



St. Luke Anglican Church

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"St. Luke's Tidings" - AUGUST 2006

1. Annual Fund Raiser - Saturday, September 9, 2006

Our goal is to raise several thousand dollars and in order to accomplish this we need everyone's help! Sign up sheets are available in the undercroft. We did it last year and we can do it again!

We plan to have the **Antique Auction and Antique Appraisal in the Undercroft. The Yard Sale and Bake Sale** will be out under the tent. The key to success is to have many **quality** 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. No clothing or electronic items such as TVs, old computer monitors or exercise equipment, please! The church can give tax receipts for most of the items donated. These contributions may qualify you for income tax deductions.

We will be ready to start receiving both your auction items and yard sale items in the Under Croft of the Church on the following dates:

Friday, September 1st and September 8th from 10 AM to 3 PM

Saturday, September 2nd from 8 AM to 11 AM and

Sunday, September 3rd from 8 AM to 12 Noon

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2. Diocese of the Northeast Synod -

St. Lukes is hosting the Annual Synod of the Diocese of the Northeast of the Anglican Church in America on **Thursday and Friday, September 21 and 22** at the **Wayfarer Inn in Bedford, NH**. The Wayfarer Inn is located at the junction of routes I-293, Route 101 and Route 3, right between the Bedford Mall and Macy's.

Registration starts at 2 PM on Thursday afternoon and the Synod will be called to order at 3 PM. The first item on the agenda will be the election of a Bishop Suffragan. The general session will be recessed at 5 PM. Happy Hour will start at 6PM followed by the Synod Banquet at 7 PM. Everyone is invited to attend the banquet. You do not have to be a delegate in order to attend and participate. We are able to

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2. From Our Rector:

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I hope this letter finds you well and enjoying the last few weeks of summer. I am enjoying my new parish and feel like we have made a connection and want to thank all of you for the support and encouragement I have been given.

If there is one phrase that runs through the Gospels like a golden thread it is "Jesus had compassion on the crowds." The word compassion comes from the Latin word PATIOR, which means TO SUFFER WITH. Jesus certainly suffered with us and for us by His death on the cross. His life, however, didn't end with Him. Jesus lives in and through us and we are called to witness to that fact by showing the world what Christ is like by sharing in His compassion.

This will involve listening. To listen is to give yourself totally to another person, to put you into the other's mind, the other's heart. To listen is to hear not simply naked words but a real person. The problem is that listening is risky. It takes our precious time; often when we can least afford it. We may have to share another's problems when we have enough of our own. This is living our Christianity close to the bone because when we really listen we make ourselves vulnerable to another person and we really do "suffer with them" because we feel what they feel.

But the risk will be matched with joy. Because listening, really listening is an act of love; and so it is authentically human and wonderfully Christian.

To listen is to come to others as I am, with my own questions, weaknesses, sinfulness, my own doubts and fears. I share not words by myself; I am simply there. And that is my Christian vocation and yours: to be where another can reach out to us.

God Bless,
Fr. Swayze

3. Deacon Larry's 91st Birthday - The Reverend Mr. Lawrence LaFleur celebrated his 91st Birthday on Wednesday, August 2nd. Deacon Larry was actively involved with St. Lukes for many years. His daughter indicates that he is feeling well except for mild dementia and some trouble walking.

He served in the United States Army achieving the rank of Chief Warrant Officer and served under General George Patton during World War II. His address is 30 High Street, Milford, NH 03055.

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We'll have an area set aside for them. The Bake Sale items will have to be delivered on the day of the sale. They will be displayed under the large tent that we have used in the past. **The Yard Sale and Bake Sale will begin at 8 AM.** If you have any questions call: Lorraine Williams 673-0017, Judy Wood 673-5089, Lil Power 532-6114, or Fran Watters 429-3143

I'm sure you've heard of the "Antique Road Show" TV program, where people bring in an item that they own and ask the experts how much is it worth. **Well, the Limbo Lane Antique Road Show begins at 9 AM and continues to 12 Noon.** Each appraisal will cost \$10.00 and we hope to have the Andersons back again this year. They did a great job for us last year!

The Auction will be held at 1PM, as yard sale activity dies down. Our auctioneer Don Logan, who spoke to us last Sunday, will do his best. However, we can help significantly by donating items suitable for an auction. They include, but are not limited to paintings, antiques, jewelry, silver plates, pottery, silk rugs, and collectibles etc. If you are tired of looking at things of value that will help our church, please bring them in for donation on any of the following days as previously noted.

Appraisers Mark Allen and Keith Wright will then appraise the Auction items on September 7th and September 8th. This will give us time to prepare the auction catalogues that will describe each item to be auctioned. When you drop off your auction items, you will be asked to fill out a label that will provide us with your name and a description of each item. We'll attach the label to the item. This information will be used to help prepare the catalogues and will help provide the donor with letters for their income tax contributions.

Thanks for your support! Questions, please call Frank Williams at 673-0017.

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offer those who wish to attend the Synod Banquet a special price of \$37.50 per person. Please speak to either Mel Power or Walter Kilian if you'd like to attend.

Friday's program starts at 8 AM with Mass at the Wayfarer Inn, with music provided by our Church Organist, John Leslie, followed by Continental Breakfast. The General session begins at 9:15 AM and continues to about 3 PM, with breaks for lunch and checkout.

We will need help registering the delegates as they arrive, from 2 PM until about

4 PM on Thursday afternoon. We believe that most people will arrive on time because of the election of the Bishop Suffragan which starts at 3 PM. Three or four couples would be perfect. We will also need some help on either Sunday September 17th right after the 10 AM service and coffee hour or on Monday evening September 18th to prepare the packets that will be given to each delegate as they check in. Again six or eight of us can collate the items and insert them into a 9x12 envelope and place them in alphabetical order in small file boxes.

If you're willing to help at the Wayfarer Inn with registration or help on the prior Sunday or Monday preparing the registration packets, please let Cynthia or Walter Kilian know. You may call them at 222-1070.

Everyone is invited to attend the Synod. The registration fee, which includes breakfast, lunch, the Synod Banquet and two coffee breaks, is \$79.00 per person. If you'd like more information or need registration forms, contact Walter Kilian at: 603-222-1070 or by E-mail at walterkilian@juno.com

We look forward to having you join us. Make your reservations now. We know you'll enjoy the newly refurbished Wayfarer Inn!

4. Deo Gratias Offering -

Just what is this thing called the Deo Gratias offering that we occasionally hear mentioned in church. Some might say that it's a combination of "big peoples" mite boxes and the old Episcopal Church United Thank Offering. The "Catholic Encyclopedia" defines it as "An old liturgical formula of the Latin Church to. The "New Catholic Dictionary" simply defines it as "Thanks be to God".

Years ago, several women in the Diocese of the Northeast got together and started our Diocesan Deo Gratias Offering to be received at each Diocesan Synod. Each woman attending will meet as a member of the Committee of the whole, usually at lunchtime and decide how the money received will be distributed. The majority is usually distributed to Diocesan programs and the International Anglican Fellowship.

So, why not start "giving thanks to God for graces received"? Set a small dish on your dresser and place your offering in it every night. Some days you might have received special blessings and this is an opportunity to express your gratitude to God. Please bring these Deo Gratias gifts with you in an envelope clearly marked Deo Gratias Offering, on either September 10th or September 17th at the latest.

Thanks be to God!

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