

SMC Newsletter Feb 2023

Almost seems like last week I issued the last newsletter (it was)! Janet is feeling under the weather, so I am doing this newsletter. If there is anything you would like included for next month, please tell me and Janet. Many blessings, Patty



ECW Update

The ECW will have a Valentine Treat Sale of homemade goodies in the parish hall on Saturday, Feb 11th from 10am – 1pm or until sold out.

The next ECW meeting will be held on February 3 at 10 am in the Parish Hall. We will continue to discern the year's projects and events and consider further needs within the church and community which we may be called to support.

An Update from Meryl on Birthdays and Anniversaries.

The birthdays for Feb are:

Cathy Littlejohn Feb 9th, Michaela Robertson Feb 21st, Rich Daubney Feb 24th, & Rich Willoughby Feb 27th.

There are no anniversaries for February. Cupid needs to get to work.

Please give Meryl your birthdate so we don't forget anyone's birthday! You do not need to give the year! Please notify Meryl of any upcoming anniversaries. Photos are also welcome from these occasions.



Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting and Church Service will be Sunday, February 5th at 9:30am. We hope you will plan on joining us. This is an opportunity for us all to be together and have conversations and voice any thoughts, concerns, cares, etc. to those chosen to lead our church.

All annual reports should be sent in to admin@stmarysluzerne.org by Tuesday, Jan 31st. We will be eating after the meeting.



SMC Studies, and Services

Fr. Lou has his Facebook morning prayer on Tuesday mornings at 8:30am.

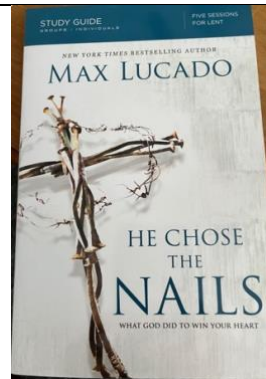
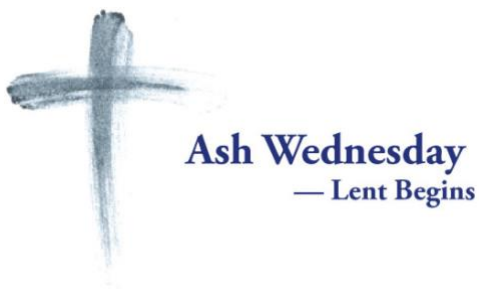
Morning prayer and lectionary study will continue to be on Wednesday mornings.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will be Tue, Feb 21st from 4:30pm to 7pm. Fr. Lou would like the men of the parish to organize and help with this so please contact Fr. Lou.

Ash Wednesday services will be at 12pm and 5:30pm. The 5:30pm is a change of time so please take note of it.

Fr. Lou will have a Eucharist and Lent study by Max Lucado called *He Chose the Nails*. It will start Wednesday, March 1st at 10am and 5:30pm. Please tell Fr. Lou if you would like a book.

Fr. Lou is always accessible by phone at 802-734-0263.



DOK

The meeting for the next DOK is Sunday, February 12th, at 11am at the Parish Hall/Sanctuary.

Thank you to Fr. Lou for the blessing of the self-denial fund donation to the National DOK office.

The scripture for the February 2nd ingathering day is Mark 6:6b-7a NRSV. "Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two..." Because of our national donations, the love of God has spread around the world through missions and missionaries.

This date is significant because of the Feast of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple.





Community Lunch

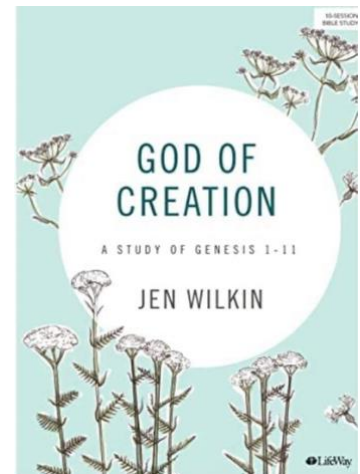
A huge thank you to everyone who participated in the free community lunch on Saturday, Jan 28th. The Vestry did a fabulous job hosting. It was a wonderful time of fellowship with people inside and outside our church community. We had 36 guests. If you missed the video that related to Fr. Lou's talk about our mission statement and community lunches, you can google #Eat Together Commercial and watch what you missed.

Our next free community lunch will be Saturday, Feb 25th at 12pm. Invite your friends and neighbors. Bruce Clark is hosting so you know it will be good.

Hebrews 13:2 ▾

New International Version ▾

2 Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it.



Karen Love Bible Study

The next Women's Ecumenical Bible Study will begin on **Tuesday, March 7 from 4-5:15 pm at St Mary's Parish Hall in Lake Luzerne, NY.** It is a **10-week study** on the first half of **Genesis** and the details include:

God of Creation - Bible Study Book (Revised) A study of Genesis 1-11

(Please note: Jen Wilkins has two Genesis book studies. We are doing the first one, which has been revised.)

SUMMARY: The opening lines and chapters of Genesis teach us fundamental truths about God. We watch Him bring light after darkness, order after chaos, and rest after toil—all through the power of His Word.

Over 10 sessions of verse-by-verse study, dive into the first 11 chapters of Genesis by following three critical stages of understanding: comprehension, interpretation, and application. Teaching videos are key in understanding this study. Revisit familiar stories and historical figures, challenge your basic knowledge, and discover deeper meanings in the text. As God reveals Himself through Scripture, we can only begin to understand ourselves when we first glimpse the character, attributes, and promises of our Creator.

OVERVIEW:

God of Creation is a 10-session Bible Study on Genesis 1-11. The study walks you through verse by verse, tracing the themes of creation, fall, redemption, and restoration. There are 5 days of study each week with small group discussion questions at the end of each week and a weekly viewer guide.

AUTHOR:

Jen Wilkin is an author and Bible teacher from Dallas, Texas. She has organized and led studies for women in home, church, and parachurch contexts. An advocate for Bible literacy, her passion is to see others become articulate and committed followers of Christ, with a clear understanding of why they believe what they believe, grounded in the Word of God.



Lenten Lunch Schedule

Lenten lunches will be starting this month. Soup, bread, dessert, and beverage will be provided. They start at noon and the schedule is as follows:

Monday Feb 27
Pastor Bruce Methodist Church

Mar 6
Pastor Laurie or Lori
Wesleyan Church

Mar 13
Fr Simon (Catholic) but at Wesleyan Church

Mar 20th
Fr Lou at St Mary's Church

Mar 27th
Pastor Murphy at Rockwell Falls

Prayer Requests

****Please Pray for:** Janet, Mike C, Nancy M, Gayle M, Patricia L., Cherokee and babies, Jackie G. and family, Anson & family, The MacDonald family, The Reynders family, Mrs. Mayo, Mary D., Gillian T., Peter & Nancy, Ray & Tracy, Mary Carol & Alan, Kailee & Dante, Bob, Schuyler, and Romi, Paul, Mary, and family, Marika, Joyce, Jackie, Kathy, Sonia, Carole, Greta, Judy M. and family, Joan and Jimmy M., Brenda B., Andy P., Dave, Diane, Rachel, Analena and her unborn baby, and Fr. Lou's continued recovery. Our community's youth, the men and women in law enforcement, EMT's, fire departments, and in the armed forces of our country, all victims and families of the COVID-19 pandemic. All those whose needs are known only to our Lord.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer for Bishop Smith, the Standing Committee, the Profile and Search committee, and for Holiness of life in every Episcopalian. Additionally, please

see: <https://albanyepiscopaldiocese.org/prayer/jnml>

****It is time to update the prayer list. Please contact Erich Kaminsky by email at erichkaminsky@yahoo.com or by phone or text at 518.502.4075 with updates.**



Moses Theatre Trip

Sight & Sound Theater is doing the Story of Moses this year. I have seen it twice and it is superb!! Nothing compares to seeing these shows live. If you are interested in forming a group to go in the fall let me know and we could then set a date. I need to know within the next couple of weeks, Ruth.

Odds and Ends

Free bedroom set: Please call or email Maureen Frazier Lupino. Queen bed, bureau & mirror, chest of drawers, nightstand, mattress, and BS. Maflcare112@gmail.com, 518-403-4055 or 401-288-8412.

New family member for Ruth, a young and enthusiastic dog named River. Ruth would love to show you pictures.

Photo of the thank you note from Barb and Lisa at Senior United, for the seniors' Christmas gifts.

Lots of photos from the Community Lunch.

From Ruth: Our best teacher is our own heart; we must listen to it!
Native American Cheyenne Shaman Quote

