

# St. Luke's Sentinel

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## Vestry adopts the St. Luke's Strategic Plan

After months of study and review, the Vestry has adopted the Strategic Plan. The full plan, which builds on and celebrates past accomplishments, may be downloaded and printed from the "Member" section of the church's website. A printed copy may be obtained by calling the church office.

In addition to a mission statement, the plan also lists a five-point statement of values: (1) A vibrant belief that Jesus Christ is our Lord and Saviour; (2) A belief that the Bible is the Word of God; (3) Spirit-filled liturgical worship; (4) Strong Christian fellowship; (5) Service and charity to all; and (6) Respect for our Anglican traditions.

Most significantly, the plan calls for the creation of a **Welcoming Committee** to meet, greet and follow

## New website is up and running

A completely redesigned website is now up and running. The previous website was designed and put in place by the late Lottie Corner around 20 years ago.

According to the Rector, the previous design had served well, was full of information and had been meticulously maintained. However, designs have evolved and that the St. Luke's billboard to the world was in sore need of sprucing up.

One feature of the new design is a moving window on the home page highlighting St. Luke's members doing things both around the church and in the larger community. Another is a pass-coded "Members" section which will be used for such things as parish member contact information and vestry minutes. To get the pass code, please speak to the Rector or a Vestry member.

In line with St. Luke's previous webpage design, the new one includes a frequently updated calendar of parish events. This calendar includes what groups are using the various meeting rooms throughout the week.

Members of the design committee included: the Rector, Al Cash and Jim Yacavone.

up on first-time visitors; an **Education Committee** (already up and running); **Fellowship Committee** to promote interaction among parishioners; and a **Communications Committee**, to assist the Rector and office staff in sharing the good news about the Gospel and St. Luke's to those in the larger community.

The plan also stresses the importance of strong and able church leaders, both lay and ordained. Following the Canons of the Church, the plan reaffirms that the primary role of the Rector is the spiritual care of the parish and that the primary role of the Vestry is the fiscal wellbeing of the parish and the maintenance of the property. Both are seen as being in partnership. The plan is to be reviewed annually.

At the July Vestry meeting, the Rector, Wardens and Vestry members, went on record recognizing and thanking Roger Wankel for his faithful service as webmaster for over 10 years.

## Two new Vestry members appointed

At the July Vestry meeting, William Trotter and June Gentile were appointed to complete the terms of James Yacavone and Susan Lipham.

In other business, at the Rector's request, an Executive Committee was formed. Members include the Rector, the Senior Warden, the Junior Warden, and the chairmen of both the St. Luke's Men's Group and the Episcopal Church Women.

Kathryn Noble was welcomed as the new Vestry clerk and as the usher coordinator. Gratitude was extended to former coordinator Dewey Cates for extraordinary service.

**Sentinel – 'Around the Corner & Around the Communion'**

## St. Luke's participates in summer feeding program

By the Rev. Ronald O. Wikander

In Fannin County, 70 percent of the school children qualify for free or reduced-price meals. The criteria for receiving these meals is directly related to family income. A number of charitable agencies who have banded together to provide a network for the distribution of food in greater Blue Ridge to these students previously mentioned. This action ensures they will have something to eat during the school summer recess. This coalition of organizations consists of local businessmen, Snack-in-a-Backpack, Family Connection, and a Faith-based coalition which includes Faith Presbyterian, St. Luke's, and St. Mark's Episcopal of Copperhill, Tenn.

The folks at Faith Presbyterian have coordinated this effort for the last six years. Collectively, these agencies have provided over 119 volunteers to distribute meals three times a week for a period of seven weeks. This amounted to 3080 hot meals (Bright from the Start) and 6160 non-perishable meals; supplemented with a weekly delivery of staples such as cereal, milk, spaghetti, pancake mix, peanut butter and jelly, pasta sauce, canned chicken, and fresh vegetables from the

## Opportunity for service in the community

By the Rev. Ronald O. Wikander

Labor Day weekend is just around the corner, and with it comes another opportunity to be Christ's hands and feet in our community. I am speaking about providing some assistance to the Labor Day Barbecue. The date for this year's event is Monday Sept. 3.

The Blue Ridge Labor Day Barbecue is an annual fund-raising event for another faith-based coalition known as the Good Samaritans of Fannin County. The group provides food, medicine, electricity, propane and other assistance to those in need.

While cash certainly helps, and many churches (including our own) provide funds, it is the collective provision of volunteers that makes the difference and assures the success of the operation

Chattanooga Regional Food Bank. In addition, books were distributed to the children to enhance their reading enjoyment.

To all the volunteers we owe a debt of thanks. To those who have not yet volunteered, we are on the cusp of expanding the program to the entire county. We have already identified ways to reduce cost, increase efficiency, and make better use of each volunteer's time. That time is rife with rewards! Thank You is heard often and smiles are in abundance. We occasionally receive written thanks and in one instance last year a young lady picked flowers and gave them to our female volunteers. The point is, mere statistics and menus cannot begin to describe the impact this program has on the disadvantaged community. What better way to show the love of Christ than to nourish those who have less than we, whatever their circumstances. This is a great way to give your time and talent to a very worthwhile program.

*The Rev. Mr. Wikander serves as St. Luke's Community Outreach Coordinator. He may be emailed at vicarwikander@tds.net.*

Victor and I will be preparing ribs and chicken and grilling in the wee hours of the morning. We can always use help in our outdoor kitchen. On the day of the event, many volunteers are needed to serve the food, collect the money, buss the tables, take out the trash, maintain cleanliness, and a host of other items. This year we want to increase the number of volunteers participating so that we can be as conspicuous as we were in the early days of St. Luke's. If you have a St. Luke's T-shirt, please consider wearing it.

Will you please help us achieve that goal? Before you know it, there will be some sign-up sheets to fill out. We hope you will place your name on one of them. This a worthwhile cause, a great opportunity for interfaith fellowship. Resolve to be Good Samaritan!

# Recipe of the Month

By Diane Wikander

This recipe comes from Pat Dearing. Pat and his wife Sherron attend the 10 a.m. Sunday service and have been members of St Luke's for a long time. Pat is a past Senior Warden and currently serves as a member of the Vestry and sings in the choir. He is presently teaching a class on Tuesday morning on America's foundational documents. Sherron is always there right by his side. Pat is very talented and makes all kinds of items for St. Luke's Christmas Bazaar, wind chimes being one example. He is also a great cook and is especially fond of baking. I have tasted many of his cake's and haven't found one I didn't like. The recipe I have for you I have not tried but I am sure it will be yummy.

## Apple Pie Bundt Cake with Caramel Glaze

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| 1 box Duncan Hines spice cake mix                      | 1 (16 oz.) can apple pie filling (Comstock) |
| 3 large eggs   | 1 tsp. cinnamon                             |
| 1/3 cup canola vegetable oil                           | 1 ½ cups chopped pecans, divided            |
| ½ tsp. pure vanilla extract                            | 1 jar (6 oz.) maraschino cherries           |
| ½ cup of raisins (dark or golden) or dried cranberries |   |

Place rack in center of oven, preheat to 350 degrees. Grease a 12 cup Bundt pan with butter especially the bottom. Toast pecans 5 to 7 min. careful not to burn. Drain cherries, slice in half, set aside. Slice the apples in the pie filling for better mixing.

In a large mixing bowl, combine cake mix, eggs, oil, cinnamon, and vanilla. Mix on low speed until combined about 1 min. Continue mixing on medium for 2 minutes, until well mixed. Blend in apples, 3/4 cup pecans (reserve the remainder for the glaze) and the raisins. Don't use the mixer for this step.

Arrange 3-4 cherry halves round side down, in each of the large indentations at the bottom of the pan, Place 1-2 cherries in the small indentations. Sprinkle 3/4 cup pecans evenly over the bottom of pan. The butter will make a nice toasty glaze.

Bake 350 for 45 to 55 minutes. Cake is done when center springs back when gently pressed or when sides of cake begin to pull away. Or test with a toothpick. Place pan on a cooling rack and cool completely before glazing or glaze will run off.

## Caramel Glaze

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| 4 tbs. (1/2 stick) real butter | 4 tbs. heavy whipping cream    |
| 4 tbs. granulated sugar        | 4tbs. light brown sugar packed |

Combine all ingredients in a heavy medium size sauce pan. Heat on medium, constantly stirring with a wooden spoon, until it starts to boil, reduce heat and continue to cook and stir for two minutes. Blend in the remaining pecans and allow to cool and thicken, then drizzle over cake.

NOTE Use this glaze on a cool cake. You can chill the cake in the refrigerator for 30 minutes if necessary to speed up the process. Don't start making the glaze until cake is cool. *Thank you Pat and God Bless You!*



## Frequently asked question about the beliefs and ways of the Church



*Note: Church people need to be informed people. When people ask what we believe and why we do things as we do, we need to be able to give them an answer. To, that end, the Rector has drawn up a list of frequently asked questions.*

### **What does 'Episcopal' mean?**

'Episcopal' comes from the Greek word meaning bishops or overseers. Churches that have system of polity including bishops or overseers may be called Episcopal and those who attend them may be referred to as Episcopalians. Bishops in the Anglican family are succession with a line of Bishops going back to the early Church and the Apostles themselves.

### **What about 'Anglican'?**

'Anglican' refers to the geographical region where our branch of Christianity developed. The term means 'English Church'. Though this expression of the Christian faith had its beginning in the British Isles, Anglican Churches can now be found throughout the world. In the past several decades, many American Churchman have begun referring to themselves as Anglicans rather than Episcopalians. The reason they have done so is show solidarity with faithful Anglicans throughout the world, many of which are now located in Africa and other parts of the developing world.

### **What is the Anglican Communion?**

The family of those churches throughout the world descended from the English church. As the British Empire spread, so did the Church of England. In 1867, bishops from Anglican churches, at the invitation of the Archbishop of Canterbury, met together for the first time at Lambeth Palace. Lambeth conferences have continued and are held about every 10 years. In 2008, another meeting of Anglican bishops was held in Jerusalem. This meeting was styled the Global Anglican Future Conference (GAFCON). Subsequent conferences have followed. The third Global Anglican Future Conference was held in Jerusalem, Israel from June 17 to 22. At the conclusion of the conference, it was announced that in early 2019 Archbishop Foley Beach, Primate of

the Anglican Church in North America, will succeed Archbishop Nicholas Okoh, Primate of the Church of Nigeria, as Chair of GAFCON's Primates Council.

### **Why do you pray out of a book?**

First, worshippers in the Anglican tradition are encouraged to offer both personal prayers in their own words as well as those "in a book". Prayers taken from the Book of Common Prayer, in fact, aid in forming our own prayers by giving us models. Secondly, we pray out of a book during services of public worship in order to allow everyone to participate. If everyone made up his own prayer, chaos and bedlam would result. When we say "Amen" at the end we make pre-composed prayers our own.

### **How do I know when to stand, kneel or sit?**

The general rule is: We stand for praise, sit for instruction and kneel for prayer.

### **What are the main services that a new worshipper will more than likely encounter on Sunday morning?**

The two main services are Morning Prayer and Sermon and Holy Communion. The early morning service in Anglican churches is almost always Holy Communion, while the later services will often be Morning Prayer two or three times a month. Occasionally, a third service – the Litany – will be said, usually at the end of Morning Prayer. Each service contributes to the spiritual development of the worshipping congregation.

### **In a sentence can you summarize the Anglican path?**

Anglican faith and practice is rooted in Scripture, grounded in history and focused on making disciples of Jesus today.

### **How can I join?**

For those who have been baptised in another Christian church, that baptism will be accepted, so long as it was administered in the name of the "Father, Son and Holy Ghost (Spirit)". Full reception comes with the rite of Confirmation, at which the candidate affirms or reaffirms His faith in Christ. After which, the Bishop, following the example of the Apostles in Acts 8, lays hands on the candidate and prays for the strengthening gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Those who have made no profession of Christian faith, following instruction, will be baptized and confirmed. Additional information is available from the Rector.

### **What are the duties of a church member?**

They are: To follow Christ; to worship God every Sunday in His Church; and to work and pray and give for the spread of His kingdom.

## Letting people know we're here

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*A team made up of members of the St. Luke's Men's Group began putting in place new church signs on Monday, July 30. Team members included Joe Brandon (project director), the Rev. Ron Wikander, Bob Morgan, Bob Bradley, Jim Noblett and Neil McDonald. Bob Bradley is pictured with a sign placed along Appalachian Highway 515 near Ingles. On the same day, a sign on East First St. near the Chevrolet dealership was replaced. At least three more are slated for various locations.*

*Many thanks to the St. Luke's Men's Group for funding the project and for putting the signs in place.*

## A modern-day parable of the Church

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By the Rector

Jesus used stories to convey truth. Why shouldn't we? Many ministers do. The Rev. Dr. Theodore O. Wedel (1892-1970), warden for many years at the American College of Preachers at the Washington National Cathedral, was an especially good story teller.

In 1953 he wrote a modern-day parable entitled "The Lifesaving Station that Became a Club". Though completely fictitious, its message is true and remains relevant for us today. It goes like this:

On a dangerous seacoast stood a small life-saving station. The volunteers who staffed it rescued many souls. After a number of years, though, it was determined a larger station with more boats was needed. So, the volunteers raised money, and the little hut was replaced with a much larger station. The rooms were decorated, and the station took on more the atmosphere of a club.

As time went on, fewer members were interested in going to sea on life-saving missions; so, a crew was hired for this unpleasant work. Not long after, a large

ship wrecked off the coast, and the hired crew members brought in boatloads of cold, wet and half-drowned people. Many lives were saved, but there was minor damage to some of the furniture.

At the next meeting, most of the members wanted to suspend the club's life-saving activities so as to keep the facility pristine.

A few, however, insisted that life-saving was the primary purpose of the club. After much discussion, the life-savers were out voted. The minority group went down the road and opened another life-saving station. This new station carried on its mission for a number of years, but eventually it too evolved into a club, and yet another life-saving station had to be founded for those who wanted to continue rescue activities.

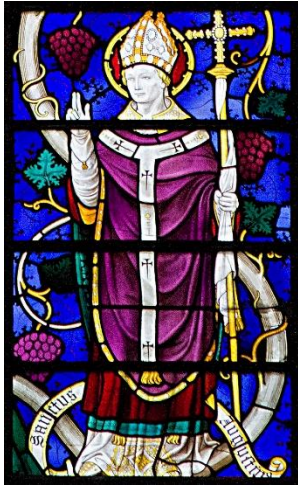
The parable concludes with these words: "If you visit that sea coast today, you will find a number of exclusive clubs. Shipwrecks are frequent, but most people drown."

A life-saving station or a comfortable club?  
Which will it be for my local church?

## The saints of St. Luke's – St. Augustine of Canterbury \_\_\_\_\_

By James Yacavone

*In the side chapel of St. Luke's (the Jennus Chapel) there are 16 exquisitely needlepointed chairs which bear the name and heraldic symbol of 16 saints who were prominent in the English church. In this continuing series the Sentinel will highlight each saint and tell you a little about his or her history.*



### **St. Augustine (early sixth century – c. 604)**

Saint Augustine of Canterbury was a Benedictine monk who became the first Archbishop of Canterbury. He is considered the "Apostle to the English" and a founder of the English Church. Augustine was the prior of a monastery in Rome when

Pope Gregory chose him in 595 to lead a mission to Christianize King Æthelberht and his Kingdom of Kent in southeast England. Augustine, with some fellow missionaries, landed in Kent in 597 and proceeded to Æthelberht's main town of Canterbury. Augustine was successful in converting the king to Christianity, and the king allowed the missionaries to preach freely and gave them land to found a monastery. Augustine converted many of the king's subjects. There is an account of him converting thousands of people during a mass baptism on Christmas Day in 597. Pope Gregory sent more missionaries in 601. Roman bishops were established at London and Rochester in 604, and a school was founded to train Anglo-Saxon priests and missionaries. Augustine is buried at St. Augustine's Abbey in Canterbury. He is recognized as a saint by the Anglican Communion, the Roman Catholic Church and the Greek Orthodox Church. His Anglican feast day is May 26.

St. Augustine's chair at St. Luke's was donated by Jim and Ruby Tresca.

*In the next issue we will discuss another early English saint who is memorialized with a chair in the Jennus Chapel.*

### *On the lighter side . . .*

A parishioner offered to paint the outside walls of the village church. Half way along the paint was running out and he filled up his bucket with paint thinner. Again the paint ran out and he did the same. Overnight there was a rain storm. On Sunday morning the people complained he had done a crummy job.

He was very upset and looked up to heaven. "What shall I do, they are all angry with me?" A voice came from heaven. "Repaint, and thin no more."

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A boy gave a dollar to the Rector. The clergyman told him he should give it to the poor. "That's why I gave it to you. My dad says you're the poorest preacher we ever had."

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A Roman Catholic priest decided to go to a silent monastery to escape the pressures of his parish. The rule was you could speak two words once every five years. At the end of his first five years he went to his father superior and said "Bad food." The superior nodded his head and the minister went back to his cell for another five years. At the end of ten years he went in and said "Hard bed." Again the superior nodded his head, and he went back till the end of his fifteenth year. This time he said "I quit," and the father superior said "About time too, you have done nothing but complain since you have been here."

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*E*vangelization is a work that cannot be done by the clergy alone; it can only be done to a very small extent by the clergy at all. There can be no widespread evangelization unless the work is undertaken by the lay people of the Church . . . The main duty of the clergy must be to train the lay members of the congregation in their work of witness.

William Temple

## From the Rector

A much beloved member of St. Luke's, now deceased, George Cary, was fond of telling a story about his grandfather's ambulance service.

His grandfather, B. Marion Reed, was a funeral director in Tampa, Fla. His, like most funeral homes in those days, provided not only funeral services, but transport of the injured and sick.

Because ambulance service was very competitive in those days, Mr. Reed would buy the back of the telephone directory. Year after year, in bold letters were the words: Memorize this number – 4747 (the company's telephone number in the days before exchanges).

The message was there so that when an emergency happened – in the days before 911—residences of Hillsborough County – knew whom to call.

I am reminded of George's story because church people need to be equally prepared and ready to act. When someone says:

"I've been hearing about your church. I've gone to concerts and other events, and may be interested in visiting one of your services. Who are you?"

In such cases, we all need to be able to respond quickly and precisely. To that end, MEMORIZE THESE WORDS:

**"Anglican faith and practice is rooted in Scripture, grounded in history and focused on making disciples of Jesus today."**

Of course, each of the three points in this small statement needs to be fleshed out, but they are a starting point.

In the past, many Churchman have been somewhat reticent in speaking about Christ and His Church. The time has come when that needs to change. In the words of a hymn we sing from time to time: "We have a Gospel to proclaim!" – Good News!

With the coming of Jesus 2000 years ago, God's reign on "earth as it is in heaven" was launched. This coming might be likened to D-Day landing during the Second World War. A decisive victory was won – death itself was conquered -- but there remains a lot of "mopping up" to do.

Each cell of believers in a geographical location (parish church) is an advance sign of the Kingdom. By the Kingdom I mean the universal reign of God and the putting down of all that is evil. In these cells, God's rule and reign in Christ is already acknowledged.

In the present time, as we await the return of the King, those in these cells have work to do. They are to bear witness to the true King. They are to live according to precepts. They are to announce Him in word and deed and to make disciples. After all, as some one has said, "Either He is Lord of all, or He is not Lord at all."

To that end, I urge you to be bold and eager. Love your neighbor enough to invite him or her to join you at worship. Be ready to answer questions about Jesus Christ and His Church.

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On a different subject, a 'tip of the Canterbury cap' to Pat McConnell, Patsy Williams and

Judy Brooten for overseeing July's 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday potluck.

## St. Luke's gets new verger

Newly ordained Deacon William A. "Tony" McConnell is stepping down as St. Luke's verger. The wand – or rather verge – is being passed to Juanita Lebkuecher. Juanita trained as a verger while she and Andy were at Holy Cross Cathedral, Loganville.

Deacon McConnell's focus will now be on pastoral care. The Rector said:

"Tony has done a tremendous job in exercising hospitality to visitors and new comers, as well as coordinating logistics at major services, and I know Juanita will bring her own special talents to the job. I thank them both for their faithfulness."

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## The friendly voice behind the phone

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Those calling the church office on Monday, Wednesday and Friday will likely encounter the exuberant voice of our parish administrator, Pam Sebby. Who is Pam Sebby?

Pam was born in California and was brought to Arizona at the age of 2 ½. Her mother was born in Mexico, but legally immigrated to the United States in 1959. Her father, meanwhile, hailed from Missouri and came from Norwegian stock.

Though her father was raised Protestant, her mother was raised Roman Catholic. Pam was baptised in the Roman Catholic church on August, 13, 1953, and received First Holy Communion on Oct. 29, 1960, and was Confirmed on April 4, 1965. Attending church on Sundays, she said, was as natural as breathing.

Both of her parents were highly intelligent. Moreover, both were given to laughter and song, which may account for Pam's upbeat, positive approach to life.

Early on, Pam found she liked banking, finance and accounting. For many years she worked at the corporate office of the largest bank in Arizona. Later, she met and married her husband, and they built a small business in the outdoor power equipment industry.

After selling the business in 1997, they moved to northern Arizona and lived off the grid for 16 years. A solar panel system provided electricity; propane provided energy for stoves and clothes dryers; and wood stoves heated their house, garage and guest house. During this time, Pam worked in the accounting industry.

In late 2012, she and her husband Dean moved to Ducktown, Tenn. The choice of Tennessee resulted from Dean's enthusiasm for motorcycle riding. For a number of years after relocating, Pam worked at a bank in Cleveland, Tenn. After retiring, and still wanting to stay busy, Pam answered a newspaper advertisement for a three-day-a-week job at St. Luke's.

"Since coming on board, Pam has brought enough energy and enthusiasm to the parish office to fill a semitruck and then some more," the Rector

said. "She is a blessing, and I give thanks to God for sending her."

Pam's spiritual journey has taken a number of twists and turns. She reports that her faith was shattered following the death of two of the finest individuals she knew – her mother and brother.

"For 17 years I was deeply angry at God and tried to live a life without acknowledging His existence," she said. "Way down inside, however, I knew I was wrong."

Pam's spiritual turnaround took place at the total eclipse of the sun on Aug. 21, 2017.

"I was not ready for what I saw," she said. "Everything around was enveloped in the darkness of night. I could see Dean (about 15 feet away), but could not see specific facial features."

"The birds, crickets and cicadas no longer chirped, and the air was instantly cooler," she continued. "It was the most powerful thing I had ever witnessed."

Continuing she said: "The more I looked around, the more my thoughts turned to what I knew all along: God is orchestrating this – because everything is involved in His creation, and He can do as He sees fit. Seventeen years of denying Him hit me like a ton of bricks, and I knew that was no longer the way I wanted to live. I wanted to get back to having God in my life."

Following this experience, Pam searched and found a copy of The Living Bible that her mother had given her 28 years earlier and began reading.

"I was amazed that so many things about our Lord were never pointed out to me during my Catholic upbringing," she said. "The importance of getting in and staying in the Word of God and knowing that He loves all of us cannot be emphasized too much."

"God moved planets to get me back!" she concluded. "If that's not love, what is?"

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*In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.*

Proverbs 3:6



## Birthdays at St. Luke's

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Aug. 01 – Bob Emmons	Aug. 26 – Darlene Dale	Sept. 12 – Ray Pigott
Aug. 04 – Meagan Thrasher	Aug. 26 – Roanne Peck	Sept. 13 – Darlene Dunnigan
Aug. 06 – Bob Parrish	Aug. 28 – Kim Wikander Such	Sept. 13 – Robert Banks
Aug. 07 – Tammy Wikander Holloway	Aug. 29 – Don Hess	Sept. 14 – Cathy Berkinshaw
Aug. 09 – Lauran Burgreen	Aug. 31 – Don Evans	Sept. 14 – Glenda Robinson
Aug. 10 – Betty Ann Henning	Aug. 31 – Nance Trice	Sept. 15 – Sam Sartain
Aug. 12 – Steve Hrytzay	Sept. 03 – Don Hayes	Sept. 16 – Zenda Morgan
Aug. 16 – Meredith Yacavone	Sept. 03 – Mary Jennus	Sept. 16 – Finn Thoresen
Aug. 18 – Dennis Wood	Sept. 05 – Rose Marie Gorr	Sept. 16 – Sherron Dearing
Aug. 19 – Ellen Grantham	Sept. 05 – Dawn Romig	Sept. 18 – Jinanne Parrish
Aug. 20 – Paul Oneal	Sept. 06 – Eileen Kerr	Sept. 21 – Gayle Hayes
Aug. 20 – Hanes Christopher Bird	Sept. 07 – Diane Wikander	Sept. 23 – Robert Skelton
Aug. 21 – Quey Bassett	Sept. 07 – Bobbie Ostby	Sept. 23 – Mercedes Misinco
Aug. 21 – Mary Margret Nastyn	Sept. 07 – Jim Yacavone	Sept. 24 – Clive Hale
Aug. 21 – Kelsey Nicole Bird	Sept. 07 – MaryLynn Kipfmiller	Sept. 24 – Bruce Berkinshaw
Aug. 23 – Andrew Lebkuecher	Sept. 08 – Chloe Howard	Sept. 28 – David Elliott
Aug. 25 – Melissa McCormick	Sept. 09 – Andrew Bruce, Jr.	Sept. 29 – Darlene McClain
	Sept. 12 – Jodie Emmons	

## Wedding Anniversaries at St. Luke's

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Aug. 01 – Sam and Shirley Sartain	Sept. 07 – Gennie and David Elliott
Aug. 05 – Jere and Pat McConnell	Sept. 10 – Andrew and Betty Jane Bruce
Aug. 15 – Randy and Dawn Romig	Sept. 10 – Randy and Mary Hanzlick
Aug. 16 – Bob and Gloria Lee0	Sept. 17 – James and Elizabeth Langley
Aug. 28 – Ric and Sally Granda	Sept. 22 – Robert and Gwen Skelton
Sept. 02 – Pat and Sherron Dearing	

## Ask the Rector

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### **Q. Does the common cup at Holy Communion pose a serious health risk?**

A. No, according to a study conducted by William Burrows and Elizabeth S. Hemmens, both associated with the Department of Bacteriology and Parasitology and the Walter C. Zoller Memorial Dental Clinic, University of Chicago. The reports notes “there has never been an epidemic of infectious disease that has been unequivocally traced to the use of the silver chalice.” The complete study is available at:

[www.recus.org/resources/CommonCupBacteria.pdf](http://www.recus.org/resources/CommonCupBacteria.pdf)

Even so, those who prefer not to drink from the common cup cross their arms when it is being administered or receive by intinction. Intinction is a method by which the minister dips the host (consecrated bread) into the wine and places it on the receiver's tongue. An alternative allowed in some churches is those receiving to dip the host into the wine themselves being careful not to allow their fingers to meet the wine.

### **Q. Who chooses the hymns, and on what basis?**

A. Under the Canons of the Church, the Minister is charged with the general oversight of the music in a parish church. Hence, the Minister chooses the hymns in most cases. A number of factors go into the selection for each service, but in most cases, they are chosen to complement the Scripture readings and season of the Church. In Trinity-tide – the long ‘green season’ – when themes are broader, more freedom is permitted.

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As a steward of God's gifts and in gratitude for all blessings, I pledge the following amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to the work of Christ through St. Luke's Church for 2018.

This will be offered in increments of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ each: \_\_\_\_\_ Week \_\_\_\_\_ Month \_\_\_\_\_ Year  
\_\_\_\_\_ other (Please check one)

*Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God as prospered him. (1 Cor. 16:2)*