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Luke 17: 5-6

And the apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith." The Lord replied, "If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to [this] mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you."



Warden's Message,

Greetings all. As we say goodbye to summer things are getting back into swing here at St. Luke's. We closed summer with our church picnic. Thanks everyone for making the great food and thanks to Jack for manning the grill once again. Our First Thursday Supper resumed. If you haven't attended one yet, you really need to try it, great food and fellowship. Our Youth Group, now called 4West, and vestry meetings started up again in September as well.

Capital Campaign update; we unfortunately had a hick up with the driveway paving. The contractor had to back out of the project due to health issues We have signed up with CNY Paving now and they should be starting mid October on the project. We also have an estimate in for flooring in the rectory and are waiting for two more to come in so we can get that project checked off soon as well. Again, thanks to all for the Campaign contributions!

Looking ahead we have our First Thursday Dinner on October 3, Blessing of Animals on October 6, and our Roast Pork Dinner on November 9.

Mark your calendars!

Hope to see everyone soon,
Bob and Eileen

St. Luke's Day Celebration

We will celebrate St Luke's day on Sunday, October 20. If you would like your health care providers name included in the prayers on St Luke's Day please complete a form and leave in the box at the back of the church.

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Roast Pork Dinner and Silent Auction

Saturday, November 9 at 6 pm

Menu

Roast Pork, Apple Chutney, Green Beans, Salad Roll, Dessert
Coffee/Tea or BYOB
Adults - \$10
Children Under 12 years - \$5



A Word

I have used much of my spare time lately building a treehouse. Ostensibly, this is for the kids, but I have made sure that it is big enough for me to lay down comfortably inside. If you have seen the TV show, Treehouse Masters, rest assured it's nothing like that. It is however, slightly grander than the forts built of scrap wood from my own childhood. The only plans I had going into this were the "blueprints" Patrick drew for me - which weren't really all that helpful, to be honest - and a vague vision I had in my own head.



Not everything worked out as I had originally intended, it's been an evolving thing. But as I am approaching completion and it becomes clearer what exactly it will be I couldn't help thinking about how so much of the life of faith unfolds the same way.

When we undertake a project, or plan an event, or an ongoing effort within the church or our own spiritual lives, it's actually pretty rare that things go exactly as planned. Life has a habit of not conforming to our desires. We can get frustrated or disappointed, or we can look at the wrinkles and speed bumps as invitations to a better outcome. Maybe the obstacles we face sometimes, are God's way of nudging us into a something fuller or deeper than we had realized possible. Not always maybe, but I suspect more often than we know.

My treehouse may not turn out exactly as I had first planned, but I'm confident it will be enjoyed just as much. In the same way I know that my life plans and ministry goals will not always go as I had at first hoped, but I trust that God will make something better than I could have dared hope.



Blessings,



Patrick



Thanksgiving Food Drive and Mitten Tree

As we approach late fall and the holiday season it's time to think about our neighbors in need. St. Charles, our local food pantry, can use all the support we can offer. Let's help ease some food anxiety for our neighbors in need by generously supporting the Thanksgiving Food Drive to benefit St. Charles Food Pantry. The items we donate will assist St. Charles' Food Pantry as they provide food to the families they serve in the Camillus, Fairmount, Westvale and Solvay areas. Monetary donations will go towards the purchase of gift cards for ham and turkey or food to meet special dietary needs. Please mark your monetary donations Food Drive so the counters know how to earmark the donation. The food drive will begin on Sunday, October 13, 2019 and run through Sunday, November 17, 2019. Food donation suggestions:

- October 13 Sauce and Pasta
- October 20 Peanut Butter and Jelly
- October 27 Canned Fruit and Soup
- November 3 Canned Vegetables
and Quick Bread
- November 10 Oatmeal and Cereal
- November 17 Stuffing Mix and Canned
Pumpkin



The Mitten tree will also go up on the first Sunday of the Food Drive. It seems early to think about cold weather gear but we run these programs concurrently and donate the Mitten Tree items to the Food Pantry along with the food items. This allows for distribution of these items before the winter cold arrives.

Thank all of you for your continued support.





4West Youth Group

Our regional youth group has started up again for the year on September 15 and our first gathering was in Marcellus. We've changed the name this year to 4West because it is a cooperative ministry of the four parishes immediate west of central Syracuse; St Mark the Evangelist, St Luke's, St John's and St James. We'll be meeting monthly, rotating around the various parishes. If know anyone who might be interested in joining us, please let Fr. Jon or Bob Shafer know.

In October, we'll be participating in Crop Walk. Crop Walk is an international ministry that raises funds to address hunger here and around the world. Our local event will be at Onondaga Lake Park on October 20 at 1:00pm. All parishioners are invited to participate either donations or coming to join us as we walk to end hunger.

Monthly First Thursday Dinner

Save the date! Our next first Thursday Dinner is October 3 at 6 pm. Hope you will join us. A sign up sheet is on the bulletin board.



OUTREACH NEWS

The Samaritan Center library allows clients to borrow books that they can keep. This practice can leave the bookshelves pretty much empty. We collected books for the Samaritan Center in August, and subsequently delivered 158 volumes on August 19! A big "Thank You!" to all of you for so generously supporting this initiative and all our Outreach activities.



Annual Blessing of the ANIMALS



SAINT LUKE'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Sunday, October 6 @ 3:00 PM

5402 West Genesee Street, Camillus NY

Our annual Blessing of the Animals will be held on Sunday, October 6 at 3 pm here at St Luke's. We hope to hold the event outside if the weather cooperates. If not we will gather inside. All are welcome. Bring a neighbor or a friend. Treats for all.

Choir

Our St Luke's Choir is back once again under the direction of Cheryl Lorenz. Choir is a fun and meaningful worship ministry, and you are invited to be a part of it. You don't need to be Pavarotti to join the choir; just willing to offer your voice to God's glory. The choir practices on Sundays at 9:15. The choir also welcomes instrumentalists to play along with the choir to enhance the gift of music offered to God.

In December, our choir will be joining with other nearby Episcopal church choirs for a service of Evensong at St James in Skaneateles. So if you've wanted to participate in the glories of choral evensong, join the choir today!

Pix from the Picnic



THANKS & PRAYERS

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We Ask Your Thoughts & Prayers for...

Don, Nolan Brown, Elizabeth, Helen, Paul, Eileen Mitchell, Mark, Shirley, Carol, Mary, Fran Smith, Kathleen, Marilyn, and Mary Kate

(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

- 1 Danielle Halpin
- 4 Elizabeth Young
- 11 Eileen Robertson
Zella White
- 15 Audrey Kerswell
- 20 Debbie Pierson
- 22 Nancy Michell
Sandy Vitagliano
- 28 Kathleen Redmore
- 29 Frances Warren

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 and Tyler Pledger

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.

Congratulations!



Long time parishioner **Frances Warren** was surprised with a 100th birthday coffee hour. Her actual birth date is October 29 but to surprise her, the family held the celebration today. Amazing lady! She lives alone, drives to church, mows her own lawn on a riding mower, and truly enjoys life. Blessings to you Frances!

Diocesan Visioning

During the past six months, Bishop DeDe Duncan Probe has gathered a group of people from around the diocese, including the formal and informal leaders, to develop a vision and mission for the diocese. Fr Jon, as a member of the diocesan Standing Committee, has been a part of this process. The most recent gathering was held here at St Luke's on Saturday, September 7. On that day, the group coalesced around the final draft version and began the planning process for communicating and receiving feedback from the whole diocese.

The current plan is to engage in conversation for the next year and finalize the vision and mission at our diocesan convention in 2020. Importantly, and unlike most such efforts, this vision and mission comes with discrete statements of how the diocese can live into the vision. These are being called the diocesan Rule of Life and the hope and expectation is that we will adapt these ways of doing our work not only at the diocesan level but also in the ways we work together at the parish level.



Save the Date for Lessons & Carols!

Musicians have to think about December early, and St. Luke's Choir is already preparing for Advent and Christmas. Besides learning music for our own worship, we're participating with three other church choirs for a special Service of Lessons and Carols.

This service is scheduled for December 8, at 4:00 in the afternoon, at St. James Episcopal Church in Skaneateles. Other churches participating are St. John's in Marcellus and Saints Peter and John in Auburn.

The Service of Lessons and Carols is a long-standing tradition that started in England and has spread all over the world. Readings from Isaiah and the Gospels, along with anthems, carols, and hymns, will tell the story of the coming of the Messiah and the birth of Jesus.

With all the busyness of December, you'll want to save this date to experience again the beautiful Story and the music:

**Sunday, December 8, at 4:00 p.m.,
at St. James in Skaneateles.**

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