

The Carillon

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Reflections for the Family of God from the Rector

Dear Parish Family,

Happy New Year!

Celebrate Christ's Love! This is the second sentence of our vision statement, and it is an appropriate focus as we begin 2012 at St. Luke's.

Did you celebrate the New Year? In the church, we have so much more to celebrate than merely the dawning of a new year. This season of Epiphany reminds us of how much we have to celebrate in Christ, who is the Light of the world come into the world. In many ways, 2011 was a difficult year for people in our world, and I know for some of you in our parish as well. But I am reminded that even in the midst of hardship, there is always something for which we can be thankful.

And there is much to celebrate as 2012 begins at St. Luke's. The first thing I would like to celebrate with you is your generosity and the wise and careful management of our church finances by the vestry. Thanks to all who responded with generosity to our financial pleas as the year ended. I am delighted to report that we are looking at a much reduced budgeted deficit for 2011. Remarkably, we almost broke even. We began at last year's annual meeting with a \$46,000 budgeted deficit. We were forecasting a deficit of \$20,000- \$30,000 as recently as early December, 2011, but as I write this in January 2012, we anticipate the final deficit numbers will be around \$7600! Celebrate! And I want to say thank you to our vestry for their careful planning, work on stewardship, and financial management which God has blessed to put us at this place.

As we turn into 2012, I hope that you have taken the opportunity to be an integral part of all that God is doing at St. Luke's by supporting this parish with your 2012 pledge, for as Christ, our Lord, says, "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (Matthew 6:21)

But there is far more to celebrate than merely our finances. We have been blessed in 2011 with 14 new families. We have been blessed with musical excellence in our choir and organist. We have been blessed with the energy and optimism of our children and youth and the hard work of so many

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teachers, volunteers and staff. We were blessed with a joyful and successful fair and marvelous auction, great fellowship gatherings, dedicated altar guild, hard working committee chairs, an outstanding Parish Life Guild, so many wonderful people, a beautiful worship space, and the list goes on and on!

God has blessed us in this parish. God has blessed the world with the manifestation of His glory and Light in Christ as the church throughout the world celebrates this Epiphany.

Sometimes we are quick in the world today to move on to the next thing...I recognize that tendency within myself. And certainly Epiphany is about sharing the Love of Christ with the world. And certainly we at St. Luke's, with all our blessings, should give back to the church and the world to bless others (and serve God's people). But right now... at this beginning of a new calendar year... and at the beginning of the season of Epiphany... let us pause....and celebrate God's love in Christ.

Thanks be to God! Glory to God in the Highest! We, and all who know the love of God in Christ, are blessed. Pop the cork and let your songs and prayers of praise ring, halleluiah!

The Lord Be With You,



Community Soup Kitchen Sends Thanks



Imagine the joy of being given new warm gloves, a new sleeping bag, or a new pair of underwear. Now picture how much MORE this might mean to someone who is homeless. The gifts that we collectively gave to the guests of the Community Soup Kitchen of Morristown were gratefully received by the staff of CSK.

Many, many thanks to all of you who participated in our Christmas Angel Outreach to the CSK. They were warmly received!

A graphic with the text "Mark Your Calendar" in a purple, bubbly font. A large purple checkmark is positioned to the right of the word "Your".

St. Luke's Annual Meeting Sunday, January 29th After the 9:30 Service

Elections will be held for
Vestry, Parish Life Guild,
and Delegates to Convention/Convocation.

Stay tuned for details!

Pageant Rewind

Many thanks to all of the families who supported our Shepherds' Christmas Pageant this year! Special thanks to Tracy Pierron, our co-director and to Helene O'Neill who aided as a script consultant. We also want to specially thank the O'Neill, Ingrey, Hagen, Sands, and Childs families for making the extra effort to take part in our pre-service speaking role rehearsals this Advent. What a difference it makes when the children have the extra opportunity to go through the script together as a team! And of course, we are thankful for all of the families who came out for our two-hour dress rehearsal. Your participation in the dress rehearsal made all the difference in our performance and made it possible for the children to squeeze in an extra Advent lesson prior to the pageant! And we are particularly grateful to our accompanist, Dr. Brian Harlow, for leading the carols, which enabled us to move from act to act.

The 2011 script was adapted for St. Luke's by Christian Education Director Betsy LaVela. The nativity story was re-told by a group of shepherds who were trying to make sense of what they experienced in the hills of Bethlehem over 2000 years ago. Pictures of this year's pageant have been posted in the Weekly News.



February 22nd
Watch for more details



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Valuing Rest for Children and Families

Today's children may well be members of the most hurried generation yet. Parents involve their children in many varied "experiences" that keep them involved in the community, in the schools and in the world. But some of our kids are finding themselves stressed and overbooked. In a recent discussion about what constitutes a great present ... one St. Luke's child answered simply, "Rest." If your children are dragging, consider giving the gift of rest. Figure out how to pare down the activities to the essentials. Church would be one of those essentials – one that attends to your spiritual health.

Participation in our faith community and worship is essential to your spiritual wellbeing. Jesus shows us that honoring God's presence needs to be done both in one's faith community and in one's life beyond that faith community. Attending worship at the synagogue was a normal part of the rhythm of family life – not one more activity in a family's busy schedule.

Reserving time during the day to listen to one another and to pray for one another can be a great way to begin to gain some restful family time. Bedtime prayers or bath time prayers can begin to build relationships to one another and to God. For those of you with young children or grandchildren who would like some recommended reading and/or prayers for bedtime and bath time, here are some top picks:

Spark Story Bible, Augsburg Fortress

The Jesus Storybook Bible, Sally Lloyd-Jones

Family Storytime Bible, Gospel Light

The Anglican Family Prayer Book, Kitch

The Lion Book of 1000 Prayers for Children, Lois Rock

Or check out our Try-Its blog on our ministry website: <http://www.orange4families.com>.



Matheny Outreach

Join us on the third Tuesday of the month at Matheny School & Hospital on Highland Ave in Peapack for our monthly worship service with the residents. Bring your singing voices, good and not-so-good, and lots of smiles!

We meet in the lobby at Matheny at 6:45 p.m. for the 7:00 service, and are out of the building by 8:00 p.m. (sometimes we even share fellowship at the Gladstone Tavern, since several of us aren't able to have dinner before we meet at Matheny).

All are welcome! The residents bring such joy to this service, it is truly wonderful to behold! If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Anne Lemay.

Third Tuesday Dates for 2012: **January 17**, February 21,
March 20, April 17, May 15, June 19.

Synopsis of lecture on History of Peapack-Gladstone

Jan 14th 2012
2:00 pm

A brief lecture will be given by John C. Smith, Chairman of the Peapack-Gladstone Historic Preservation Commission at St. Luke's Church, Gladstone.

The subject of the lecture will be the History of Peapack-Gladstone since 1701 when the town was first settled. The town will celebrate its first 100 years since it separated from the township of Bedminster and was incorporated into its own township on April 23rd, 2012. The lecture will explain what events led up to this event.

January 21, 2012

Trilogy Repertory Company presents,
"Cinderella, Cinderella"
for ages 3-10.



The magic of this 45-minute play comes from the classic story of a young girl and her struggles with her stepmother and stepsisters. Will Cinderella meet her Prince? The children in the audience help the Godmother make Cinderella's dreams come true. An enchanted adventure awaits one and all.

Our Mission Trip to Guatemala, August 11 – 18, 2012 is filling up!

We are excited to announce that we have already filled 16 of the 22 spots on our mission trip!

Commitments are due by mid-February, and planning is underway for our fundraising efforts.

Curious... but want more information?

On Sunday, January 22, 2012, From Houses To Homes Board Member Judy Baker will speak to the Parish during the 9:30 service about Guatemala in general and specifically about the mission of From Houses to Homes. During our 10:59, Parishioner Jim Bellis will share his experiences working in Guatemala with FHTH (Jim has been there on three separate occasions), and he and Judy will answer questions.

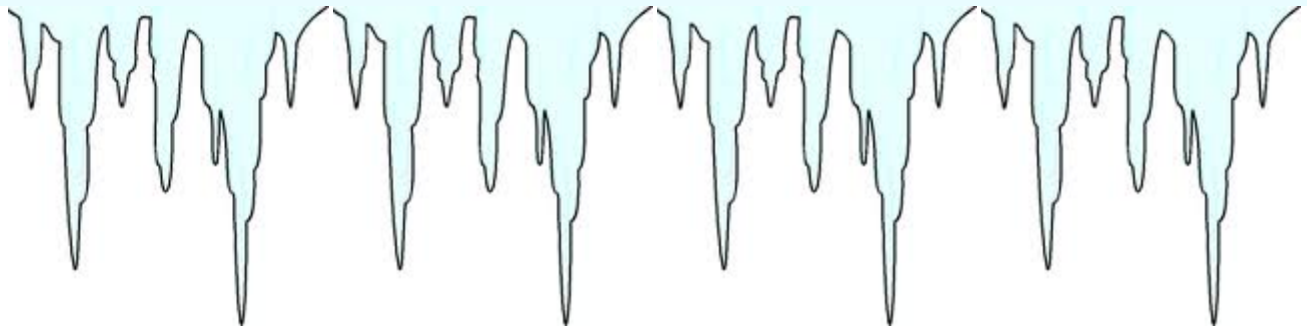
Anyone interested should contact Helen (973 960 0509, strateyk@aol.com) or Roxanne Hayes (humming.birds@verizon.net).

Fr. Dave Snyder will be presiding on Sunday, January 15th and providing Pastoral Care coverage from January 13th– 16th



Rector's Reading Group will be back on January 23 and February 27th

More Details to Follow



Second Annual Snow and Ice Hike

All Are Invited!

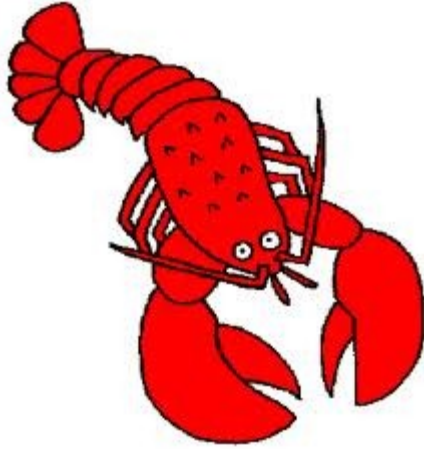
Sunday January 15th

1:00pm-3:00pm

Leaving from Bamboo Brook

Longview Rd, Chester, NJ

We will be walking the Patriot's Path Blue Dot Trail. Come and experiencing the Winter Wonders of Nature. (Do Not Wear Sneakers!!)



LOBSTERFEST

February 4, 2012, 6 pm

Tickets on sale now
after the 9:30 service
and during the week in the office

\$26 per person

Chicken available

All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Dinner

Shrove Tuesday
February 21, 2012

Dinner Served from 5:00-7:00pm

Greene Hall

\$5.00 Individuals / \$10.00 Families



Mission Partnership

Philly Blitz

Friday March 23-Sunday March 25, 2012

Open to All Families and
Students in Grade 5 or above.

The Philadelphia Project is a Christian non-profit organization committed to the holistic redevelopment of neighborhoods in partnership with the local church.

We will travel to Philadelphia on Friday night. On Saturday, we will be working on neighborhood home repair, having dinner and fellowship time before returning home. Some of us will spend Saturday night and attend church services on Sunday.



High School Summer Mission Trip

Blue Knob, Pennsylvania

Sunday July 22nd –Friday July 27th, 2012

We will be spending a week in the Appalachian Mountains (Near Altoona, Pa.) helping to serve families in need through hands on projects.

These projects typically include painting, home repair, roofing and building wheelchair ramps.

We will be staying at the Blue Knob All Seasons Resort. The resort has condominium style housing in a beautiful mountain setting with the use of swimming pools, volleyball court, dinning hall, and meeting and worship room.

Check them out at: www.teameffort.org





Music in the Somerset Hills

upcoming performances:

Saturday, February 4
at 7:00pm

Somerset Hills Performing Arts Center at Bernards High School
25 Olcott Ave, Bernardsville

The internationally award-winning professional chamber choir, founded by Somerset Hills music teachers Joshua Copeland and Stephen Sands, returns to its hometown for a concert of beautiful works by two composers: Paul Mealor, whose work was featured in the recent Royal Wedding, and Matt Brown, a hip, young West Coast composer whose fresh arrangement of Cyndi Lauper's "True Colors" made waves for the It Gets Better anti-bullying campaign.



Sunday, February 12
at 4:00pm

St. Bernard's Church,
88 Claremont Rd. Bernardsville, NJ

Soprano Jolle Greenleaf and organist Christian Lane specialize in rarely-heard repertoire for voice and organ, juxtaposing early music with music of our time. Come be enchanted by Ms. Greenleaf's mellifluous, pure soprano voice accompanied by the timeless sound of the organ.

Tickets for both concert are \$15/ \$10 for students with ID.

Tickets available at the door.

For more information visit: www.MusicSH.org

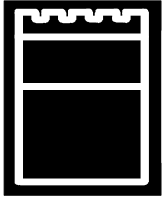
Looking Ahead

January

- 1 New Year's Day Service—10 a.m. ONLY
2 **JANUARY/FEBRUARY CARILLON ISSUE DEADLINE!!!**
3 Buildings & Grounds—2 pm—CR
4 Service of Morning Prayer—10 a.m.—AC
4,11,18,25 Sr. Choir Rehearsal—7:30 p.m.—GH
5,12,19,26 Knitting for the Seafarers—10 a.m.—CR
6,13,20,27 SALT Youth Group—6:30-9 p.m.—UC
6,13,27 Youth Choir—6-6:30 p.m.—GH
7 Karen Maier Memorial Service—11 a.m.
7,21,28 Men's Bible Study & Breakfast—8:15 a.m.—CR
8 Coffee Hour—Youth Ministry—10:45 a.m.—GH
9 Vestry & Parish Life Guild Meetings—7:15 p.m.
10,17,24,31 Mary & Martha Study Group—1 p.m.—R
10,17,25,31 LIGHT Youth Group—7 p.m.—UC
11,18,25 Holy Eucharis & bible Study—10 a.m.—AC
11,25 Staff Meetings—4 p.m.—CR
11 Ministry of Presence—6:45 p.m.—CR
12 Carillon Collating—9:30 a.m.—WR
14 Peapack/Gladstone Township Centennial Lecture—1-4 p.m.—GH
16 OFFICE CLOSED
18 Worship Committee—6 p.m.—CR
20 Sibby Talmage Memorial Service—11 a.m.
21 Peapack/Gladstone Library Program—"Cinderella" - 1 p.m.—GH
22 Coffee Hour—Welcome Ministry—10:45 a.m.—GH
1059—"From Houses to Homes" - CH
23 Rector's Reading Group—7:15 p.m.—CR
29 PARISH ANNUAL MEETING & Brunch—11 a.m.—GH
Nadine Robinson Classes—4:30 p.m.—CR

February

- 1 Service of Morning Prayer—10 a.m.—AC
1,8,15,22,29 Sr. Choir Rehearsal—7:30 p.m.—GH
2,9,16,23 Knitting for the Seafarers—10 a.m.—CR
3,10,17,24 SALT Youth Group—6:30-9 pm—UC
3,10,24 Youth Choir—6 p.m.—GH
4 Annual Lobsterfest—6-6:30 p.m.—GH
5 Youth Choir—9:30 service
6 Parish Life Guild Meeting—7:15 p.m.—CR
7 Swedish Ladies Annual Meeting—6-10 p.m.—GH
7,14,21,28 Mary & Martha Study Group—1 p.m.—R
LIGHT Youth Group—7 p.m.—UC
8 Ministry of Presence—6:45 p.m.—CR
12 Coffee Hour—Mission Partnerships Team—10:45—GH
13 Vestry Meeting—7:15 p.m.—CR
19 1059—"Understanding Memory Loss" - 10:59 a.m.—CH
20 **MARCH/APRIL CARILLON DEADLINE**
21 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper—5-7 p.m.—GH
22 ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES—10 a.m., 7:30 p.m.
24-25 Vestry Retreat—Fellowship Deaconry
25 Music in the Somerset Hills Workshop—9-12 a.m.—GH
Nadine Robinson Dress Rehearsal—1-2:30 p.m.—GH
26 Confirmation Class to NYC
Coffee Hour—Altar Guild—10:45 a.m.—GH
Nadine Robinson Recital—6:30-9 p.m.—GH
27 Rector's Reading Group—7:15 p.m.—CR



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