



NOVEMBER 2013

# 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*

## Thoughts On Stewardship



Like many of us, I sometimes wrestle with "The Great Stewardship Divide"—the chasm between my ideal of a year-round "attitude of gratitude" and a regular rendezvous with budgetary gridlock, especially during budget development time in the church year. Will the financial numbers add up? How do I say the numbers don't matter when I know they do? More importantly, how well do I trust God to really know my needs and provide for them? This is a Spiritual Slippery Slope for many of us.

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*—Rev. Carole Wageman*

Jesus talks a lot about money, wealth and its use, but how easy it is to ignore those teachings because it can make us uncomfortable. A few years ago, I decided to embrace the subject of "Stewardship" as one of my personal spiritual growing edges. Since it takes about seven miles of ocean to turn an ocean liner, it would surely take the same kind of time, persistence, patience and

practice to shift my personal beliefs and attitudes toward something more in tune with God's abundance and my response to that generosity. So, as you consider your own financial pledge to God's work at St. Luke's this next year, I offer you a few thoughts for your prayerful decision making.

• **"God's abundance is always at work"**—It takes time and awareness to cultivate a deeper appreciation of how God's abundance operates. A few years ago, I would pass a random apple tree every day that was growing right alongside a corn field. No one was tending it but each year, it was chock full of ripe apples. At some point one tiny apple seed sprouted and grew into this tree that blossomed in beauty every spring—nested the birds of the air as they raised their young—supported colonies of honeybees with the pollen in its flowers—fed random wildlife and spilled over itself in bearing fruit every year. It is a stewardship sermon in action

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## Register By November 4th For A Discount On A Holiday Wreath-Decorating Workshop

There's still just enough time to register and take advantage of the \$5 early-bird discount for the holiday **Wreath-Decorating Workshops** being held on **November 21-23** in St. Luke's **Willard Hall**. Get ready for the holidays with friends and families by decorating a full 22" pre-made evergreen wreath with a variety of specially collected greens, natural materials, bows, and other decorations, to create a truly personal and unique wreath. All necessary equipment and lots of yummy, home baked goodies will be provided to make the experience fun and successful. Participants are encouraged to bring glue guns and clippers or wire cutters. This event will benefit both St. Luke's and the Chester Conservation Committee.



Space is limited, so people must pre-register. Choose from **FOUR DIFFERENT WORKSHOP SESSIONS**:

- **Thursday evening, November 21, 6:30-8:00 p.m.**
- **Friday, Nov. 22, 9:00-10:30 a.m. or 1:00-2:30 p.m.**
- **Saturday morning, November 23, 9:00-10:30 a.m.**

**The \$5 early-bird discount will apply to those who pre-register and pay \$35 by November 4.** After Nov. 4, the price per wreath will be \$40. Checks should be made out to *St. Luke's Church*, designated for the "wreath workshop," and mailed to: Lillian Willis, P. O. Box 318, Chester, VT 05143, or put in the Senior Willis's mail box at the back of the church. For additional information and registration, please call or email me.

**Lillian Willis**

875-1340; lbwillisct@comcast.net

*"Faith walks simply, childlike, between the darkness of human life and the hope of what is to come."*

*—Catherine de Hueck Doherty*

## From the Senior Warden

### Saying Good-bye With A Smile

*Don't go, not yet. I'm not ready,  
and it's too painful.*

We lost our wonderful friend, Bud Watson, and so many of us are still saddened by his passing, realizing how much his sparkling eyes and unshakeable good spirits gladdened us on a Sunday morning. We were so blessed by his presence, had shared so many years making memories with him, and we thank Our Lord for sending him to worship with us at St. Luke's.



Each of us has had to say good-bye to a friend that was like family, the friend who was steadfastly there for us and comforted us and laughed with us. It's so hard. We're left behind, wounded and grieving and the sadness engulfs us. Letting the joy in their passing shine through isn't easy. Bud will join all those other wonderful friends that we have lost through the years, sharing in wonderment at the new life they have been given, marveling at the beauty and peace. And we will remember their wonderful presence in our lives, happy that they shared the journey with us and occupied a special place in our hearts. We are truly blessed, for which we thank you, Father, and for the Son you sent to die for us.

With gladness, and singleness of heart,  
*Kathryn*

### Advent Of Church School

A committee of interested parents, grandparents, parishioners and clergy have met on two occasions in the last two months to pull together dreams and ideas for revitalizing church education for children at St. Luke's. We are trying out a new model of sharing faith that will hopefully spread this ministry among all of us in creative ways **beginning with Advent on December 1st.** Personal contact to the families of our church and community is beginning. Moving the nursery to the room outside the bathroom and preparing the former nursery as a schoolroom are underway. We are presently fine-tuning the December calendar that will be posted to the website. That schedule will be shared with enrolling families and notice will be given in the weekly bulletin for all to see and hear the good news.

The committee has plans to meet on Monday, **Nov. 18 at 5:00 p.m.** Come and be invigorated and involved.

### Thoughts On Stewardship

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as it just sits there quietly along the road minding its own business. It is God at work in the world about us and we don't have to do a thing to make that happen. God's abundance is a gift that keeps on giving—how can we not give back in thankfulness once we see it?

• **“Is my giving Faith-based or Fear-based?”** Am I giving based on what I think I can I afford to squeeze out of the family budget—which is a scarcity mentality—or do I put the emphasis into giving thanks for all I have been given? Try this experiment: Give what makes you feel good about your giving this year and trust that you will not go without. You will be surprised at how giving generously in gratitude to God will have its positive outcomes in your own life.

• **“Pledging is Promise Keeping”** Your pledge matters. It is an indicator that you care about what happens at St. Luke's and is a significant step beyond merely putting money in the plate on Sunday mornings if you happen to be present. It is your deeper spiritual pledge to God to “keep the lights on” spiritually and literally. If you don't pledge yet, consider giving it a try this year—whatever amount brings you joy. If you do pledge, consider increasing your pledge by some amount whether a percentage or a fixed number... again...whatever would bring you joy in some way.

• **“God loves a cheerful giver”** but regardless of what you do in supporting St. Luke's, God will still love you anyway. Giving back to God, however, in thanks for what God has already given you just might be a spiritual stretch that will bear much fruit in your life in some new ways.

*Almighty and Loving God, whose generous grace has given us all that we possess and all the good and loving things that surround us. Help us, we pray, to be mindful of your lavish abundance so we never forget the promise you place in our hands when we give back that which you have so lovingly given to us. In the name of your Son, Jesus Christ who showed us how to live a life filled with your abundance. Amen.*

*Blessings,  
Rev. Carole*

### We Have A New Musical Director!!!

At the October Vestry meeting, the Vestry selected Jacob McLaughlin to join St. Luke's as our next Musical Director. Jacob will start with us on All Saints' Sunday, November 3rd. A fuller profile will be forthcoming in our December LITS, but please give Jacob a warm St. Luke's welcome when you begin to see him at the organ.

Many thanks to the hard-working and faithful Musician Search Committee: David Willis, Sr., Jane Davis, Kathryn Wright, Bonnie Johnson, Belinda Whipple-Worth and the Rev. Carole Wageman.



## In Memoriam: Willard “Bud” Watson, Jr.

May 28, 1928 - October 19, 2013

**B**ud Watson was a wonderful ambassador for the Lord. Always smiling with a twinkle in his eyes, he warmly greeted parishioners and guests alike as they entered St. Luke’s Church for Sunday morning worship—always impeccably dressed with suit jacket, tie and shinning shoes. Bud could also be relied on to greet and chat with customers at the annual Fall Tag Sale (something he loved doing.) He’d arrive early in his pick-up truck and help haul donations to and from the sale, then spend the entire day until mid-afternoon, truly in his element. Did you ever wonder how that 18-ft beautiful Christmas tree magically appeared each year on

December 24th? Bud got his son, John, to help him find and cut down the perfect tree on his property in Perkinsville (it had to be tall!) then load it on his truck to deliver to the church.

Bud was born in Bridgeport, CT and grew up in the nearby town of Nichols. His family owned and ran a successful store, Watson’s Dry Goods Store (originally started by his great-grandmother) in Bridgeport. His father later expanded it to include men’s clothing. Bud went to school locally and later graduated from Kimball Union Academy in Meriden, NH. He attended the University of Bridgeport for 2 years before being called into the service. During one of his family’s summer vacations at Lake Morey in Fairlee, VT, he met “a cute little blond waitress, Joanie,” whom he later married and raised a family of four children. (They celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary on June 15, 2013.) At the end of his service in 1953, the couple returned to Connecticut and Bud went to work at his father’s store, but most of his career was spent on the road selling men’s clothing. His gifts were well suited for sales and he enjoyed a long career. In 1969 the Watsons moved to Springfield, VT. Bud retired in 1980 and became actively involved in many community service venues and also a member of St. Mark’s Episcopal Church. Through a series of events, he later transferred his membership to St. Luke’s. Bud served on the Vestry as Junior Warden and was the capable Clerk of the Works for a major Willard Hall renovation in 1999, as well as continuing to serve as an usher and greeter on Sundays.

Declining health this past year kept Bud from attending church and he died peacefully on October 19 at the age of 85. At his Memorial Service at St. Luke’s on October 25, the pews were filled to overflowing with family and friends. In the eulogy his son, Willard “Chip” Watson, III quoted his father as always saying, *“I’ve never met a stranger.”* What a beautiful tribute to this servant of God who touched so many lives with his love and his joy of living. We will all miss Bud, but know that he is joyfully continuing on his journey right along side the Lord. —**Pat Fromberger**



Bud with his boxer at St. Luke’s 2009 Pet Blessing.

## St. Luke’s Christmas Tea & Sale Saturday, December 7th

**S**t. Luke’s Church Annual Christmas Tea & Sale. will be held on Saturday, **December 7, 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.** in **Willard Hall**. Guests are invited to a scrumptious buffet of special holiday cookies, tea sandwiches, delicious fruit tarts and many other sweet-tasting treats served with a choice of hot brewed tea, mulled cider or coffee—all for only \$6.00. In addition, shoppers will find a wonderful selection of hand-made crafts, exquisite quilted items, and many holiday baked goods, candies, pickles, jams and other foods for gift-giving. Our popular Grandma’s Attic room is always filled with treasures for anyone seeking some unusual items at bargain prices. This fundraising event is always fun-filled and a time for joyful fellowship. It’s a relaxing way to ease into the Christmas season. So be sure to mark your calendars and remember to invite family, friends and neighbors!

On Sunday, November 10 there will be a “Christmas Tea Sign-up Worksheet” placed at the rear of the church, asking parishioners to volunteer their time and talents. You will likely be receiving a phone call from a member of the “kitchen team” asking for baked goods, etc. for the tea buffet table. Donations of handcrafted items, foods, candies, jams, pickles and the like for the “Holiday Food Table” and items for the “Grandma’s Attic” room are always welcome. If you have any questions or want to know how you can help, please speak to **Adelaide Johnson** or **Pat Fromberger**, who are co-chairing of this year’s event.



## What's Next in the Rector Search?



**Y**our Ministry Discernment Committee is now fully engaged in drafting the Parish Profile, which will be posted on the church website for prospective rector candidates to learn about our community of faith. To do this your committee has scheduled weekly meetings to study the relevant statements and responses you provided at the History Night held back in May,

minutes from the Joint Vestry/MDC meeting held in June, and the All Parish Appreciative Inquiry held at the beginning of September. How do the parish responses best fit each of the 12 key questions shown below? The italicized Diocesan directive to us gives you an idea of the challenge the committee faces in writing this narrative.

*In our baptism we promise to proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ, seeking and serving Christ in all persons. You are invited here to reflect on your ministry by responding to the following questions using approximately 1200 characters each. You may answer in multiple languages, if appropriate. (Attach a sheet with the answers to these questions)*

1. Describe a moment in your worshipping community's recent ministry that you recognize as one of success and fulfillment.
2. How are you preparing yourselves for the Church of the future?
3. Please provide words describing the gifts and skills essential to the future leaders of your worshipping community.
4. Describe your liturgical style and practice for all types of worship in your community.
5. How do you practice incorporating others in ministry?
6. As a worshipping community, how do you care for your spiritual, emotional and physical well-being?
7. How do you engage in pastoral care for those beyond your worshipping community?
8. Describe your worshipping community's involvement in either the wider Church or geographical community.
9. Tell about a ministry that your worshipping community has initiated in the past 5 years. Who can be contacted about this project?
10. What is your practice of stewardship and how does it shape the life of your worshipping community?
11. What is your worshipping community's experience of conflict? And how have you addressed it?
12. What is your experience leading/addressing change in the church? When has it gone well? When has it gone poorly? And what did you learn?

The bidding of our St. Luke's Discernment Prayer seems poignant just now—"We open our hearts to you, God. We open our hearts to each other."

Your brother in Christ, **Lew Watters, MDC Chair**

## October Vestry Highlights

**O**rganizing for the busy season ahead, the Vestry heard from Bonnie and Lew Watters about their efforts to promote St. Luke's through Communications and Publicity and our website and from Pat Fromberger regarding the publications she creates to inform and connect our parishioners and friends. An update was given on our finances. Approval was given for a new light to illuminate the back walk and parking-lot entrance and for the hiring of a new Church Musician.

**Communications and Publicity.** Bonnie Watters reviewed the impressive number of media outlets she and Lew utilize: 17 different contacts, including websites; State Chamber listings; posters at four VT Welcome Centers and various area locations; two sandwich boards at Watters and Harrison houses for events; email blasts to parishioners (almost 90% of parish uses email); plus a new rack card she is designing for 2014 events and services. The two state highway signs for St. Luke's at \$250 each have been funded for 2013, but the need for them and that expense will be reviewed in 2014.

**Website.** Lew Watters submitted a report that focused on the website's most popular pages (music, events, worship, fellowship, outreach) and two web services that allow him to track popular topics and see when the spikes in visitation were geared to seasonal activities and events. He can also track where the hits come from and show interest, as after the ad for the Church Musician was placed on the Diocese and Episcopal network websites. The possibility of a future Blog was mentioned.

**Publications** (LITS, bulletins, directory). Pat Fromberger reported the LITS mailing list is down, reflecting loss of some church members. She reported that a Sunday service bulletin (by season) is being considered for Rite II services. This might help reduce cost and labor of producing weekly bulletins. An updated parish directory may be delayed until a new rector arrives.

**Finances.** Both pledges and plate offerings are behind those for last year at this time. The Finance Committee will look into the matter to see why the number of pledge units has decreased and also ascertain the cost of heating the church in the winter months to see if we can afford to reinstitute winter services in the church.

**New Light for back walkway.** The Vestry approved up to \$1000 as a capital expense to fund wiring and purchase of a new lamppost with sensor to illuminate the back walk near the parking area. The light should make meetings and events at Willard Hall safer and more inviting.

**New Church Musician.** The Vestry will offer the position to Jacob McLaughlin.

**Next Vestry Meeting.** Join us on Monday **November 11 at 6:00 p.m.** for an action-packed meeting that will include updates on the Ministry Discernment process and discussion of the preliminary budget for 2014. —**Lillian Willis**

## Five Saints In My Life

My website doll blog is called Connections, and since 2009, I have been writing about owners and their dolls that cause stirrings. Having just celebrated All Saints' Day, I could not stop thinking about five women in my life for their special connection to me.

I start with my birth mother, Lorena, a gospel singer and humorist. She was Roman Catholic and more than anything in life she wanted to be a mother. The doctor warned her that it might not be a good thing. But she was steadfast. During my birth, the doctor saw apparent danger and asked my father, "Who should I save?" My father said, "Go back in there and save them both." I was born bearing the scar of a cross on my arm from the surgery to save me from my dying mother. Her qualities are evident in my girls.

Lew's mother Marie (so named the lady with the blue hair by Kate) never met baby Kelly. Lew was walking in the door with a Polaroid to snap a picture of the treasure, as the call came that his mother was gone to God. We all stayed behind when Lew got on the plane to attend her funeral in Colorado in October 1975. Having just gotten my driver's license, I agreed to take his turn as lector and remember, in tears as I read, one 4-year old holding one of my legs, the 2-year old the other, with Baby Kelly in my arms. It touched me to connect with her as I read that Sunday surrounded by her love treasures.

Helen Aspden was always a light for me—teaching me about the Altar Guild and hospitality. She was proud of our stewardship of saving fuel and worshipping in Willard Hall in winter months. As it happened, the furnace died the morning she did on March 12, 1989. But my favorite story to share is about Kara, locking herself in the church bathroom for a half hour during Kelly's baptism party on the lawn. We could not lure her out. Helen volunteered. "Kara, I hear you are wearing a very pretty dress. Can you come out so I can see it?" Then a click, out she came, all smiles." Saint Helen.

Sweet Kathleen Whalen, bound to a hospital bed in her living room for months, valiantly fought the poison of cancer spreading through her like fire. Always alert and joyful for visits of guests, daughter Kara and I went by one Sunday with William, then five and Gurion, four. There in the bed with her was a baby lamb. Do they still remember that moment? Yes, they thought she was a shepherd like Jesus.

Then there is Doadie—proxy grammy, confident, believer and incredible artist. Her art graces our home in many rooms. When we redecorated our living room about ten years ago, we found a note from her. She had slipped into the house and sat in a favorite chair in the afternoon light. "I cannot believe the beauty, color and warmth of this place. I stayed an hour. Thank you." Bless you, Doadie, for your beautiful art, full of love and grace like you.



Doadie Mitchell with her granddaughter Tasha, along with Kara and Kate at a Victorian parade in Chester, taken in 1986.

To finish these recollections, I would share that my sweet sister-in-law Nancy just "returned" to us the pastel portrait of my father, Francis, as a two-year old. The presence of this masterpiece in our family hall gallery brings to mind that without him, I would not be, and without the inspiration of these five saints, I would be empty.

—Bonnie Watters



## Bring Back The Buchans



The Buchans, Derek and Fiona, from Dundee, Scotland cannot remember exactly how many years they have come to St. Luke's in October. Now retired, they appear out of nowhere (not really) as their annual journey now for ten years or more have included Maine, New Hampshire, Stowe and Peru, VT, in particular. We latched onto them and began spending a day doing something fun like visiting Saint Gaudens National Historic

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Site. The last two years their daughter, Heather Flynn, a thriving artist, has accompanied them. Next year Heather's husband Stephen is coming. Our tradition of celebrating their visit is to host a dinner party at our home. This year was no exception—Norman & Ruth, Anita Wright, Martha Stretton, Dave & Lillian Willis and Marcia Clinton all came with some kind of unique connection—art, music, discernment and finance. What fun! Monday we met up with the three Scots at the Vermont Country Store in Weston for leaf journeys down Scenic 100 and 30 to Brattleboro where they Christmas shopped, among other things. We had a magnificent leftover lunch on the porch of the Newfane Court House. Always touching, always talking; this family is just plain fun. And the beautiful news is that Derek, a master pianist, hopes to have a concert to benefit their home away from home—St. Luke's. Stay tuned.

## The Outreach Corner

### Operation Christmas Child Workshop & Packing Party



The final Operation Christmas Child Workshop will be held on **November 15**, from **2:00-7:00 p.m.** in **Willard Hall**. Refreshments will be served. No special talent or skill is needed to participate. If you can color, cut and glue, we need you! Please drop by for a few minutes or an hour or two. Everyone is welcome.

Then on **Sunday, November 17**, we will be having an **Operation Christmas Child "Packing Party"** after the 10:00 a.m. service that morning. We could use lots of extra hands so please plan to come help us fill up the shoeboxes. Any items will be welcome. We still need lots of pencils, crayons and paper as well as other types of school supplies. Also soap, toothbrushes, wash cloths and any types or sizes of clothing will be accepted. Thank you again for any help you can give us with this worthwhile project.—*Cindy*

## Outreach Chair Needed

Our Outreach Committee still needs someone willing to provide the "glue" for this committee's work in implementing St. Luke's Outreach giving. Please speak with Rev. Carole if you have any questions or would like more information.

## St. Luke's First Ever "Sale On The Screen" A Success!

As you know this year the annual tag sale gave way to the "Sale on the Screen." Not that we didn't have a presence on the Saturday of the Chester Fall Festival aka *Sale on the Green*. The church was open to visitors and, thanks to Andrew Pennell, they were treated to free coffee and popcorn. At the same time Lillian Willis put on a scavenger hunt for children which had them exploring in and around the church building. Meanwhile the Sale on the Screen was up and running and will conclude on November 1st. With many varied items offered for sale on Craigslist, we have raised \$1,385 with one more sale pending. This dollar amount rivals one of the best tag sale totals ever, and far exceeds the proceeds from the more recent sales. Thanks to all that offered items for sale and although not all were sold, there is always next year! A special thanks to Lew Watters for his ideas, enthusiasm and constant updating of our Church Web site about this event.

—*John DesLauriers*

## Opportunities For Ministry

Think about our Sunday morning services for a minute. How many ways can you think of to serve God in our little church? What could you do to help?

Do you wonder what the Altar Guild really does? Are you interested in being an acolyte? Could you greet everyone who comes to church with a friendly smile and a cheerful "Good morning?" How about reading a lesson? Would you like to lead the prayers? How about administering the chalice at communion? Could you sing in the choir (I'm sure that Jacob, our new church musician, would love to see lots of new faces in the choir!)? Maybe you're interested in healing prayer and could assist with the sacramental healing prayer during communion? Perhaps the new Office Guild would fit your fancy if you have a few hours during the week to keep our church office open for people trying to contact us during the week. And I know that Rev. Carole would welcome more help with one or more units in our new Church School program.

Did you realize how many opportunities there are to serve God in our church? Have you thought about finding a way to do more for St. Luke's but you're not sure what you could do or where to start? This is your chance. Right now we are in desperate need of lectors and prayer/chalice people for the 8:00 a.m. service, but we can definitely find a spot for you to do whatever you feel called to do at either service. Training is available for any of these ministries so you won't be left on your own to try to figure it out. If you'd like more information about any of this, please speak to Bonnie Johnson (603-876-4433 or [srjbbj@gmail.com](mailto:srjbbj@gmail.com)) and she'll put you in touch with the right person.

Please think and pray about this. And when God calls to you, be ready to say, "Here I am, Lord." —*Bonnie Johnson*



## "Preparing The Way"

Stewardship is a year-round effort, but it is at this time of the year that we send out our letter with pledge cards for 2014; you should have received the package by now. The Stewardship Committee consisting of Norm Harrison, Marcia Leader, Peter Rosengarten, Richard Crocker, Lew & Bonnie Watters, Carole Wageman, and Bill Hoyt, have met several times throughout the fall. The theme of this year's campaign is "Preparing the Way," as in preparing the way for a new Rector, a new music director, and hopefully a new youth program. In emails that have been sent out to the congregation, and in the stewardship letter itself, we have talked about the programs of the past year and how they fit into our mission of "Deepening faith and broadening love." The underlying message is that we need your financial support to continue to grow the church. **In-gathering Sunday is November 17.** Please send in your pledge prior to that or bring it that Sunday.



## Fall Newcomers Celebration Brunch

The welcoming and renewal of new members since our last Newcomers Progressive Dinner will take a different venue. Still progressing ever so, the event will be a “Brunch.” Following the service and coffee hour on Sunday, **November 10, around Noon**, the newcomers and any parishioners who wish, may head to the Stone Village and the Watters’ house—hosts of the brunch. The host and hostess for dessert will be Red & Adelaide Johnson, up on Hill Top Road in the thriving suburb of Andover. Both email and snail mail invites will be sent to everyone. Special invitations are being mailed to Jacob McLaughlin, Rose Fisher, Amy & Ross Jones, Eileen & Tom Widger, Kat & Chris Meyer, and Rev. Carole Wageman. These guests are not all necessarily brand new but are back full force into the fold. These folks need only to provide themselves and their families—but old-timers are requested to assist with tasty quiches, soups, and salads for the brunch and desserts for the second leg. Do join our fall celebration by responding when you receive your invitation. —**Bonnie Watters**

## SAMS Missionaries

Our SAMS Missionaries serving in Chile, **Russ & Heidi Smith**, will be making a stateside visit in January 2014. We would love to have them visit



us here at St. Luke’s but we need someone to serve as their liaison. This means working out with Rev. Carole when they might speak to the congregation or pay a mid-week visit. Please speak with Rev. Carole if you can help with this Outreach Ministry which St. Luke’s has supported for many years.

## Mike Saul Has Moved

Our dear friend, Vestry member, and long-time St. Luke’s parishioner, Mike Saul, has embarked on a new adventure. This past month he returned to his hometown of Wallingford, CT to be closer to family. Mike wanted to be sure everyone would have his new contact information: **Mike Saul, 32 John Savage Commons, Wallingford, CT 06492**. Home phone: 203-793-7382 Cell phone: 203-231-9903.

We miss you, Mike, but an end is but a new beginning. We will always be with you in spirit and love!!! Many thanks to the parishioners who took the time to help Mike pack up boxes, trucks, etc. and lovingly send him on his way.

## St. Luke’s Financial Information

	<u>Sept. 2013</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>2013 Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
Plate/Pledge Income	\$ 8,052.66	\$ 72,405.09	\$ 102,400.00	70.71%
Other Oper. Income	\$ 3,894.52	\$ 18,809.60	\$ 21,160.00	88.89%
Restricted Income	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,965.10		
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 11,947.18</b>	<b>\$ 93,179.79</b>	<b>\$ 123,560.00</b>	<b>75.41%</b>
Regular Expense	\$ 9,628.56	\$ 79,823.87	\$ 125,333.74	63.69%
Restricted Expense	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,227.66		
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 9,628.56</b>	<b>\$ 81,051.53</b>	<b>\$ 125,333.74</b>	<b>64.67%</b>

We are now three quarters of the way through the year. Where has it gone? The numbers for September show that we are on target with our total income, but a little behind from pledged income. Please try to keep your pledges up to date and give as generously as you can. The pledge drive is getting underway for 2014, so we also ask you to be as generous as possible in the coming year. Thank you. —**The Financial Committee**



## Meetings & Events

### WEEKLY

#### • **Lunch Bunch Book Study:**

**Mondays, Noon-1:15PM** in Willard Hall for lunch, a bag lunch & discussion. We are reading, “*Her Name is Woman*,” by Glen Karssen, a look at 24 women in the Bible and what place God had in their lives. All welcome to join us.

#### • **St. Luke’s Choir:**

St. Luke’s Choir rehearsals have resumed now that we have a new church musician, Jacob McLaughlin. Join us on Sundays 9:15AM. New members are most welcome!

### LESS THAN WEEKLY

#### • **Wreath Decorating Workshops:**

Thursday, Friday & Saturday **November 21-23** in Willard Hall. Times and details on page 1. Sign up early, save \$5.00. Space limited.

#### • **Fall Newcomers Celebration:**

**Sunday, November 10th, Noon**. Starting at the Watters in Chester and progressing to the Johnsons for dessert in Andover. Please join us! Read article at top of this page.

#### • **St. Luke’s Vestry Meeting:**

Monday, **November 11th, 6:00PM** in Willard Note the earlier time. The focus will be on the Ministry Discernment Update and the 2014 Preliminary Budget. All parishioners welcome.

#### • **OCC Workshop:**

Friday, **November 15th, 2:00-7:00PM** in Willard Hall. We will be making toys and games to put inside OCC boxes. Please come join us. Read the article under the “Outreach Corner” on page 6 for more details.

### LOOKING AHEAD

#### • **Christmas Tea & Sale:**

Saturday, **December 7th 11:00AM-3:00PM**. Willard Hall. Come join us and bring your friends and neighbors! Read the article on page 3 for more information.

#### **\*\*December LITS Deadline Alert\*\***

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, please note that the deadline for the December LITS is, **Wednesday, November 20th**. All articles, etc. must be submitted by this date.



# NOVEMBER CELEBRATIONS



## Birthdays:

1 Elizabeth Assenza	17 Peter Rosengarten
3 Chris Dakin	18 Betsy Stretton
11 Chilton Williamson	19 Carter Evelyn Willis
12 Marti Assenza	20 Julie Hoyt
13 Luke Allen Pennell	22 Richard Hunter
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December LITS Deadline:

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## ✠ WORSHIP SCHEDULE ✠

**Nov. 3**

**ALL SAINTS’ SUNDAY**

8:00 AM

Holy Eucharist, Rite I

10:00 AM

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

(Welcome new Church Musician)

**Nov. 10**

**PENTECOST XXV (Proper 27)**

8:00 AM

Holy Eucharist, Rite I

10:00 AM

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

**Nov. 17**

**PENTECOST XXVI (Proper 28)**

8:00 AM

Holy Eucharist, Rite I

10:00 AM

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

(Stewardship Ingathering at both services)

**Nov. 24**

**LAST PENTECOST (Proper 29)**

**Christ the King Sunday**

8:00 AM

Holy Eucharist, Rite I

10:00 AM

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

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