



# Light in the Shadows

NOVEMBER 2018

*"Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven." Matt. 5: 16*

## Embracing & Sharing God's Message Of Love In Christ

*"Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere; go tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born!" [1982 Hymnal, #99]*



As I write this, seven of us from St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Chester are making final preparations for the upcoming 186<sup>th</sup> Vermont Diocesan Convention that will take place the last weekend of October. Instead of meeting in the Cathedral of St. Paul's in Burlington, this year's event will be held in the Hilton Hotel in Burlington that is located across the street from Lake Champlain. The title of our convention theme this year is: "Go tell it on the Mountains! Evangelism Vermont-Style."

For some of us Episcopalians (myself included), the word, "evangelism" carries with it some baggage and misunderstanding. This term, "evangelism" has been misused by some to suggest a particular way of understanding our Christian faith that for many today seems limiting and out-of-touch. Perhaps we can remember one or more less-than-positive experiences with well-meaning people who have inquired about our personal standing before God.

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*—Rev. Heidi L. Edson*

So, when I heard about this year's convention theme, I confess I was not too thrilled. For example, what are we saying with the phrase, "Evangelism Vermont-Style?" I think we, as a diocese, are still figuring this out. Getting to know our church here in Vermont better, I am pretty confident that our understanding and practice of evangelism will come to reflect a more loving and embracing

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## Reserve Quickly For The Holiday Wreath-Decorating Workshops On November 15-17

Get ready for the holidays by decorating a pre-made Evergreen wreath with especially collected greens, natural materials, bows, and other decorations, plus all the wire, glue guns, and equipment necessary to make the decorating fun and successful. Open to the public, as well as to friends and parishioners, the workshops will take place in Willard Hall and once again benefit both the church and the Chester Conservation Committee's Student Environmental Scholarship Fund.

So mark your calendars, spread the word, and contact me quickly to reserve your wreath and preferred workshop spot. Both space and wreaths are limited, so people must pre-register. Choose from four different workshop sessions: Thursday evening, **November 15, 6:30-8:00 p.m.**; Friday, **November 16: 9-10:30 a.m. or 1:00-2:30 p.m.**, and Saturday, **November 17, 9-10:30 a.m.** Each session will offer homemade refreshments, great camaraderie, and all the essentials to create a very personal, one-of-a-kind wreath. Men and women are welcome to come alone or register with a friend or group. A \$5 early-bird discount will apply to

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## From the Senior Warden

**Lux Tenebris**

**I**n closeness to Me, you are safe. In the intimacy of My Presence, you are energized. No matter where you are in the World, you know you belong when you sense My nearness. Ever since the Fall, man has experienced a gaping emptiness that only My Presence can fill. I designed you for close communication with your Creator. How I enjoyed walking in the garden with

Adam and Eve before the evil one deceived them! When you commune with Me in the garden of your heart, both you and I are blessed. This is My way of living in the World—through you! Together we will push back the darkness, for I am the Light of the World.” \*

A couple of weeks ago I heard the results of new climate change research. If we continue as we are, making no changes in how we live in the world, in twelve years it will be too late. Any changes we make after these next twelve years will amount to doing something useless into the wind. Disheartening! That’s an understatement, isn’t it?

Do you remember last year when we heard that if St. Luke’s continues as we were, we will likely be shutting our red doors in about ten years, having depleted our financial resources? By the Grace of God and the generous hearts of St. Luke’s parishioners we have been able to push that sad and dark prediction a little way into the future.

I am heartened that the community which is St. Luke’s will walk a little while longer with Jesus in The Garden. We have turned the darkness away for a time. The Light continues to shine in the Shadows!

“In closeness to Me, you are safe. In the intimacy of my Presence, you are energized...Together we will push back the darkness, for I am the Light of the World.”

**Blessings,  
Belinda  
Senior Warden**

\* “Jesus Calling: Enjoying Peace in His Presence”  
by Sarah Young

## Embracing & Sharing God’s Message Of Love In Christ

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message of God’s love in Christ as we come to learn how best to share God’s message of love in Christ.

*Blessings,  
Heidi+*



## Annual Pledge Drive

**I**t’s that time of the year again! November marks the month for St. Luke’s annual Pledge Drive as part of our total Stewardship program that includes the giving of our time, talents and treasure. For this year’s presentation, St. Luke’s is proud to present several short plays for your enjoyment. These plays will be performed by some of our very own talented members. Presentations will be held during Sunday Worship on the 11th and 18th of November. Do plan to come. Seating is free!

Our annual Ingathering will take place on the 25th of November, but please feel free to submit your pledge cards sooner by mail to St. Luke’s Attn: Pledge Treasurer or in person to either Marti Assenza (Pledge Treasurer) or John DesLauriers (Treasurer). —*Heidi+*



## Wreath-Decorating Workshops...

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those who preregister and pay by Monday November 5. After that, the cost per wreath will be \$40.

Checks should be made out to St. Luke’s Church, designated for the wreath workshop, and mailed to me at P.O. Box 318, Chester, VT 05143. For additional information, please feel free to call or email Lillian Willis at 802-875-1340 or lbwillisct@comcast.net.

Please also let me know if you have glue guns, clippers, or wire cutters to lend for the workshops or special ribbons, decorations, or natural materials to donate. We would especially appreciate unusual pine cones, berries (bayberries, juniper, winterberry) and any more unusual evergreens (white or Scotch pine, holly, boxwood, blue spruce, cedar, juniper, arborvitae, etc.). Those berries and greens should be cut close to the workshop dates, and I would be happy to help with that task if you would like assistance. Please also let me know if you are willing to decorate one or more additional wreaths at the workshops that could be sold to others.

This is a great opportunity for people to support two good causes, start getting ready for the holidays, and have fun doing it! I hope you can join us! —*Lillian Willis*

## The Christmas Tea & Sale Saturday, December 1st



On Saturday, December 1, from 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. St. Luke's Church will hold its Annual Christmas Tea & Sale in **Willard Hall**. One of our major annual fundraising events, it is also a wonderful opportunity for St. Luke's to share warm hospitality and fellowship with the outside communities. Although we call this event a "Tea," in reality it is a mini-brunch with generous offerings of food that include a variety of tasty sandwiches, deviled eggs, finger foods, holiday cookies, dessert bars and much more. Brewed tea is poured by gracious hostesses, and guests may also choose coffee or mulled cider as their preferred beverage. All you can eat for \$8.00.

In addition to serving tea, a variety of gift items made by our talented members, will be available. These will include holiday decorations & ornaments, quilted items, homemade jams, jellies, relishes, candies, specialty snack mixes and specialty holiday foods. "Grandma's Attic" also has an eclectic selection of items at bargain prices (no price tags; you pay what you think the item is worth—keeping in mind this is a fundraising event for the church.)

At this point (the tea is about 4 weeks away), we would welcome donations of hand-crafted items, baked goods for the buffet table, specialty breads, jams, etc. for the "Holiday Food Table" and donations for Grandma's Attic room. [Note any items for "Grandma's Attic" need to be brought to church **no later than, Friday, November 30 from 1:00-3:00 p.m.**] On Tuesday, **November 27th** we will meet in Willard Hall at **1:00 p.m.** to assemble the table centerpieces.

### Christmas Tea Week Schedule:

- **Tuesday, November 27, 1:00-2:00 p.m.**  
Assemble table centerpieces.
- **Friday, November 30, 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.**  
Bring Grandma's Attic item donations.  
Set-up for the Tea.
- **Saturday Morning, December 1, 9:00 -10:00 a.m.**  
Set-up Kitchen & Buffet.  
Deliver any additional donations.

If you have any questions or wish to volunteer to help or offer other donations, please contact Pat Fromberger (875-3548) or Jane Davis (875-1855), co-chairs.

God's work done in God's way will never lack for funds. Generosity is contagious. God never promised to meet our budget, only our needs. —J. Hudson Taylor

## Stewardship Is Personal... A Time Of Inward Reflection

Stewardship is personal. I don't mean that in "none of your business" way. I mean it can, or perhaps should be, a time of inward reflection. A time to ask those questions of ourselves. What have I been given? What have I given? Who has helped me along the way? Who has been there for me? How fortunate am I? Am I in need, or in need of giving?

As a Vestry member I have an opportunity each month to be updated on various ministries at St. Luke's. During the Focus Presentations we hear from those who work behind the scenes to deliver the work (or word). We hear reports on Communications, Worship Committee, Music, Altar Guild, Christian Education, Fellowship and Outreach, to name a few. Each of these "updates" makes one realize how much time and talent is given to St. Luke's. It also makes one realize, by supporting St. Luke's how much my personal gift, be it time or money, is multiplied by the efforts of others. Most, if not all, of these ministries have a budget to work within and those responsible are careful to make the best use of the funds available.

As it has been said in the past we are fortunate for the gifts of those past and present for the support that has been given to St. Luke's. Whether it is with time, monies in the form of pledges, one time gifts, or memorial funds we have been blessed. On recent gift, of a sizable amount, came with a simple note enclosed saying "thanks for all that you do".

So as each of us "get personal" with our individual act of stewardship let us be mindful of "all that we do"

—*John DesLauriers, Treasurer*

Note: The Stewardship Committee will be sending out the 2019 Pledge Cards in a couple of weeks. Ingathering Sunday is scheduled for November 25th (after Thanksgiving) — at which time all pledges will be brought with the offering to the altar. You may return your pledge card either by mail or by placing it in the collection basket on the 25th. (See Heidi's article on page 2.)

## Pancake Breakfasts A Success

Coffee, bacon, pancake, and MAPLE SYRUP smells filled Willard Hall on Saturdays, September 15th, and October 13th. Warmth and fellowship prevailed. A sense of fulfillment filled all, including the volunteers and guests. One guest visited us from as far as Brattleboro. He read about the event in the newspaper, gave us a try while in the area hunting. He thoroughly enjoyed the food and friendliness we offered. Others sat in quiet, and not so quiet conversation, while they too partook. All and all our first annual Pancake Extravaganza reflects success in fellowship (we fed 75 guests) and monetary rewards (over \$600). Many thanks to all of you who contributed to the success. We are a GREAT team at St. Luke's.—*Janet Hunter*

## October Vestry Meeting Highlights

St. Luke's Vestry met on October 10th and the focus topic for this meeting was "Publicity, Communications and Publications." In addition to the regular vestry members, Lew & Bonnie Watters and Pat Fromberger were present to give reports on these topics.

- **Publicity/Communication.** Bonnie and Lew reported on their work with St. Luke's signs, signboards, and also technical communications (internet, St. Luke's website updates, etc.) Lew encouraged the Vestry to visit the 'Front Porch Forum' website for more information about what is happening in our community and how St. Luke's might also contribute to their site with information and events. Question arose as to whether we should consider paying \$100.00 for placement of St. Luke's activities on "Chester Telegraph" online calendar. Lew and Bonnie announced they will be "easing off" in their work of publicity & communications as of December of this year. Particular mention was made of producing the **Annual Report Booklet** from which they will step down. Suggestion was made to publicize the 150th Anniversary celebrations and events at the Guilford and Hartford Vermont Welcome Centers. Suggestion was referred to the 150th Committee.

- **Website:** Marti Assenza shared her work in updating information on the website each week in her role as content manager for St. Luke's website.

- **Publications:** Pat Fromberger reported on her work as editor of the LITS monthly newsletter. Her written report to the Vestry included the number of LITS mailings and the diversity of the LITS Readers. Regarding the Sunday Bulletins, suggestion was raised to find out if User-Friendly bulletins are indeed saving the church money in printing costs. Question was also raised regarding the St. Luke's Directory on whether to update the current 2016 Directory now or wait until 2019. Motion was made and seconded to delay until 2019.

- **Treasurer's Report:** Last month saw extra income. The Pledge payments were down, but Investment Income plus the other Fundraising Events saw good income flow. Still waiting to hear from TD Bank regarding our Safe Deposit Box. St. Luke's accounts will move to People's United Bank, Chester in light of TD Bank's closure. Diocese has mailed John DesLauriers and Heidi Edson the 2019 health plan coverage. John and Heidi to go over this together.

- **Junior Warden Report:** Andrew Pennell (who was able to be present) requested the issue of parking lot lighting be brought up. Question was whether the current lighting is sufficient or if additional lighting is needed. Agreement was for additional lighting to be set up.

- **Senior Warden Report:** Belinda reported that The Episcopal Church's outreach, Episcopal Relief & Development

(ERD) has sent a flyer asking for continued help from us. Help is requested for the work being done by ERD in the aftermath of Hurricanes Florence and Michael. Belinda also announced that a cyber liability plan has now been added to St. Luke's Insurance Policy.

- **Rector's Report:** Heidi announced the return of the monthly **Ministerium** Meetings. The first meeting was held on October 10th at the Chester Congregational Church. St. Luke's will be hosting next month's meeting scheduled for Wednesday, November 7th. Heidi will "attend" a Zoom conference Pre-Convention Meeting on Tuesday, the 16th of October. The regularly scheduled **Diocesan Council Meeting** will take place on the 17th of October (via Zoom.) **Worship Committee Meeting** will be held on Saturday, October 20th. Heidi presented some proposals to the Vestry for some changes or adjustments to be made regarding mostly worship venue during Advent-Christmas and Ash Wednesday Services. Proposals will be presented at the Worship Committee Meeting as well.

- **Old Business:** Follow-up from last month's discussion on Stewardship. Belinda and Marti will be in charge of the stewardship presentations in November. They are currently working on several skits they will perform on the 11th and 18th of November. Heidi volunteered to write an article about St. Luke's Pledge Drive effort for this coming year. Ingathering of Pledges will be on Sunday, November 25th. Pat raised the request regarding Saturday's **Leaf-Peepers Pancake Feast Open Church** for more docents to act as guides & greeters to visitors. In preparation for this event, Pat has provided a Docent "script" as a helpful aid.

- **New Business:** St. Luke's was given \$100 during the Annual Animal Blessing held on the 6th and 7th of October. Marti made motion to donate this money to the Springfield Animal Shelter. Motion was passed unanimously.

- **Foyers:** David Carey announced the date of the fall Foyer "kick-off". The Foyer Dinner for all interested members and friends will take place on **November 2, 7:00 p.m.** in Willard Hall. (Read article on page 6.)

- **Next Vestry Meeting:** Wednesday, **November 14<sup>th</sup>** in Willard Hall. Focus topic will be "Finance." Church member are always welcome to attend these meetings.

### DECEMBER LITS Deadline:

 **NOVEMBER 26<sup>th</sup>**

Send all articles, announcements, photos, etc. to:  
Pat Fromberger, 180 Gates Rd., Andover, VT 05143  
Email: [panjoe@vermontel.net](mailto:panjoe@vermontel.net)

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## Make New Friends, Keep The Old—One Is Silver, The Other Gold

The Annual Blessing of the Animals on Saturday, October 7 and Sunday, October 8 revealed some surprises. The weather behaved and so did the many guests—fur and human. The St. Luke's owners (3 each day) were fewer than new visitors who came through the website, the community events in the Vermont Journal, and our new sandwich board sign. We talked to a group of women from New Jersey who searched the web for "Blessing of the Animals," as well as a vacationing couple from Arkansas. A couple from North Springfield found us on Facebook, where Lew had posted the event on his personal page. Rev. Heidi blessed all the animals, including the only cat, the Edison's Thundarr. Marti made fantastic dog treats, and Bonnie provided a variety of homemade cookies.



"Magic" enjoyed the homemade treats.

both his favorite and theirs—sour cream jumbles. We received a lovely thank you card which is posted on the bulletin board in Willard Hall along with a photo. The message inside: "Thank you all for saving a life." There are additional photos on the church website and on St. Luke's Flickr photo site. —**Lew & Bonnie Watters**



The Saturday highlight was an ailing dog named, Magic and his owners, Sue and Kit, from Mt. Holly. They shared that their boy relished Marti's veggie treats. He enjoyed one and wanted more. An AKC champion, he had not eaten for two weeks. The ladies asked for the recipes of



Rev. Heidi blesses the Cheney's dog, "Mischief," a mostly long hair dachshund with some field spaniel. She is a 2009 graduate of the Windham County Humane Society, and is now 11.

## Kudos To Tom Widger



At the Bromley Ski Patrol Refresher on October 13th, Tom Widger and 2 others were awarded a Purple Merit Star Award for saving the life of a 16 year-old teenage girl in 2017. The young lady had hit a tree and had fractured cervical vertebrae 2, 3, 4 and 5. When they came upon the accident she had lost feeling in her hands and lower body. They stabilized her body and had her transported to the first aid room. She was then taken by ambulance to hospital in Bennington and then transferred to hospital in Albany where

she underwent surgery to stabilize her neck. After rehabilitation in a Florida facility she is now able to walk and run and has only limited feeling in her left forearm and little finger. The physicians involved stated that if she had not gotten the care on the hill she needed, she would have died.

The Purple Star Merit Award is the highest award the National Ski Patrol gives as it is only awarded for saving a life. In addition, Tom was also recognized for 50 years of service to the National Ski Patrol. Quite an eventful day for Tom.

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"Be thankful for what you have; you'll end up having more. If you concentrate on what you don't have, you will never, ever have enough." —Oprah Winfrey

## The Outreach Corner

### The United Thank Offering Supporting God's Missions



On Sunday, November 25th, we will be the ingathering of UTO Blue Boxes and envelopes at both worship services that morning. For those of you who have faithfully been putting your coins & bills in the blue boxes throughout the year, this is the day to bring them to

church. If you do not have a blue box, there will be special UTO envelopes at the back of the church for you to make a donation. We hope everyone will be very generous for this special outreach.

The United Thank Offering (UTO) is a ministry of The Episcopal Church for the mission of the whole church. Through UTO, men, women, and children nurture the habit of giving daily thanks to God. These prayers of thanksgiving start when we recognize and name our many daily blessings. Those who participate in UTO discover that thankfulness leads to generosity. UTO is entrusted to promote thank offerings, to receive the offerings, and to distribute the monies to support mission and ministry throughout The Episcopal Church and Provinces of the Anglican Communion.

UTO is a personal spiritual discipline of thanksgiving that supports God's mission throughout the world. How it Works: Give thanks for the good things that happen every day. For little things like a good parking spot on a busy day, sunshine for your family picnic, or a birthday card from a friend. For big things like recovery from serious illness, a new job, or forgiveness and reconciliation after a long dispute.

As you give thanks, put some coins or dollars into a United Thank Offering Blue Box, or set aside an offering reminder for later. When your box is full or you put a check in a United Thank Offering envelope, your thanksgivings unite with others' prayers and thankful quarters, dimes, and dollars from across The Episcopal Church to support God's mission around the world. You are never too young or too old to count your blessings and share your thankful spirit with others.

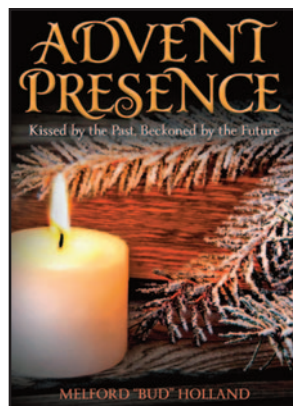
Janet Hunter is St. Luke's coordinator and contact person for the UTO offering. If you have questions or want to know more about this outreach ministry, please feel free to chat with her.

## Come Join Us For A Foyer Group Kick-Off Dinner On November 2

With the beautiful Autumnal colors far too quickly coming to a speedy end, it's time to reenergize the "Foyer Groups" at St. Luke's. Please join us for the kick-off dinner, and consider inviting friends and other members of the community to join us, for a potluck dinner in Willard Hall at St. Luke's on Friday, **November 2nd at 7:00 p.m.** Marjorie and I will provide the main course but please let us know what you might be able to bring. We look forward to seeing you there. In faith, David and Marjorie Carey (875-4235) or email [davidcareyvermont@gmail.com](mailto:davidcareyvermont@gmail.com)



## Advent Season Adult Study To Begin On November 14th



Our Advent Season is right around the corner! To get a head start on this season, our Mid-Week Advent Study will begin on the 14th of November. We'll be using a book by the Rev'd Melford "Bud" Holland entitled, "Advent Presence: Kissed by the Past, Beckoned by the Future." Divided into four sections that parallel the four weeks of Advent, each chapter in his book takes a refreshing look at Advent, a season of preparation for Christmas, by relating the ancient stories found in Luke's Gospel with our present lives. As his personal favorite season, Rev'd Holland sees Advent as the time of year for reminding us as disciples of Christ what truly grounds and sustain us in our lives.

As your priest here at St. Luke's, I would encourage all of us to consider an intentional observance of Advent through intentional study (maybe this one!) and prayer. Did you know that Advent is also sometimes referred to as "light Lent?"

Should you decide to join us on Wednesday mornings in Willard Hall, St. Luke's offers Morning Prayer at 9:40 a.m. with our Study beginning at 10:30 a.m. Study books will be on hand. A donation of \$10.00 is appreciated for a copy of Rev'd Holland's book. And, as always, each Session is stand-alone. So, come, and bring a friend. —Heidi+

**About the author:** Melford "Bud" Holland is an Episcopal priest, storyteller and photographer who likes to ask the "big questions." Retired as the Officer for Ministry Development for the Episcopal Church, Rev'd Holland now serves as an interim priest, consultant, and EFM trainer.



## St. Luke's Annual Christmas Tea & Sale

**Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup>  
11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.  
in Willard Hall**

We invite you, your friends & neighbors to come join us for a relaxing and fun day at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Chester. Take time out from the hectic holiday pace and spend some quality time with family and friends over a cup of hot tea, tasty sandwiches and a wide assortment of delicious holiday treats. Then shop for great gift-giving items from among our many handcrafted items, holiday foods and hidden treasures from Grandma's Attic. "Tea Buffet Tickets" are \$8.00/person (all you can eat.)



Tea Sandwiches



Quilted Gift Items



Grandma's Attic



### WEEKLY

#### • Lunch Bunch Book Study:

**Mondays, Noon-1:15PM** in Willard Hall for bag lunch/sharing/discussion/prayer. We are currently reading, "The Shack," by Wm. Paul Young. Please come to join us!

#### • Mid-Week Morning Prayer and Adult Study:

**Wednesdays: Morning Prayer: 9:40AM; and Adult Study 10:30AM** in Willard Hall. We will begin an Advent study on November 14th using on the book entitled: "Advent Presence: Kissed by the Past, Beckoned by the Future," written by Milford "Bud" Holland. Read article on page 6 for more information. All are welcome.

#### • St. Luke's Choir Rehearsal:

**Thursdays: 6:45PM-8:30PM** in Willard Hall. Starting on Sunday, November 4th we will also have special rehearsals following the 10:00AM service for those wishing to sing during Advent and Christmas. New members are most welcomed! If you want to know more, contact **Anne Goodreau** at [annegoodreau@gmail.com](mailto:annegoodreau@gmail.com).

### LESS THAN WEEKLY

#### • Monthly Vestry Meeting:

**Wednesday, November 14th** in Willard Hall. **6:30PM** for Scripture Reflection; Regular Meeting Agenda begins at **7:00PM**. The focus topic will be "Finances & the 2019 Budget." All are welcomed to attend these meetings

#### • Wreath Decorating Workshops:

**Thursday, November 15th, 6:30-8:00PM; Friday, November 16th, 9:00-10:30AM; and 1:00PM-2:30PM. Saturday, November 17th 9:00-10:30AM** in Willard Hall. Read the article on pages 1 & 2 for more information.

#### • 2018 Christmas Tea & Sale:

**Saturday, December 1st, 11:00AM-3:00PM** in Willard Hall. Be sure to invite your friends & neighbors for a fun day. Read the articles on page 3 and at top of this page for more details.

## St. Luke's Financial Information

|                                   | <u>Sept. 2018</u> | <u>YTD 2018</u> | <u>Annual Budget</u> | <u>YTD % of Budget</u> |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Pledge/Plate Income</b>        | \$ 5,109          | \$ 54,087       | \$ 71,290            | 75.9%                  |
| <b>Other Oper. Income</b>         | \$ 5,245          | \$ 20,643       | \$ 26,900            | 76.7%                  |
| <b>Restricted Income</b>          | \$ 0              | \$ 3,363        | \$ 2,850             | 118.0%                 |
| <b>TOTAL INCOME</b>               | \$ 10,354         | \$ 78,093       | \$ 101,040           | 77.3%                  |
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| <b>Regular Expense</b>            | \$ 9,825          | \$ 82,927       | \$ 109,314           | 75.9%                  |
| <b>Restricted Expense</b>         | \$ 48             | \$ 2,249        | \$ 2,550             | 88.2%                  |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>             | \$ 9,874          | \$ 85,176       | \$ 111,864           | 76.1%                  |
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| <b>Net Ordinary Income/(loss)</b> | \$ 480            | (\$ 7,083)      | (\$ 10,824)          | 65.4%                  |
| <b>*Memorial Gifts</b>            |                   | \$ 21,000       |                      |                        |
| <b>NET INCOME</b>                 |                   | \$ 13,917       |                      |                        |

We have completed three quarters of 2018, so income and expenses to date should be 75% of budget. Pledge and Plate income Year-to-Date is slightly above budget. Other Operating Income includes; Investment Income of \$3,636, Fund Raising Events \$1,384, Special Offerings \$75, and Other Contributions \$150. The deficit as a % of budget at 65% (vs 75%) is a positive movement. —**John DesLauriers, Treasurer**

The more thankfulness we share, the more we receive—and the more others have as well. The truth of God's good world is that there is enough. There's enough for us to have what we need, and there's enough for us to share. —*Forward Day By Day, 11/27/14*

# NOVEMBER CELEBRATIONS

## Birthdays:

|                               |                           |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 Elizabeth Assenza           | 19 Carter Evelyn Willis   |
| 9 Doug Edson                  | 22 Richard Hunter         |
| 12 Marti Assenza              | 26 Dale Deming            |
| 13 Luke Allen Pennell         | 26 Joe Fromberger         |
| 15 Lily Jones                 | 29 Ashley Hensel-Browning |
| 18 Betsy (Stretton) Adamovich |                           |

## Anniversaries:

|                                |
|--------------------------------|
| 18 Bill & Leigh Dakin          |
| 18 Sean & Ashley Hensel-Whalen |

**REMINDER:**  
Daylight Savings-Time Ends  
on Sunday, November 4th.  
Set your clocks back the  
night before.

“St. Luke’s  
is an  
intentional  
Christian  
community,  
deepening faith  
and  
broadening  
love.”

## ✠ WORSHIP SCHEDULE ✠

|                |                                   |
|----------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>Nov. 4</b>  | <b>ALL SAINTS’ SUNDAY</b>         |
| 8:00 AM        | Holy Eucharist, Rite I            |
| 10:00 AM       | Holy Eucharist, Rite II           |
| <b>Nov. 11</b> | <b>XXIV PENTECOST (Proper 27)</b> |
| 8:00 AM        | Holy Eucharist, Rite I            |
| 10:00 AM       | Holy Eucharist, Rite II           |
| <b>Nov. 18</b> | <b>XXV PENTECOST (Proper 28)</b>  |
| 8:00 AM        | Holy Eucharist, Rite I            |
| 10:00 AM       | Holy Eucharist, Rite II           |
| <b>Nov. 25</b> | <b>LAST PENTECOST (Proper 29)</b> |
| 8:00 AM        | Holy Eucharist, Rite I            |
| 10:00 AM       | Holy Eucharist, Rite II           |
| <b>Dec. 2</b>  | <b>I ADVENT</b>                   |
| 8:00 AM        | Holy Eucharist, Rite I            |
| 10:00 AM       | Holy Eucharist, Rite II           |

## St. Luke’s Episcopal Church

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St. Luke’s Church is handicapped accessible.

