



FEBRUARY 2016

# Light in the Shadows

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

## Our Lenten Journey Begins

*"When the days drew near for him [Jesus] to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem." [Luke 9:51]*



As many of you know, St. Luke's takes part in the Chester/Andover Ministerium—a group of pastors and priests (St. Joseph's Catholic Church also participates)—who meet once a month for Bible study and prayer. Every year during Lent, the Ministerium hosts a mid-week Lenten service in a different church each week. Our January meeting was for the

purpose of deciding upon the theme for this year's event which is "Walking with Christ to the Cross."

I came up with this year's theme taking it from the Scripture passage you see quoted above. Although this passage will not show up in our Lenten Sunday Lectionary Readings for this month, I think it speaks to St. Luke's and

to all churches and faith communities who are soon to embark on the road of Lent. The Season of Lent is a journey—a journey that, every year, will always take us six weeks until we finally arrive at some appreciation of the sacrifices Jesus made along the way to the city where the ultimate Sacrifice would be made. Verses 52-55 in Luke's passage tells of the rejection by the Samaritans of Jesus' determination to go to Jerusalem.

The question we are called to ask ourselves is this: Are we, as Jesus' followers prepared this year for our own long hike with Jesus to the Cross? Probably not just yet. Lent is early this year and St. Luke's is still basking in the glow of Christ's Incarnation at Christmas and the Light of Jesus at the Epiphany still

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Lew Watters & John DesLauriers are leaving their barbecue duties behind and teaming up to flip flapjacks at St. Luke's Pancake Supper.

## Shrove Tuesday...A Preview To Lent (With Pancakes!)

St. Luke's Annual **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper** takes place on Tuesday, **February 9 at 5:30 p.m.** in Willard Hall. Mark the date on your calendar and be sure to invite family, friends and neighbors to join you for a fun evening and plenty of good eating.

Shrove Tuesday originated during the Middle Ages and is the traditional feast day before the start of Lent on Ash Wednesday. Lent—the 40 days leading up to Easter—was traditionally a time of fasting and on Shrove Tuesday, Anglo-Saxon Christians went to confession and were "shriven" (absolved from their sins.) As in contemporary times, food items like meats, fats, eggs, milk, and fish were regarded as restricted during Lent. To keep such food from being wasted, many families would have big feasts on Shrove Tuesday in order to consume those items that would

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**—Rev. Heidi L. Edson**

## From the Senior Warden, Ret.

### Time To Step Down

In 2011, Father Paul's request that I become his Senior Warden (or "Rector's Warden" which is always chosen by clergy) took me by surprise. I'd only been a member of St. Luke's for three years, but I had tackled Sunday School and been the Junior Warden during that time, so he must have thought me capable. I took



a deep breath, said a quick prayer, and answered that I would do my best to be worthy of the position, gladly serving him and the parish. Neither of us could have predicted that I would accept his resignation in a year.

It has been demanding and time-consuming but, most of all, it has been an honor to serve as your Senior Warden. I have had many wonderful opportunities to forge friendships and learn about the private lives of my church family. Thanks to willing teachers, I have come to know our building and all the systems and vendors that make it work. I learned a lot in gaining and losing two Interim Rectors and searching for a new Rector. As Senior Warden, I was a member of the Stewardship Committee, the Outreach Committee, and the Finance Committee, and have gained a thorough knowledge of our finances. Now I'm a well-rounded resource for the parish, and I thank you for the opportunities and support you have given me. I have two more years to serve on the vestry and I will continue to welcome your questions and comments about our life together as we travel The Way. I join you in welcoming our new Senior Warden, who will serve us with skill and wisdom.

Your Sister in Christ,  
*Kathryn*

### Senior Warden Announcement

It is my pleasure to announce our new Senior Warden for St. Luke's, Pat Fromberger. Pat, as most of us well know, is quite active here in our church community. We know her as the editor of our monthly LITS and our worship bulletins, but her talents and commitment to God's work here at St. Luke's extends beyond just the written page. Pat is a strong contributing member of the vestry. She is also a gifted leader who can operate in a wide range of settings, from Lunch Bunch to Stewardship.

What I value probably the most about Pat is her deep faith in Jesus Christ. Her faith and strength of character shine through her words and actions. I am delighted and humbled that Pat has agreed to serve as Senior Warden and I look forward to our continued relationship together.

—Heidi L. Edson+

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shines brightly. It might not be so easy to leave our "town of Epiphany" with the warm glow of our worship and fellowship for the large city of Lent. Imagine leaving Vermont for New York City, for example. That's quite a change, I'd say! As Jesus and the disciples were traveling, Jesus invited others to join them. "Lord, let me first..." was the response to Jesus' invitation. Luke records that Jesus was not amused by their many excuses [Luke 9:57-62].

This passage is for us today. Jesus is asking the St. Luke's Church community if we are ready to come and participate in the journey to Jerusalem and the Cross with Jesus and with all of the disciples around the world who are willing to leave everything behind in order to follow Him. I hope St. Luke's says "Yes" with no reservations. And, as we travel together, let us keep in mind that God has equipped us with everything we need for the trip: our daily ration is the Word and Sacrament; our GPS system is the Holy Spirit who will guide us each step of the way; and our shelter along the way is the love of God in Christ.

In Christ, together,  
*Heidi L. Edson+*



## Shrove Tuesday...A Preview To Lent (With Pancakes!)

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inevitably become spoiled during the next forty days. The English tradition of eating pancakes on Shrove Tuesday came about as a way to use as much milk, fats, and eggs as possible before Ash Wednesday began. In France, the consumption of all fats and fatty foods on this day coined the name "Fat Tuesday" or Mardi Gras.

The traditional menu for Shrove Tuesday at St. Luke's includes featherweight pancakes, topped with pure Vermont maple syrup, savory sausages and delicious fruit salad. John DesLauriers and Lew Watters have graciously volunteered to come in from the picnic barbecue duties—transposing their talent of flipping hamburgers into flipping flapjacks.

We invite you to contribute fruit, both fresh and canned, from now until the night of the supper. The canned fruits can be left in the kitchen in Willard Hall. Also please be sure to sign up on the list in Willard Hall (or let Bonnie Watters know if you plan to come) so we know how much sausage and other ingredients to buy.

Again, do come and to invite your friends—which is a great way to introduce them to our community. There is no charge but a freewill offering basket will be placed on each of the tables. —Bonnie Watters

## An Upbeat Annual Meeting

A very upbeat **Annual Parish Meeting & Brunch** took place in Willard Hall on Sunday, January 24 after one service at 10:00 a.m.. Thirty adults attended, plus six children. The actual meeting agenda started at 11:00 a.m. with an opening prayer by Rev. Heidi L. Edson, who also moderated the meeting. Lillian Willis was appointed Recording Secretary. The 2015 Annual Meeting Minutes were accepted and we quickly moved on to elections.

- **Vestry Members:** Marti Assenza, John DesLauriers, and Janet Hunter were all elected to three-year terms.
- **Diocesan Convention Delegates:** Jean Hancock, Janet Hunter, and Kathryn Wright were elected as Delegates to the convention at the Cathedral in Burlington on November 4 & 5, 2016. Marti Assenza, Rick Hunter, and Belinda Whipple Worth were elected as Alternates.

### Fundraising & Other Events Chairpersons as follows:

- **Maple Fest Dinner** (March 5) – Marcia Clinton
- **August Supper/Silent Auction** (August 6) – Kathryn Wright will chair supper and Lew Watters will speak to Sean Buchanan about having the two of them chair the Silent Auction.)
- **September/October Fall Foliage Sale on the Screen:** Lew Watters and John DesLauriers will co-chair.
- **Christmas Tea & Sale** (December 3) – Adelaide Johnson and Pat Fromberger will co-chair.
- **Annual LEGO Contest** (March 5) – Lillian Willis
- **Wreath Decorating Workshops** (November 17-19.) – Lillian Willis, will again organize.
- **Pancake Supper** (February 9) – Bonnie Watters
- **Seder Supper** (March 23) – Belinda Whipple Worth
- **The 2016 Budget** was presented by Assistant Treasurer Kathryn Wright. The 2016 budget, which was approved by the Vestry on January 4, once again had a proposed \$25,000 deficit (in 2015 the \$31,000 proposed budget shortfall ended with a \$8,000 deficit in church equity, which did not affect the cash flow.) The proposed budget relied on expected good income from interest on investments but also added increases in the following areas: Adult Education; Church Musician raise; \$410 for non-member scholarship for one week of K-HS camp at Rocky Point at the request of the Bishop. St. Luke's also has \$800 in a scholarship endowment for young members who wish to attend (all parishioners were urged to consider potential candidates for the scholarships); and \$500 Sabbatical Expense. That yearly allocation needed to be added to cover the rector's future Sabbatical. With no further discussion, parishioners accepted the budget as presented.

- **Construction Improvements.** Junior Warden, Andrew Pennell, discussed repairs that had been made in 2015 and repairs that still needed to be made using the Condition

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Assessment prepared by Scott Newman for the Preservation Trust of Vermont grant as a road map for a majority of the projects. Andrew stressed it was important to line up repair funds now and to do certain projects because delay would make their repairs and costs greater down the line. Main projects include repair to rotting window frames, church doors, and outside stairs; repair to handicapped elevator or replacement by a ramp; and painting of the church (the largest expense). The estimate of \$80,000 would be covered by taking \$25,000 from the Money Market Account (that pays a tiny 1/12th of 1% interest), \$9,400 from left-over damage insurance funds and monies projected for a replacement ramp), and \$40,200 in a new Butterfield Loan (10-year loan at 3% interest, but don't have to pay it back until two years after the project is finished). Parishioners voted to approve the proposed project and its funding. John DesLauriers agreed to be Clerk of the Works on the project.



- **Retiring Senior Warden.** On behalf of the church and its grateful parishioners, Lew Watters presented his framed pen & ink drawing of the Rockingham Meeting House to Kathryn Wright as a token of appreciation for all her many years of service as Senior Warden.

*—Lillian Willis, Recording Secretary*

Jesus does not leave us empty. He fills us with his life-giving love and hope. When we make a space for Jesus to dwell in us, we discover that the space grows to allow more love and less busyness. We feel at peace, at oneness with God and with our brothers and sisters around us.

*—Forward Day By Day, March 8, 2014*

## January Vestry Meeting Highlights

- **Financial Report:** Treasurer Lynda Farmer reported that timely deposits and larger-than-expected revenues from Wreath Workshops and the Christmas Tea negated the need to borrow funds to cover expenses at the end of 2015. All contribution checks requested by Outreach Committee Co-Chair Jane Davis were sent out.
- **2016 Revised Final Budget:** The Vestry approved a faith-based budget with a forecasted deficit of \$25,524. It will be presented at the Annual Meeting on January 24th.
- **Volunteers:** To give Heidi Edson more time for pastoral care, choir volunteers will post hymn numbers on the hymn board before the 10:00 a.m. service, and Jean Hancock, will pick up and collate the Sunday Bulletins on Thursdays.
- **Technology/New Website:** Because of the imminent in-house management of the new church website, the Vestry approved spending up to \$850 for a new replacement computer equipped with the necessary software to allow the Office Guild and other volunteers to perform website and publishing assignments. Marti Assenza will be the website Content Manager; Pat Fromberger and Heidi will take care of certain other matters. Marti and Bonnie & Lew Watters are meeting with the Springfield tech students to learn how to manage the site.
- **Improvements:** The Vestry approved spending up to \$600 for a new vacuum. A solution is being worked on to solve the lighting needs in the choir area.
- **Microphone Problems:** Peter Rosengarten will take on the responsibility of finding someone to solve the church's unreliable sound system.
- **Handicapped Access:** Andrew Pennell will contact David Pisha, the Town Manager, to secure a marked handicapped parking space near the front sidewalk and a solution to the snow piled by the sidewalk/parking area and by the fire hydrant. The church chair lift doesn't work and either needs repair or replacement with a ramp. If a ramp is the solution, design for it and a new bid will be presented to the Vestry.
- **Proposed Construction Projects for 2016:** A number of necessary projects were laid out in the October 2014 Scott Newman assessment done through the Preservation Trust. Proposed projects include repair of the church doors, entryways, outside stairs, wall and ceiling cracks, window frames, lift or ramp for handicapped access, painting the church, etc. (the roof had been repaired in 2015). Projected costs from the 2014 assessment, plus painting the church, were estimated at around \$80,000. Since the previous low-interest Butterfield Loan from the Diocese was paid off in December 2015, the Vestry approved sending to the parish for approval at the Annual Meeting a plan to take \$25,000 from the Money Market Fund (which is paying less than 1%), \$4,800 from the Extended Market Index Fund, and \$40,200 in a new Butterfield Loan to total \$70,000. Those

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monies, combined with the remaining \$9,400 from insurance payments for wind-storm damage, should allow projects to be completed by January 2017.

• **Focus 2016 Goals:** This discussion was deferred to the first regular meeting of the new Vestry in February.  
**Meeting Focus Schedule:** The same topical rotation used in 2015 was approved for 2016.

• **Next Vestry Meeting:** Immediately following the Annual Meeting on January 24. Next regular Vestry Meeting will be on Monday, February 1st; focus to be "Outreach."

—*Lillian Willis, Secretary/Clerk*



## St. Luke's Adult Lenten Study

Our Adult Study for this Lenten season will be from the book, "Can You Drink the Cup" by Henri J. M. Nouwen. Using Luke's Gospel, this book explores the deep spiritual impact of Jesus' question to James and John, the Sons of Boanerges (Luke 22:24-27). By using the images of holding, lifting, and drinking, Nouwen reflects upon the cup as a symbol of the basics of our spiritual life.

Our Lenten Study will be offered on Wednesday mornings and again on Sundays after the 10:00 a.m. service. On Wednesday, we will begin on February 17th and continue until March 16th (10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.). On Sundays, we will begin on February 21st and continue until March 13th (11:35 a.m.-12:30 p.m.).

Henri Jozef Machiel Nouwen (1932-1996) was a Dutch Catholic priest, professor, writer and theologian. His interests were rooted primarily in psychology, pastoral ministry, spirituality and social justice. Other Writings from Nouwen include, "The Wounded Healer," "The Prodigal Son Returns" and "The Inner Voice of Love."



## Church School Update: Glue & Paste Fun



On Meeting Ministers Sunday Lew and Bonnie Watters explained how they write stories and send them to newspapers. After our reciting the Lord's Prayer by memory, we got to work on our task. The scissors and glue were waiting.

With pretty colored craft paper and a pile of newspaper pieces, we cut and pasted pictures and stories on our favorite color. They were about Rev. Heidi coming to St. Luke's, the Pet Blessing (no pictures but we were told they are on the website), and the Christmas Tea. We sort of cleaned up and then pretended we were sheep crawling around Willard Hall. It was all fun. Now the Office Guild can keep up the scrapbook as a fun project.

—*Sophia Buchanan, Church School Reporter*

## 2016 LEGO Contest Is March 5 Pre-Register By February 29

The 2016 LEGO Contest will take place on Saturday **March 5**, from **9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.** at the **NewsBank Conference Center** in Chester. This event is open to LEGOmaniacs Pre-K through Grade 8 and their families.



Participants should construct their original creations (no kits allowed), with an increased maximum size of 24" x 36", and bring them on March 5 between 9:00 and 10:00 a.m. to the spacious Conference Center, generously donated by NewsBank for the event. Entries will be judged in different grade categories from 10 a.m. to Noon for their originality, imagination, and presentation. If a structure is a team

entry, the age of the oldest member will determine the grade category. There is also a separate family team class for collaborating children and parents. For the first time, unique motorized LEGOs will be considered in a separate section.

At 12:30 p.m. LEGO prizes will be awarded to winners and runners-up in the different classes, with special awards for the Judges' choice for Best in Show and Most Vermont creations. The Creators' Choice Award will be given to the entry that the contestants themselves vote as the most outstanding creation.

Refreshments will be on sale to encourage everyone to stay and view the different entries, as well as to share ideas and techniques during the judging. Again this year young people may create an additional construction at a special LEGO station. They will not be able to remove their creation from the special area and won't be able to enter them in the contest, but this is a good opportunity for students to construct something different, perhaps with a friend, for some additional fun.

The **Registration Form** may be downloaded from Special Events at [www.stlukesepiscopalvt.org](http://www.stlukesepiscopalvt.org), [www.ourchester.org](http://www.ourchester.org) and [www.chestertelegraph.org](http://www.chestertelegraph.org). Printed forms are available at the Whiting Library.

**Entries by Monday, February 29 are \$10.** After that date and on the day of the contest, entries will be \$15. A check for the registration fee should be made out to "St. Luke's Church" and mailed, along with the registration form, to the Registrar, Lillian Willis, P. O. Box 318, Chester, VT 05143.

Sponsored for the fifth year by St. Luke's, the event will benefit both the church and the Children's Section of Chester's Whiting Library. For additional information, please contact Lillian Willis at 802-875-1340 or email her at: [lbwillisct@comcast.net](mailto:lbwillisct@comcast.net).



L-R: RVTC instructor Gail Fletcher, Marti Assenza, student Sophia Gulick, & Bonnie Watters.

## Our New Church Website Is LIVE

If you have followed our story and journey, since November our web design team, along with the River Valley Technical Center students and their instructor Gail Fletcher, have been diligently at work building a completely new website for St. Luke's. Our initial hard work is now a reality. The new website can be experienced by anyone who has access to the Internet anywhere.

Beginning in January, RVTC technology student Sofia Gulick has been tutoring us almost weekly in the computer classroom in Springfield so that we can fully take over and perform the many ways of editing with the new WIX software. Our lead content manager Marti Assenza has focused on how to add and arrange pages, photos, calendar events, newsletters, and of course text. If you talk to her you would soon learn she loves technology and this new ministry.

Our new website has many state-of-the-art features: a unified theme and design that aids visitors to quickly and easily find what they are looking for, or explore more deeply who we are as a community of faith. Importantly, the new design looks and works on large screen desktop computers as well as on iPhones and similar android handheld devices, which are a fast growing online population. More importantly, St. Luke's now reaches younger Internet generations. Our story is accessible with built in hot buttons that instantly link new viewers to thousands of Flickr photos, and a Facebook page should we create one in the future. The powerful WIX software can even handle additional features as we add content such as video with recorded music.

Our old outdated website, created in 2008 and maintained by Lew and Bonnie Watters, served us well. Now a new web team of players led by Marti Assenza can collaborate remotely to keep our message current across a wide assortment of popular and exciting cloud platforms. For example we use Google Drive for maintaining a current calendar. When a new event is to be posted, a simple email enables Marti to add it to our calendar instantly. As always, we welcome your comments and suggestions..

—Lew Watters, for the web design team

## 8th Annual Maple Fest Dinner & Raffle On March 5

The 8th annual PINS Maple Fest Dinner & Raffle will be held on Saturday, **March 5**, at **6:00 p.m.** in Willard Hall at St. Luke's. Everything on the menu has a "hint" of pure maple syrup as an ingredient. The diners will feast on roast turkey breast, cranberry sauce, peas, baked beans, crucifer salad, potatoes, and scones. A selection of either red or white wine will be available for those who wish to enjoy some with their dinner. Our delectable desserts menu includes: pecan, apple, pumpkin, cranberry nut, and maple cream pies; carrot-date cake and cheesecake.



The doors open at 5:30 p.m. so people can view the assortment of raffle items and purchase tickets. Buyers of raffle tickets will be able to select the treasures they wish to win. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Winning tickets will be pulled immediately following the dinner. Seating is limited so reservations can be made by calling 875-3531. Cost for the dinner is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children.

Every year the raffle grows into a more exciting event with an amazing assortment of items that diners can bid on. The raffle depends on donations from parishioners to make it a success. If you have some leftover Christmas gifts that you will not use, why not donate them to the raffle! We are not fussy and will take just about anything. Contact any member of the PINS committee (Sally Hoover, Eileen Widger or Marcia Clinton) to discuss your donations. And in advance —Thanks!

On the evening of the dinner we will need some volunteers to wait tables, work in the kitchen, and for clean-up. We will also need a few cooks to make side dishes and desserts from recipes we have chosen. Please contact **Marcia Clinton** at **875-3531** if you can help out. When everyone pitches in, it makes for light work and a lot more fun.

**The Maple Fest Dinner** is the annual fundraiser for PINS (Partners in Service) of which St. Luke's Church is a participant. The mission of the PINS program is to bring together faith communities with human service agencies. The program promotes the resiliency and success of children and youth who have been the victims of abuse and neglect, ranging in age from infant to young adult. The PINS program allows social workers and other staff to

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## The Outreach Corner

### Operation Christmas Child

Thank you so much for all of the recycleable items you have been collecting. As always, we can use any type, shape, and size of covers. I am in need of any kind of laundry detergent covers, mouthwash bottle covers, and the little rings from milk jugs to make some different games.

If anybody would like to help make mittens for the shoeboxes, I have a very easy knit pattern. People can call me, or send an email message and I will get it to you. A link for an easy crochet mitten pattern is: <http://www.bevscountrycottage.com/bevs-topdown-mitts.html> —*Cindy*

### Soldier Notes

Thank you so much to the Sunday school children for making the valentines for our soldiers! They are on their way to them now. Thank you to all who have made cards for them. They really appreciate our support. Currently there are 2 or 3 letters from the soldiers posted on the bulletin boards for all to read.

## Maple Fest Dinner con't....

voice the needs of the children in their caseloads, needs that would otherwise go unheard and unmet.

In the past year PINS has donated money to purchase some child size furniture for the waiting room at the Springfield office of the Department of Child and Family Services. At Easter time we put together dinners and boxes of food staples for four needy families and filled Easter "pails" with toys, educational material and a bit of candy for the 11 kids of those families, ranging in age from 5 months to 11 years. We received a request for a brother and sister who wanted to attend a week at Bethany Birches camp and donated the money to cover the cost. In August the congregation donated school items and we put together 66 back-to-school backpacks to be distributed to foster kids and kids from families in crisis. After the Christmas Tea we packed up 3 boxes of very nice items left over from Grandma's Attic to donate to the kids' Christmas party for the "store" where the kids select gifts for their family members.

St. Luke's Church is an active participant the Partners in Service organization and we work closely with our liaison person, Robbie Wierzbicki, at the Springfield office. There is a great need for this partnership of PINS so join us for an entertaining evening while we raise funds for this cause.

—*Marcia Clinton*

## 2016 Ministerium Lenten Series Schedule

The Chester Ministerium extends a warm invitation to everyone in Chester and the surrounding communities to join their Brothers and Sisters in Christ for a series of Lenten Worship Services on **Wednesday Evenings at 7:00 p.m.** beginning on February 17th. This year's theme is "Walking with Christ to the Cross." Fellowship and refreshments are provided following each service. Freewill offering will go to community needs. See **Worship Schedule** below:

<b>February 17</b>	<b>7:00 p.m. at Renewed Life in Jesus</b>
Speaker:	Rev. Heidi L. Edson (Luke 9:51-62)
<b>February 24</b>	<b>7:00 p.m. at The Congregational Church</b>
Speaker:	Pastor, Daryl Martens
<b>March 2</b>	<b>7:00 p.m. at Andover Community Church</b>
Speaker:	Pastor, Susan Moody (Romans 6:1-23)
<b>March 9</b>	<b>7:00 p.m. at St. Luke's Episcopal Church</b>
Speaker:	Pastor, Tom Charlton
<b>March 16</b>	<b>7:00 p.m. at The First Baptist Church</b>
Speaker:	Pastor, Rick Blaisdell (1 Corinthians 15:58)

### Special February Dates

- African-American History Month
- Boy Scout Sunday, February 7
- Transfiguration of Our Lord, Feb. 7
- Ash Wednesday, February 10
- Valentine's Day, February 14
- First Sunday in Lent, February 14
- Presidents Day, February 15
- 2nd Sunday in Lent, February 21
- 3rd Sunday in Lent, February 28

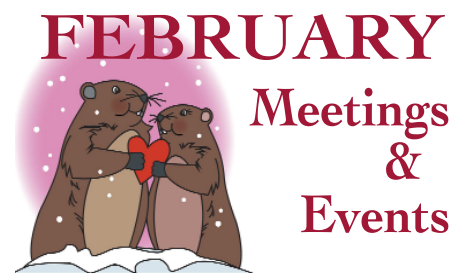
### Ash Wednesday Services

St. Luke's is offering two worship services on **Ash Wednesday** with the Imposition of Ashes and Holy Eucharist. The date and time of these services will be at NOON and at 6:00 p.m. in the Church. This service marks the beginning of our 2016 Lenten Liturgical Season that continues through March 26th (that includes Palm Sunday and Holy Week.)

### St. Luke's Financial Information

	<b>Dec. 2015</b>	<b>YTD 2015</b>	<b>Annual Budget</b>	<b>% of Budget</b>
<b>Pledge/Plate Income</b>	\$ 8,418	\$ 98,089	\$ 95,685	102.5%
<b>Other Oper. Income</b>	\$ 5,777	\$ 28,450	\$ 20,803	136.8%
<b>Restricted Income</b>	\$ (134)	\$ 7,043		
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	\$ 14,061	\$ 133,532	\$ 116,488	114.6%
<b>Regular Expense</b>	\$ 12,421	\$ 139,243	\$ 147,940	94.1%
<b>Restricted Expense</b>	\$ 765	\$ 2,304		
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	\$ 13,186	\$ 141,547	\$ 147,940	95.7%
<b>NET INCOME/(LOSS)</b>	(\$ 875)	(\$ 8,015)	(\$ 31,452)	25.5%

We posted a whopping \$2,674 for the Christmas Tea in December, and our expenses came in under projections. This brought our bottom-line Net Income to a first-time positive \$875 for the month and further reduced our projected deficit for the year. Plate Offerings and year-end pledge payments continued to be strong, which has helped our cash flow. With God's help, we are ending 2015 in sound financial shape—*Kathryn Wright, Treasurer*



### WEEKLY

#### • Adult Formation Study:

Sundays, following the 10AM worship service each week at 11:35AM-12:30PM in Willard Hall. Epiphany Study on "Those Episkopols" ends on February 14th. Read article on page 4 for information on the new Lenten Season study which will begin on February 21st.

#### • Lunch Bunch Book Study:

Mondays, **Noon-1:15PM** in Willard Hall for a bag lunch, discussion & prayer. We are reading "The World's Religions," by Huston Smith. All are welcome to join us.

#### • Mid-Week Eucharist/Adult Study:

Wednesdays in Willard Hall: **9:30AM** for informal Eucharist; **10:30AM**, Adult Study for Epiphany on the book, "Those Episkopols" ends on February 3. See article on page 4 for the new Lenten Season study information.

#### • St. Luke's Choir Rehearsals:

Sundays at **9:00AM** for warm-up & rehearsal in the sanctuary. Special rehearsals, Saturday mornings as needed. We welcome new members. Speak to Ashley Paine, church musician, if you are interested.

#### • Lenten Ministerium Series:

Wednesdays **February 17th & 24th; March 2nd, 9th & 16th. 7:00PM** in our various churches. Refer to the worship schedule at the top of this page for locations & speakers.

### LESS THAN WEEKLY

#### • Vestry Monthly Meeting:

Monday, **February 1, 6:30PM**, beginning with Bible Study in Willard Hall. This month's focus will be on Outreach. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

#### • Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper:

Tuesday, **February 9th, 5:30PM** in Willard Hall. Canned & fresh fruits needed. Let Bonnie Watters (875-2114) know if you plan to attend. See article on pages 1-2 for more information.

#### • Ash Wednesday Services:

Wednesday, **February 10th, at NOON** and at **6:00PM** at **St. Luke's Church** for Imposition of Ashes and the Penitential Order of Holy Eucharist. All welcome.

# FEBRUARY CELEBRATIONS

## Birthdays:

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|------------------------|-------------------------|
| 4 Pat Fromberger       | 17 Marjorie DesLauriers |
| 6 Harold (Red) Johnson | 17 Linda Doll           |
| 10 Mary Anderson       | 23 Fred Fielder         |
| 10 Field Willis        | 23 Bill Reed            |
| 12 Leigh Dakin         |                         |

## Anniversaries:

- 12 Brad & Bev Dunbar

MARCH DEADLINE:

**FEB 26<sup>th</sup>**

Send all articles, photos, announcements, etc. to:

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## ✠ WORSHIP SCHEDULE ✠

- Feb. 7 LAST EPIPHANY**  
8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I  
10:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II
- Feb. 10 ASH WEDNESDAY**  
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6:00 PM Imposition of Ashes/Penitential Order of HE
- Feb. 14 I LENT**  
8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I  
10:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II
- Feb. 21 II LENT**  
8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I  
10:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II
- Feb. 28 III LENT**  
8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I  
10:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II

☛ **CHURCH SCHOOL:** Sundays, 10:00 a.m. starting in the sanctuary and recessing to Willard Hall after “The Collect.”

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