



AUGUST 2016

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

Being Present To God And For Each Other

*"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit."
[Luke 12:35]*



Beginning with this verse in Luke's gospel, we read of Jesus instructing his followers about being prepared for the Lord's unexpected return from a wedding banquet. No one knows when the Master is planning to return but, when the Master arrives (sometime during the night), Jesus is telling the disciples to be ready at the door of the house with one hand on the doorknob and the other hand holding the oil lamp. The person waiting at the door is stuck there until Jesus comes! Both hands are "tied up" until the Lord comes back.

For much of this summer, we've been exploring the question about what it means to be a disciple of Christ. Luke's gospel seems to be saying to us that faithful discipleship is both action and prayer. These two words seem

like two different things and it doesn't help us much when, at the home of Martha and Mary, Jesus tells Martha that Mary who sat before Jesus and just listened had chosen "the better part." All that work Martha was doing to get the snacks ready! Didn't that count for something?

So far this summer, St. Luke's has been pretty active and it doesn't look like things are slowing down too much. In July, we took an active role in the 250th Anniversary

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—Rev. Heidi L. Edson

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78th
ST. LUKE'S CHURCH
ANNUAL SUPPER
Saturday, August 6th
MAIN ST. CHESTER VT.
Church Lawn (Rain or Shine)

St. Luke's 78th August Supper & Silent Auction On August 6th, Is Not To Be Missed!

It's countdown time! As I write this final reminder and invitation—**St. Luke's Annual August Supper** is less than two weeks away. Those who have attended in the past need no reminder about how enjoyable an evening this will be along with the "Silent Auction" of special items, goods and services. The main entree of roast beef, turkey and baked ham will be complemented with side dishes of old-fashioned baked beans, cold soups and an array of salads that include potato, coleslaw, pasta, broccoli, tossed green, fruit and jellied salads along with beverages and delectable desserts from our famous kitchens. All you can eat for \$15 for adults and \$7.50 for children age 6 to 12. Continuous seatings are from **5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.** For reservations to dine at a special time call Anita Wright at **875-4031**. Come celebrate some of the best of Vermont!

From the Senior Warden

Preserving And Celebrating
Our Heritage

I spent quite a bit of time this past month exploring some of the archive files at St. Luke's in preparation for putting together an exhibit of photographs for the Open House/Tour we participated in during Chester's 250th Celebration. This resulted in a greater awareness of two things for me.

The first is that we are in dire need of a person(s) who has an interest and would be willing to bring our archives up to date and make sure they are stored properly to preserve them. This was done to a great extent by Pat Ballou and Joyce Tiemann (our former archivists) but has been sadly neglected since they both retired and moved to new communities. It never seems to merit enough priority or to go beyond the talking stage.

The second thing I knew about, but perhaps now have a greater appreciation for, after rereading some of the historic documents—are the men and women whose dedication, faith, perseverance and generosity made it possible for the organization of our parish in 1868 to be known as “St. Luke's Parish.” One of the astounding facts is that the building of St. Luke's Church was completed in 1872 at a cost of \$15,000 including all the furnishings and the organ. The Fullerton family gave the majority of the funding, so you probably have noticed their names on the stained glass window behind the main altar.

We along with many past generations have also made sacrifices and been dedicated to preserving this beautiful structure and the special heritage of the St. Luke's faith community. In the year 2018 we will be celebrating our 150th anniversary. This will give us a wonderful opportunity to highlight our special heritage and share our special stories. It's not too soon to begin thinking about this celebration and making plans. If you have some thoughts and ideas, we invite you to share them with our Rector and Vestry members. We will look forward to hearing your comments.

*Your sister in Christ,
Pat Fromberger*

Being Present To God
And For Each Other

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Celebration of the Town of Chester by opening up our doors for visitors. A lot of time and preparation went into this weekend with brushing up on St. Luke's history, attending docents' training, and sprucing up our sanctuary in anticipation of visitors passing through our well-lit church. Thanks to the many people of St. Luke's who lent a hand, I can say the weekend was a success. Now it's on to the August Supper!

Whew! St. Luke's has been busy this year! What really speaks to me is the community spirit that lies at the heart of our activities and work. Prayer is action! It is being present to God and also for each other as we seek the balance between the “doing” and the “being” that discipleship requires of us.

*In Christ together,
Heidi +*



A Note From The Choir Loft

Greetings from your music director! While the choir has been enjoying a well-deserved break this summer, we know you've been sorely missing their sweet sounds. This will surely be music to your ears—the choir will be recommencing rehearsals starting **Sunday, August 28th** at the usual time of **9:00 a.m.** (just after the early service has ended.) Anyone and everyone is welcomed to join us, experienced singer or no, and it need not be a year-long commitment. We encourage members to join us for the special Christmas and Easter season if that's your pleasure. Do you play an instrument? Come share your talents at a Sunday service! We all work together to make the music at St. Luke's the best it can be. Please contact me at 802-886-7941 or amelissapaine@gmail.com with any questions!

—Ashley Paine

SEPTEMBER DEADLINE:

 **AUGUST 26th**

Send all announcements, articles,
photos, events, to:

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A Bit Of Humor

“God warned a man named Lot to take his wife and flee out of the city,” said the Sunday school teacher, “but Lot's wife looked back and was turned to salt.”
A curious boy then asked, “What happened to the flea?”

“It is only in the giving of oneself to others that we truly live.”
—Ethel Percy Andrus

St. Luke's Sanctuary Spruced-Up For Chester's 250th Celebration

On Saturday, July 9th a group of twelve parishioners gathered in St. Luke's Sanctuary to dust, buff and spruce-up the nave and altar areas in preparation for the Chester's 250th Anniversary Celebration and the Open House/Tour of St. Luke's Church.

Rev. Heidi set the tone of the morning by leading us in an opening prayer. John DesLauriers brought a supply of plastic gloves, rags and spray bottles of mineral oil and gave everyone instructions on how to proceed in cleaning all the oak pews and other wood surfaces. Kathryn Wright came equipped with a long-handled duster for reaching the lower arches and crossbeams, but even using a stepladder, Doug Edson was the only one tall enough to tackle that chore. With so much dust and grime falling from the rafters onto the pews below, Lew Watters had to haul out the new vacuum and clean the all the pew cushions.

The work session was planned to last from 9:00 a.m. to Noon—but as the saying goes, “Busy hands make light work”—and this energetic cleaning crew had completed the task by 10:30 a.m. Some folks had to leave, but others stayed for an early lunch of cold cuts, rolls, fruit, and cookies in Willard Hall where we enjoyed some time of lighthearted fellowship and conversation. It was a great effort by everyone, and several even commented that it was fun and they really enjoyed doing this task.

Thank you to the fabulous Cleaning Crew: Jessica Buchanan, Jane Davis, John DesLauriers, Doug & Heidi Edson, Pat Fromberger, Jean Hancock, Lew & Bonnie Watters, Belinda Whipple Worth, Eileen Widger, Cindy Roundy-Winston and Kathryn Wright.

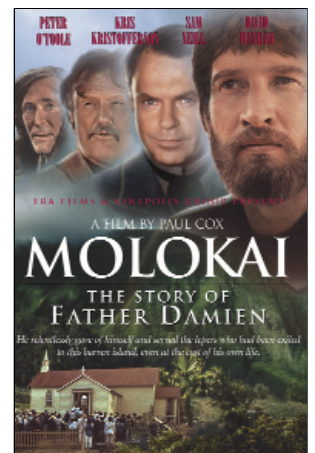


Join Us For “Saturday Night At The Movies” at St. Luke's on August 20th

“Movies, movies, movies, movies!” On August 20th at 7:00 p.m. in Willard Hall, we invite you to join us for “Saturday Night at the Movies.” Our first movie will be a film by Paul Cox entitled, “Molokai.” This film is about the work of Father Damien among lepers in Hawaii on the remote island of Molokai from 1873 until 1889. This movie's been around awhile but the production is in full color that features incredible scenes of Molokai, capturing its beauty but also its isolation from the rest of the world. You will probably recognize some of the actors in this film: Peter O'Toole, Kris Kristofferson, Sam Neill and Alice Krige who plays Sister Marianna. David Wenham stars in the role of the Franciscan Priest, Father Damien.

This DVD will be the first in our movie night events that we hope will become a monthly activity. Other movies to come will feature family movies, comedies and other dramas that offer a message or something meaningful to think about afterwards. If you have a DVD you would like to share with others, please let me know. Movies need not have a specific religious theme, but please keep them G or PG rated so that all can come.

Showtime is at 7:00 p.m. in Willard Hall. Come early for front-row seating! Everyone is invited. Due to the gravity of this particular movie, children may not enjoy this. However we do offer a room for them to come and bring their toys, books or games as well as look at the many children's books we have. Refreshments and beverages will be served. Come and invite your friends!—*Heidi*—



The Church Repairs Are Moving Right Along

Things are progressing on the list of repairs and renovations. Since the June update the carpenters from Palladium Builders have completed the replacement of all of the base trim as well as the new handicap access ramp and stairway to the north east entrance. Their workmanship and attention to detail is exceptional. Once the sign is moved to the end of the ramp and staining is done this



Completed stairs and paving.

needed welcoming access should blend in nicely with the church building. The doors in this area are also in need of repairs which will need to be completed before winter.

Mosher Painting of Chester was on the schedule to start in late August however he started prep and painting the lower sections as fill in work prior to the official "start date". When you see the arrival of an 80 ft. man lift you will know he has arrived

to stay until completion. There is a good chance there could be some carpentry repairs needed to the back rose window sash but we won't know for sure until the lift arrives allowing for closer inspection.

Springfield Paving laid down new tarmac at the entrance to Willard Hall and by the new stairway at the north east entrance. Soon Green Mountain Seal will be coming to fill all the cracks in the existing walkways and reseal all but the new pavement.

Sparky Electric has completed the wiring for additional lighting in the choir area. The light fixtures are on order and hopefully will be installed before the choir returns in the fall.

Last fall while doing slate repair a temporary fix was made to the flashing in the tower area. The permanent fix requires replacement of a section of copper flashing which we would hope to have completed before winter.

On the interior there are areas of plaster that are in need of repair and repainting which will be done selectively.

And our Diocesan loan request has been approved (\$40,300 at 3% for 10 years) and we should receive the funds shortly! —**John DesLauriers**



St. Luke's Open House & Tour

As part of Chester's 250th Celebration, St. Luke's welcomed visitors on Saturday, July 16th and Sunday, July 17th. A display of photographs from St. Luke's history were on exhibit, having been collected from the archives by Pat Fromberger and mounted on black matte boards with the help of Lew Watters and his grandson, Gurion Lake. A fun "Scavenger Hunt," thanks to the efforts of Lillian Willis, asked questions designed to focus on the architecture, symbols and other special features of St. Luke's both inside and outside. Jessica Buchanan along with her two daughters, Sophia and Penny, arrived early on Saturday and had fun completing the Scavenger Hunt question sheet. Bill Dakin stopped by later in the morning with two girls visiting from Sweden. A young family of four from Perkinsville, VT were very much interested in the architecture. The father especially taking in every detail—even exploring the back side of the altar. He was very impressed with the beauty of our sanctuary. By the end of the day, 20 visitors had come through the doors. Although the church remained open on Sunday afternoon (following the services), there were no additional visitors.

A special thank you to the 5 docents (and Lillian who trained us), for being guides and answering questions about our history. Thank you to the work crew who polished up the sanctuary the week before (read the article on page 3) and to the gardening crew who created a new walkway flower bed (see July LITS) as well as to Marcia Clinton who faithfully maintains the beautiful garden beds in the front of the church year around.

Lew Watters perhaps best summed up the weekend with his comment: *"I would say it was a good thing for St. Luke's to be part of the town event. Our exhibit was very well done and informative. It is a good start for planning our 150th coming in 2018."*

August Supper Is Upon Us... The Final Prepping Schedule

The best news is that almost all the slots are filled for supper needs, except we do need a half-dozen more desserts and ingredients for both the tossed green salad and the fruit salad. **Call Kathryn Wright at 463-1570** with your offer. Our dessert presentation is always a hit. We will be talking to folks personally about any shortcomings at this point—a week away. You may receive a telephone call. We do need clean-up helpers. Now we have to fill the seats at all the seatings to have our visitors enjoy this wonderful food you have provided. We will make pure profit. If you do Internet, please send out that e-card to friends and neighbors. If you prefer snail mail, take postcards with a personal note and mail them out. Anita Wright is waiting for those reservation calls at 875-4031. The timetable is as follows.

- **Friday Evening, August 5:** Men's Pizza and Beer party at **5:00 p.m.**, after setting up two tents graciously picked up by Doug, Lew and Doc Sexton. Tables and chairs will be set up weather permitting.
- **Saturday Morning, beginning at 9:00 a.m.** Kathryn Wright and her team will "build" tossed green and fruit salads, wrap silverware, set tables and carvers are welcome. Work should be done before noon.
- **Everyone who has volunteered**—ticket takers, hostesses, runners, bussers and banquet table helpers all **report by 4:00 p.m.** to begin your assignment of choice. Be sure to sign up for a dinner seating with Anita. Seating begins at 5:00 p.m. up to 7:00 p.m.

Thank you all so much. Donations of cash have covered the tents and meats and your time and contributions are what make this famous fun, fellowship, fundraiser and food event a winner.—*Bonnie Watters*



5:00 p.m. Friday Evening, August 5: Tent Set-Up (and tables & chairs as weather allows.) Men's Pizza & Beer Party to follow.



9:00 a.m. Saturday Morning, August 6: Helpers chop, chat & wrap silverware. Donations of fruits and salad fixings should be brought to Willard Hall by 9:00 a.m. or the night before.

The August Supper Silent Auction Will Offer A Variety Of Items

Thanks to the generosity of our many parishioners, we again have a variety of exciting Silent Auction items for the August Supper event on Saturday, August 6th. This year we are adding a new element by using the church website to promote interest and online bidding on some of the more interesting and perhaps valuable items. LITS readers are urged to go to the website for latest offerings, especially if you are NOT planning to attend the August Supper. Who knows, there may be a treasure in your future. If nothing else you can spread the word among your family and friends. By doing so, you help St. Luke's Church keep the Red Doors Open, which has been our stewardship theme.

If all goes well, we will roll into the annual online auction in September and October when our "Sale on the Screen" happens. Many thanks,

Lew Watters, Sean Buchanan & John DesLauriers



Gift Basket



Windsor Rocking Chair

The Outreach Corner

Collecting Backpacks & School Supplies For PINS



The schools are closed for the summer, but the PINS (Partners in Service) committee have been collecting backpacks from store sales and thrift stores for the next school year. We have over 30 backpacks and would like to give 60 plus backpacks filled with school supplies as we did last year. These backpacks will be

distributed to kids in foster families or families in crisis by the social workers from the Springfield office of VT Department for Child and Family Services. The backpacks go to kids from kindergarten to high school. Items we are collecting are:

pencils	1.5 inch 3-ring binders
colored pencils	3-hole lined paper
crayons	8"x11" spiral notebooks
pens	5"x8" day planners
sharpeners	thumbdrives
erasers	BACKPACKS (especially needed)

A bin will be in the back of the church throughout July until **Sunday, August 14th** for your donations.

PINS is one of the organizations that St. Luke's supports through its Outreach Program. We work closely with Robbie Wierzbicki, our liaison person from the Vermont Department for Child and Family Services. We have asked to be contacted with specific requests on an on going "as needed" basis when individual needs and emergencies arise. PINS is a vehicle for putting faith in action. The beauty of PINS lies in its ability to convey a message of love, empathy and caring to vulnerable children who are experiencing feelings of loss, fear, isolation and grief. A child's realization that someone in their community cares for them makes an enormous difference to individual well-being.

For a new school year every kid likes to start with new equipment for learning, especially these kids who don't often get new things. Won't you help us help them?—**Marcia Clinton**

PINS Financial Aid Helps Send Kids To Summer Camp 2016

In June Robbie Wierzbicki contacted us about a brother and sister, ages 13 and 11, who wanted to attend Bethany Birches camp. We agreed to give the \$200 financial aid. Robbie told us that the foster family was so grateful for the support and the kids are really excited to go. The kids have been in foster care for a year and most likely will stay permanently with their foster family. Going to camp will help them build self esteem which most of their foster children lack. Also this gives them some time away from each other to build on their individual skills as well.

Operation Christmas Child August Update

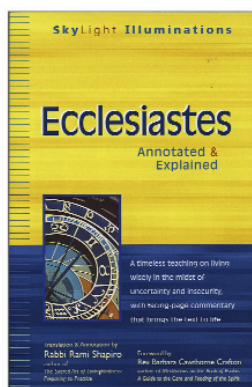
Thank you very much for all of the donations of toys, stuffed animals, school supplies, and recyclable items. They are all greatly appreciated and needed. The big department stores are having their back-to-school sales now and we could especially use lined paper, pencils, and crayons. When you travel this summer and fall, please remember OCC as we can always use soap and washcloths. The small guest bars of soap are a perfect size for the shoeboxes.

An aside: At my yard sale on July 4th I raised \$196.71 for OCC. I will be having 2 more "make-an-offer" yard sales on August 13th and September 3rd from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Again all proceeds will go to Operation Christmas Child. Thank you for your continued support.—**Cindy**

Please Continue Notes To Soldiers

Please take some time to sign a write a note card to a soldier. They really appreciate receiving these cards. Even just a "thank you" or "we are praying for you" would be great. As always there is a good supply of cards in Willard Hall for this purpose. As mentioned last month, you can also choose to write notes at home and bring them to Cindy on Sunday mornings and she will add them to the packets she mails out each month.

Adult Formation Study Is Ongoing



Our Adult Formation program this summer is pretty busy. The Wednesday study group that meets at 10:30 a.m. is still actively engaged in our study of the Book of Ecclesiastes. Each week, we gather around the large table piled with light snacks, Prayer Books, various translations of the Bible, plus our textbook for the series by Rabbi Rami Shapiro entitled: “Ecclesiastes: Annotated & Explained.” Given the rich and deep “findings” from our sources plus our own discussions, it looks like we will continue with Ecclesiastes through the month of August and into the first part of September. Even though we are well into this study, it is never too late to join us. Each session is “stand alone” and you will find yourself fitting right in!

Our Sunday morning study group that meets after the 10:00 a.m. service has just finished another equally engaging study from Henri Nouwen’s book, “Can You Drink the Cup.” Our next Study will be from the book by Rabbi Rami Shapiro on “Ecclesiastes” (the same as the Wednesday’s group). As always, all are welcomed to join us in the Rector’s Study beginning around 11:35 a.m. and ending promptly at or before 12:30 p.m. —*Heidi+*

What Goes Around, Comes Around

So Cindy Roundy-Winston was having a tag sale at her home with the proceeds going towards the project Operation Christmas Child. A lady stopped by and in the conversation she learned Cindy was a parishioner at St. Luke’s Church. The lady was overcome with amazement and gratitude, began hugging Cindy and related to her that she was the foster mother of the brother and sister who were going to Bethany Birches camp this summer thanks to the donation of \$200 that PINS (Partners in Service) had donated. —*Marcia Clinton*

St. Luke’s Financial Information

	<u>June 2016</u>	<u>June Budget</u>	<u>Annual Budget</u>	<u>% Monthly Budget</u>
Pledge/Plate Income	\$ 8,309	\$ 7,660	\$ 91,920	108.5%
Other Oper. Income	\$ 55	\$ <u>1,734</u>	\$ <u>26,707</u>	3.2%
Restricted Income	\$ <u>9,830</u>			
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 18,194	\$ 9,394	\$ 118,627	193.7%
Regular Expense	\$ 12,772	\$ 11,507	\$ 133,400	129.2%
Restricted Expense	\$ <u>565</u>		\$ <u>11,000</u>	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 14,871	\$ 11,507	\$ 144,400	129.2%
NET INCOME/(LOSS)	\$ 3,323	(\$ 2,114)	(\$ 25,773)	315.0%

Pledge & Plate Income met budget projections in June, and the unspent insurance proceeds were moved to restricted income in anticipation of plaster repair in the sanctuary. Despite expenses coming in above budget, the extra income brought us to a healthy **\$3,323 surplus for the month**. Our Butterfield Loan application has been approved and we should receive the loan funds in August, when painting of the church will be completed.

—*Kathryn Wright, Treasurer*

August 2016 Meetings & Events

WEEKLY

• Adult Formation Study:

Sundays, following the 10:00AM worship service each week from **11:35AM-12:30PM** in the Rector’s Study. This month we are beginning a new study on “Ecclesiastes” (as described in the article on this page.) All are welcome to join us.

• Lunch Bunch Book Study:

Mondays, **Noon-1:15PM** in Willard Hall for a bag lunch, discussion & prayer. We are reading, *An Altar in the World*, by Barbara Brown Taylor. All are welcome.

• Mid-Week Morning Prayer and Adult Formation Study:

Wednesdays at **9:30AM** in sanctuary chapel for Morning Prayer. **10:30AM**, in Willard Hall for Adult Study on “Ecclesiastes” All are welcome to join us.

• St. Luke’s Choir Rehearsals:

The Choir will resume rehearsing and singing on Sunday, **August 28th at 9:00AM** in the sanctuary. New members are always welcomed! Please contact Ashley Paine, Church Musician at (802) 886-7941, if you are interested in joining us.

LESS THAN WEEKLY

• Vestry Monthly Meeting:

Monday, **August 1** in Willard Hall. **6:30PM** for Bible reflections; **7:00PM** for regular agenda. Focus this month is “Worship.” All parishioners are welcome to attend these meetings.

• St. Luke’s August Supper and Silent Auction:

Saturday, **August 6th**, continuous seating from **5:00PM-7:00PM** on the back lawn of St. Luke’s Church. Rain or shine. Reservations can be made by calling: 875-4031. [See articles on pages 1 & 5 for details.]

Kindness in words creates confidence,
Kindness in thinking creates
profoundness,
Kindness in giving creates Love

—*Lao-Tse*



AUGUST CELEBRATIONS



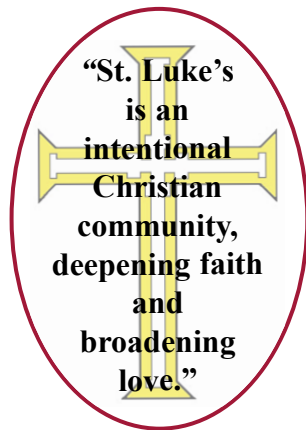
Birthdays:

3 Kara Watters Lake	25 Beverly Dunbar
6 Mary Porter	26 Kathleen Willis
6 Lillian Willis	26 John Hoover
8 Aurora Hansel-Whalen	27 Amos Worth
10 Hayden Noyes	28 David Willis, Jr.
12 Bill Hoyt	29 Kelly Watters
13 Morgan Willis	
16 Emily Guerra	
18 Thomas DesLauriers	
18 Susannah Pennell	

Anniversaries:

8 David & Marjorie Carey
21 Peter & Chris Burchstead

"If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other."
—Mother Teresa



✠ WORSHIP SCHEDULE ✠

Aug. 7	XII PENTECOST (Proper 14)
8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist, Rite I
10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
Aug. 14	XIII PENTECOST (Proper 15)
8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist, Rite I
10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
Aug. 21	XIV PENTECOST (Proper 16)
8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist, Rite I
10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
Aug. 28	XV PENTECOST (Proper 17)
8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist, Rite I
10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
Sept. 4	XVI PENTECOST (Proper 18)
8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist, Rite I
10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist, Rite II

☛ **CHURCH SCHOOL:** Church School will resume in September.

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