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Psalms 50:14 - Offer unto God
thanksgiving; and pay thy vows unto the
most High:



Warden's Message

We have completed two 9am in church services with Covid-19 protocols in place. We want to thank Fr. Jon for his hard work pulling this together. He has done a great job with the needed technology so that the people on Zoom and the people in church can worship together.

The annual Stewardship campaign has begun. To facilitate the process of setting the budget for next year everyone is encouraged to return their pledge cards.

Each year two or three individuals rotate off Vestry. We are currently seeking 3 people willing to serve on Vestry for a term of three years. Vestry meets on the fourth Monday of each month at 7:00pm. The meetings generally last approximately 45 minutes. If anyone would be interested in serving contact Eileen Robertson at (315) 243-2579.

There are plans in place to paint the W. Genesee entrance and replace the carpet.

We are waiting on the contractor to do the concrete work in the basement.

Blessing to you all,

Bob and Eileen

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Stewardship

2020 may feel like the year that lasted a decade, but it's really only been one regular year long; which means that it's time to begin planning for 2021. As part of that process we are asking you once again to discern if you are able and willing to make a financial commitment to the mission and ministry of Christ by supporting St Luke's.

A letter from Fr. Jon along with Estimate of Giving Cards will be coming in the mail soon. We would ask that, if you are able, please return those to us by Sunday, November 22nd.

You can bring them to a Sunday service, stop by the office, or you can mail them. Our address is :

St Luke's Church
PO Box 91
Camillus, NY 13031

United Thank Offering: Everyone is invited to participate again this year in the UTO. We'll be sending each household a UTO box and invite you to take time to regularly reflect on the blessing in your life and drop a coin into the box as an offering. We'll determine how to collect the boxes depending on the circumstances in November.





A Word

...as they were watching, Jesus was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." Acts 1:9-11



In this opening scene from the Book of the Acts of the Apostles we encounter Jesus offering some words of advice to his disciples and then departing from them. Jesus leaves and the only tangible evidence of his presence on Earth is their memories of their time with him and the relationship they shared.

November begins in All Saints Day, when we remember the great heroes of faith. And we usually wrap it up with All Souls Day where we celebrate the everyday heroes of our own lives. It is a celebration of our memories of them and the relationships we shared with them.

Our Christian faith is centered on the power of our relationships and memories; our relationship with Christ foremost, but also our relationships with those we've loved and the power that such love continues to exert on us even long after we have been separated by death.

The whole edifice of Christianity rests on the power of relationships and always has; beginning with the relationships Jesus had with his first followers and the relationships they had with one another. We are the stewards of that love of Christ in our own day and just like those first followers, it is our responsibility to tend it and most importantly, to share it.



Sacristy Remodel

One of the projects identified in our Capital Campaign was to expand the sacristy. Last month, Fr Jon, Bob Shafer, and Jack Young worked together to complete this project. Our original idea to expand didn't work because a concrete block wall was in the way. So, we decided to move the wall over a foot or so which really opened up the space. We also re-did the cabinets, added more workspace, dramatically increased the lighting, and replaced the sink. **The changes were welcomed by the Altar Guild – three of whom could share the space together for the first time ever!**





OUTREACH NEWS

Outreach food drive for Thanksgiving continues until November 15, 2020. If, due to Covid-19, you are reluctant to shop for the food drive, you can send a check directly to Marie Cullen (food pantry director) at 404 Parsons Dr, Camillus, NY 13031. Make the check out to St. Charles Food Pantry.

We are also collecting items for the mitten tree. There is a collection box for the hats, mittens, gloves, scarves and socks just inside the Genesee St entrance. This collection will also run until November 15.

Each year Outreach donates to a local charity. The December Vital Signs will identify the recipient of this year's donation.

Thanksgiving Food Drive

As we have done in the past we give extra to help with the Thanksgiving Food Drive to support the food pantry. Thank you for your generous giving.

November 8
Oatmeal and Cereal

November 15
Canned Pumpkin and Stuffing Mix



Spring Forest Qigong: During this time of COVID-19, would you like another way to strengthen your immune system and reduce stress? Online Zoom classes in Spring Forest Qigong continue each week, Thursday evenings (7-8pm). Qigong is a system of simple breathing and movement exercises. Practice sessions are led by Ralph Lorenz; if interested, send an email to rlorenzmusic@yahoo.com or call/text 330-283-5290. November 5, November 19, December 3, December 10, December 17

St Luke's Receives Diocesan Ministry Grant

The diocese has begun a new program of encouraging ministry and meeting needs around the diocese through the award of Ministry Grants. The Diocesan board identified several priorities and invited parishes to apply for grants to fund initiatives which will further those goals.

One of the priorities identified for this year was **“Providing Technical Support for Parishes to Explore New Ways of Worshiping, Serving, and Stewardship.”**

St Luke's applied for and received a grant for approximately \$1600 to allow us to join our in-person and online worship together. We have

purchased a large screen TV, a new laptop, two iPads, and associated equipment and installed them in the sanctuary.

We are still learning to work with this new setup but it has been good to be able to worship together whether we are in the building or at home; allowing everyone to participate from wherever they feel safest.





THANKS & PRAYERS

November

We Ask Your Thoughts & Prayers for...

Jan and Chuck Konkus, Mary Kate, Tish, Doug and Carol Law, Audrey Kerswell, Adrian, Joanne and Denise Hart, Diane Synakowski, Inez Robertson, Claudia Sennet Mack, Fran Smith, Renee Simpson, Elizabeth, Dick, Curtis Gregory, Richard Cooksey, Marie Bollick, Richard Cookse, and Jim

(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.)

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.)

Justin Stevenson and Chuck Borden

Those helping in Covid-19 efforts

Sara Fullerton, Kelley Fullerton, Keleigh Thomas Fullerton, Erin Kohan, and Megan Fullerton.

Happy Birthday

11/2 Peter Woodworth

11/3 Milt Stevenson

11/3 Jeremiah Hart-Zavoli

11/5 Bob Tackman

11/6 Peter Bullock

11/10 Elisabeth Beebe

11/11 Jim Nightingale

11/14 Megan Conley

11/21 Richard Chrisfield

11/24 Christine LaPage

11/28 Nikki White

11/29 Jennifer Latter

11/30 Mary Stevenson

Happy Anniversary

11 Peter and Heather Woodworth

Special birthday wishes to

Frances Warren

who turned 101 on October 29

And

Congratulations to

Eileen Robertson

who won the beautiful handcrafted wooden platter during the online

October raffle

Food Pantry: The food pantry has requested donations of bar soap. Donations of food items and paper products can be dropped off at St Lukes on Thursdays from 9-noon or Sundays from 8-11.

Financial Donations can be sent to: St Charles Food Pantry can be mailed to 404 Parsons Drive, Syracuse, NY 13219



Happy Thanksgiving!

