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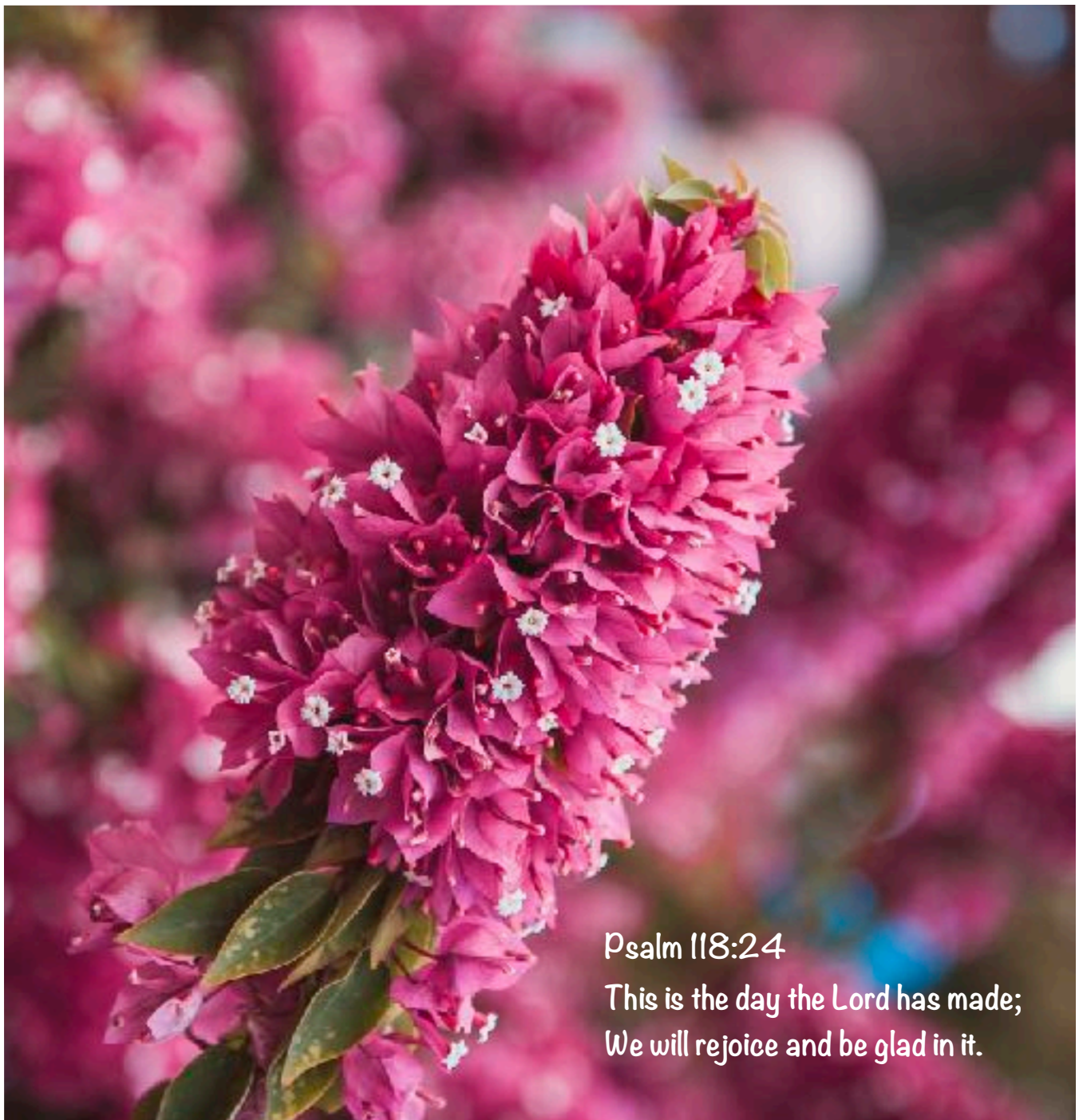
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Psalm 118:24

This is the day the Lord has made;
We will rejoice and be glad in it.



Wardens' Report – VS, July 1, 2017

St. Luke's parishioners were excited to meet Fr. Jon's family – Nikki, Zella, and Patrick. A very warm welcome was extended to them on June 11, their first Sunday with us. They are beginning to familiarize themselves with all of the wonderful benefits that come from living in Central New York.

The balance of summer and fall is filled with St. Luke's activities. Please add the many "save the date" entries into your family calendars. Upcoming events include:

July 15 – Bake & Treasure Sale (9A-3P)

This is a major annual event which supports our many outreach programs. Please continue to drop off your items and please sign up to help.

August 12 – Towpath Day Ice Cream Stand – Erie Canal Park

Help support St. Luke's visibility in the community as Bob Shafer and his team make delicious homemade ice cream and butter. See Bob to volunteer to help.

September 10 - Church Picnic / Welcome Back Sunday

This year, the church picnic has been moved to Welcome Back Sunday. This a great time to enjoy the fellowship of others and to share your summer experiences.

September 16 – Vestry Planning Day (9A-2P)

The Vestry will be meeting on this day to reflect, discuss, and plan the coming months. If you have ideas, suggestions, or concerns please share them with a Vestry member as input for this session.

September 24 – St. Luke's Wine and Cheese Tasting at Lakeland Winery (tentative)

This is a new fundraising/community visibility event for St. Luke's. It will be held at the Lakeland Winery and will include wine and cheese tasting. It will be open to the general public.

October 1 – Blessing of the Animals (3P)

This is a very popular community event and has attracted all manner of owners with their pets (dogs, cats, lizards, turtles, and yes- even a donkey once). Priscilla Edwards remains the inspiration for this effort.

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October 8 – “Run Sherry Run!” St. Luke's Fundraiser for CNY Autism

This is the second year for this event. Sherry Brescia runs the Empire State Marathon and St. Luke's parishioners support her effort. Sherry's company – Holistic Blends – matches St. Luke's contributions and the proceeds go to CNY Autism. Last year we were able to support this worthy cause with a \$2836 contribution.

November 4 – Silent Auction and Roast Pork Dinner (6P)

This will be the 3rd year for our fall Roast Pork Dinner and the 2nd year for the Silent Auction. It was a very successful event last year with about 120 attendees and many items to quietly bid on. Many crafts, paintings, gift baskets, household accessories, sports tickets, etc. left with their happy new owners.

December 17 – Greening of the Church and Luncheon (after 10:30A service)

This annual holiday event is fun for young and old. The decorating of the church is followed by a festive soup and sandwich luncheon. We hope all will attend.

St. Luke's is truly blessed by the arrival of Fr. Jon and his family. He brings new enthusiasm and spiritual awareness to us. He has plans, in the near future, for a midweek late morning service as well as twice per month Sunday adult formation sessions. We hope all who are able will support these new opportunities to expand our community of faith.

Faithfully,
Bambi Carkey, Jeryl Wright Wardens

A Word from...

“Summertime, and the livin’ is easy.” So begins Ella Fitzgerald’s seminal song, Summertime, which speaks to summer’s quintessential quality – contentment; especially a contentment in the moment, a savoring of the joys of warmth and fresh fruit and splashing in the water.



For many, summer is a time that we savor and that we fill with all of the best parts of our lives that we enjoy most. It’s also a season here in the parish when things slow down a little and we rest up. We remember that in the first creation story of Genesis, God looks out at the sum of creation, calls it good and rests.

Taking sabbath time is part of the pattern of life necessary for us to thrive. We need to slow down and savor the moment from time to time. We need it to remind ourselves of what’s truly important, of the abundance of God’s creation, and store up energy for our own creative labors.

Ella continues;

*“One of these mornings you’re gonna rise up singing
And you’ll spread your wings and you’ll take to the sky.”*

For us to fly, to flourish and thrive, as individuals, as families, and as community we need our time to rest and live easy. My prayer for all of us is that in this summertime we might find our rest, renew our purpose and commitment, and marvel at the glories which God has made all around us.



Jackie



Focus on the Prayer Book Calendar of the Church Year

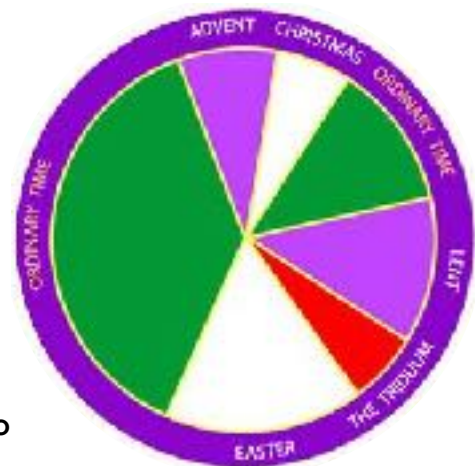
The first significant section of the 1979 Book of Common Prayer is a section that most people may never have looked at closely: The Calendar of the Church Year. In this section is laid out the pattern of the Christian Year, the date of major feasts and special devotions as well as the calendar of Saints Days.

As the Prayer Book says: "The Church Year consists of two cycles of feasts and holy days; one is dependent upon the movable date of the Sunday of the Resurrection or Easter Day; the other, upon the fixed date of December 25, the Feast of our Lord's Nativity or Christmas Day." Easter, the annual remembrance and celebration of Christ's victory over Death, lies at the center of the Christian Year as well as the center of Christian life. Everything flows from it, which is why the early church focused a great deal of its energy on developing a formula for determining the exact date of Easter (which is based on an ancient lunar cycle rather than our customary solar cycle).

In case you're curious, Easter Day is always the Sunday after the full moon that occurs on or after the spring equinox on March 21, a date which is fixed in accordance with an ancient ecclesiastical computation, and which does not always correspond to the astronomical equinox. There's a six-page section beginning on page 880 that takes one through the process of determining the date of Easter, or you can just look at a calendar or Google it.

In its essence, the church's calendar is constructed to allow the congregation to re-experience the disciple's experience of Christ, his anticipation, life, death and resurrection in order that we too may say "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God." The Christian faith is founded upon the human experience of God as manifested in Jesus and our relationship with both the resurrected Christ and others who have experienced this same God. The Church year, then, as expressed in our worship is a kind of experienced catechism.

As part of its larger purpose, the calendar sets aside certain days throughout the year (Feasts and Fasts) to remind us of the rich tradition of the Christian tradition. Every Sunday is a Feast Day of our Lord (it's why Sundays aren't technically part of Lent), but there are a number of observances, feasts, and fasts throughout the year and the prayer book lays out a hierarchy to help us understand which can be celebrated on Sundays, especially when two different feasts happen to fall on the same day (when a moveable feast runs into a fixed feast). Basically, we would choose whichever one falls into the higher category.





The hierarchy of celebrations is:

Principal Feasts – The church is usually decorated in white for these days

- Easter Day
- Ascension Day
- The Day of Pentecost
- Trinity Sunday
- All Saints' Day, November 1
- Christmas Day, December 25
- The Epiphany, January 6

Sundays

All Sundays of the year are feasts of our Lord Jesus Christ. In addition to the dated days listed above, only the following feasts, appointed on fixed days, take precedence of a Sunday:

- The Holy Name
- The Presentation
- The Transfiguration

The feast of the Dedication of a Church, and the feast of its patron or title, may be observed on, or be transferred to, a Sunday, except in the seasons of Advent, Lent, and Easter.

Holy Days

There are two types of holy days, additional Feasts of our Lord, not included in #1 above and Major Feasts (and Fasts)

Other Feasts of Our Lord – *The church is usually decorated in white for these*

- The Holy Name
- The Presentation
- The Annunciation
- The Visitation
- Saint John the Baptist-*this is the only "birthday" on the calendar other than Jesus'*
- The Transfiguration
- Holy Cross Day

Major Feasts- *The church is usually decorated in red and traditionally, calendars had the dates in red ink; hence the name "Red Letter Day."*

- All feasts of Apostles
 - All feasts of Evangelists (Matthew, Mark, Luke & John)
 - Saint Stephen
 - The Holy Innocents
 - Saint Joseph
 - Saint Mary Magdalene
 - Saint Mary the Virgin
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- Saint Michael and All Angels
- Saint James of Jerusalem

Fasts

- Ash Wednesday
- Good Friday

Days of Special Devotion

Primarily, these are not Sundays, but weekdays in the seasons of Advent and Lent and all Fridays.

Days of Optional Observance

These are other days worth marking, but not quite important enough to be in any of the categories above. These include things like the minor feasts (saints like St. Francis), Holy Cross Day, Pentecost, and other traditional (but largely forgotten) things like Ember Days and Rogation Days.

OUTREACH NEWS

This year Outreach will again host a sale to raise funds for our projects. We will have a Treasure and Bake sale on Saturday, July 15, 2017 and again will invite vendors to set up outside for free. The vendors' presence lets the community know that there is an event happening. The dates for the beginning of donations are:

Treasures June 1st

Baked goods July 13-15th

The signup sheet for bakers and helpers will be up on June 1st.

In the latter part of June when school gets out for the summer the kids celebrate, but for parents who struggle to put food on the table there is constant worry. We will have a special six- week food collection to help stock the St. Charles Food Pantry to sustain struggling families over the summer. The collection will begin on June 12, 2017 and end on July 24, 2017. Some suggestions for the collection are tuna, peanut butter, jelly, boxed mac and cheese, canned soups,

crackers, spaghetti and sauce, canned vegetables. Please join us in this initiative and make this summer food collection a huge success.

Thanks to our congregation for the generous response for our Samaritan Center collection. This year we collected 538 items. This is our fourth year collecting these items and our donations were timely as the Samaritan Center was almost out of shampoo.

Outreach committee remains committed to creating Welcome kits for new Meals on Wheels clients. So far we have created 180 kits. We check with Meals on Wheels quarterly to see how many kits they have on hand and determine if it is time to create more. We have managed to accumulate all the items for the kits for \$1.00 or less by shopping at Wegmans, Price Chopper, Walmart and Dollar Tree. This is funded by the Outreach budget.

As always, we are open to suggestions for new Outreach fundraising and Outreach projects. Please contact Eileen Robertson at 673-4324.



THANKS & PRAYERS

july & august

We Ask Your Thoughts & Prayers for...

Annelise, Marilyn Farrell, Patricia Smarzo, Helen, Mark, Christine, Elizabeth, Peter, Carol Petroff, John, Bill Bishop, Cindi Dundon, Mary Kate, John, Eileen Mitchell, and Ann

(Note: Call the church office to add anyone to our Sunday prayer list. However, the name will stay on for only one month. You must call each month to have the name put back on the list.)

Also Members of the Armed Forces:

Note: We will continue to pray for our loved ones serving in the military, but only for those who are deployed in harm's way. Please call the church office to submit a name.)

Happy July Birthday

- 10 Mary Jane Olson
- 14 Julia Catalano
- 15 Carolyn Muratore
- 17 Carrie Widrick
- 18 Mary Ellen Hoag
- 19 Arlene Gardner
- 25 Mary Parrish
- 27 Barbara Puchalski

Happy July Anniversary

- 7/6 Reg and Frances Smith
- 7/20 Morris and Mary Parish

Food Pantry

This is an easy ministry to support. No meetings to attend no phone calls to make. All you need to do is buy something extra at the grocery store and put it in our grocery cart. One item from each person would fill our basket each week. The pantry is always in need of our help. Thank you.

7/23 Robert and Joan Coulter

7/29 Luis and Patty Mendoza

7/30 Dick and Shirley Chrisfield

Happy August Birthday

- 1 Jane Wiley
- 2 Gary Carkey
- 7 Donald Olson
- 8 Martin Kaszubinski
- 10 Barbara Greene
- 13 Olivia Hart-Zavoli
- 15 Kathleen Hart-Zavoli
- 23 Joan Conley
- 29 Cheryl Young
- 30 Sharon Hoare
- 31 Wendy Snyder

Happy August Anniversary

- 19 Milt & Mary Stevenson
- 23 Gary & Bambi Carkey
- 24 Martin & Debbie Kaszubinski



MARK THE DATE - AUGUST 12 - 11-3PM

Towpath Day

As our boats travel along the mile section from Sims Store to the Aqueduct, we will have a series of ten tableaux celebrating 200 years of the Erie Canal that changed the face of our country.

A 5K Mule Skinner Run sponsored by the Solway Geddes Camillus Rotary Club will be held at 9 A.M.

In addition, there will be vendors and demonstrations, kids stuff, and Home Depot activities, steam engine display and food court

Entertainment will include: Morris Dancers; OIA presentation of Sluices, Locks and Hoggies; Diamond Someday; and Soda Ash Six. In the evening there will be a concert by Symphoria and fireworks over the aqueduct.

Come on down and help us with the St. Luke's Ice Cream Booth.

For more information, call Liz Beebe at 315-391-7020



***Have a Safe and Happy
4th of July!***



A vibrant community bringing all to God's healing embrace.