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SUNDAY SERVICE:

HOLY COMMUNION:

10:00 A.M.

SUNDAY SCHOOL— JUNE

10:00 A.M.

FELLOWSHIP:

11:15 A.M

500 Years of Continuing Reformation

Throughout 2017 we have had a worldwide celebration of the impact of the Reformation and Martin Luther. Now in the month of October the intensity of celebration comes to a head on Sunday, October 29, as we approach the 500th Anniversary of Martin Luther initiating that Reformation by nailing the 95 Thesis to the Wittenberg church doors on October 31, 1517.

What is it we are celebrating?

Not too long ago, Reformation Sunday for Lutherans was the most important festival between Easter and Christmas. We celebrate that the gospel sets us free.

Without question, it is God's grace---not our ancestry, bloodline or good works---that brings us to eternal life. This radical good news through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ is never a good thing to those who wish to control our lives. As long as sin remains in the world, we will face challenges to that word of grace and freedom.

The Good News comes from outside ourselves and reaches into the heart.

A few weeks ago, one of our parents told me that they were watching the network news when a segment came up about Hurricane Harvey hitting Texas with devastation. Initially televangelist Joel Osteen had refused to open the doors of his Houston mega-church to the scores of people that needed safety and help.

Three of their children were in the room and heard this.

One of the children said, "That's wrong! How can a church not help people?"

Then another chimed in, "Pastor Bill would come and save us. He'd find us and bring us to the church!"

Yes, to hear such trust is humbling. But it also reminds us that the saving word needs to come from outside ourselves.

We are saved by God's grace through Jesus Christ who has come to save us. He goes in search of everyone, especially the lost and brings us into the community we call the church.

By scripture alone. By faith alone. By grace alone. Through these gifts external to us, God calls us by name and adopts us as his children once and for all. Nothing can take that from us.

We celebrate 500 years of continued Reformation. The external and saving Lord reaches into the world with two arms of love, the same arms that bore the cross for you and me.

Even when we are hard on ourselves, or lack self-esteem, the gospel declares that we are forgiven and treasured in God's sight.

We are set free by the Spirit who continues to lead us to surprising places as God's grace is announced in new ways in our time!

In Christ,

Pastor Bill Damrow



STEWARDSHIP 2017

Reformation 500

That is what we call the Gospel with its fruits—doing good works, fulfilling your station or office diligently and faithfully, and undergoing all sorts of suffering for the Gospel.

- Martin Luther on being a Good Steward



Our fall Stewardship campaign theme this year is:

Reformation 500 Stewardship

Our emphasis - For Martin Luther, the gospel was primary, vocation was holy, and stewardship was an integral part of the Christian's life on this earth. Yes, we are free in Christ! We are not measured or saved by our good works. However, as thankful recipients of this amazing grace and as part of our vocational calling in this world, we are to practice good stewardship of our time, talent, and possessions. We must carefully tend the gift of this earth and see to the needs of our neighbor.

Beginning in October, members of our congregation will share a stewardship "Mission Moment", sharing what God is doing in their life through the ministry of our congregation and what faithful Christian stewardship means. You will receive a mailing in October with an invitation to prayerfully consider your commitment for 2018. Please consider increasing your pledge for 2018. It is deeply needed!

REFORMATION OKTOBERFEST GRATITUDE BRUNCH

We are also lifting up our ministries together with the "**Gratitude Brunch**" on **Reformation Sunday, October 29, 2017**, open to all members after worship. Guest speaker AND a short play performed by the children about the Reformation and Martin Luther! What a perfect day for the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation to offer up a voice of gratitude to God. *(Please RSVP by calling the church office or signing up on the list on the church narthex table by October 22nd.)* The meal is hosted by our Stewardship and Fellowship Ministries.



Loyalty Sunday, the final opportunity to place our commitment cards in the Offering, will fittingly be celebrated on the Sunday before Thanksgiving Day, November 19, 2017 ---just a few days before Thanksgiving, in the true spirit of Christian stewardship!

REFORMATION 500

October 31, 2017 marks 500 years since the beginning of the Lutheran Reformation, spurred by Martin Luther's posting of the 95 Theses. This important anniversary has been celebrated globally and continues in congregations and communities. Multiple opportunities to mark the 500th anniversary of the Reformation continue:

October 25, 7:30 p.m. at Iona College – "Shared Roots of the Reformation"

October 29, 10:00 a.m. at St. Luke's – REFORMATION CELEBRATION

October 29, 11:15 at St. Luke's – Reformation Gratitude Brunch and Children perform "Martin Luther".

November 1, 5:30 p.m. at Cathedral of Saint John the Divine – "Commemorative Eucharist and Festive Reception". RSVP required: mnys.org/November1

COUPLES AND COOKS NEEDED TO FEED THE

St. Luke's cooks a meal for about 150 people once a month on a Sunday after worship. The meal is then delivered to HOPE COMMUNITY the next day.

New help is needed - can you sign up and help cut up vegetables or other prep? Or could you pick up the needed ingredients from Restaurant Supply and drop it off at the church before that Sunday?

We need extra help! Please see Tom Roksvold to know what you can do to help!

The next HOPE Cook is October 22nd. Thanks to many hands, September's prep was completed in record time! Thanks to all!



INTERNATIONAL NIGHT & HYMN SING

Are you ready for a taste of Italian meatballs, Macaroni Cheese, Jerk Chicken or English Trifle? Then, mark your calendar for November 18 at 5 pm in the Fellowship Hall when we come together for an International Night and Hymn Sing. You are invited to bring an appetizer, entree or dessert from your favorite culture and bring your voice too. All are welcome.



We are asking you to nominate your two favorite hymns and place the names in the box in the Narthex. So far the nominations include "This little light of Mine," "How Great Thou Art" and "Will You Come and Follow Me?" We will be singing the most popular choices together. If you prefer, you may email your nominations to Elizabeth.lizzieb718@gmail.com. The deadline for nominations is November 5.

Our thanks to the Fellowship committee who will organize the meal and the Worship and Music Committee who will organize the Hymn Sing.

St. Luke's
Blessing of the Animals
(In Commemoration of St. Francis)

***"Praise to you O Lord
for all these
Brother & Sister CREATURES"
- St. Francis of Assisi***

OCTOBER 8th
@ 12:45 p.m.

The blessing will be held outdoors in the church Parking Lot



SERVICE FOR HEALING ON ST. LUKE SUNDAY



St. Luke's will offer the Order for Healing within the Sunday morning liturgy on ***Sunday, October 22*** at 10 a.m., the closest Sunday we can offer to the Commemoration of our namesake, St. Luke the Physician.

The order of healing includes the reading of scripture and singing of hymns that emphasize God's healing hands. During worship there will be opportunity to come and receive the pastor's laying on of hands and anointing with oil in the church's time honored tradition since the New Testament as well as a personal prayer for healing and forgiveness in your life.

In its ministry of healing, the Church does not replace the gifts of God that come through the scientific community nor does it promise a cure. Rather, the Church offers and celebrates gifts such as these: God's presence with strength and comfort in time of suffering, God's promise of wholeness and peace, and God's love embodied in the community of faith. Bring a friend!

We will also pray for those who provide medical care and support.

Please invite neighbors, friends and relatives to this special service of healing, wholeness and reconciliation!

EVANGELISM & SOCIAL MEDIA MOMENT

- ❖ Enjoyed a church sermon? Adult class struck up interesting questions? Post to our blog on the St. Luke's website to continue the conversation!
- ❖ If you haven't been receiving our newsletter the St. Luke's Voice and e-blasts or your e-mail address needs updating.
Please contact the church office or Renee Taylor in church
- ❖ Little Luther continues to appear at various church activities and events-continue to follow him at our Facebook page-you never know when he will show up!

Please join



us

**Sunday
October 29th 2017**

Gratitude Brunch

“Oktoberfest” lunch and beverages will be served



Help us say "Thank You"
to all of you that
support St. Luke's with
your time, your talents
and your treasures.

Celebrate the 500th Anniversary
*of the **REFORMATION***
by
Martin Luther
as told by the Sunday School children.

Please use the sign up sheet in the narthex.
Hosted by the Fellowship and Stewardship Committees.

HAPPY FALL from the FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

September has been a wonderful month welcoming back friends and family at Rally Day, the choirs singing, cooking for Hope, welcoming our friends from Koinonia and raising over \$250 at our Koinonia Bake Sale, attending Westchester Broadway Dinner Theatre to watch Annie Get Your Gun with 25 of our members... now for October:

October 13th we will be heading to Koinonia for our annual family retreat. Please see us for available rooms and see the flier for more information.

October 29th we will be supporting the Gratitude Brunch along with the Stewardship Committee. We will be celebrating all of those that do service for our church, all are invited and Sunday School will be presenting "Who Is Martin Luther" to celebrate the Reformation. Please sign up in the Narthex.



Please save the date and spread the news, our Holiday Boutique is Saturday November 11th. We will be setting up Friday night at 6pm and cleaning up Sunday at 11:30. Please sign up to volunteer your time, donate your new or used treasures and plan to come and shop. See fliers attached, in the bulletin and signup sheet in the Narthex. Please do not bring rummage until Nov 1st, as we have very limited space.

We will have a Holiday Boutique Committee meeting in October. That date will be announced.

Gratefully yours,
Pat and Dawn

P.S. Remember, our church is only as strong as its members and we are so lucky and so thankful to have such great friends and members as you. Thank you all for being part of St. Luke's fellowship this year. If anyone would like to join us, whether for an event or to join the committee please let us know... God bless you all

Pat Damrow email: PatDamrow@hotmail.com and Dawn McEvoy email: Mmcevoy33@aol.com

Fellowship events at St Luke's are collaboratively sponsored by the Fellowship committee, St. Luke's Sunday School, the Stewardship committee, the Evangelism committee and the Youth Group. This is what Fellowship is all about, and we are always looking for new faces to join us in furthering our fellowship ministry. If you would like to support any of the events or join the committee, please contact us.

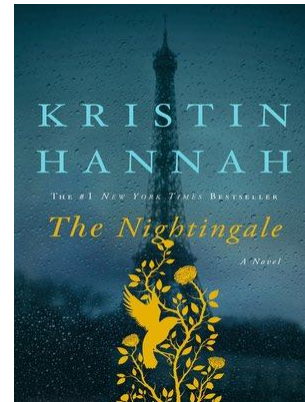
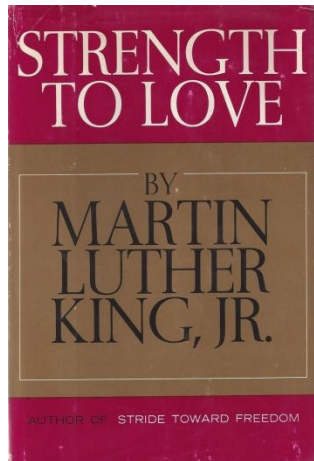
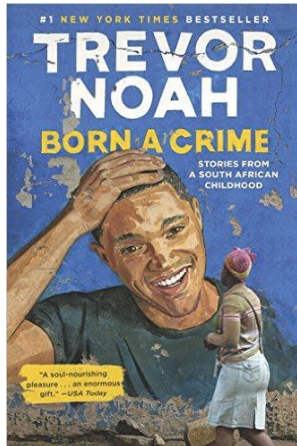
PARISH WEBSITE

Remember to always check out our parish website. Go to www.stlukesnewrochelle.org or **SLNR.org**. The website contains important information about our congregation, directions, a church calendar, notice of important and new events and more. Bookmark it into your favorites list!



THE BOOK CLUB CORNER

St. Luke's Book Club List Fall 2017



- ◆ *Born A Crime* by Trevor Noah --- Wed., October 25, 2017
- ◆ *The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah --- Wed., November 15, 2017
- ◆ *Strength To Love* by Martin Luther King, Jr. --- Thurs., December 14, 2017

St. Luke's Book Club meets at 7:30 P.M. in the church's kitchen. Everyone is welcome!

THANK YOU, COUNTERS!



We lift up the important, but unseen, work of our weekly money counters this month. Each Sunday the Offering is counted, registered to each person/family, and put together and delivered to the bank. Their work is essential to the smooth running of the financial support of our church ministry, St. Luke's. Additional volunteers are needed – please see our new Financial Secretary, Traci Daniele or Nancy Sigler for a description of what is involved and how you can help.

Thank you! – Thyra Brooks, Karen Jantzen, Traci Daniele, Rupert Thompson, Peter Johnson, Nancy Sigler, Angelika Ridulfo, and Doug Smith (who moved to Florida).

HAPPY HALLOWEEN from the SUNDAY SCHOOL



We had a wonderful Rally Day and were so happy to see all the kids back from summer vacation. Some of them have really grown!

Please remember Sunday School Grades Beginner to 5th start downstairs, High school grades 6-12 start upstairs.

There is a very important Parent Meeting Sunday, Oct 1st in the Sunday School after service. We hope you all can attend.

Jr. Choir begins Sunday the 24th. If your child is interested in singing in the choir, is in grade 3 or older, please see Iryna after church. If you would like more information you can see me after church.

The youth group met during class on Rally Day, they are excited to participate and do service for the church. I will be sending a schedule and more information via email soon.

The entire Sunday School will be performing during the Gratitude Brunch on Oct 29th. Please try to get them to Sunday School each week so they will be ready, and please all plan to attend. See flyer and sign up in the Narthex.

We would like to “Call to Action” some of our members for help in the Sunday School. If you can spare a Sunday, to lead a class or to lead the primary grades worship, please let me know. It can be sharing your love for a special Bible story, or “Salty Psalms” videos. Please email me or see me at church to discuss further.

Lastly, please remember to use your child’s envelopes on Sunday to help support the Sunday School. We are self-supporting through your contributions.

Thank you for your continued support of the Sunday School.

Dawn McEvoy, Superintendent and High School
Melissa McEvoy, Beg-1st grade, Jen Battaglino, 2nd-5th grade
Traci Daniele, Treasurer

WORSHIP & MUSIC

The kneelers have been ordered and once they are available, an announcement will be made where they will be located in the church to be accessible prior to the start of service.



HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE & RUMMAGE SALE

Saturday, November 11, 2017
10 AM – 3 PM

WAYS YOU CAN HELP!!!! PASS out FLIERS! TELL your family, friends & neighbors!

PLEASE bring in your donations...Get outside donations...Volunteer your time...COME AND SHOP!

Raffle - Each committee is asked to make a donation. You can donate cash and we will shop! \$25 value please. Please get to Dawn by Sunday, Nov. 5th . (OR SOONER) One of our biggest fund raisers! HIGHEST BIDDER also welcome. New Items to Dawn & Sunday School Closet

Accessory Booth: New and/or gently used fashion accessories, i.e. scarves, wallets, pocket books, etc.

Jewelry and Knickknacks: Jewelry (men's and women's), stationery, pens, new or very gently used knickknacks, decorative and gift items, jewelry boxes and containers. Handcrafted Items.

All Donations on the right of Stage – please label

Sunday School Corner: New children's toys, ornaments, canvas needlepoint, handcrafted items.

Happy Everything! NEW items, ornaments, gifts and holiday decorations.

New Items to Dawn & Sunday School Closet

Baked Goods & Other Edibles: Please list ingredients. Especially if there are NUTS. COOKIES are great!

Drop off (11/10, 11/11).

Rummage Sale: CLEAN and in WORKING order. Leave downstairs by the water fountain after church. All rummage goes in the men's locker room. **BRING IN starting Nov 1st SPACE limited**

COATS....NO CLOTHING... OUTERWEAR only!!!! MUST be CLEAN and in good condition. These can be left in bags in lounge, across from counting room. **BRING IN starting Nov. 1st !**

Café: Donations of soda, water, juice, dessert, hamburgers, hotdogs, bread and buns are greatly appreciated.

Cooks and wait staff are already "hired". Wait staff must be present Friday night to set up and clean up SATURDAY! **Bring in donations Friday night Nov 10th please.**

Media Corner: Books, Videos, DVD's - ALL donations must be placed on the stage to the right...!!!

"Christkindl" Booth: Gluehwein, Hot Cider, German sweets, ornaments, advent calendars, etc.

PLEASE SHARE FLIER with your friends, neighbors and community!

Set up: Fri. Nov. 10th, after 6:00 PM.

November 11th: Workers are needed to "man" the booths, cover for lunches, and assist the shoppers! Arrive by 9am or as per sign up sheet.

Clean up: Sunday, November 12th after 11:30.

Many hands make light work, and add to the FUN! We also need wrapping paper & decorative bags. We will have a planning committee meeting in Sept. Questions, new ideas? Please speak to Dawn McEvoy (347)604-3969 or email mmcevoy33@aol.com

AROUND THE PARISH

In our prayers this month are all those hospitalized, with health concerns or in transition, especially Doug Smith, Jack McLaughlin, Shirley Benge, Cathie Behrend, Theresa Glatz, Pat Fredericks, Lydia Bersito, Jim Tolles, Rosemarie Doerr, Ryan Tupper, Eduardo Moreno, those undergoing further tests or treatment; those in our Sunday prayers, those who have died in the Lord, and the grieving.

Congratulations to Aaron Fraser and Lacey Greenberg who were wed July 22, 2017

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

10/1	Catherine Behrend	10/19	Cindy Finegan
10/2	Simon James O'Rourke		Elizabeth Brent
10/3	Jennifer Archer	10/22	May Njie
10/7	James Tolles	10/23	Tyler Head
10/8	Paul O'Riordan-Shimkin	10/24	Evelyn Bissinger
10/9	Robert Brisson		John Luke Bogue
10/10	Dawn McEvoy		Kenneth Lucy
	Jason Head		Rosalind Wallace
10/11	Harold Schombert, Jr.	10/25	John T. Amato
10/12	Silvia Moreno		Gabrielle Rubicco-Tamburro
10/16	Jonathan Diaz	10/27	Michael Wirak
10/17	Debra Luiso	10/29	Anna Shiels
	Stephen O'Rourke		Nathaniel Ross
	Joseph Ferraro		Hiro Smith
10/18	Isabella Rogienski		Hailey Farney
	Caitlin Fredericks		Jeremy Harris
	Maxwell Harris	10/30	Kris Haymon

Anniversaries

10/2	Mr. & Mrs. John Gerretsen
10/3	Mr. & Mrs. Robert Doerr
10/7	Thomas & Teresa Roksvold
10/12	Robert & Karen DiBicarri
	Sherry Fraser & John Pulvermiller
	Daniel & Amy Bromberg
10/13	Mark & Jillian Fontecchio
10/16	Edmond & Camille O'Garro
	Lucy Hoffman & Mike Guido

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS - OCTOBER 2017

USHERS:

Oct. 1	Rupert Thompson, Petrona Brissett, Dori DeCarlo, Lydia Bersito
8	Denise Tolles, Peter Johnson, Jennifer Archer, Ward Henderson
15	Ed O'Garro, Bob Maresca, Rupert Thompson, Jeremy Harris
22	Henry Doerr, Rosemarie Doerr, Ray Rankis, Lydia Bersito
29	Denise Tolles, Rupert Thompson, Dori DeCarlo, Karen Jantzen

ACOLYTES

Oct. 1	Chris Battaglino	Oct. 22	Jennifer O'Garro
Oct. 8	Shari Taylor	Oct. 29	Sara Battaglino
Oct. 15	Madeline Buehrer		

CRUCIFER

Oct. 29	Jacob Kuligowski
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COUNCILPERSON

Oct. 1	Pat Fredericks	Oct. 22	Ray Rankis
Oct. 8	Cathie Behrend	Oct. 29	Susanne Kuligowski
Oct. 15	Jeremy Harris		

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

Oct. 1	Rosalind Carter	Oct. 22	Nancy Sigler
Oct. 8	Renee Taylor	Oct. 29	A. Ridulfo, S. Kuligowski
Oct. 15	Brett Buehrer		

LECTORS

Oct. 1	Pat Damrow	Oct. 22	Martin Ungewitter
Oct. 8	Rosemarie Doerr	Oct. 29	Elizabeth Brent
Oct. 15	Dori DeCarlo		

ALTAR GUILD

Oct. 1	Nancy Sigler, Renee Taylor	Oct. 22	Renee Taylor, Pat Fredericks
Oct. 8	Nancy Sigler, Susanne Kuligowski	Oct. 29	Irene Breen, Susanne Kuligowski
Oct. 15	Pat Zyloney, Irene Breen		

COUNTERS

Oct. 1	T. Daniele	Oct. 22	T. Brooks, K. Jantzen
Oct. 8	R. Thompson, P. Johnson	Oct. 29	T. Daniele
Oct. 15	N. Sigler, A. Ridulfo		

COFFEE HOUR

Oct. 1	Evangelism	Oct. 22	Sr. Choir
Oct. 8	Altar Guild	Oct. 29	Fellowship/Stewardship
Oct. 15	Social Ministry		

If you cannot keep your scheduled assignment, please make arrangements to **switch with someone** and **let the church office know** early that week. Thank you.

[Abbreviations-BB: Banner Bearer, C: Crucifer, A: Acolyte, TB: Torch Bearer]

ST. LUKE'S LUTHERAN CHURCH - OCTOBER 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10a-Eucharist 11:30a-Adult Ed. "Luther" Sunday School Parent Mtg.	2 7p-A.A. Mtg.	3	4 9:30a-Clergy Sermon Study 7:30p-Worship & Music Ministry	5 7:30p- The Way of Prayer—"Contemplative Prayer"	6 7:15p-Boy Scouts	7 9:30a-A.A. Men's Group
8 10a-Eucharist 11:30a-Adult Ed. "Luther" 12:30p-Blessing of Animals	9 Columbus Day Office Closed 7p-A.A. Mtg.	10 7:30p-Church Council Mtg.	11 9:30a-Clergy Sermon Study 4-Confirmation Class Begins	12 7:30p-The Way of Prayer-"Praying with and for Others"	13 7:15p-Boy Scouts Koinonia Retreat Oct. 13-15 –Highland Falls, NY	14 9:30a-A.A. Men's Group
15 10a-Eucharist Guest Preacher: Deacon Barbara Meberg	16 7p-A.A. Mtg.	17	18 9:30a-Clergy Sermon Study 4p-Confirmation Class 7:30p-St. Luke's Book Club	19 7:30p-The Way of Prayer-"Prayer & Social Transformation"	20 7:15p-Boy Scouts	21 9:30a-A.A. Men's Group 7:30p-Iona Concert of Many Voices
22 ST. LUKE SUNDAY SERVICE FOR HEALING 10a-Eucharist 11:15a-Cooking for HOPE 11:30a-Adult Ed. "Luther"	23 10a-HOPE Food Pickup 7p-A.A. Mtg.	24	25 9:30a-Clergy Sermon Study 4p-Confirmation Class 7:30p-"Shared Roots" Reformation 500 at Iona	26	27 7:15p-Boy Scouts	28 9:30a-A.A. Men's Group
29 FESTIVAL REFORMATION 500 SUNDAY -10a OKTOBERFEST GRATITUDE BRUNCH + CHILDREN-"LUTHER" PLAY-11:15a 10a-Eucharist	30 7p-A.A. Mtg.	31 Halloween			<u>ALL SUNDAYS</u> 9a-Sr. Choir Rehearsal 10a-Choir 10a-Sunday School 11:15a-Jr. Choir Rehearsal 11:15a-Coffee Hour	

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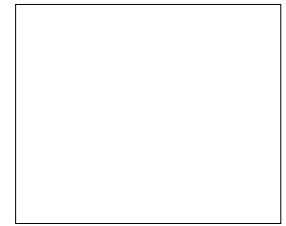
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