



St. Luke Anglican Church

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"St. Luke's Tidings" - September 2005

1. Your Interim Rector - Until the Vestry met on August 14th I was serving St. Luke's as a supply priest. On that date the Vestry voted to call me as interim rector. Between the two there is a difference. A supply priest conducts services, appears at coffee hour, packs up his vestments, picks up a check and is not seen until the next Sunday. If there are pastoral situations demanding attention, shut-ins, or anything else, the supply priest is normally not responsible.

An interim rector, on the other hand, is available. He functions as the rector of the parish during the vacancy until a new rector is chosen and accepts, and actually is in residence. In some cases, he may be asked to remain briefly to orient the new priest. He attends vestry meetings and provides advice and support during the search process.

The interim rector however, is not a magician. The time between rectors is not a shut-down time for the parish. It is a time for the parish to examine itself under the guidance of the interim and the vestry:

- What are the parish's strengths and weaknesses?
- How can the parish move forward?
- How can the Priest and people work together?
- How can they support each other?

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2. Annual Yard Sale, Antique Appraisal and Auction on Saturday, September 17, 2005 -

For many years we have held an Annual Fund Raiser in the Fall. This year is even a little more important as our 2005 budget established a goal to raise several thousand dollars. In order to accomplish this we need everyone's help!

The plans are to have the **Yard Sale and Bake Sale** as we have had in the past. Once again, Jan Thorpe has agreed to chair this portion of the event. The key to success is to have many good items to sell. Now is the time to start looking in your attics, your storage areas, your cellars and your garages. Talk to your friends and neighbors too. They may have items that they'd be willing to share with the church. The same goes for the Bake Sale. Remember, we can give tax receipts for most of the items donated. These receipts signify contributions that

may be deducted from your income tax. We have already begun receiving these contributions in the Under Croft of the Church. The Bake Sale items will have to be delivered on the day of the sale. We have been able to secure the large tent that we used in prior years. This will give us shelter as needed.

Most of you have heard of the “**Antique Road Show**” TV program. We’re going to attempt to duplicate part of that right here on Limbo Lane. Frank Williams has been able to prevail upon Mark Allen of Mark and Marjorie Allen Antiques who lives in Amherst and John Anderson from Milford to do the appraising for us. They will appraise the auction items on Friday and then “Antique Road Show” type appraisals on Saturday morning. We will charge \$10.00 for each verbal appraisal. Many of us have several items that we’d like to know if they are valuable or not. Should the owner wish, they can sell this item at our auction. They can donate the item outright or if they wish they may put it on consignment and receive half of what the item sells for. St. Lukes will receive the other half! A win-win situation for everyone. The auction will start at 1:00 pm. We’re working on obtaining an auctioneer right now !

If our publicity is good, we will attract people from all over the Souhegan Valley. We’re prepared to run ads in the four local newspapers and make phone calls to our church members and friends to solicit items that we can auction.

We need everyone to help! The Committee now consists of:

Don and Bobbie Skillins - 429-9494
Mel and Lil Powers - 532-6114
Frank and Lorraine Williams - 673-0017
Jan Thorpe - 673-5545
Jennifer Coppins - 471-2581
Walter and Cynthia Kilian - 222-1070
John Leslie - 673-6132
Fran Watters - 429-3143
Kay McGinnis - 668-6871
Frank Bartlett - 232-7940

Anyone interested in helping please let one of the members know. We need people to help with publicity, help make and distribute posters and many other things. Frank Bartlett has agreed to be Chef and to prepare the hot dogs, hamburgers and soda that we’ll sell at lunch time. We’ll need help pricing yard sale items and getting them out. **We need everyone!**

Don’t be surprised to receive a phone call from a Committee member asking for you to contribute several items for the auction. We’ll even pick up those items! **The success of this event depends on YOU helping! Please don’t let us down!**

3. Sunday School and Confirmation Classes - We have always had a Christian Education program that we could be proud of. Now because of children growing up and changing situations within St. Lukes, we don’t. However we want to rekindle these programs. Are you willing to help? If so, please contact Father Davis or a member of the Vestry and let them know of your interest. It’s a critical ministry for our church’s future growth!

From our Interim Rector

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The first reaction when many of us are asked to do something in the parish is to ask - “Why Me?” The answer is “Why Not Me?” We do not have the luxury of having many people to choose from at St. Luke’s. We are a small parish. We have the advantage of being a personal parish; no one of us is lost in the crowd when there is no crowd! No one need feel there is nothing they can not do. We have different talents and abilities. We have the ability of working together to advance the work, life, and ministry of our parish. Yes, the role of the interim may be compared to that of John the Baptist – to prepare the way for another.

I will be here as long as I am needed. When I accepted the interim position at Trinity, Rochester in November 2001, I anticipated it would be for about six months. It proved to be 16 months until Fr. Williams arrived on Shrove Tuesday 2003. The important thing is that in the case of Trinity, the interim served as such until the new rector arrived. Equally important is that the life of that parish did not shut down. The Vestry and search committee had a lot to do, but so did the others; the altar guild, choir, church school, volunteers in the office, tending the beautiful flower beds, and trimming grass.

We have many things to do at this time in the life of our parish.

written by: The Rev. James H. Davis+ SSC

4. What is a Subdeacon? - The order of Subdiaconate has existed since the Early Church. The original functions of the Subdeacon were primarily administrative and liturgical in nature. Over centuries, their functions have become more defined. In contemporary times, the Subdeacon was first used in missions, such as in Africa and Asia, as well as other areas throughout the world, where the Church is growing and expanding at a rapid rate. It is in these circumstances that Priests are short of time, spread thin over vast geographical areas and in need of assistance.

The Subdeacon’s function is to assist the Priest, or Deacon, during liturgical celebrations. Subdeacons may also be utilized, under the supervision of a Priest, in minor pastoral work. Specifically, the Subdeacon’s primary functions are to administer the Chalice at Mass, read the Epistle and serve at Solemn High Mass.

By virtue of his office, the Subdeacon may administer the Chalice at the celebration of the Holy Eucharist. He is not, however, an “extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist”. He is, along with Bishops, Priests and Deacons, an ordinary minister of the Eucharist.

The distinctive vestment for the Subdeacon is the maniple, a stole worn over the left arm. It is made of silk, or some other decorative fabric, and corresponds to the color of the day.

written by Frank Bartlett

5. Highlights in Our Church - In the next few issues of the “Tidings” we will be writing articles about some of the groups and individuals who make a difference in our worship and fellowship. This month we are highlighting the ALTAR GUILD.

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Presently there are six women who take care of this vital job. They are Jennifer Coppins, Cynthia Kilian, Pat Jackson, Bobbie Skillins, Carol Blodgett, and Lorraine Williams. Please tell them how much you appreciate what they do for the Glory of God and St. Luke Anglican Church. We can imagine the confusion that would ensue if no one did the job. The Rector and congregation depend on these women having everything ready for our services.

Obviously there is more to do than place the flowers on the altar and occasionally change and wash the linens. With each service the Altar Guild is called upon to prepare the altar with the fine linens and hangings appropriate to the service. Remember how beautiful the Sanctuary looked during those special services for Christmas and Easter? Each step in caring for the Altar requires special care and thoughtful prayer.

If you would like to serve on the Altar Guild please speak to one of the members of the Guild. They would welcome you! And, please remember to express your appreciation to the members of the Altar Guild for their devotion and a job well done.

written by Lil Power

6. ACA National and Diocese of the Northeast Synods -

Both Synods will be held in Portland, Maine this year. The ACA National Synod is held every three years and the Diocesan Synod is held annually. If you'd like to attend as a Guest, speak to Father Davis. The Guest of Honor this year will be the Most Rev. John Hepworth, Primate of the Traditional Anglican Communion, who is from Australia. The ACA Synod begins on Thursday, September 22nd and the DNE the next day.

FLASH- There is a better than 50/50 chance that Archbishop Hepworth will be our Guest at our regular Sunday worship services on Sunday September 25th. This is a unique opportunity to meet the Primate of our church. More information will follow as details are confirmed. Set aside the date!

7. Bits and Pieces - Do any of you have a **riding lawn mower** that you are not using that you might be willing to donate to the church? We could give you a tax deduction for it! We'll even pick it up. Please call Walter Kilian at 222-1070.

- We're sorry to announce that **Joy Omelanuk** will be relocating to Chardon, Nebraska, next week. Her sister and mother live there. Our loss is their gain. Good Luck Joy. We'll miss you!
- Have you ever stopped and thought about the outstanding contributions that **John Leslie** makes to St. Lukes. When you first walk into the church and receive the Sunday bulletin, guess who prepares that. What about the wonderful music that we have each Sunday. John spends hours preparing for each service. Have you ever looked at the Vestry minutes that are posted on the bulletin board as you enter the church? You're right, John does that too and I might add that no one else on the Vestry would touch that position. Again, he does an outstanding job. Take a moment and say Thanks, John!

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