. We thank you and we ask for your prayers as God continues to "prepare us for a priest, and prepare a priest for us."

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

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"Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak; courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen."—Winston Churchill



## St. Luke's 75th August Supper...We Made It! (continued from page 1)

**What if** Marcia C. and Eileen hadn't picked flowers in the rain and created the table arrangements?

**What if** it had rained, for pity's sake? We were ready with two big tents!

**What if** Anita hadn't wrapped the silverware in napkins?

**What if** Dee hadn't prepared those fabulous baked beans?



**What if** Pat & Bonnie hadn't promised their jelled salads and delivered then some!

**What if** Eileen hadn't created all that incredible potato salad? And Bonnie the coleslaw?

**What if** Anita, Lillian and Adelaide hadn't mastered and made their wonderful pasta salads?

**What if** Sally hadn't picked and prepared her blueberry soup and if Bonnie forgot to make her popular gazpacho, zucchini, and cucumber soups?

**What if** Black River Produce hadn't donated the broccoli and cabbages?

**What if** Marti hadn't provided the raisins & mayonnaise?

**What if** Kathryn hadn't managed the day from dawn to dusk?

**What if** Kathryn and the ladies (Adelaide, Pat, Polly, Marjorie & Jane) hadn't chopped and assembled the fruit, broccoli, and tossed salads?

**What if** Jane hadn't hopped out to the store to provide whatever was missing?

**What if** Pat & Adelaide quit their salads management post?

**What if** Kathryn and Bonnie hadn't brewed our popular iced lemonade tea?

**What if** Ruth and Jane hadn't agreed to be perfect hostesses?

**What if** 18 desserts hadn't mysteriously appeared to be cut, served and hosted by Marcia, Sally and Eileen?

**What if** Marjorie and the Willis Kids hadn't overseen the banquet table banishing the flies and protecting the food?

**What if** Bill hadn't enjoyed collecting talents, setting up, and visiting with Silent Auction bidders?

**What if** Marcia hadn't brought 11 visitors & the Watters 12?

**What if** Tom Widger hadn't offered to wash dishes and silverware with help from Anita and others?

**What if** no one wanted to stay and help clean up in record time? And Don hadn't rolled the tent straps and packaged the meats for sale?

**W**e served nearly 100. Just think where would we be if everyone invited ten people! We'd have enough food and we wouldn't all have to buy it Sunday morning. For those who did, you made the difference. Everyone—this is what it was. Your help and generosity was fabulous. What fun we had. Thank you all! (Personal thank you cards will appear in your church mailbox.) —**Bonnie Watters**

☛ We invite you to visit: [www.flickr.com/photos/stlukeschester](http://www.flickr.com/photos/stlukeschester) for more great photos of the August Supper!



### Hospitality at the Altar

#### Part 2 of 2:

#### Receiving Wine at Communion

**F**or thousands of years in the Mediterranean world, bread and wine have been the images and symbols of life. Bread—from the grain of wheat, the mainstay of the fruit of the earth, and Wine—from the grape, the mainstay of drink in a world where water was necessary, but not particularly safe to drink, and where the sparkle of wine (and what it did to the body) suggested the presence of the Divine. Bread and wine were symbols of Life in many Middle Eastern cultures, including the Hebrew/Jewish tradition from which Christianity came.

At the Last Supper, the Passover meal that Jesus shares with his disciples the night before he dies, Jesus takes the bread, blesses it, breaks it, and gives it to his disciples saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me." Likewise he takes the wine, blesses it, and gives it to the disciples saying, "This is my blood, shed for you; do this in remembrance of me." So as we celebrate

the Holy Eucharist (the Great Thanksgiving) we share the bread and wine.

But some of us, for any of a number of reasons, do not receive the wine when we receive communion. If one does not wish to receive the wine there are several things one can (and that some members of our community do) do. Some people may choose to receive the bread and then leave the Altar rail before the Cup is administered. That is fine. Some may choose to remain at the rail and cross their arms over their chest, indicating that they do not wish to receive the wine. This also is fine. Some may wish to participate in receiving the wine, without actually doing so. What some people do is to take the Cup in their hands (embracing the Cup), without putting it to their lips, while the person administering the Cup says the words of administration ("The Blood of Christ, the Cup of Salvation"). This gives a sense of fully receiving communion without actually taking the wine. This also is fine.

We gather in community as the Body of Christ, and each of us is to fully be a part of our community as they are most comfortable. Thus we honor each one as members of Christ's Body. —**Fr. Sanford+**

## Meet The Widgers

**T**om and Eileen Widger have been slipping into their pew at St. Luke's for as long as I can remember, but not during all four seasons. They were like mysterious newcomers, but not quite like strangers. It is a beautiful story of a plan coming to fruition.

Eileen is a country girl, born in Richmond, MA. In case you didn't know, that is in the Berkshires, on a farm no less. Eileen was an only child. Tom, on the other hand, was a city boy from West Hartford, CT with one younger brother. Eileen's father was a doctor, and her mother was a career nurse and mother. Eileen's dad died when she was five, and her mother chose not to marry until her later years. As youth both loved sports and performed well in school. Tom played football and was on the all-state team and was an avid golfer. Interestingly, his mom is the one who taught him how to play golf at the age of seven. Being that country girl, Eileen was a dedicated 4-H member and did projects in cooking, sewing, sheep, calves and bees. She also loved to cook and did learn how to make awesome potato salad and everything in between on her own since her mom never allowed her in the kitchen! How did that happen?

Off to the Hartford Hospital School of Nursing Eileen went upon graduation. Subsequently she got her B.S. in Nursing at Boston University and then her M.S. degree. Her concentration was psychiatry and she became the Director of Mental Health Clinic and a Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner at the VA Medical Center in Newington, CT until retirement. Tom majored in finance at Nichols College and began his career working in the ski industry. He subsequently spent thirty years working for Bridgestone-Firestone in the commercial tire industry and retired in December 2012 in the wholesale side of tires.

The couple met while serving on ski patrol at Magic Mountain in 1970 and have been married for forty-one years. Their daughter Whitney works in Burlington for the W. B. Mason Company; and their son Drew, just engaged to be married, works for E. F. Education in Boston, which arranges tours for teachers, here and abroad. Tom and Eileen enjoy skiing together and are on the ski patrol at Bromley Mountain. Tom is today an avid golfer while Eileen enjoys reading, sewing, especially embroidery and crewel work. She made the children's clothes when they were youngsters. The couple works as a team on gardening (both flowers and vegetables). Tom is the food shopper and he judged shopping was complete when the cart was full. They once had a meatless week because his cart was full by the time he came to the meat department. He told Eileen "they were out of meat." They now shop together. Their attention now is centered to a degree on five-month old, Boston, a golden doodle puppy – in training.

Where this team has worked together famously is on their Vermont home, affectionately known as the "money pit." It was built in the early 1800's and was literally falling down. They first started coming to this haven in 1972 and

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bought the treasure from friends in 1990. All their free time has been spent doing windows, siding, plumbing and all those other restoration projects to bring the house to a near perfect state of livability!

They left the Christ Episcopal Church in Avon, CT and began coming to St. Luke's during John Morris's interim ministry. They transferred their church membership. Here they love the people, the worship and the events. Their presence at St. Luke's is now on a full time basis in their retirement. Eileen's talent for floral arrangements makes she and Marcia a team to beat! They have gotten involved in outreach work as well. Besides Rose Fisher, the Widgers will be celebrated when we settle on a fall progressive dinner event for "newcomers." Not alone in this dream, Eileen hopes for younger members with children as we search for a rector with community ties to insure St. Luke's future. Meanwhile, dear team Widger, keep watch and wait as we also do for good people like you two to grace us week after week, giving time and talents in such beautiful ways as you both do. —*Bonnie Watters*



## Book Bounty Adoptathon

“Clearing out the cobwebs” can unearth some interesting treasures that have collected over the years. None more so than the incredible number of books that have been unearthed from all sorts of little hidey-holes turned upside down by our recently completed mold remediation project. Carole+ and Sanford+ have sorted each book—one at a time—and separated out the “keepers” from those we felt might better serve their purpose by being “adopted” by any interested party. Please feel free to check out the table in Willard Hall that is laden with our book bounty and take home (for free) those in which you are interested. **Caveat:** if you take them out the door, you do not get to return them! They are yours forever and ever, Amen!

**The Book Bounty Adoptathon** will be open until the end of September when any remaining books will find a new home in a recycling center. If you have books you would like to donate to the church at some point, please contact Rev. Carole who would be happy to make a road trip to your house; review which books would be helpful to the church and remove those at the same time. We ask your help in not dropping off books that are part of any spring cleaning project. They merely become part of our spring cleaning projects. Thanks!



## The Outreach Corner

### Back-To-School Backpacks Filled For PINS



On Sunday, August 18th, Rev. Carol Wageman blessed the school items and backpacks donated by members of the congregation and the next day Sally Hoover, Dee Robinson, Eileen Widger, Anita Wright and Marcia Clinton filled the backpacks. We were able to donate 57 backpacks, loaded with school supplies for kids from kindergarten to high school, to the Springfield Family Services. A quick trip to the dollar store was necessary to supplement items that were missing at a cost of \$134.09. Each backpack had a tag stating: *"Filled with love for you from St. Luke's Church, Chester, Vermont."*

On Saturday, August 24th, the Family Services Department held an end of summer picnic for their foster families and distributed the backpacks at that event. The caseload for the Department of Children and Families is about 100 foster children and 100 kids of families in crisis, so our donation was well received and appreciated.

The PINS 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.

Thank you to all who contributed in any way to make this year's back-to-school backpack project a success. Each year we are able to contribute more and it is only through the support of St. Luke's congregation that this can happen. —**Marcia Clinton**

### Operation Christmas Child

A huge heartfelt thank you to everyone who has graciously donated money for school supplies for Operation Christmas Child boxes! So far we have been able to outfit over 100 children for school. The sales at the big box stores are still going on and we could definitely use more crayons, pencils and paper. If you are out shopping in the next few weeks, please consider picking up some of these items. It would be a big help to us. Thank you! Remember, these children can't go to school if they don't have the required school supplies. We can use any additional school supply items year around. There is always a box at the rear of the church for your donations.

We will be having another OCC Workshop on Friday, **September 20<sup>th</sup>**, from **2:00-7:00 p.m.** in Willard Hall. We'd love to see you that day even if you drop by for just a few minutes to chat and have a snack. No talent needed to help us with these projects. We will be working on making all kinds of games and toys to put inside the OCC boxes. Everyone is welcome to come whether a current church member or not. The more items we can complete, the more children we can reach. Please join us!

### Knit-A-Square

There are four boxes of knit and crocheted squares ready to be shipped to Africa to be made into blankets that help keep children with AIDS warm during the cooler times of year. We are still collecting 8-inch squares, so if you'd like to help with this special project and need more information or instructions, call Cindy (875-3292) or talk to her after church.

### Baptism On Sept. 15th

The baptism of **Emma Lynn Blauch** will be celebrated on Sunday, **September 15, 2013** at our **10:00 a.m.** service. Emma is the daughter of Stephanie and David Blauch; granddaughter of Doreen Bolger and first great-grandchild of "Sis" Bolger. Please join us as we welcome the newest "recruit" into the Christian family of faith.



### Check Request Forms

With all the renovations some parishioners have had difficulty finding the Check Request forms. They are now located in the front of the file box on the table behind the desk in the outer office. There is a list of expense items, with account numbers, included in the folder so please use the account number and name of account when filling out the form. The completed form with receipt can be placed in the marked manila envelope in the drawer under the copier.

## Wanted Your “Old But Precious” For St. Luke’s First-Ever “Sale On the Screen”

As you may have read last month, in place of the Fall Tag Sale in September we are seeking items to sell online as “**St. Luke’s Sale On The Screen.**” Items should be in good working order and have, what you think, to be a minimum value of \$50. If you have items to offer, we will photograph them and list them for sale online. If the item is sold we can arrange shipping or pickup by the purchaser. We are now posting on Craigslist by specific item. Check our church website: [www.stlukesepiscopalvt.org](http://www.stlukesepiscopalvt.org) under “Special Events,” and click on the “Craigslist” link for constant updates. Using their search window, simply enter: “St. Luke’s” to see all items for sale. Questions about the Sale on the Screen: Ask John DesLauriers, Andrew Pennell, or Lew Watters.

On the day of Chester’s Sale on the Green, Saturday, September 21, we will have a presence at St. Luke’s under a canopy offering free popcorn and coffee. The church will be open for visitors and we may even have a computer scrolling through the items for sale. While the sale on the green is only a weekend, the “Sale On The Screen” has started and does not have a definite end date. So please look around your house, garage and barns for items that have some value that we can offer up and call John DesLauriers at 875-3490 with details. You can also corner Andrew Pennell, Lew Watters or myself with your item suggestions. Two St. Luke’s donated items currently listed on “Craigslist” are shown below.



Above: Kettle Ping Pong Table.



At right: Victorian Upholstered Rocker

### St. Luke’s Financial Information

	<u>July 2013</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>2013 Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
<b>Plate/Pledge Income</b>	\$ 7,959.66	\$ 58,791.77	\$ 102,400.00	57.41%
<b>Other Oper. Income</b>	\$ 2,969.46	\$ 14,603.17	\$ 21,160.00	69.01%
<b>Restricted Income</b>	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,965.10		
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	\$ 10,929.12	\$ 73,394.94	\$ 123,560.00	59.40%
<b>Regular Expense</b>	\$ 9,292.75	\$ 62,809.26	\$ 125,333.74	50.11%
<b>Restricted Expense</b>	\$ 900.00	\$ 1,093.57		
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	\$ 10,192.75	\$ 63,902.83	\$ 125,333.74	50.99%

While pledge and plate income is about 1% below budget for the end of July, total income is about 1% over. Please keep your pledges up to date. Expenses are below budget because of outreach. However, we expect to start writing outreach checks in September so expenses will then be closer to income. If you have any questions about the budget or finances of the church please ask the treasurer or any member of the finance committee. —*The Financial Committee*



### WEEKLY

#### • **Lunch Bunch Book Study:**

**Mondays, Noon-1:15PM** resumes on September 9th, in Willard Hall. Bring a book(s) you’d like to recommend we read. All welcome.

#### • **St. Luke’s Choir Resumes:**

St. Luke’s Choir will resume singing from the choir “loft” on Sunday, **September 8.** Please arrive at **8:30 a.m.** that morning to warm up voices. New members are welcomed! Ashley Paine will be our guest organist that day.

### LESS THAN WEEKLY

#### • **All-Parish Appreciative Inquiry:**

**Sunday, September 8th**, in Willard Hall following the ONE, **9:00AM** service and a special coffee hour. Led by our Diocesan Companion, **Ann Cooper**, we expect to be finished by noon. Childcare provided. Read the MDC article on page 3 for more details and speak to Lew Watters if you have questions.

#### • **St. Luke’s Vestry Meeting:**

**Monday, September 9th, 6:30PM** in Willard Hall, for Short Bible Study; Monthly Agenda at 7:00PM. The focus of this meeting will be “Stewardship.” All parishioners are welcomed.

#### • **OCC Workshop:**

**Friday, September 20th, 2:00-7:00PM** in Willard Hall. We will be making toys and games to put inside OCC boxes. Please come join us, for a few minutes or for an hour or more. All are welcome to join us! See the article under “Outreach” on pg. 6 for more details.

#### • **Christmas Tea Craft Group:**

**Monday, September 23rd, 1:30PM** in Willard Hall, to discuss plans for this year’s tea and schedule crafting sessions.

### LOOKING AHEAD

#### • **Annual Pet Blessing: Oct. 5th**

**Saturday, October 5th, 10:00AM** on the back lawn at St. Luke’s. All pets and their owners are invited to participate in this service to both honor and give thanks for the special role pets play in our daily lives. **SAVE THE DATE.**



# SEPTEMBER CELEBRATIONS



## Birthdays:

2	Lynda Farmer	15	Al Haumann
2	Bonnie Johnson	17	Chris Langston
5	Matthew Stretton	21	Deb Brown
7	Thomas Guerra	23	Elliot Langston
7	Jim Sullivan	26	Eileen Widger
8	Curt Cowles	29	Marcia Clinton
10	Richard Crocker	29	Walter Rich
11	Sean Whalen		

## Anniversaries:

9	Norman & Ruth Harrison
14	Bill & Julie Hoyt
21	Andrew & Ellie Pennell

## OCT. LITS DEADLINE:

**SEPT. 20<sup>th</sup>**

Send announcements, articles,  
photos, etc. to:  
Pat Fromberger, 180 Gates Rd.,  
Andover, VT 05143  
panjoe@vermontel.net

**“St. Luke’s  
is an  
intentional  
Christian  
community,  
deepening faith  
and  
broadening  
love.”**

## ✠ WORSHIP SCHEDULE ✠

<b>Sept. 1</b>	<b>PENTECOST XV (Proper 17)</b>
8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist, Rite I
10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
<b>Sept. 8</b>	<b>PENTECOST XVI (Proper 18)</b>
9:00 AM	Holy Eucharist, Rite II – ONE SERVICE “All Parish Appreciative Inquiry”
<b>Sept. 15</b>	<b>PENTECOST XVII (Proper 19)</b>
8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist, Rite I
10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist, Rite II & Baptism
<b>Sept. 22</b>	<b>PENTECOST XVIII (Proper 20)</b>
8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist, Rite I
10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
<b>Sept. 29</b>	<b>PENTECOST XIX (Proper 21)</b>
8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist, Rite I
10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Child Care available in Willard Hall during the 10:00 a.m. Service

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