



JULY 2022

Light in the Shadows

"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

HOPE IN THE ASHES

At the June Vestry Meeting, Bruce read a poem entitled "Wildfire" by his friend David Soldheim from *Riverbend: Poems by David Soldheim*, Buffolo Commons Press, 2015, and sent these comments.



A meaningful poem, especially in times of warfare and devastation, with hope emerging at the end springing from the seeds of our loving efforts carried out even during those devastating times. Old growth...the old stuff we did not want to love in liturgical life, perhaps, "consumed itself" when we made an idol of it.

WILDFIRE

In lighting storm
The old growth
Consumed itself and darkened
All the peaks of Yellowstone.

Touring the park again
I see the green of several years' growth.
I will not live to see
The towering forest return.

But feel black grief obscured
By saplings springing from disaster.

CELEBRATIONS!

We have many things to celebrate: the continued reopening of St. Luke's to the public, the steady rhythm of 10 AM Sunday church services, Wednesday 5 PM communion services, and events to entice the public and rekindle our closer community post Covid. The recent annual Plant Sale on Memorial Day Weekend encouraged gardeners from near and far to come to the church to select plants to beautify their properties and bring joy. An A-frame sign promoting services and events has attracted some new attendees, and now we're planning our first Pig Roast as an intriguing alternative to our traditional August Supper. Learn more about this new event and how to enjoy it and promote it on page 3 of this newsletter.

As we celebrate the Independence Day of this most wonderful country on July Fourth, we remember those who have fought to protect its liberties, resilience, responsibility, and generosity and striven to make it a beacon of democracy that inspires us all to lead by example and do whatever good we can.

HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY!



VESTRY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The June 14 Vestry Meeting was held in person and by Zoom. The April and May minutes were approved. Thank you to Joan Sullivan for some surprise brownie treats.

Treasurer's Report. John DesLauriers reported that May was a banner month with pledges up and a gross income of over \$6,800 from the Plant Sale. Expenses paid included \$698 for cleaning of the heating system and the Diocese's assessment on our income. To ensure access to the office's computers and other accounts, John will send a copy of the password list to Vestry Clerk Lillian. John pointed out that the Vestry needs to decide if and when winter services will take place in Willard Hall to save on expenses. Last year's fuel price of \$3.59 per gallon will undoubtedly go up, and the annual contract needs to be signed and paid for usually by July.

Foci. Vestry Retreat. 9-3 on Saturday July 9. Belinda reported that past interim minister John Morris will weave together discussion of the Diocese's Discernment Manual and the spiritual component of the retreat. After opening the retreat, there will be a brief history of St. Luke's. The Vestry encouraged Bruce to attend, but that was not a requirement; the decision is up to him. *Access to the Gethsemane Parish Hall.* Janet has the code and permission to use supplies there on Saturday. However, the Vestry will need to bring its own special retreat supplies of easel, markers, pads, sticky notes, etc.; and David will check into their availability and procure what is missing. The thanks donation to Gethsemane should be mailed to Mary Springer. *Food Details.* The traditional Friday night potluck supper for Vestry and spouses will be at 6 PM at the Willis house, and Lillian will organize it. David will get snacks or bagels for light breakfast from Heritage Deli. Belinda will order sandwiches from Singleton's for lunch. Janet will supply communion elements. **Transition Ministry with Bruce.** Bruce read a 10-line poem entitled "Wildfire" by David Solheim. **Organist.** Jane McGarry will play on June 19. **Eucharistic Visitor Training.** David, Lillian, and Ann Summers will take training after June 16.

Junior Warden Report. Thanks. David reported that the ladies who used the church kitchen to cook family food sent a thank-you note and left a dessert in the frig. **Church PA System.** David will call Andrew Pennell to see if Andrew can solve the reliability problems. **Humidity and Lighting.** Comments made about humidity in Willard Hall resulted in checking the percentage; 69% should have been 50%. David will contact an electrician about the church's electrical problems (humidity and outside lighting). **Mowing.** When David and John are away in the late summer or early fall, the suggestion was made that Sharon Sinclair's husband, who has a landscaping business, be contacted to mow when needed.

Old Business. Directory. Janet said she cannot read Lillian's handwriting, so they will get together in order to make corrections to the master list. **Forward Day by Day.** Janet has decreased the order to 25 copies. (Note: a recent delivery on June 17 for the next quarter was received at 35.). **Pig Roast.** Given vacation schedules, the optimal date for the event was settled as Saturday August 20. (Subsequent to the meeting, Jessie Pixley confirmed to Lillian that he could do that date and would get back to her in July about the cost of a 100-lb. pig. Meanwhile we will solicit friends and parishioners to try to enhance the celebration with live music. While details still need to be finalized, the first basic press has gone out to alert people to save the date and to look for more details on the church website.)

Next Vestry Meeting: Tuesday August 9 (no Vestry on July 12 because of Retreat on July 9).

Lillian Willis, Clerk



NEWS FROM THE WATERS

Dear Friends.

Bonnie and I miss our worship with you, but we have much to be thankful for. Our life is easier, thanks to a new handicap ramp and new barrier-free downstairs bath and shower.

Bonnie is especially enjoying extended visits from our Arizona daughters, Kelly and Kate. They are helping us clean out 40+ years of artful living, sell our house, and find a retirement community near our grandchildren in Brookfield, Vermont.

Other milestones included Kara and Andy Lake's 25th Silver Wedding Anniversary, two proms, plus a 3rd place finish in the Vermont State track and field 800-meter finals for granddaughter Beatrice, and earning a Master's Degree in Elementary Education from Arizona State University by Kelly, who will be team teaching 4th, 5th, and 6th grade special education in Tucson beginning this fall.

We love visitors, so come by 250 North Street. Do read Bonnie's ongoing BLOG postings of her journey to recovery: "Connections" on her doll website. <http://www.bonniesbundlesdolls.com/>.

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Lew (and Bonnie)

One Body

*There is no longer Jew or Greek,
there is no longer slave or free,
there is no longer male and female;
for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.*
—Galatians 3.28

It is not that there are no distinctions,
that somehow we are all alike—
oh, no, we're different in so many ways.
It's not that we're not different,
it's that we're not separate.
We are one body, with all our differences,
one Being, one Love.
What is no longer is the "or."
There is no longer "red or blue;" there is rainbow.
We love our neighbor as ourselves
because they are part of ourselves.
We love our enemies because we are part of them,
part of what they are part of.

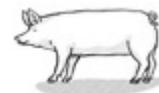
God grant us the mind of One,
none of us separate and distinct,
all of us in you,
with love.

Steve Garnaas-Holmes
Unfolding Light, June 16, 2022

OUTDOOR PIG ROAST ON SATURDAY AUGUST 20, 4 PM ON

Bring friends and family to celebrate the best of summer fun and friendships new and old. Professional Roaster Jessie Pixley will do the cooking on location, and favorite summer food will include homemade potato salad, cole slaw, baked beans, rolls, drinks, and dessert. We already have volunteers making the side dishes to feed 100 people, and both rolls and drinks will be purchased, so many tasks have already been organized. We're aiming for music and lots of summer joy and camaraderie. So please let us know if you have musicians to suggest and mark the date on your calendar now to ensure you can take advantage of this special event. Then spread the word to lovers of fun and food. We'll post more details in the August LITS and, closer to the date, on the church website.

To make this event as easy and enjoyable as possible for all participants, we'd love more help. We intend that most of the work will be done in advance, but especially on Friday August 19, so that Saturday's activities are less demanding. From physical set-up jobs to cooking to packaging and filling containers, there are many opportunities to help – often comfortably seated. Please contact Janet Hunter at 802-886-2304 or janethunter@vermontel.net to sign up to help and be part of this new and engaging community effort.



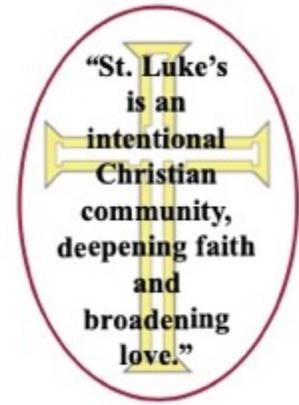
July Celebrations

Birthdays:

2 Marc DesLauriers
 4 Linda Fawcett
 8 Zoe Meyer
 14 Adelaide Johnson
 18 Georgiana Cheney
 18 Jean Hancock
 22 John DesLauriers
 24 Annmarie Sexton
 28 Ann Summers
 30 James Salisbury
 31 Jim Littrell

Anniversaries:

10 John & Sally Hoover
 14 Alan & Deb Brown
 28 Chris & Kat Meyer



St. Luke's Financial Update

	May 2022	YTD 2022	Annual Budget	YTD % of Budget
Pledge & Plate				
Income	\$ 5,355.00	\$ 21,623.00	\$ 42,325.00	51%
Other Operating				
Income	\$ 7,276.00	\$ 12,365.60	\$ 33,950.00	36%
Restricted				
Income	\$ 543.30	\$ 772.30	\$ 2,790.00	28%
Total Income	\$ 13,174.30	\$ 34,760.90	\$ 79,065.00	44%
Regular Expense	\$ 5,303.66	\$ 26,918.43	\$ 79,101.70	34%
Restricted				
Expense	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 2,590.00	4%
Total Expense	\$ 5,403.66	\$ 27,018.43	\$ 81,691.70	33%
Net Ordinary				
Income (loss)	\$ 7,770.64	\$ 7,742.47	\$ (2,626.70)	-295%
Draw on				
Investments	\$ - .00	\$ - .00	\$ 14,750.00	0%
Net Ordinary				
Income	\$ 7,770.64	\$ 7,742.47	\$ 12,123.30	

Church Services

Services each Sunday will be at 10 AM, both in person and by Zoom, when possible, and will be followed by coffee hour.

In addition, Bruce MacDuffie is leading a mid-week Eucharistic service at 5 PM without music on Wednesdays.

Please join us.



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August LITS Deadline

July 20th

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