



# June 18, 2023

**TRAFFIC ALERT:** College Ave between the stone arch bridge and Campus Rd will close from June 12 to August 10, 2023, for a major water main replacement project.

**OUTDOOR WORSHIP AND PICNIC** August 6 at the Cass Park Pavilion. More organizing info to come, but expect a “hot dogs/hamburgers and bring a dish to pass” sort of event. Mark your calendars as there will be no service on Oak Avenue that day.

**BASTILLE DAY ORGAN RECITAL** Friday, July 14 at 7:00 p.m. Local organists share the bench for this favorite event, with French wines, cheeses, and sweets! This year a violinist and singer will be included.

## **MAY TREASURERS' REPORT**

- May offering was \$16,870, almost the same as April's \$17,064 and well under the monthly budget of \$35,299. There were no major gifts.
- May expenses were under budget by just over \$2,000.
- Through May we have an actual surplus of \$22,277, down from \$34,894 at the end of April, and a pro-rated deficit of \$35,995, up from \$31,703.
- Giving typically drops in summer. At current giving and spending rates we anticipate a year-end deficit of over \$90,000. The major unknown expenses are staffing: will Pastor Laurie accept a call before October? Will we hire staff to assist Pastor Jason? This is the last year we can run a large deficit before we deplete our reserves.
- The May 31 balance at our Tompkins Bank checking account was \$84,565, down from \$113,112 on April 30. Our Morgan Stanley investments were worth \$1,471,322, with \$182,842 in the unallocated account and \$1,288,479 in the endowment account.

**ITHACA KITCHEN CUPBOARD (IKC):** Please continue to be generous and donate needed food to the IKC. For the month of June the Social Ministry Committee is requesting donations of **cereal** (boxed low sugar cereals such as Kix, Oatmeal Squares, Honey Bunches of Oats, Total, etc.; boxed oatmeal, baby cereal). Please put food donations in the collection baskets near the Social Ministry table in the Narthex. Thank you!



**PRAYER:** Please direct prayer requests to Pastor Jason. A prayer chain of St. Luke folks prays confidently and confidentially for those who have requested prayer. If you would like to be part of the prayer chain, please contact Louise McGee [rmcgee5@twcnny.rr.com](mailto:rmcgee5@twcnny.rr.com) or Pastor Jason.

**PEACE BY PIECE QUILTERS** meet on the first and third Thursday of each month. We invite all to come, watch and learn how we make quilts. One of the things we really need help with is the last step tying quilts to keep the layers secure. This is a task that can be done at home while you watch TV or listen to a book on tape. If you would like to volunteer, talk to Diane Conneman or Betta Hedlund. We welcome all.

## **GIVING TO ST. LUKE**

Thank you for all the ways you GIVE to the ministry of St. Luke—time, talents, and treasures. If you'd like to GIVE financially, you can choose from several options:

- Use the Giving App: Download the Givelify App from Google Play or the Apple Store
- Go to the website [www.stlukeithaca.org](http://www.stlukeithaca.org) Click on “Donate.”
- Write a check and mail it to St. Luke, 109 Oak Ave., Ithaca, NY 14850.
- Arrange with your bank or other financial institution to automatically send the amount you designate at intervals you designate.
- Use the QR code in the bulletin