

The Pious Press

St. John's Episcopal Church, Wilson, NY

June 2024

From Pastor Susan...

I do a lot of walking around Lewiston—a couple of miles, most days. Aside from needing the exercise, I really love being outside: seeing the seasonal changes, experiencing the weather, meeting neighbors, keeping up with local news and happenings. When Jenny the Wonder Dog comes with me, we go where she wants to go, and she sets the pace... slow, by my standards, but that's because I do not need to sniff every mailbox, streetlight, fire hydrant and bush! When she's up for a long walk, she takes me all the way into the Village, taking us past as many as six places where she is pretty likely to receive a treat.

There are people who watch out for her and will come out of the house with treat in hand when they see us coming. Jenny knows all these locations by heart and will walk up their driveway with a concerned expression if no-one comes forth. She leaves reluctantly when I tug on her leash and tell her, "They are busy today." Some shopkeepers set out water bowls and keep a jar of treats for all their canine friends; Jenny considers these shops part of her territory and the shopkeepers her good friends. Delivery people, garbage men, public works employees, mailmen, pedestrians, lawn care guys, kids waiting for a school bus, neighbors—all get a greeting if they look at her with a smile or say hello. Sometimes they don't even need to do that much. She has slowed down a little bit since going deaf, but not much. Ever since she interrupted a tour group to give the tour guide a tail-wag and a thorough sniffing, I have called her "Lewiston's Ambassadog".

She seems to have an instinct about people who do not want to meet her too. Some people are afraid of big German shepherds; I see it in their faces as we approach. Some even cross the street so they don't need to be near her. Jenny seems to sense their discomfort and doesn't even look at them, but minds her own business. There are, after all, mailboxes that need to be sniffed, and she hasn't got all day. She doesn't concern herself with converting the fearful.

I think she sets a good example for us human beings! Jenny seems to know that everyone is potentially part of her community—that anyone might be her next good friend. I think that's the sort of community the Lord calls his followers to be: open, interested, willing to extend ourselves to those with whom we happen to cross paths,

building up the community inside and outside of the church walls.

That's similar to how I experience St. John's. We are not a large congregation, but I am thankful for the friendly spirit I sense here and your engagement in the larger community. This is what builds community and what communicates a loving spirit.

Sr. Warden Report...

Summer is officially here with the celebration of Memorial Day. "Welcome back" to our snowbirds. You are always missed and so glad you are back with us.

The diocese grants are coming up in August that we will be applying for. I will be submitting several applications. I will be submitting the invoices for the plumbing repairs already completed. I am also getting bids to blacktop the rear parking lot and also for the sidewalk in front of the church and the parish hall entrance to be replaced. My theory is if you don't ask you never know what might be granted.

As always, feel free to contact me any time with questions, concerns or suggestions. Call, text or email me.

Moving forward with God,
Lucy Kraatz
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Buildings & Grounds...

I am checking into the changing of the outside light above the parish hall entrance. It now is set up as a "dusk to dawn" light and am considering changing it to a motion activated light. I am hoping this may cut down on the collection of bugs, etc. around the door entrance especially.

Thank you to those that have taken care of the flower beds and lawn. It is so appreciated.

As always, feel free to contact me anytime.
Lucy Kraatz
Chairman, Buildings & Grounds

Vestry...

Below are highlights from our May Vestry meeting:

- Pastor Susan shared a handout about Faith Sharing/Active Listening.
- Enviro Pest has sprayed the outside of the entire building. If you see insects inside please let someone know.
- Excessive Heat: All thermostats have been tested and are working correctly.
- Fair Share Contribution: No letter has been received from the Diocese.
- Plant Sale was a success. We made \$1,000.
- Jessica Senek is interested in renting the kitchen. Jane Hamilton will connect with her.
- Lucy Kraatz went over what was discussed at the warden convention.
- Holy Communion Grant is due in by August. Lucy Kraatz will get a quote from Bedford Blacktop for the rest of the driveway.
- Priscilla Moot: Plans are being made for the Leon Festival on June 15th. We will be selling ice cream again this year.
- Jennifer Farwell-Puskas made a motion to donate 10% of the profit from the plant sale to the Wilson Community Food Pantry. Approved.

Jennifer Farwell-Puskas
Clerk of Vestry

Birthdays...

Barbara Farwell	6/14
Bob Failla	6/22
Christy Rodgers	6/26
Theresa Denman	6/27



Anniversaries...

None this month



Treasurer's Report...

January - April 2024

Income:	\$12,003.03
Expense:	\$14,112.22
Total:	\$- 2,109.19
Dividends:	\$ -44.38
Total:	\$-2,153.57

Please keep the following in your prayers: Kevin, Lincoln, Barb and her family, Will, Brian, Kelly, Heather, Rom LeMay, Nick, Owen Wright, Brian, Emily, Jack, Eric, Megan, Betty, Dana, Pamela, Josh, Jon & Kacee, Craig, Deidre, Sandy, Ron, Margaret, Jessica, Jeffrey, Zack, Cassie, Brandi, Don, Lizzy, Rose, Laura, Terry, Michael, Lilyana, the Schroeder family; Bonnie & Bill; Al, Christianna & their unborn baby; the Faqiri Family, and our prayer partner, St. John's, Youngstown. We pray for peace in Israel and Ukraine, and for those affected by storms in the mid-West.



SJC Moms Group...

Our last meeting was held on May 22nd. A message from our moms:

THANK YOU!!!

A huge thank you to all of our lovely childcare volunteers. We truly appreciate all of you and your commitment to our little group. We can't thank you enough for loving our kids and hanging out with them so us moms can have a moment of peace. Just a small thank you treat to show our appreciation. For those ladies that missed group today, there will be a plate for you at the church on Sunday. Also, the treats are on homemade Giving Plates. Once you enjoy them, refill and pass along to anyone you wish. See you guys in September!



GOD is GOOD.
Priscilla



The item that we are collecting for the month of June is canned pork and beans. Please continue to help our community, neighbors, friends and families who utilize the Wilson Food Pantry. Our help is greatly appreciated by all.

Thank you for your continued support.

Lucy Kraatz

LEON FESTIVAL (Noel spelled backwards)

Will be held Saturday, June 15th from 11:00 a.m. – 6 p.m.. Again this year St. John's Church will be selling ice cream! There is a sign up sheet in the parish hall, please don't hesitate to volunteer!

Thank you in advance.
God is Good.

Priscilla



CHAPEL OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD TO OPEN JUNE 11th

Chapel of the Good Shepherd, also known as Brookside Chapel in Lockport, will reopen for the summer on Tuesday, June 11th with a potluck supper at 6 p.m. and Eucharist at 7 p.m. Those attending are asked to bring their own table service. Water and iced tea will be provided.



Every Tuesday through September 17th at 7 p.m. the chapel will host a service or event. On June 25th, the evening before the election of the next presiding bishop, the chapel will host a special vigil.

The chapel is located at 4221 Day Rd. in Lockport. Email the Rev. Martha Farone with questions.

Father's Day Celebration



Sunday, June 16th following the church service. There is a sign up sheet in the parish hall for help OR if you would like to chair please let me know. The Fellowship Committee welcomes you! We have two events right in a row that weekend. Thank you in advance.

God is Good.
Priscilla Moot
Fellowship Chairperson

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