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### Hospitality & Stewardship: Uncovering the Connection

By Pastor Shane Phelan

I recently sat with a group of people from St. Luke's and Our Saviour, to hear again the stories of how these two churches came to be together. As I listened, I was struck by the unusual hospitality shown by St. Luke's. Not every church could have welcomed another church, much less a church from another denomination. Most churches wouldn't even think of it. But here it is leading to new life and growth for both congregations. I listened and thought of all the Biblical stories of wanderers who find hospitality: Ruth, traveling with Naomi to a foreign land, finding Boaz who shows her charity; Rahab, the prostitute who doesn't blow the whistle on Joshua's spies when they come to check out the land that would become Israel; and all the women and men who welcomed Jesus' disciples into their homes. And I thought of Martha and Mary.

The conversation reminded me of the connections between hospitality

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### Autumn's Colorful Farewell/When Leaves Fall

By Pastor Kathleen J. Rusnak

Many of you have asked me what I will do after I leave Our Saviour. Will I retire? Will I try to find a church in New Hampshire to shepherd? Will I be able to come back? Won't I miss New Jersey? Won't I miss you? Of course, the questions are more than simple curiosity, although the desire to just know is certainly part and parcel of that *something* which is much deeper.

I'd say, we've had a good go at it. To use St. Paul's words (which I rarely do)—we've run the good race. For the people of Our Saviour, we will have been together for nine years and three months; with the people of St. Luke's a few months over two years. If we were to reminisce on the journey since we've been together, the details and events are many, purposeful, and transformational. The details are in

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and stewardship. This past month we had a “Grubby Saturday,” and 25 people from both congregations came to prune, trim, and clean the grounds inside and out. It was truly an amazing demonstration of stewardship. But it was also an act of hospitality. Our work made this a place that people might feel welcomed at, and one that they can care for in turn. By taking pride and care in our grounds, we open our arms to those who are looking for a place to find God.

Even though stewardship and hospitality belong together, the story of Mary and Martha reminds me that we have to be careful not to let our concerns as stewards outweigh our hospitality. Martha welcomes Jesus in, and prepares a meal, but she seems to forget why she is doing it. She worries so much about the food that she ends up imposing on Jesus,

demanding that he get Mary to help her. She asks her sister to turn away from listening to Jesus so that her meal will be wonderful. At that moment, she has let her hospitality and stewardship become something else – some kind of pride and anxiety, rather than grateful service.

And don't we all do that, at one time or another? If we care about a place or a group enough to get involved, there comes a time when we're stressed and we get resentful. We think, “Nobody else is carrying their weight around here. Somebody ought to do something!” At that moment we make Martha's mistake. She wants to be hospitable, but instead she imposes on Jesus with her resentment. The answer is clear. Rather than make Mary get into the kitchen, Martha needs to come sit with Jesus and get refreshed. *We* need to come sit with Jesus and get refreshed.

The core of stewardship is gratitude for what we have. The core of hospitality, I think, is the same gratitude. When we listen for God and give thanks for what we find, we have enough. When we are grateful, we share with others. Without that grateful awareness, we lose the heart of what we are about.

I give thanks today for all of you and your stewardship. Whether in time, talent, or treasure, every act of stewardship welcomes a new generation of worshippers and holds the door open to the future. And the one who walks through that door could well be the Christ.

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## **Parishioners Receive David P. Hegg II Lifetime Achievement Awards**



Sixty-four members of the Diocese of Newark were honored at the David P. Hegg II Lifetime Achievement Awards hosted by the Senior Ministries Commission on Sunday, June 13.

Bishop Mark Beckwith estimated in his sermon that, assuming an average age of 70, the honorees represented some 2,500 years of church ministry.

*At left: (l-r) Jim Wilkie, Junius Stephenson, Bishop Mark Beckwith and Pastor Shane. Photographer: Russ Worthington, Diocese of Newark*

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Annual Reports and even more so and forever in our hearts.

October — the month I leave you, is a transitional month. The days are shorter, the air is crisp, and the leaves change into breathtaking shades of gold, orange, red, and brown, before falling. Many people love this time of year, this time of change, taking trips around the country just to see the beautiful colors of the leaves before they fall. It is autumn's multicolored farewell and, I think, a good season to say farewell, as God calls us to do something new.

It's always hard to see it that way, isn't it, to talk about what God wants of us, when we would just like things to stay as they are? We know we are together, in the first place, to worship God, to be God's community, and to do God's bidding in the world. We become attached too, to one another, and our unique way of relating to each other creates our unique character as a community. When someone leaves, it's hard. When a leader leaves, that change is sometimes harder than we would like it to be. *We have to*

*consciously think about God's plans for us at a time like this.* This is the core that keeps us balanced.

The people of Our Saviour already know this, but it's worth repeating here. I never planned to stay nine years. I was working full time as the Director of Spiritual Care at the Connecticut Hospice, and asked the bishop in New Jersey for a part-time pastorate, with a one year renewable contract, which I never expected to renew. In fact, when I resigned from my second church in 1993, I vowed never to be a parish pastor again. I worked in hospice, was a doctoral student and a study director at a Christian kibbutz in Israel.

You see, I gave God that little opening, that part-time renewable thing, and it lasted over nine years. We kept renewing each other, and discovered we were a good fit (or, in God language, we were doing God's will together), and it just went on and on with direction and purpose, until now. And, isn't that the way of it, the way God works and the way we work too, when we open our lives to discover where we belong and what we are made to do.

My pattern (or, the way God works in me), is that I take this smaller job alongside my full time job, and eventually, the smaller job becomes the Call I am Called to. So, while at the hospice, I put a foot in the parish, left the hospice, and focused on Our Saviour. Then, I started to teach at conferences outside of the church about spirituality and life's ultimate meaning. Sometimes I think my teaching, which has touched and attracted so many "secular" or "worldly" people—to their own surprise—is the last of my callings . . . as is writing, to my own surprise. I am now the author of two books (one coming out this October—yes, as I leave here. Is that a coincidence?).

And you, what will you do/be when I leave? When the mantle is handed over, when you are shepherded by another, when October leaves have fallen? I think it must be something remarkable, or something awesome. For sure, the leaves will be a new blend of God's splendor.

I will be reading your newsletter. I'll be starting one in August at [www.thebrickwall2.com](http://www.thebrickwall2.com).

## EPISCOPAL-LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN SET EVENTS

By the time the summer edition of *Shared Visions* is published, the ELCW will have met to begin organizing the biggest fundraiser of the year -- the Annual Holiday Fair. This year, it will be held on Sat., Nov. 13. More details to follow.

At the last meeting at Rudy's Restaurant in Closter, it was decided

to hold a Progressive Dinner. The event, to be held on Sat., Feb. 12, 2011, will be a fundraiser for the kitchen improvements.

The United Thank Offering invites people to offer daily prayers and to drop money into the blue box to give thanks to God. The funds are collected at the national Episcopal

Church level. Linda Brescia, who has coordinated this effort, will collect the boxes at the end of November and send a check to the Diocese of Newark. United Thank Offering grants are awarded each spring for projects that help alleviate human suffering and expand mission and ministry.

## Soul Food

*We would love more people to submit meditations for this column. Do not think that they have to be original, lovely as they would be. We also invite you to submit a favorite prayer, poem or a photo of a place that has touched you with God's goodness.*

### Waiting for Daddy from Jo Stephenson

Jo Stephenson fell in love with this photo of her great grandson, Christopher John, whose mom took the photo after telling him to look for his father at the window. When his Dad emailed this picture to his brother, Benjamin Kundmuller, who is a youth minister at his church in Dallas, Benjamin emailed back:

Is this not a picture of us waiting on Christ? .....are we not waiting for Daddy to come home and get us and take us to the playground?....are we not stuck inside waiting to go outside and play??.....does Daddy not know what is best for us? Can't we trust Him and His timing and that He will come home? .....does He not love us unconditionally?.....isn't spending time with Daddy better than playing with the toys He gave us?....I believe it is Eternity set inside of us that make pictures like this speak deeper than we can make sense of.. I can't wait to play in His playground. †



### HONORED



*It is no wonder Betty-Ann Wilkie has so many friends at St. Luke's & Our Saviour. On Sunday, June 13, she was formally recognized by Pastor Shane during the 10:30 service with the Rector's Award for Long and Faithful Service.*

### After the Fall by Betty-Ann Wilkie

It's time for me to openly admit that I am "balance challenged." I should have realized this when I was unable to do the balance exercises during my weekly session at the Tenaflly Senior Center. There's nothing as unproductive as being in a constant state of denial. Consequently, I was surprised when I tipped over like a rootless tree while taking French fries out of the oven back in February. When I couldn't get to my feet, I did think of that now infamous commercial, "I've fallen, and I can't get up" and my initial dismissal of it as having nothing to do with me. When I was helped to my feet by my husband, I convinced myself and him that I was all in one piece. Post X-ray viewing in the orthopedist's office shattered that conclusion – broken collar bone and pelvis. Thus began the odyssey.

My long "incarceration" did have an "up" side as it gradually taught me

many lessons, the most important of which was the recognition that I have many true friends, a goodly portion of these from St. Luke's & Our Saviour. Phone calls, visits, food, cards, and other gifts in *large* supply occurred every day. I could hardly believe it! I was also surrounded by family. I was particularly grateful to my daughter and son. Perhaps most important was my gradual realization that I was very lucky in comparison to others who bravely face far more serious demons.

I am now in the resurrection stage of this blip in my life. Thanks be to God and God's many messengers. †



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## Shannan Coleman Baptism



## Pastor Kathleen : 30th Anniversary Gala



## Grubby Saturday

Thanks to the 25+ parishioners who worked inside and out to neaten and beautify our church's space!



## Acolyte Recognition

Thanks to our corps of young acolytes!  
Below: Acolyte Master Junius Stephenson, Pastor Shane, Samantha Monaco, David Monaco, Chris Coleman and David Astorga. (Not pictured: Chris Mertz)



## Parish Portrait by Paul Nobleman



## SUMMER OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

### Thursday August 19<sup>th</sup> - Camp Lots of Fun Lunches

Camp Lots of Fun is a day camp for homeless or recently homeless children, aged 5-12, run by volunteers for Youth Council for the Homeless, part of Family Promise of Bergen County.. St. Luke's & Our Saviour will once again provide bag lunches for their day trip which will be on **Thursday, August 19<sup>th</sup>**. Please have bag lunches at St. Luke's & Our Saviour either on the evening of **Wednesday, August 18<sup>th</sup>** (I'll be there from 7 P.M. to 8 P.M.) or by 8 A.M. on August 19<sup>th</sup>. Last year we needed to make 43 lunches, including sandwiches with various fillings, fruit, crackers or cookies and a juice. Once details are available a signup sheet will go up in the parish hall so look for it from August 8th on.

### Visiting with Our WORLD VISION Kids



This is Millie Vanderpool from World Vision with Telma Agostinho, Christine Emerizy's sponsored child. Millie says you can see the sadness in her eyes. She is holding the shirt that Christine sent. We can only hope that the love behind our efforts at sponsorship will communicate itself through the letters and gifts we send to the kids and their families. †

### Early August - Women's Center in Englewood

You still have time to bring in school supplies, including stationery, calculators and bag packs for the children of the low income clients of the Women's Center in Englewood (details can be found in June's *Shared Visions*, downloadable from our Web site at [www.stlukeshaworth.org](http://www.stlukeshaworth.org)). You can bring them to St. Luke's or drop them off at the Center. See Joan Grzenda with questions.

### FAMILY PROMISE – Family Shelter Volunteer Opportunities

The newly formed joint St. Luke's & Our Saviour Outreach Committee is currently exploring a partnership with Temple Beth El in Closter to help with the family shelter which they will be hosting for three weeks in the course of 2010 and 2011. We hope to have a presentation from Family Promise in the fall. Details to follow.

-- Janet Beddoe

## GOING, GOING, GONE...

St. Luke's Vestry has approved the removal of the fence around the rectory. We think this will add to the beauty of our grounds and make the rectory more accessible. We want to see the fence removed and use the proceeds for other maintenance needs. If you would like to help in the removal, call Dave Emerson or Heidi Plinio. If you would like to help sell the fencing online, call Pastor Shane at the office.

After the Grubby Saturday cleanup,

## Coming Events

### Sunday, August 1

10th Sunday After Pentecost  
10:00 AM Holy Eucharist  
Followed by Adult Bible Study  
6:30 PM Parish Fun Night

### Monday, August 2

5:00 PM - Evening Prayer

### Tuesday, August 3

5:00 PM - Evening Prayer

### Wednesday, August 4

5:00 PM - Evening Prayer  
7:30 PM - Holy Eucharist &  
Healing

### Thursday, August 5

5:00 PM - Evening Prayer

### Sunday, August 8

11th Sunday After Pentecost  
10:00 AM Holy Eucharist  
Followed by Adult Bible Study

### Monday, August 9

5:00 PM - Evening Prayer

### Tuesday, August 10

5:00 PM - Evening Prayer

### Wednesday, August 11

5:00 PM - Evening Prayer  
7:30 PM - Holy Eucharist &  
Healing

### Thursday, August 12

5:00 PM - Evening Prayer

### Sunday, August 15

12th Sunday After Pentecost  
10:00 AM Holy Eucharist  
Followed by Adult Bible Study  
6:30 PM - Parish Fun Night

the parish hall cork boards are blank. What do we want them to tell about us, about who we are and what we do? E-mail Janet Beddoe with your thoughts at [seesawdance@aol.com](mailto:seesawdance@aol.com).





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and Gaupard Cake

## Coming Events

### Monday, August 16

5:00 PM - Evening Prayer

### Tuesday, August 17

5:00 PM - Evening Prayer

### Wednesday, August 18

5:00 PM - Evening Prayer

7:30 PM - Holy Eucharist & Healing

### Thursday, August 19

5:00 PM - Evening Prayer

### Sunday, August 22

13th Sunday After Pentecost  
10:00 AM Holy Eucharist  
Followed by Adult Bible Study

### Monday, August 23

5:00 PM - Evening Prayer

### Tuesday, August 24

5:00 PM - Evening Prayer

### Wednesday, August 25

5:00 PM - Evening Prayer

7:30 PM - Holy Eucharist & Healing

### Thursday, August 26

5:00 PM - Evening Prayer

7:30 PM - Book Club

### Sunday, August 29

13th Sunday After Pentecost  
10:00 AM Holy Eucharist  
Followed by Adult Bible Study

### Monday, August 30

5:00 PM - Evening Prayer

### Tuesday, August 31

5:00 PM - Evening Prayer

## SUMMER SERVICES

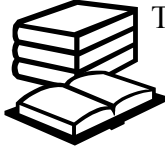
During the summer, there is only ONE service of Holy Eucharist at 10:00 AM. Pastor Shane will continue to offer weekday services. Check Coming Events!

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## BOOK CLUB MEETS



The next book club meeting will be Thurs., Aug. 26. We are reading *The Grapes of Wrath* by John Steinbeck. If anyone has any ideas for future readings, please talk to Carole MacDonald or Gladys Astorga with the titles. Call Carole MacDonald at 201-724-0627 or Heidi Plinio at 201-387-7438.

## JULY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- 4 Michelle Smith
- 6 Alfred Astorga
- 6 Jane & Jackson Coleman
- 14 Edith Biondi
- 12 Alice Ingebretsen
- 17 Jessica Maxfield
- 18 Nancy Smith
- 20 Linda Brescia
- 27 Michelle & Harry Smith

## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Rita Wagner
- 2 Roberta & Murray Nobleman
- 8 Helen & Russell Shaw
- 10 Russell Shaw
- 10 James Wilkie
- 14 Chris Emerizy & Karen Moylan
- 15 Vida DeCambre
- 15 David Emerson
- 18 Joan Grzenda
- 25 Tammy Lynch
- 27 Dora Echeverry
- 29 Oliver Pellegrin

## PRAYERS FOR ST. LUKE'S & OUR SAVIOUR PARISH FAMILIES

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers the following parishioners and members of our extended families:



Pat Stephenson, Lillian Nelson, Penny Elie, Bill O'Daniel, the Gonci family, Pauline Pedreira, Lawrence H. Horn III, Rita Wagner, Zack Dochnahl, Jeb Magda, George Stubbs, Murray & Roberta Nobleman, Deb Riede, Darren Garrish, Carol Maxfield, Jean Turner, Kimberly Roig, Marrine Romaine, Doris Rosa, Erica DeLuca and her family, Charlie & Fran Napolitano, David Storicks, Nancy Smith, Noel, Jeffrey, John Casper, Betty Meyer, Jeanean & Peter Chraplewski, Laura Reutlinger and family, James Penney, Jamie, Laura Smith, Linda Brescia, Venetta Smith, Pat Kay, Muriel Andersen, Jimmy Russell, Beverly Pitsenberger, Jane Denny, Caroline Kouta, the family of Louis Egan (nee: Rusnak), Cathy Klie and her family, the family of Adolfo Salvatore Magnifico, Muriel Bauer, Roxanne Gabriel, Keith, Betty-Ann & Jim Wilkie, Anne Caloz, Alma Gottlieb, Krysta Williams, the family of Debra Shanley, Zahra, Khansa Abeerah and their family, Harriette Lederman, the family of Edward A. Spraker.



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**Evening Prayer, Mon.-Thurs. at 5 P.M. • Healing & Holy Eucharist, Wednesdays at 7:30**