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John 4:7-8

Dear friends, let us  
love one another, for  
love comes from God.

Everyone who loves  
has been born of God  
and knows God.

Whoever does not love  
does not know God,  
because God is love.

Annual Meeting  
January 27  
9:15



## Warden's Report

Greetings all,

Boy, did 2018 fly by. The years, the holidays seem to come and go so quickly. And now here we are planning for our upcoming Annual Meeting, January 27.

Recapping recent activities: we had our monthly First Thursday Dinner in December hosted by Bambi and Gary Carkey, and January's dinner hosted by Bob and Kathy. If you haven't attended one of the dinners yet, you really should try to get to one. Great food and fellowship, not to mention just a good time! We had our December Vestry and Finance meetings. Highlights: 2018 **finances** are better than expected. More detail will be provided at the Annual Meeting, but bottom line is we will finish up with about a \$4K profit when we had budgeted for a \$12K deficit. So, thank you all for your extra donations, and keeping up with pledges. **Stewardship**, we are currently about \$5K ahead of last year's pledges, so again, thank you to all who pledged! We had beautiful and well attended Christmas services. Thanks to all who helped in making Christmas so special at St. Luke's. We had December and January 2 Sunday with our youth. The kids really seem to like the program.

Lastly, in December we had to say goodbye to some very, very dear friends. Their love and contributions at St. Luke's will live on.

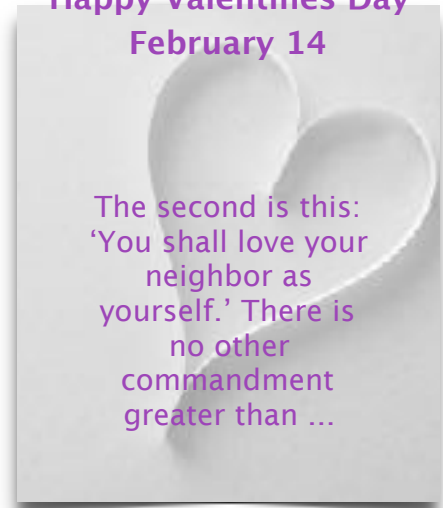
Thank you everyone for making 2018 at St. Luke's a great year and we hope all of you have a fantastic 2019!

Your wardens,

Bambi and Bob

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### Happy Valentines Day February 14





## A word...

*Our Christmas and New Year here at St Luke's took in the whole sweep of life this year; we celebrated the Christ child, but also had to say goodbye to members who've been essential parts of our community for decades. Funerals for Pat Smarzo, Fred Muratore, and Arlene Gardner were held and their lives celebrated by many members of the congregation as well as by their friends and loved ones. It felt particularly poignant to mark their deaths and their impact amid the Christmas decorations and in view of the Nativity scene at our altar. It was life and death, the love of God, and the promise of life eternal in God's presence for all to see.*



*I know it has been a bittersweet season for many of us. For me, the rituals of the season, decorations, carols, trees, presents, candles, prayers, magi, angels, and shepherds - all pointing to the child in the manger, served to remind me of the power of God's love and the promise of Christian community as place to be known, welcomed and loved. It showed me again, the genuine warmth and affection of this particular faith community. But mostly it reminded me of my thankfulness for all that God has created and God's invitation to be co-creators and caretakers of that creation.*

## Second Sunday

Our Second Sunday youth and family program is still going very well. January was St Luke's turn to host, and over two dozen kids and another handful of grown-ups gathered to share a meal, to learn about Jesus' invitation for our lives and to worship together. One of the most remarkable things about this group is that a number of them have formed their own musical group that offers all the music for our worship each month. These are impressive young people who have a lot to offer and who should make you feel good about the future leadership of our church, our nation and our society.





# Outreach News

Our holiday Outreach programs were a great success. We delivered a small gift to Meals on Wheels, abundant donations of food to St. Charles food pantry, along with winter coats, sweatshirts, hats, scarves, gloves, mittens and socks to In My Father's Kitchen. This year we collected funds for Episcopal Relief and Development as our Christmas project. Outreach donated \$500...and, in total, we collected approximately \$1900.

Round up your sample-size personal hygiene items, as we will again collect these items for the Samaritan Center. This collection will commence on Ash Wednesday and go through Easter.

The approximate date for the annual Bake and Treasure sale will be Saturday, June 8, 2019. Sign-up sheets will be posted in April. We have changed the time to an earlier date so we are not competing with the myriad of festivals that take place in our summer season.



## First Thursday Dinner

All are welcome to join us on Thursday, February 7 for dinner at 6 pm. Please use the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board or call the church office.



## Join the Choir!

Saint Luke's choir under the direction of Cheryl Lorenz ([enltrek@yahoo.com](mailto:enltrek@yahoo.com)) rehearses on Sunday mornings. Everyone is welcome to join. Contact Cheryl for details.





## *Christmas at St. Luke's*

A big thank you goes out to all who helped decorate during the "greening of the church." Our space was turned into a beautiful display. A special thanks goes to Jeryl Wright for procuring our Christmas tree and to Sharon and David Hoare for collecting the poinsettias. I've actually never seen such magnificent (and enormous) poinsettias! Another special thank you is owed to Gary Carkey for ceramic surgery to repair our broken angel, who had a bit of wing mishap.



## *Sunday Altar Flowers*

As most of you know, we have altar flowers in memory of loved ones or in thanksgiving for a special occasion every Sunday except during Lent and Advent. We have lots of dates open for 2019. Please complete an altar flower form found at each entrance or call the church office at 487-1771. Sunday flower donation is \$45.00.



## Loren Barrigar Concert

On a quiet night between Christmas and New Year's we were able to host noted local musician Loren Barrigar for an evening of guitar music and song here at St Luke's. Loren started playing guitar when he was only four years old, and by the time he was six, played the Chet Atkins hit "Yackety Axe" in front of thousands of country music fans at the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville. He went on to study with Jimmy Atkins (Chet's brother) which led to a touring career with his family band from Nashville to Las Vegas. Since settling down in Central New York, he has been in constant demand as a studio musician.



The concert was a fundraiser to benefit our Second Sunday youth ministry program and raised over \$400.



## Thank you...

to the wonderful, loving congregation that make up St. Luke's for all the prayers, cards, texts and visits during Fred's illness and final passing. It sustained us and uplifted us through the most difficult times. His funeral service was so beautiful. A special thank you to Jon, Ginny and Rob.

My family and I will be forever grateful for your support.

Carolyn Muratore



# THANKS & PRAYERS

## We Ask Your Thoughts & Prayers for...

Carol, Paul, Elizabeth, Helen, Fran Smith, Shirley, Eileen Mitchell, Mark, Mary and Marilyn

*(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 Birthday

- 8 David Mitchell, Jr.  
(son, goes by "DJ")
- 17 Debbie Bille
- 20 Mia Michell
- 22 Lorie Erlenback
- 25 Christian Nightingale



## Happy Anniversary

- 16 Bob & Marie Tackman

## Food Pantry

Please remember the food pantry when you do your own shopping. Cold weather means the food pantry is need of heartier gifts, soups, canned stews, macaroni and cheese, spaghetti and sauces. Thank you.

## Sympathy

Our heartfelt sympathies to Carolyn Muratore and her family on the death of her husband Fred, to Patty Smarzo on the death of her mother, Patricia Smarzo, and to Dawne & Jennifer Latter on the death of their mother and grandmother, Arlene Gardner. Give rest, O Christ, to your servants with your saints, where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting. December was a rough month for St. Luke's, losing three long-time members of our family.



**Warrant of Annual Meeting of the Parish of  
St. Luke's Episcopal Church  
Camillus, New York  
Sunday, January 27, 2019**

On January 27 the Annual Meeting will begin at 9:15 am per New York State Incorporation Law, and in accordance with Diocesan Canon Law.

The purpose of the meeting is to:

- 1 Elect one warden for a 2 year term.
- 2 Elect 3 vestry persons, each for a term of three years.
- 3 Receive Annual reports of the Rector, Wardens, Treasurer/Finance, Acolytes, Altar Guild, Buildings and Grounds, Fellowship, Music, Nominating, Outreach, Pastoral Care, Public Relations, Sunday School, Vital Signs and Youth.

Qualifications to vote are, you must be 18 years of age, belonging to St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Camillus, New York with registry of baptism on record at St. Luke's, financially support the ministry of St. Luke's, and having been in regular attendance at least 12 months prior to January 27, 2019. These qualifications are in accordance with the laws of the Episcopal Church, the Diocese of Central New York, and the canons of St. Luke's Church.

Alison Conley  
Clerk of the Vestry  
January 2019



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