



Light in the Shadows

MAY 2014

"Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven." Matt. 5: 16

God Is Always With You

"Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God."



I am always drawn to this phrase because I have learned how true it is. While I might feel uncertain about the future, it is God's powerful resurrection story in Christ that convinces me God is never far away and always pays attention.

Perhaps that is what the disciples began to discover in the days and weeks following Jesus' death and resurrection. The God of all surprises had yet more surprises in store for them. It is probably a good thing they did not know what unknown future was in front of them. It enabled them to fully open their hearts and hands to pay attention to this God who seemed to be wonderfully "on the loose." They found God was bigger than death because Jesus showed up just when they needed him the most. Jesus always shows up.

By the time you receive this issue of LITS, most of you will also have received word that I have indicated to the Vestry my need to resign as St. Luke's Interim Rector by the end of June 2014. This is a reluctant decision my husband and I have been struggling with for many months now.

"God will always be with you prodding and cajoling and sometimes even propelling you forcefully toward the mission God has in mind for you, this very faithful congregation of St. Luke's."

—Rev. Carole Wageman

It has been challenging to balance the demands of a half-time position with a long distance commute requiring me to be away from home for several days each week. In addition, during this past year a number of family issues have surfaced that have added to that challenge making my ministry among you even more demanding as I try to juggle a number of complicated pieces. The personal and family issues involved will continue to require my care and attention in the future.

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Easter: A Day of Joyful Gladness

There was much to be thankful for on Easter Sunday at St. Luke's: a bright sunny morning; beautiful spring flowers & Easter lilies adorning the church sanctuary; over 80 parishioners & guests filling the pews; and the resounding acclamations, "Alleluia, Christ is risen. The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!" Under the direction of church musician, Jacob McLaughlin, the five regular choir members were joined by John Hoover (bass), Rick Hunter (tenor) and two sopranos, Janet Hunter and Lisa Crocker, in singing two rousing anthems: "Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!" and "Easter Bells with Joy are Ringing." A joyful gladness permeated the worship and followed into the special Easter Brunch in Willard Hall (thanks to Bonnie Watters' organizing) and the Easter Egg Hunt (thanks to Lillian Willis.)

The children of course, waited in eager anticipation for the service to end so they could dash outside to the back lawn and search for the hidden Easter egg treasures. Lillian was especially grateful to her assistants, Morgan and Field Willis who helped the youngest egg hunters find the hidden goodies and to Kathleen and David Willis, Sr. who assisted with preparation, hiding the eggs, and perimeter patrol. (View additional photos on page 2)



Field Willis helps Saul Hensel-Whalen hunt Easter treasures.

From the Senior Warden

Change Is Upon Us

Spring has arrived, cold and wet and late. The tiny little buds of peonies and daylilies are poking up through last year's leaves and the tulips are blooming in my garden. The crabapple trees are budded and the violets and primroses are visible, and the earth has awakened from winter once again.



This is my favorite season, with all that rejoicing on Easter and renewal going on outside in the garden and the statue of St. Francis looking expectant. Lent ends and all the plants remember to wake up and we feel God's love all around us.

It's happened once again. God has unexpectedly changed the course of St. Luke's and is asking us to remain strong and continue to put our trust in Him. No problem; we'll be fine. We are a sturdy congregation, steadfast in our faith, joyful in our worship, and thankful for one another. Change is upon us, and we'll weather it together, "with gladness and singleness of heart." We have no need to worry for we are under the shadow of God's wings.

*Blessings to each of you,
Kathryn*

Easter: A Day of Joyous Gladness (additional photos)



Jessica Buchanan with her daughters, Penny & Sophia have fun gathering Easter Egg goodies on St. Luke's back lawn.

God Is Always With You

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But even though this news might come as a bit of a shock, I offer to you this thought: *"Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God."*

The truth is, Clergy come to be with you for a season and in that sense we are "itinerant workers." We come...we serve...we leave...someone else comes, but **you** are the Body of Christ with whom God has been working for many years regardless of what clergy come to be with you in this particular pocket of Vermont. You are the Body of Christ who are called to serve God's people in this place and time. Clergy merely assist you along the way. God is clearly at work among you in the growth of the music ministry, in the ways you pray for each other, in the development of the children's program, in the feeding of hungry stomachs and souls, in the deeply rooted traditions that provide the "glue" generation after generation.

Much like the disciples who went from wild grief on one day to astounding joy the very next day, God will always be with you prodding and cajoling and sometimes even propelling you forcefully toward the mission God has in mind for you, this very faithful congregation of St. Luke's. Your skills to listen, wonder, experiment and reflect on new ways to be God's hands in this community are the same skills the first disciples discovered and practiced as they pondered their way through an unknown and uncertain future....and God was with them every step of the way.

"Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God." Jesus always shows up.

*God's Blessings,
Rev. Carole*

Note: Rev. Carole's last day at St. Luke's will be Sunday, June 29, 2014. She will be taking accrued vacation time on May 18-20 and May 25-27.



Joan & Jim Sullivan along with Lew Watters enjoy chatting during the special Easter Brunch.

Church School Update

We were talking about praying and what it means to believe in Church School on Easter Day. Most of the children have memorized our weekly prayer and enjoy sharing the other times they pray or say grace in their families. It is sweet to hear the different traditions our children share with their loved ones. *"This Little Light of Mine"* is still a group favorite and the children are quick to share ways they "let the light shine" in their day to day lives. The children were looking at pictures and talking about doubting Thomas this week and how Jesus said "blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed." We asked the children what are some other things we may believe in but are unable to see. Penny answered immediately, "Air." It was a beautiful response to a complicated, yet simple question.



Looking Ahead to May...

The Church School team met on Sunday, April 27. Sean Whalen and Bonnie Watters were the two committee members present to project a schedule for May and to review the last months church school. Here is a summary:

- Sean will tackle Sunday, May 4 with the lesson "The Road of Emmaus." The children are memorizing their prayer and singing joyfully. Death was not an easy subject to tackle with little ones and the last couple weeks attendance has seen more younger than older children present. Nonetheless, there are ways to share these stories and Ashley and Sean are refining their teaching methods.
- May 11 will bring Pat Fromberger, LITS editor as our guest for "Meeting the Ministers." After her sharing the children might photograph or write a little piece about what they love about church school for LITS. *[We learned from Aurora and the Buchanan girls that crafts and music are favorites.]* The 23rd Psalm will present an opportunity for a little sheep-making project and listening to the shepherd this 2nd week with the Watters assisting.
- Polly Montgomery will take weeks three (May 18; lesson TBA) and week four (May 25, Rogation Sunday.) Planting a bush or tree might be a rewarding project. Bonnie will look into that with Polly and our gardeners.
- June 8, Pentecost, will be our last Sunday until fall. Child care senior Margie DesLauriers will be heading to college, and we look to adding Rachel Guerra to the Anderson team in the new school year. It is all working and the team is to be applauded.

Next Steps In Our Search For A Rector

May 14 will find the **Ministry Discernment Committee** in a Portfolio Review meeting over dinner with Bishop Ely, Canon Bates and our Vestry. We will be listening to comments and suggestions toward finalizing our OTM (Office of Transition Ministry) Portfolio, which has been under review by the Bishop since February.



Then, on Sunday afternoon May 18, MDC will gather off site at Newsbank Conference Center to re-establish and affirm our connections, commitments and our purpose going forward. Our Diocesan Companion, Ann Cooper, will again be joining us for this important meeting, along with a guest facilitator from the Diocese. We will be processing the comments and suggestions we heard on May 14th regarding our OTM Portfolio in order to finalize that document to be sent on to our Vestry for its final approval. Then it will be posted on line on the Episcopal Church Office for Transition Ministry website. MDC members will also be looking into how we select and interview prospective candidates. Our new task is not just reviewing approved names submitted by Canon Lynn Bates. We will be looking into expectant hearts and minds and souls, men and women, young and old. All the good and sometimes difficult work we have been doing is about to come to fruition!

*Your Brother in Christ,
Lew Watters, MDC Chairman*



Office Guild Ideas

From time to time, people come up with great ideas that they want the Office Guild to do. While it is wonderful that we are becoming aware of how important office support will be for the next rector, please keep in mind that our Office Guild are volunteers that only spend a few hours in the office once a week and might not be able to take on someone else's great idea. Special project ideas, however, offer some new ways to be involved as an "Adjunct" to the Office Guild. To that end, we have one new idea which has been named: Developing (and keeping updated), a scrapbook of news articles and press releases about the goings on for St. Luke's. There is currently an envelope in the office labeled "St. Luke's Scrapbook Ideas" where these news items are collecting. This is important archival information we don't want to lose track of. If you have an interest in scrapbooking and might take this on as a special project for St. Luke's, please speak to Rev. Carole, Jean Hancock or Marti Assenza. We will be glad to welcome you to this adjunct team function.

A St. Luke's Profile—Meet The Hensel-Whalen Family

One of the beautiful things about my writing profiles of our members is that no matter how well I think I know someone, I am always refreshed and enlightened. Lew and I have known Sean Whalen for 31 years, Ashley maybe five years. Not a surprise I would learn there are some commonalities about them. No wonder they are sharing life together with their three little treasures.

Sean was born in Fullerton, CA in 1971, the oldest of three brothers. Erin is married with a little daughter and lives in the hills above Palo Alto, and Ben, the youngest, was baptized and married at St. Luke's and he and Barbara live in Chester and have little Porter, now two. Ashley was born at Mary Hitchcock in 1985 and has two sisters and three brothers, some living nearby and some in Arizona. Kathleen, the Whalen boys' mother, moved to Vermont without knowing a soul in 1982, established herself in a business and followed Sean to St. Luke's! Many dedicated themselves to caring for her in her battle with cancer that ended in 2006.

Two mentors for Sean were Dick Bliss, the headmaster of the East Hill School, and then Rector Andy Osmun. Sean shared "questions of how to walk with God; ups and downs of community life; the reality, on farms, of relying on the business ends of animals; the works of Shakespeare and Sigmund Freud; how to work" were all consuming on his journey in his youth and he has never forgotten the influence of these men.

Ashley, I come to learn had a similar educational path—changed by life for two years at an unconventional school, the Park Farm School in Springfield, which was not unlike East Hill. She and her peers worked a farm, learned to hang-glide and built a rope-tow for skiing up on Skitchewaug Trail. She has been dancing since age three. Ashley's grandparents moved up from Massachusetts around this time. Again, their bond is strengthened by their educations. East Hill closed in 1989 and Sean went on to Middlesex School in Concord, MA., but the influence of East Hill wouldn't die. On a platform of something like "More Cows, Less Classes!" he got to be School President at Middlesex and then went on to Harvard with more of the same. Sean



went into teaching after college, first at a private school in Bogota, Colombia and thereafter as a substitute teacher hoping to get hired. Ashley first met Sean when he was the substitute teacher in her American Studies class at SHS; but the sparks didn't fly until some seven years later when they were both substitute teaching at Gateway, which was what might be called a "reform school" for troubled kids. From 2001 through 2008 Sean worked on Lydia Ratcliff's farm in Andover and delivered whole animal carcasses around Manhattan.

Ashley's family settled in Cavendish and she pursued her career as a dancer while studying at Green Mountain and then graduating from Springfield High School. She attended Interlochen Arts Camp in Michigan during the summers. Ashley took her degree at Hampshire College in 2006, graduating ahead of time. She went on to earn a Master's in Arts in Education at Harvard in 2008 and returned to teach in Springfield. Ashley teaches dance in public schools throughout New England and has been involved in a variety of community arts projects as a dance artist. She choreographs for the Opera Theatre of Weston in the winters and teaches ballet, modern and hip-hop classes at the Dance Factory in Springfield. Now the family farms together, raising sheep, goats and chickens, growing a garden that sustains them pretty well, foraging for wild berries and mushrooms and making good crops of hay and cider. They are totally engaged by their three sweet children: Aurora, born 8/3/10; Saul, 5/25/12; Leona, 9/28/13. These bright, beautiful babes keep them curious, engaged, and empathetic in their lives. We all love their engagement too! Sean is delighted to have Ashley by his side in the church school setting sharing his music and faith and seeing her learn more and share in her special way.

Most poignant are Sean's memories of his faith journey at St. Luke's and who those influences and models were besides Andy and Dick. He likened it to the final scene of "Places in the Heart." They are all there. Here is his personal scene: "Susan Klein whipping the full choir along, working the pipe organ with her whole body; Jim Aspden's deep voice so unerring in all the bass parts; Scott Spaulding;

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The Hensel-Whalen Family

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Stan Richardson jingling the change in his pockets and his wife Laura elbowing him on account of it, week after week; people with pure love in their hearts, like Mary Henry, and you could put a lot of others in that category, like Bob and Betty Lamb, or Mary Milanesi, and others; big Walt Huebner and his JESUS SAVES belt buckle; Helen Aspden watching the acolytes ever so closely; the Ballou girls; Marc DesLauriers as a newborn with a perfect little old-man face; the sisters Freddie Holden and Janice Fielder; the Robinsons; the deaths of little Riley Bourgois and little David Schwartz. Big raucous youth group dinners with Bonnie and Lew. Babysitting for groups of young church families who wouldn't come home from dinner til past 11. The Freemans. Glamorous couples: George and Doadie Mitchell, Jonathan and Suzanne Horne; the Malicks! Julie Edwards! The beautiful little genius Ben Klein who came to a bad end. The Bach Cantata led by Blanche Moyse. It goes on and on and on...you could feel, entering the nave of St. Luke's, that you are wading into deep water that is moving much faster than you know; you'd almost do well not to venture into the center aisle. But we do."

And it is safe and beautiful place. We are blessed to have Sean, Ashley and their children in that place.

They will disappear to the Weathersfield Center church with family roots for the summer, but we will have them back in the fall. Be sure. —*Bonnie Watters*

Thank You

A grateful thanks to all who made our Holy Week and Easter Sunday such a wonderful success!!! Extra services, "ambiance" and music all added to a meaningful and deeply enriching week. Special thanks to Music Director, Jacob McLaughlin and the choir for your hard work and wonderful sound! It was great seeing the choir pews filled up with some new faces and voices! Your musical gifts add so much to our worship.

Welcome!!

A special welcome to Georgiana & George Cheney from Walpole, NH who have been worshipping with us for over four weeks now!

Another welcome to Maggie and Tom Johnson from Perkinsville, VT who recently visited with us. Hope you will return soon!

Got Graduates???

If you have a loved one who is graduating this year, please let Rev. Carole know this month so we can list their names and destinations in the June LITS and Prayers of the People.

Highlights of April Vestry Meeting

The April 14 Vestry Meeting was held directly following the Monday Holy Week Communion Service.

Focus Topic: Fellowship. Bonnie & Lew Watters reported on the events of the past year. Her detailed report is available in the Vestry Minutes Book at the church office. The "Red Door Track Card" distributed at the ecumenical service brought new people to the Seder. Upcoming events include the Saturday Night "Astronomy Dinner" on May 17 with Claudio Veliz and the Newcomers Progressive Dinner on the first Friday in June. Fellowship updates have been made on the website, and visitors to the site have almost doubled since the beginning of the year.

Financial Report: New Treasurer, Bonnie Johnson, has reported that finances are in pretty good shape. She is still trying to get the financial figures in an easily readable form without having to translate them into Excel format.

Electrolux: Approval was given to Lew Watters to spend up to \$200 to purchase a used or reconditioned Electrolux vacuum. **Audit Committee:** One additional member is needed (no accounting experience necessary) to join Richard Crocker and Red Johnson. Any interested volunteer can contact Richard to discover the details of the commitment.

Junior Wardens Report: Andrew Pennell over the next six weeks will seek bids for exterior trim repair and painting. A possible Butterfield Loan from the Diocese or grant funds (Partners in Sacred Buildings, Preservation Trust, or Historical Society) may be investigated.

Community Meal: St. Luke's will be the host facility for this monthly free luncheon for the community on Saturday, May 31 in Willard Hall. Jane Davis is coordinating the details with the outside committee that will prepare the food, which is donated, and take care of the arrangements. Usually 35-40 people attend from the public.

Vestry Meetings: The third week in May will be a busy one for the Vestry. On May 14, the Vestry and Ministry Discernment Committee will meet with the Bishop and Transition Minister to discuss the parish profile that will be publicized to interested clergy and to give an update on the timing and process. The annual Vestry Retreat will take place on May 16 and 17. The next regular Vestry Meeting will be on June 9. Focus will be "Christian Formation."

Respectfully submitted,

Lillian Willis, Secretary/Clerk



Christian Symbol: Ankh

Also known as an ansate cross, this originated in Egyptian hieroglyphics. It represented life and regeneration. Its shape and meaning made perfect sense to ancient Christians, who appropriated it as a symbol for eternal life.

The Outreach Corner

PINS Assists Families At Easter

The social workers at the Springfield Department of Child and Family Services identified 3 families who would benefit from an Easter dinner, boxes of food staples and Easter baskets for the kids. Of the 3 families, 2 are headed by grandparents caring for their grandchildren. In all there were a total of 9 kids ranging in age from 3 to 13 years of age. The Easter pails (we thought pails would be more useful than the traditional baskets) were chock full of toys and activities appropriate for the age of each child. We did include a small amount of candy for the season.

Assisting 3 needy families at Easter time is an annual project of PINS (Partners in Service) and is well received by the social workers in Springfield. Each family received in their box of food a note of encouragement from the congregation of St. Luke's Church. The mission of PINS is faith communities and human service agencies collaborating to help local children and families in need.—*Marcia Clinton*

Operation Christmas Child

Thank you very much to everybody who has continued to save covers and other recyclable materials for us to create games. We can use as many of these items as you care to save for us. We need an endless supply of yogurt, coffee, and oatmeal container types of lids to make the crocheted rings with. We can also use any size, shape, and color of covers from milk jugs, juice bottles, water bottles, etc. Thank you!

We are always seeking donations of soap, new toys and games for children of all ages that will fit inside a shoebox as well as clothing, flip flops, and the much loved school supplies. Most of these children have no shoes and can't go to school if they do not have paper, pencils, crayons, and erasers. If you are going to take a trip this summer, please think of Operation Christmas Child when you get your daily hotel soap.

We will be having another Operation Christmas Child Workshop sometime in June. Please come help us create games, and toys for disadvantaged children. Watch LITS for more info and dates. If any knitters would like to make things at home, I have some very fast and easy knitting patterns for little chicks. Call me at 802-369-9063 or send me an email and I would be happy to get the patterns to you. Thank you for participating in this fun ministry! —*Cindy*

Outreach Committee Meeting

The Outreach Committee met on Sunday, April 27, 2014 between the services. There is a renewed energy and enthusiasm for the Committee's work toward distributing St. Luke's Outreach funds. As many of you know, St. Luke's church has made a commitment to spend 10% of its "pledge and plate" monies toward community outreach, locally, nationally and internationally.

A decision was made to support the same charities, in 2014 that we did in 2013. However, the committee has decided to make some changes for this year (2014). Several ideas were discussed and will be finalized and submitted to the Vestry to be voted on at their June meeting.

We also discussed broadening our horizons to look beyond monetary distribution, to include some hands-on participation in outreach. Some ideas that were discussed included working for Habitat for Humanity, and participating in some service trips organized by the Diocese. So, we are fired up about new possibilities for Outreach.

New members are always welcome. We hope that you will come to the meeting in June with your ideas for the future of Outreach at St. Luke's. —*Jane Davis*

"Being considerate of others will take [you] further in life than any college degree." —*Marian Wright Edelman*

St. Luke's Finance Report

	<u>1st Quarter 2014</u>	<u>2014 Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
Plate/Pledge Income	\$ 30,217.39	\$ 106,940.00	28.3%
Other Oper. Income	\$ 924.21	\$ 27,206.00	3.4%
Restricted Income	\$ 2,864.98		
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 34,006.58	\$ 134,146.00	25.4%
Regular Expense	\$ 27,763.60	\$ 140,912.50	19.7%
Restricted Expense	\$ 689.95	\$ 1,738.82	39.7%
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 28,453.55	\$ 142,651.32	19.9%
NET INCOME	\$ 5,553.03		

At the end of the first quarter of the year, I'm beginning to feel like I'm getting a handle on this position and I look forward to getting into a routine with it. I've spent quite a bit of time doing some legal paperwork that needed to be done for our tax status and also getting things set up with a payroll service which will be taking care of not only payroll for our employees but also all of the associated tax filings that are required.

The figures that I've provided above show that we are in good shape and are right on target for where we should be. Our income shows a little more than a quarter of the budgeted amount has been received and, even better, our expenses are just under 20% rather than 25%. With that said, we still can't let down our guard because there is a \$22,000 deficit in the budget. I am confident that we will be able to make this work but we all need to be as generous as we can be, and keep our pledges up to date. Thank you for your help.—*Bonnie Johnson, Treasurer*

Join Us For Astronomy & Heavenly Food On May 17

I wonder how many people know there is a brilliant architect and astronomer right here in our beautiful Chester. We got to know **Claudio Veliz** through our participation in Smart Growth Chester. And what a gift he is. We got the smart idea to ask him if he would be willing to share some interesting tidbits about our solar system, black holes, meteors or our night skies. Sure thing. It is just a little overwhelming to pin Claudio down to one topic so the details of his presentation will come as they are born. This is a perfect family night because children and adults will be enlightened. Set aside Saturday evening, **May 17** beginning at **6:00 p.m. in Willard Hall** for a special Saturday Night Supper. Heavenly food dishes and desserts will be served for \$6 a person and \$3 for children 6 to 10. There will be no disappointments! Please contact Bonnie Watters (875-2114) to let her know if you plan to come or email her at: lewbon@vermontel.net



Alleluia Fund

The *Alleluia Fund 2014* is our second annual diocesan gift-giving in support of existing and new ministry initiatives around Vermont. Please be sure to pick up your own booklet in the church by the bulletins and check out what the 2013 campaign generated. Your generous gifts are appreciated and put to good work in God's ministry. Eastertide is the one time when we are asked to support this special fund raising effort that supports these many ministries through which God's work in Vermont grows.

<http://www.diovermont.org/Alleluia-Fund-articles/alleluia-fund-2014.html>

"A child needs your love most when he deserves it least." —*Erma Bombeck*

Newcomers Gathering Set For June 6

Tradition at St. Luke's has allowed us to celebrate and honor our newcomers, sometimes in both Fall and Spring. This year, 2014, has been a rather amazing one with nearly a dozen newcomers. We did have a nice Sunday afternoon brunch last November after church, but this latest one planned for Friday evening, **June 6** will follow our three host procession to Bartonsville, the Stone Village and Andover. Ian & Polly Montgomery will offer, probably on their scenic porch, wine and appetizers. We "old timers" will add treats and dishes to this venue and the dinner to follow at the Watters and finally desserts and beverages at Red & Adelaide Johnson's lovely country home as the sun sets. All dozen of our new worshippers will receive a lovely invitation in the mail and offers for car pooling. Bonnie is happy to make the list for her hosts of additional food and drink needed, but no newcomer lifts a finger! This is all about you. Mark that calendar right away and come celebrate spring in a very special St. Luke's way.

—*Bonnie Watters*



Free Community Lunch

Chester and Andover have been hosting a series of free community lunches. This idea grew out of the Winter Coat Drive. At that event, they served a free meal to people coming to pick up winter clothing. It was a great success. People enjoyed the food as well as the fellowship. So, an informal group of people, from many denominations and walks of life decided to continue to offer a free meal, once a month, on Saturdays. These lunches have been hosted in a variety of venues (mainly churches, because of their handicapped accessibility) but these are not sponsored by those churches. St. Luke's will host the Community Meal on Saturday, May 31st. I hope that many people from St. Luke's will participate and attend. But, there will be many outside worker bees as well.

—*Blessings, Jane Davis*



Meetings & Events

WEEKLY

• **Lunch Bunch Book Study:**

Mondays, Noon-1:15PM in Willard Hall for a bag lunch, discussion & prayer. We will be starting a new book on May 12. Please join us and bring your ideas & suggestions.

• **St. Luke's Choir Rehearsal:**

Sundays 9:15AM in the sanctuary. We always welcome new members. No experience needed, just a love of singing. Please speak to Jacob McLaughlin, our new church musician if you have an interest or want more information..

LESS THAN WEEKLY

• **MDC/Vestry Special Meeting:**

Wednesday, **May 14th, 6:00PM** in Willard Hall for supper and meeting with **Bishop Ely & the Diocesan Transition Team** to review **St. Luke's Portfolio**.

• **Vestry Annual Retreat:**

Friday, **May 16:** at Bill Hoyt in Weston for potluck at **6:00PM** Saturday, **May 17:** at Saint Joseph's Dwelling Place in Ludlow around **8:00AM** for an all-day session with Catherine Joanne, Spiritual Director & Facilitator.

• **Astronomy & Heavenly Food:**

Saturday, **May 17th, 6:00PM** in Willard Hall. A Saturday Night Supper sure to please the entire family with guest speaker, Claudio Veliz. Cost is \$6.00 adults and \$3.00 for children ages 6-10. See article on this page for details.

• **Ascension Day Shrimp Boil:**

Thursday, **May 29th**, in Willard Hall, immediately following the **6:30PM** Ascension Day Holy Eucharist service. No charge. Freewill offering to help offset costs.

• **Community Dinner At St. Luke's:**

Saturday, **May 31st, 6:00PM** in Willard Hall. St. Luke's is the host location for this event open to the Chester community and environs. No charge. Call Jane Davis, 875-1855, if you have questions. (See article at left.)

• **Christmas Tea Planning Group:**

Monday, **June 2; 1:30PM** in Willard Hall, to begin making plans for the Christmas Tea & Sale and for crafting sessions. Come join us!



MAY CELEBRATIONS



Birthdays:

5	Ray Holden	25	Saul Hensel-Whalen
7	Sara E. Thiebaud	26	Marilyn Mahusky
22	Chris Meyer	27	Julie Walton
22	Joan Sullivan	28	Brittany Langston
24	Anita Wright		

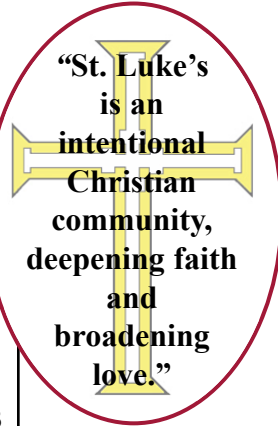
Anniversaries:

17	Richard & Janet Hunter
17	Ed & Carole Wageman
19	Jack & Jill Dowd

JUNE LITS DEADLINE:

 **MAY 23rd**

Send announcements, photos,
articles, etc. to: Pat Fromberger,
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✠ WORSHIP SCHEDULE ✠

May 4 **III EASTER**
8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I
10:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II

May 11 **IV EASTER**
8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I
10:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II

May 18 **V EASTER**
8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I
10:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II

May 25 **VI EASTER**
8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I
10:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II

May 29 **ASCENSION DAY**
6:30 PM Holy Eucharist, Rite II
(Shrimp Boil following the service.)

☛ **Church School: 10:00 a.m.** Begins in the Church with parents, then children proceed to Willard Hall after the Collect of the Day.

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