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A Message From The Wardens

Greetings Everyone,

We hope everyone is well and surviving winter with minimal difficulties. If you enjoy cold weather you're probably enjoying this season, but for the rest of us, we hope spring starts early.

We had our Annual Meeting on January 27th. We welcomed Eileen Robertson to the Wardens spot, replacing Bambi Carkey. Thank you Bambi for your service for two terms!! We welcomed Ralph Lorenz and Jim Shake to the Vestry. We said thank you to Marie Tackman for her service on the Vestry as she completed her term. And we thank all the people involved with making our Annual Meeting a huge success. There sure was no shortage of great food!

We had our February 'First Thursday Dinner' hosted by Jon! He really outdid himself with delicious food. (You had to be there to get this!) We look forward to our upcoming Lasagna Dinner and Raffle to be held March 2 at 6 p.m. We hope all can make it. We always have a great time, not to mention great lasagna and some beautiful raffle prizes hand made by Jerry Wright. Even if you can't make the dinner, you can still enter to win the prizes. All you need is to buy a ticket and we'll put you in the raffle. We have our 'First Thursday Dinner' for March set for March 7. We hope you can make it.

The Finance committee met in February. With one month in, we are looking good. We did discuss the need for a Capital Campaign to be kicked off in the near future. Surely you all have noticed the need for a new driveway, and we also need a new roof on the parish hall along with some Rectory repairs. Unfortunately, these are big ticket repairs. More to come on this.

Again, hope everyone is well and look forward to seeing everyone real soon!

Bob and Eileen

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A Word from...

I've been spending some time reading about our past; going through the Vestry minutes and correspondence from when St Luke's was just an idea. Did you know the name St Luke's lost to St Aidan's by only one vote? Would being St Aidan's have changed anything? It has been fun to see familiar names pop up and to recognize the deep continuity of faith and commitment that is a hallmark of our parish. It has also been interesting to see the patterns of our current life emerge.



As in Christianity writ large, the life of this community is deeply rooted in the past; in events and decisions made long ago. Ultimately though, the life of Christian faith is more than a response to or a restoration of the past. Jesus isn't just an historical figure. He is very much alive today and he continues to invite us to turn our eyes to the future. Our story as a people begins at the resurrection; but our future is the coming reconciliation and joining of heaven and earth where we will experience our own resurrection.

We are surely a people of tomorrow. We are called to "what's next" and not "what has been." It is both more difficult and more exhilarating to be the church in this time than in even the recent past. There are possibilities for us that would have been unimaginable to those who first had the idea to build an Episcopal Church in Camillus. I am excited about the possibilities of our future and I hope you are too. The courage, commitment, and resilience which we have shown, as a community, from the very beginning continue to serve us well as we look ahead with anticipation for where Christ invites us next.



Lent and Holy Week

We will be entering Lent soon, and I hope that you will find a way to honor the tradition of giving up or taking on something in Lent that will help remind you of God's presence in your life. You can find some great ideas at [our diocesan website](#), and at our own website as well. We'll also have printed resources available here at the church.

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Outreach News

Round up your sample size personal hygiene items as we will again collect these items to donate to the Samaritan Center. This collection will commence on Ash Wednesday, March 6, 2019, and go through Easter.

The date for the 11th annual Bake and Treasure sale will be Saturday, June 8, 2019. We will accept donations for the sale from May 1st through June 2nd. The sign-up sheet for workers and bakers will be posted in early May. We urge you to consider signing up to work the sale.

This is an important Outreach activity and the funds raised are used for Welcome kits for Meals on Wheels new clients, for a small Christmas gift for Meals on Wheels clients, and to make monetary donations to various charitable organizations that we support.



From your New Warden, Eileen Roberts

As a newly installed warden I have embraced this ministry during a very busy time of year. We have our annual lasagna dinner, an upcoming First Thursday fellowship dinner, the beginning of Lent, the collection of hygiene items for the Samaritan Center, the chicken and biscuit dinner, Easter and, in early June, the Bake and Treasure sale. It is easy to fill up the days with the busy-ness of various ministries and ignore the need for quiet time to reflect and maintain your sense of spirituality. Psalm 46:10 reminds us, "Be still and know that I am God."

Lasagna Dinner

The annual St. Luke's Lasagna Dinner will be held on March 2. This is always a fun event and the food is great. Lasagna, salad, Italian bread and dessert - \$10/person, \$5/child under 10. This year we will be also offering chances on two handmade items - a turned hackberry platter with a tree of life inlay, and a maple box with a fan inlay. All proceeds go toward the support of St. Luke's ministries.



Annual Chicken and Biscuit Dinner

A chicken and biscuit dinner will be held on May 11. Tickets are \$10/person, \$5/child under 10. St. Luke's dinners always involve good food, great fellowship and support a worthy cause. Bring a friend this year!



Easter Flowers

Easter is Sunday, April 21. If you would like memorial flowers for Easter please complete an Altar Flower form located at each entrance or call the church office 315-487-1771. Donation is \$15 and deadline for flowers is Wednesday, April 17.



Take A Chance!

A special drawing will be held at the Lasagna Dinner for these two prizes. Prize Tickets - \$5 a ticket or 5 for \$20





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Of course, we'll also be marking the important holy days of Lent and Holy Week in liturgy.

Ash Wednesday March 6 Noon and 7pm

Maundy Thursday April 18 7pm

Good Friday April 19 Noon and 7pm

Great Vigil of Easter April 20th 7pm

Once again, this year, we will hold an overnight vigil, just as Jesus invited his disciple to stay with him and pray at Gethemane. The vigil will begin following the Good Friday service and continue until Saturday morning. People are invited to sign up for one hour during the vigil to be in the sanctuary, in prayer and devotion.

May everyone have a blessed and holy Lent.

First Thursday Dinners

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

Ash Wednesday



*Remember that you are dust,
and to dust you shall return.*

ECCLESIASTES 3:20



Thank you to the recently formed choir that so enriches our worship service. Under the creative direction of Cheryl Lorenz, sweet music fills the air.



THANKS & PRAYERS

march/april

We Ask Your Thoughts & Prayers for...

Carol, Paul, Elizabeth, Helen, Heather and Davis Griswald, Nancy Halpin, Michael Brescia, Griffin, 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.)
Zeke Dodd



March Birthdays

- 3 Jon White
- 5 Mary Weatherup
- 7 Rich Conley
Jeryl Wright
- 9 Sheila Lange
- 13 Sedona Brown
- 14 Nicholas Gilsey
- 15 Alison Conley
- 23 Madison Mitchell
- 26 Bob Shafer
- 29 Kara & Sean Conley

March Anniversary

- 17 Jeryl & Gerry Wright

April Birthdays

- 5 Helen Preston
- 10 Nathaniel Woodworth
- 18 Tanner Woodworth
- 24 William Erlenback II

Happy
St. Patrick's
Day
March 17



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.



...and your spare change, pennies for the deaf.



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