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June 2005

From the Rector

Dear People of God:

There's a Middle English song that goes "sumer is icumen in..." and we have to admit that summer seems to be coming in all right, and we hope it will come in with a bit less liquid sunshine. I must confess, one year ago I never would have thought it possible to have too much rain, or even enough rain, for that matter, but as I write this we have had rain for eleven straight days. Sort of makes me want to start preaching on the seventh chapter of Genesis!

Seriously, there is a tendency in the church to slow down, to back off during the summer months. We're no exception here at St Luke's, as our Sunday morning Christian Education for all ages will cease until September. Take a little extra time over your coffee and refreshments after the eight o'clock, or come a little early for the ten o'clock and chat a bit.

Although Sunday mornings will be a bit slower paced, the rest of the days are not! The Wednesday night Mass & Bible Study continues through the month, and we're setting up two new pillars for the parish infrastructure: an ACW and a men's group!

Finally, as the month draws to a close, we'll have another Seasonal Saturday Supper on Saturday the 25th. I hope all of us will sign up for that—those who took part in the last one can tell you how enjoyable it can be! It's a wonderful way to share some fellowship time with other members of our parish family.

Affectionately, your rector and friend,

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SHARE News

Kathleen Sutter

We had a great result in underwear for May; thank you so much! For the month of June we are collecting toothpaste and toothbrushes, items that are often in short supply. The SHARE box will be available in the undercroft. We are still collecting items for the food pantry; needed are: dry milk, canned meat, soups, saltines, pasta and pasta mixes, and canned vegetables. Picking one or two items each Sunday adds to the collection. This vital ministry needs your support—may God bless you.



Sunday School News

Kathleen Sutter

Last month we mentioned that we were in need of new Bibles because the ones we have were broken and ripping. Thanks to your generosity, we were able to buy more than we need, so we can provide for the future! The rector ordered a dozen pew Bibles from Amazon, and they have arrived. Many thanks for your willingness to fill the need!

Sunday School will be on hiatus for the summer months, and will resume sessions between Masses on Sunday, 9 September. ❖

Sunday Adult Christian Ed

Fr Sutter

The Sunday morning Adult Christian Education class has been focusing on great heroes & heroines of the Old Testament. With Sunday School on hiatus for the summer, our adult Christian education class will also take a break. It will resume between Masses on Sunday, 9 September. ❖

Many Thanks!

Kathleen Sutter would like to thank everyone for their prayers and kind thoughts for her father's recent surgery and on-going recovery. ❖

Anglican Church Women!

There is no doubt that many parishes have grown thanks only to the grace of God and the efforts of the Anglican Church Women. St Luke's is more than big enough to have an ACW, and there's never a better time than now. An ACW is an opportunity to serve ourselves with prayer, support, and fellowship, and it is also a great opportunity to serve our parish, our diocese, and our church. We are limited only by our imagination in the ways we can serve our God, our parish, and our community. One example is the ACW at Trinity Church, Rochester, which runs a thrift shop from the church building and provides a significant funding source. We may even spread into a diocese-wide or province-wide body!

We will have an initial organization meeting on Tuesday, 14 June, at 7:00 pm, with a potluck dessert—that is, bring a dessert to share—and a discussion of how we can form our ACW and what direction we can have for the future! ❖

Men's Group!

There are many things a men's group can do to bless a parish with growth, activity, and service. There's no doubt that men and women experience their religious faith in different ways, and we certainly act on our faith differently. Men's groups come in a variety of types, too. Some men's groups are focused inward, meeting to support one another in their daily walk with Christ. Other men's groups are focused outward, meeting to handle service projects for the parish or the community. Most often, perhaps is a combination of both, as one of the most successful men's groups in Anglicanism, the Brotherhood of St Andrew, has as its international motto "prayer, study, service." As a shining example of what a men's group can be, one of our parishes, St Paul's Cathedral in Portland, ME, noted the great success of the Knights of Columbus and founded a similar body for Anglican men, the Knights of St Brendan the Navigator.

We will begin with an organizational meeting on Saturday, 11 June, with Mass at 8:00 and a breakfast at 8:30. After breakfast we'll organize and discuss some plans for the future. If you want to volunteer to cook or clean up, speak to Fr Richard, who'll be glad for the help! ❖



Fruitful Cooperation

The Church believes that without grace man's will is incapable of performing good deeds; but like the light of the sun, grace is available to all. Evil men neglect it when it is offered to them, while good men embrace it. And both do what they do by their own free will. Thus a man who is saved is saved by grace, and yet his free will is not without its role.

I do not see anything except by the light; yet I help the light to some extent when I open my eyes and focus them. If a man lowers a rope into a well and pulls someone out who could not escape by himself, wouldn't it be true that the man in the well did not climb out by his own power? And yet he still contributed something of his own to the process by hanging on to the rope and not letting it get away. The freedom of the will is like that: it can do nothing without grace. But when the divine goodness grants grace generously, the free will of a good man holds fast to it and cooperates with it properly. But the free will of an evil man does not accept grace; it wears itself out in malice....

A man who admits that he cannot perform good works without grace does not struggle against grace by trying to do good works. Rather, he does not, like the Pharisee, rely on works, for he knows they are worthless without faith and can merit no reward except through God's generosity alone. Those who are clearly opposed to grace and utterly deny Christ are actually the ones who exalt grace and trust in the faith of Christ so that they can make men lukewarm in doing good. They utterly deny that good works have any goodness or merit in them at all, while we condemn only the sinful reliance on works. When men are slow to do good, they fast lose both faith and grace. For we find far more men who would rather believe well than do well. ❖

St Thomas More

Some Saints of June

St Justin (1st) was born a pagan in Samaria. After conversion he wrote many works in defense of Christianity and opened a school. He was martyred around the year 165.

Ss Marcellinus & Peter (2nd) were martyred during the Diocletian persecution, circa 303, beheaded for being Christian. They are remembered in the Gregorian canon of the Eucharist, which is used at some services at St Luke's.

St Norbert (6th) lived a worldly life but gave it up to be ordained. He founded a religious order and preached throughout France and Germany. He died in 1134.

St Columba (9th) was born in 521 in Ireland. He founded two monasteries in Ireland, and a third on the island of Iona, from whence he led missions to convert the heathen Picts in Scotland. He died peacefully in 597.

St Margaret of Scotland (10th) was born an English princess. She married King Malcom of Scotland in 1070. She worked tirelessly for reform of laxity in religion, founded schools, hospitals, orphanages, and with Malcom rebuilt the monastery at Iona and founded an abbey in Dunfermline. She raised eight children and died in 1093.

ST BARNABAS THE APOSTLE (11th) accompanied St Paul on his first missionary journey, and later was present at the Council at Jerusalem. St Barnabas spread the gospel in his native country of Cyprus. This is a prayerbook holy day.

St Anthony of Padua (13th) was born in Portugal. After ordination he became a Franciscan friar and was a missionary among African peoples. He preached in France and Italy, converting heretics, and was the first Franciscan to teach theology to his brethren. He died in Padua in 1231.

St Basil the Great (14th) was Bishop of Caesarea, and forced his brother Gregory to accept the bishopric of Nyssa. The two together fought the Arian heresy. He willed to Caesarea a complete new town, built on his estate, with housing, a hospital and staff, a church for the poor, and a hospice for travelers. He died in 379.

St Ephraim of Syria (18th) was a permanent deacon who founded a theological school in Edessa. He died in 373.

St Aloysius Gonzaga (21st) was born a noble in 1568 in Lombardy. He gave his inheritance to his brother and entered the Society of Jesus. As a Jesuit he

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preached and served the sick. He contracted the plague from those he was serving and died in 1591.

St Alban (22nd) was a soldier in the Roman legion in Britain. He converted to Christianity, and sheltered a priest who was fleeing persecution. When officers came to arrest the priest, Alban gave himself up in the priest's place. He was the first martyr of Britain. Scholars believe he died in 209.

St John Fisher (22nd) was born in 1469 and studied at Cambridge. As bishop of Rochester, he led an austere life and wrote theological works against the errors of the time. While in prison for resisting the King's efforts to gain a divorce, he was named a cardinal. He was beheaded in 1535.

St Thomas More (22nd) was born in 1477 and educated at Oxford. Married, with one son and three daughters, he was chancellor of England and wrote works on governance of the realm and in defense of the faith. He was also beheaded in 1535.

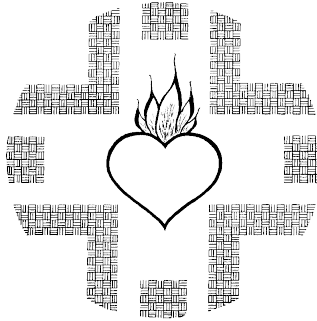
NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST (24th) was the cousin of our Lord, and is the only earthly birthday other than our Lord's celebrated by the Church—we otherwise celebrate only the heavenly birthdays, i.e. deaths. John, the son of Elizabeth and Zechariah, was born, lived, preached, baptized a baptism of repentance, and died, all to prepare the way for the good news whose fulfillment he himself would not live to see. He was beheaded by King Herod. This is a prayerbook holy day.

St Cyril of Alexandria (27th) was born in 370 and lived a monastic life. He succeeded his uncle as bishop of Alexandria in 412, attended the Council at Ephesus, and wrote many learned works explaining and defending the Catholic faith. He died in 444.

St Irenaeus (28th) was born around 130 and was educated at Smyrna. He was a disciple of St Polycarp, bishop of Smyrna and disciple of the apostle St John. As bishop of Lyons, St Irenaeus wrote works defending the Catholic faith against the Gnostics, and was martyred ca. 200.

SS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES AND MARTYRS (29th) were the twin apostles—St Peter to Israel, and St Paul to the gentiles. Both were martyred in Rome: Peter was crucified upside down, and Paul, who was a Roman citizen and could not lawfully be crucified, was beheaded. This is a prayerbook holy day.

First Holy Martyrs of the Roman Church (30th) were those who, in the first persecution against the Church, which was begun by Nero after the burning of Rome. Tacitus, who was a pagan writer, described this persecution, and so did St Clement, Bishop of Rome. These martyrs died in the year 64.



The New Heart

Jesus Christ transformed his death into verbal form—into a prayer—and, in so doing, changed the world. As a result, this death is able to be present for us, because it continues to live in the prayer, and the prayer runs right down through the centuries.... Because Jesus turned death into a proclamation of thanksgiving and love, he is now able to be present down through all ages as the wellspring of life, and we can enter into him by praying with him. He gathers up, so to speak, the pitiful fragments of our suffering, our loving, our hoping, and our waiting into this prayer, into a great flood in which it shares in his life, so that thereby we truly share in the sacrifice.

Christ does not stand facing us alone. It was alone that he died, as the grain of wheat, but he does not arise alone, but as a whole ear of corn, taking with him the communion of the saints. Since the Resurrection, Christ no longer stands alone but is—as the Church Fathers say—always *caput et corpus*: head and body, open to us all. Thus he makes his word come true: “I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself” (Jn 12.32).... The magnitude of Christ’s achievement consists precisely in his not remaining someone else, over and against us, who might thus relegate us once more to a merely passive role; he does not merely bear with us; rather, he bears us up; he identifies himself with us to such an extent that our sins belong to him and his being to us: *he truly accepts us and takes us up, so that we ourselves become active with his support and alongside him, so that we ourselves cooperate and join in the sacrifice with him, participating in the mystery ourselves*. Thus our own life and suffering, our own hoping and loving, can also become fruitful, in the new heart he has given us. ❖

Pope Benedict XVI

Wednesday Night Bible Study

Fr Sutter

Our Wednesday night Bible study continues with the Old Testament book of Joshua. Beginning with Mass at 6:30, the Bible study runs from 7:00 to 8:00 pm and has been using the Bible study guide for Joshua published by Navigators. Our June schedule is:

1 June:	Final Preparations (5.1-12)	guide chapter 5
8 June:	Jericho (5.13-6.27)	guide chapter 6
15 June:	Trouble Valley (7.1-26)	guide chapter 7
22 June:	Covenant Restored (8.1-35)	guide chapter 8
29 June:	Gibeon's Deception (9.1-27)	guide chapter 9

Feel free to join us for any sessions your schedule allows. ❖

Milestone Events for June!

This month has a number of celebrations in it. On the 16th is Judy Wood's birthday, and on the 22nd is Jean Stanton's. June being the "wedding month," we see three anniversaries. On the 5th Bill and Kim Kearney celebrate 23 years of wedded bliss. At the end of that same week, on the 11th, Father Richard and Kathleen celebrate their 22nd while Don and Bobbie Skillins celebrate their **golden wedding anniversary!**

We see other sorts of anniversaries this month as well. Members with anniversaries of their Baptisms on the following days are: Melvin Power (1st), Ben Stanton (6th), Lorraine Williams (10th), and Father Richard & Don Blodgett (both on the 14th). Anniversaries of Confirmations: Ben Stanton (10th), and Frank Bartlett (12th).

If you have a birthday or anniversary in June and weren't listed, please complete an information form from the narthex and give it to the Rector or put it in the offering plate. ❖

A Tip of the Biretta

A tip of the biretta and hearty thanks to Frank Williams for taking the parish lawn mowers to the lawn mower hospital so they can be restored to a usable condition. Thanks, Frank! ❖



Summer Camp!

It's summertime again, and that's the time when a young man's fancy—or woman's, for that matter—turns to thoughts of summer camp! There are a few different options out there to keep in mind, so if you have a child, or a grandchild, or a nice neighbor kid, here are the possibilities. There are “camperships” available to defray expenses.

St Michael's Conference

This is the oldest youth camp out there, founded in 1960. It is run by traditional Anglicans, many of whom are known by the Rector, and is very well organized. The conference is firmly grounded in the Catholic faith of Anglicanism and teaches a solid praxis. Activities include daily Mass and Evensong, study and discussion, recreation and relaxation. The website, www.StMichaelsConference.com, states “the community seeks both a clearer vision of God in Christ, and strength and power to fight evil and serve God. For most, it is such a joyful experience that they want it to continue, and many do continue by returning year after year. Michael is a good patron Saint. He symbolizes a strong religion, the kind of religion where true joy is to be found.” The 46th St Michael's Conference will be held Sunday, July 31 - Saturday, August 6, 2005, at the Holy Family Retreat Center in West Hartford, CT. St Michael's is for campers aged 14-22.

Diocese of the Northeast Youth Camp

Our diocesan youth camp will be held at Gray, ME, from Sunday 7 August through Saturday the 13th. The staff for the camp is drawn from diocesan clergy and lay volunteers approved by the diocese. Father Richard has been asked by the Bishop to work with the camp this year. Activities include worship, study and discussion, and all the typical summer camp sort of recreation and relaxation activities. Diocesan camp is for campers aged 11-18. ❖

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sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
			1 <i>St Justin, M., 165</i> 6:30 pm Mass 7-8 pm Bible Study	2 <i>Ss Marcellinus & Peter, Martyrs., c. 303</i> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;"> <i>Diocesan Clericus—Fr Sutter out of town</i> </div> + Abstinence +	3 THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS + Abstinence +	4 <i>Immaculate Heart of Mary</i>
5 2 ND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY 8:00 Holy Eucharist 10:00 Sung Eucharist Kearneys' 23 rd anniv.	6 <i>St Norbert, B., 1134</i>	7	8 6:30 pm Mass 7-8 pm Bible Study	9 <i>St Columba, Ab. 597</i>	10 <i>St Margaret of Scotland, W. 1093</i> + Abstinence +	11 ST BARNABAS, APOSTLE 8:00 Mass & 8:30 Men's Breakfast Skillins' 50 th anniv. Sutters' 22 nd anniv.
12 3 RD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY 8:00 Holy Eucharist 10:00 Sung Eucharist 11:15-12 Vestry Meeting	13 <i>St Anthony of Padua, C. 1231</i>	14 <i>St Basil the Great, B.C.D., 379</i> 7:00 pm ACW	15 6:30 pm Mass 7-8 pm Bible Study	16 Judy Wood's birthday	17 + Abstinence +	18 <i>St Ephraim of Syria, C.D., 373</i> Hambletons' 39 th anniv.
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26 5 TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY 8:00 Holy Eucharist 10:00 Sung Eucharist	27 <i>St Cyril of Alexandria, B.D., 444</i>	28 <i>St Irenaeus, B.M., 202</i>	29 SS PETER & PAUL, APOSTLES & MARTYRS 6:30 pm Mass 7-8 pm Bible Study	30 <i>First Holy Martyrs of the Roman Church, 64</i>		