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Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

Matthew 5:15-16



WARDEN'S MESSAGE

Greetings all,

It's so hard to believe how quickly our summer months go by and how slowly our winter months seem to drag on. I'm not sure what happened to spring this year. Hopefully we will make up for it with an extended summer. During the summer months things here at the church seem to slow down a bit.

Our last Vestry meeting was in June and we skip July and August. Highlights were:

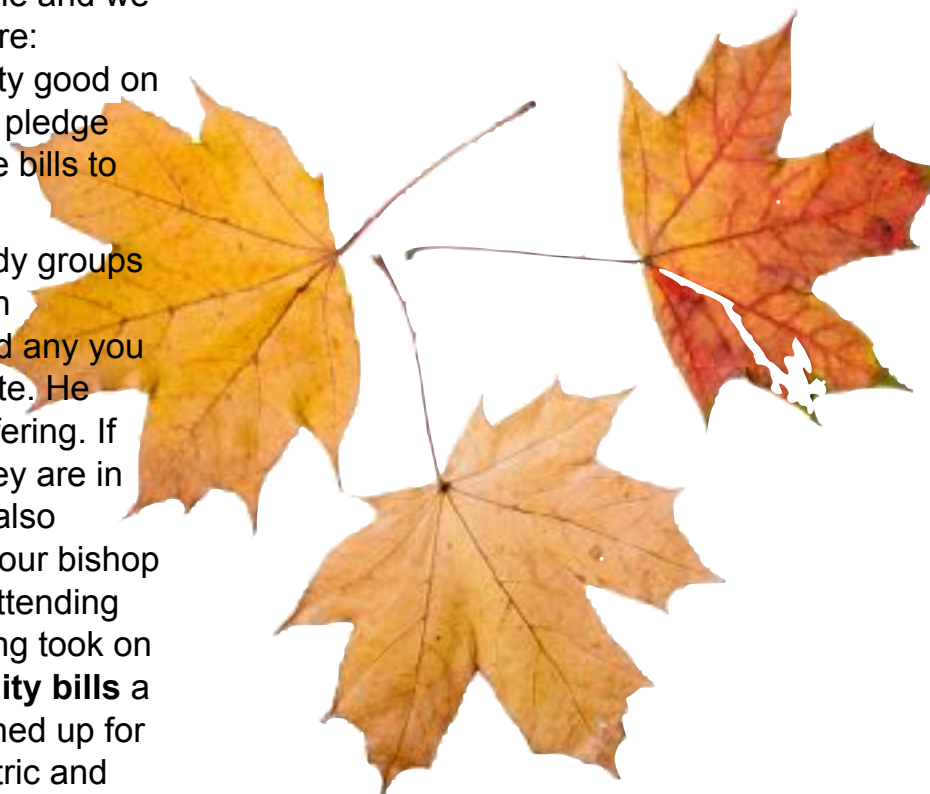
Finances- We are still looking pretty good on expenses. Thanks for keeping your pledge payments timely as we still have the bills to pay.

Father Jon discussed- Bible Study groups held on Mondays. He's pleased with participation. If you haven't attended any you may want to consider; it's not too late. He also rolled out the United Thank Offering. If you haven't picked up a box yet, they are in the back of the church. Father Jon also reported we are having a visit from our bishop on October 21, so please plan on attending one of the services. Also, Jack Young took on a project of deep diving into our **utility bills** a while back and it payed off. We signed up for a program for a locked rate on electric and gas that has the potential to save us a little over \$4K annually. Nice job Jack!

We also set the date for the **Welcome Back Parish Picnic** set for September 9. Mark your calendars. We hope all are well and enjoying the summer and look forward to seeing everyone at the picnic.

Your wardens,
Bambi and Bob

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UTO –United Thank Offering

Please take a UTO box home with you. As we go about our daily lives we realize how many blessings we really have. Put a donation in your blue box in when you recognize your blessings. All monies will go to support mission and ministry around the world. The boxes will be collected in the fall.



A Word From the Rector

Coming into church last weekend, I felt an unmistakable twinge of autumn in the air. The pools are closed, back to school shopping is in full gear, and people are beginning to close up their lake houses - summer is surely coming to an end. I won't lie, Fall is my favorite season. I love the crisp days, the changing colors, pumpkin spice and apple picking - donuts at the apple orchard were what I missed most when we left New York twenty years ago!

Everything has a season where it can flourish best, and our faith lives are no different. We go through seasons where one way of relating to God and the church seems to prosper and others when those same activities leave us empty. As we change seasons, I encourage all of us to reevaluate the practices of our one faith and consider whether or not it might be time to try something new. If you keep a rule of life (and I do recommend that you do) this is a good time to evaluate how that's working for you to ensure your life remains centered on Christ and enlivened by His presence.



Peace to you all
Fr Jon

**Bible Study and Mid-Week Eucharist
—Will both resume this week.**

You Can Help Us Grow!

Find us on 

Go to our [Facebook page](#) and review St. Luke's Church! Add some comments about why you love this church and help us get the word out.

When we post things on FB, share them - this is a simple and easy way to evangelize! And if you can, please check in on Facebook when you are here for any events or worship.

When people talk about their weekend plans - say; "If you don't already have a church, try St. Luke's at 8:00 or 10:30 every Sunday. It's where I go!"

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**St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
40 South Main Street
New Berlin, New York 13411**

July 8, 2018

The Rev. Jon White
St. Luke's Episcopal Church
5402 Genesee St.
Camillus, New York 13031

Dear Fr. Jon,

I am writing to inform you that the St. Andrew's vestry met in special session today to approve that we donate \$500.00 to your building fund in honor of Jerry Wright.

Jerry donated his time, materials, and talent to designing an aumbry door, two candlesticks, and a cross, all done so beautifully. His modesty prevented him from taking any compensation, but we want to show him how much we appreciated what he did.

We have been converting our chapel to one that is more rustic and will be open to the public twenty-four hours a day. His contribution to that effort has made our parish so very happy.

Wishing you and your congregation well!

Peace,

The Rev. Steve White

Second Sundays: Our new youth program

In an effort to meet families where they are, St Luke's is joining with St James, Skaneateles and St John's, Marcellus to offer a brand new program to support our youth. We're calling this effort **Second Sunday** and it will be a monthly youth program for anyone in Grades 6-12. Each month on conveniently enough, the second Sunday, youth will share a meal together and have a time of sharing, reflecting and learning with guest speakers. Each program will conclude with a contemporary worship service with music. The location will rotate monthly between the three participating churches St. John's of Marcellus, St. James' of Skaneateles, and St. Luke's in Camillus.

Come as you are and spread the word to friends. The intent of Second Sunday is to have both a Middle School Leader and High School Leader to break out during sharing and reflection time to better focus on the needs of each age group. Erin Moore will be the leader

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for the High School group, and our own Bob Shafer will be heading up the Middle School group.

Erin Moore is a teacher and musician who is excited to be leading the high school group of Second Sundays starting this fall. Erin has been teaching music and religion for 10 years in San Francisco, CA and here in Syracuse. Erin holds her Masters in Theological Studies from the Church Divinity School of the Pacific in Berkeley, CA, and her Masters in Music Education from Ithaca College. Currently, Erin teaches chorus at Christian Brothers Academy, Syracuse and is the music director at St. John's in Marcellus. Erin is married to St. John's rector Fr. Steven Moore, and they have two wild children, James and Miriam.

Second Sunday begins September 9, 2018 at St. John's in Marcellus from 5-7pm. Youth need to only bring themselves. Second Sunday is the result of listening to families and responding to ever-changing cultural pressures. Community families and clergy have been in discussion and research to create something to support area youth. The goal is to offer teens a path to spiritual growth and the love of Jesus. It has been said many times, "It takes a village to raise a child," and this program will be successful with consistent support and participation from parents, clergy, parishioners and area youth. If you would like to help or sign your youth up, please feel free to contact Laura Posecznick, St. James' Children's Ministry Team Leader at laura@stjameskan.org.

Outreach News

In August Outreach collected books for the Samaritan Center library. We collected for them once before, but since the clients can be transient, the books don't always come back to the library. We collected the books from August 5 thru August 19, 2018.

In September we will collect gently used (no stains or rips) clothes to donate to In My Father's Kitchen. Four times a year this organization distributes these items to the homeless and to refugee groups in our city. The dates for this collection are September 10 through September 23, 2018. I hope you all had the opportunity to hear John Tumino's talk at our between service breakfast in May. He is a passionate and inspiring speaker and his small organization does much good for our less fortunate neighbors. As always, if anyone has new ideas for Outreach opportunities, contact Eileen Robertson at 315-673-4324.



Choir Practice

Rehearsals:

Sunday, August 26 9:30 am until 10 am
Sunday, September 2 9:30 am until 10 am

Please note beginning Sunday, September 9 we will go back to our regular rehearsal time, **9:15 am to 10am.**

If you love to sing come and try us out.
All voices are welcome.

Additional Hymnals

Because of a generous donation from Cheryl and Ralph Lorenz, we've been able to purchase additional copies of the hymnal "With One Voice."

This hymnal comes out of the Lutheran church and offers many familiar and easily sing-able hymn versions as well as excellent hymns from around the world.

These won't replace our standard Hymnal 1982 but will be a supplement. Expect to see them in the seats soon!



September 9

Welcome Back Sunday and Parish Picnic
After the 10:30 am service.
Hamburgers and Hot Dogs Provided
Please bring a dish to pass and
lawn chair if weather cooperates.
See sign up sheet on the bulletin board.

Altar Flowers

We have Sunday, September 16 and 23 open for altar flowers. Please call the church office to reserve a Sunday. Flower donation is \$45.00.

Food Pantry

An easy ministry to support. No written reports, no meetings, no phone calls. Just pick up some extra food when you do your own shopping and donate it to the food pantry. It helps so much. Thank you.



THANKS & PRAYERS

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We Ask Your Thoughts & Prayers for...

Elizabeth, Helen, Fran Smith, Shirley, Marilyn, John, Harold Avery, Mary, Fred, Patricia Smarzo, Eileen Mitchell, Mark, Paul, John, and Corey

(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.)

Happy Birthday

- 15 Erika Kelley
- 16 Marilyn Farrell
- 27 Jack Young
- 30 Alexandra Goldych

Happy Anniversary

- 2 Dave and Sharon Hoare
- 3 Jack and Cheryl Young
- 4 Jim and Jill Nightingale
- 5 Chip and Sandy Vitagliano

- 12 Mike and Debbie Bille
- 24 Martin and Debbie Kaszubinski
- 27 Fred and Carolyn Muratore

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.)

Church Prayer List

Anyone can put forth a name for our Sunday prayer list for the sick -- even your own name. The name stays on the list for a month. At that time you should call the church office if you want the name added for the next month. That way our list stays current.



Please be sure to contact Cathy Martin at the parish office in case of illness or hospitalization. On weekends or in case of pastoral emergency, call Father Jon at his cell phone number 971-227-3106.

For those unable to attend church, our Eucharistic Visitors are available to bring Holy Communion to home, hospital or care residence. Let Cathy know the details.

Prayer Chain

Anyone who is interested in belong to an 'email' prayer chain, please talk to Cheryl Lorenz 330-631-1902. If by chance Cheryl does not answer leave her a message. We would like the 'email' Prayer Chain to begin in October.

A new St. Luke's banner welcomed everyone to the ice cream booth on Towpath Day. Flavors of the day were chocolate, vanilla and chocolate chip mint. Special thanks to Bob Shafer for picking up the donated half and half from Byrne Dairy and organizing our stand.

We are also grateful to Peter Bullock, Mary Beth Harvey, Fr. Jon, Jeryl Wright and Jack Young for lending a hand. Other members of St. Luke's who participated in Towpath Day activities were Debbie Dilg, Dan Harvey, and Mary Ellen and David Hoag. We saw a number of other "Saints" who joined in the festivities.

Thank you for your support. Liz and Dave Beebe



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