

# St. Luke's Voice

St. Luke's Lutheran Church, New Rochelle, N.Y.

Celebrating 150 Years!

OCTOBER 2019

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**SUNDAY SERVICE:**

**HOLY COMMUNION:**

**10:00 A.M.**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**10:00 A.M.**

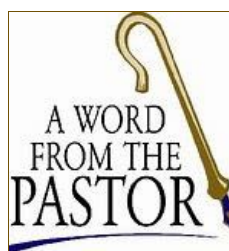
**FELLOWSHIP:**

**11:15 A.M.**

**ADULT EDUCATION:**

**11:30 A.M.**

## Look to the Future!



It's hard to believe that our 150<sup>th</sup> year long Church Anniversary celebration culminates in October.

We have celebrated, rejoiced over God's gifts through many people now and long ago and we are ready for the future – what God calls us to next.

"Midway this way of life we're bound upon, I woke to find myself in a dark wood ....", writes Dante in the opening to "The Divine Comedy".

In a way this year has been a midlife inventory of who we have been and who we are. To discover the past is also to make an inventory of our best and worst moments. While we looked through that history, we discovered brave and faithful forebears. We also discovered disunity several times in that history. Somehow, by God's grace, we went on.

We are thankful for the diversity of our congregation. In the historical record we also discovered an ignorance about race in that history – a minstrel show that was a mark of ignorance with no ill will in those days, endemic to much of society then. The unintentional racism is the hardest to see. Somehow by God's grace, we grew up.

So, our dark side has things to teach us as we contemplate the future. The only way up is down. The only way to make course corrections is to see where we do not want to be.

This is true for the individual and our community. 12 step programs remind us – we needed to make a searching moral inventory in order to be set free.

The hymn "We Are Called" reminds us "to be hope for the hopeless so hatred and blindness will be no more... We are called to act with justice, we are called to love tenderly; we are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God." That is true freedom.

The first day of November is All Saints Day – right after October 31, Halloween, which means "the holy evening" before All Saints Day. On that day we remember the very "saints and sinners" that we each and all are, saved only by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We will remember those who have died and especially those who passed away this year. I think especially of Tom Roksvold and many others whom we miss and still think of daily. (Mention of Tom's passing in August was not in the September newsletter because it is put together in July.)

None were perfect, just like us. None are always wise, just like us. They and our forebears are remarkably alike in our being conditioned by our own times; often blind, sometimes noble. The one thing that holds us all together is Christ Himself and Jesus' call to be understanding, compassionate and in all things to be forgiving and forgiven. In the radical nature of divine love, we become less the children of darkness and more the children of light.

The future is exciting! God has a great dream for St. Luke's. Southern Westchester is growing. New Rochelle is building. Our community is growing. We are part of God's adventure. Only one thing is necessary. It got us across 150 years. It will carry us into the future:

"Be Thou my vision, O Lord."

We've celebrated the past. Now let's look to the future!

In Christ,

**Pastor Bill**

Rev. Dr. William J. Damrow, Pastor

## STEWARDSHIP 2019 for 2020

# St. Luke's – God's Work, Our Hands

*When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. <sup>31</sup> Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. <sup>32</sup> They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?" (Luke 24:30-32)*



**Our fall Stewardship campaign theme this year is:**

**God's Work, Our Hands**

### **Emphasis**

As members of St. Luke's Lutheran Church, we believe that we are freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor.

How do we respond to God's call to serve and love our neighbors? We faithfully steward the gifts God has so abundantly given to us. Stewardship is not only a financial response to God's love, stewardship is about how we use *all* that God has entrusted to our care — our time, our talents and our treasures — to love God and our neighbors, both inside and outside of the church walls and our homes. **God's work. Our hands.** The result is our increased capacity to give generously and boldly participate in what God is up to in the world.

**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 increasing your commitment pledge for 2020. It is deeply needed!

## ST. LUKE'S LUTHERAN CHURCH - CELEBRATING 150

On Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, we will join together in worship at a special service celebrating our 150 years as St. Luke's Lutheran Church and thanking God for this extraordinary blessing. The service will be led by Pastor Damrow and Bishop Egensteiner.

Following the service, we will continue our celebration at a luncheon at Sergios Ristorante in Pelham.



CELEBRATING 150 YEARS

1869 - 2019

## ST. LUKE'S 150<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY 1869-2019

Please come and checkout our new beautiful Archive Display in the Narthex. Angelika Ridulfo and I will change our treasures every other week for your perusal. As our early services and minutes were in German until our official name changed in the 1940's, we are very lucky to have Angelika helping us to identify some of our older, beautifully handwritten documents. We are so truly blessed to have detailed and accurate archives back to the 1800's. While many of these books are weathered due to time, they are amazing. Please also check out our many books of photos that have been put together over the years. They will be available every Sunday at Coffee Hour, until the Gratitude Brunch, October 27. If anyone has any photos they want to share please either email them to me at [twdaniele@gmail.com](mailto:twdaniele@gmail.com) or bring them to church so we can add them to our wonderful history.



Yours in Christ,  
The Archive Committee: Traci Daniele, Karen Fontecchio, Susanne Kuligowski, Angelika Ridulfo, Renee Taylor

## DID YOU KNOW?

### INTERESTING MEMORIES OF ST. LUKE'S 150 YEARS

*[ Cathie Behrend continues to share some memories of St. Luke's history during our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year. Look for "Did You Know?" each month!]*

*The Sunday School picnic was always held at the Wartburg grounds, until the gas crisis in the 1970's decided us to use our own picnic grove which turned out well. There is nothing like the taste of a Tootsie Roll that has been ground into the earth by a stampede of children anxious to collect the most candy.*

*Luther League in the 1920's and 1930's was much more a social event –concerts, plays, parties—with an older crowd of young people. Today's Youth Group is still social but also serves and helps the church in many ways.*

*The old church had many women's organizations – social, philanthropic, and service oriented. They made quilts, sewed cancer pads, etc. Nowadays many more women are in the working world and so these organizations have disappeared.*

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

On Sunday, October 27, 2019 we anticipate welcoming several families as new members to St. Luke's during the 10 a.m. worship. Let us rejoice in "officially" welcoming them to the Body of Christ, the Church.

God gathers us all in, extending His mission and grace!



## GRATITUDE BRUNCH



We are also lifting up our ministries together in gratitude to God and the generosity of God and the service of others with the annual **"Gratitude Brunch" on Reformation Sunday, October 27, 2019**, open to all members after worship. Guest speaker AND Recognitions AND a few surprises! (Please RSVP by calling the church office or signing up on the list on the church narthex table by October 20<sup>th</sup>.)

The meal is hosted by our Stewardship and Fellowship Ministries.

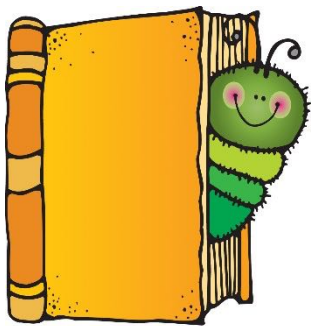


## SOCIAL MINISTRY NEWS



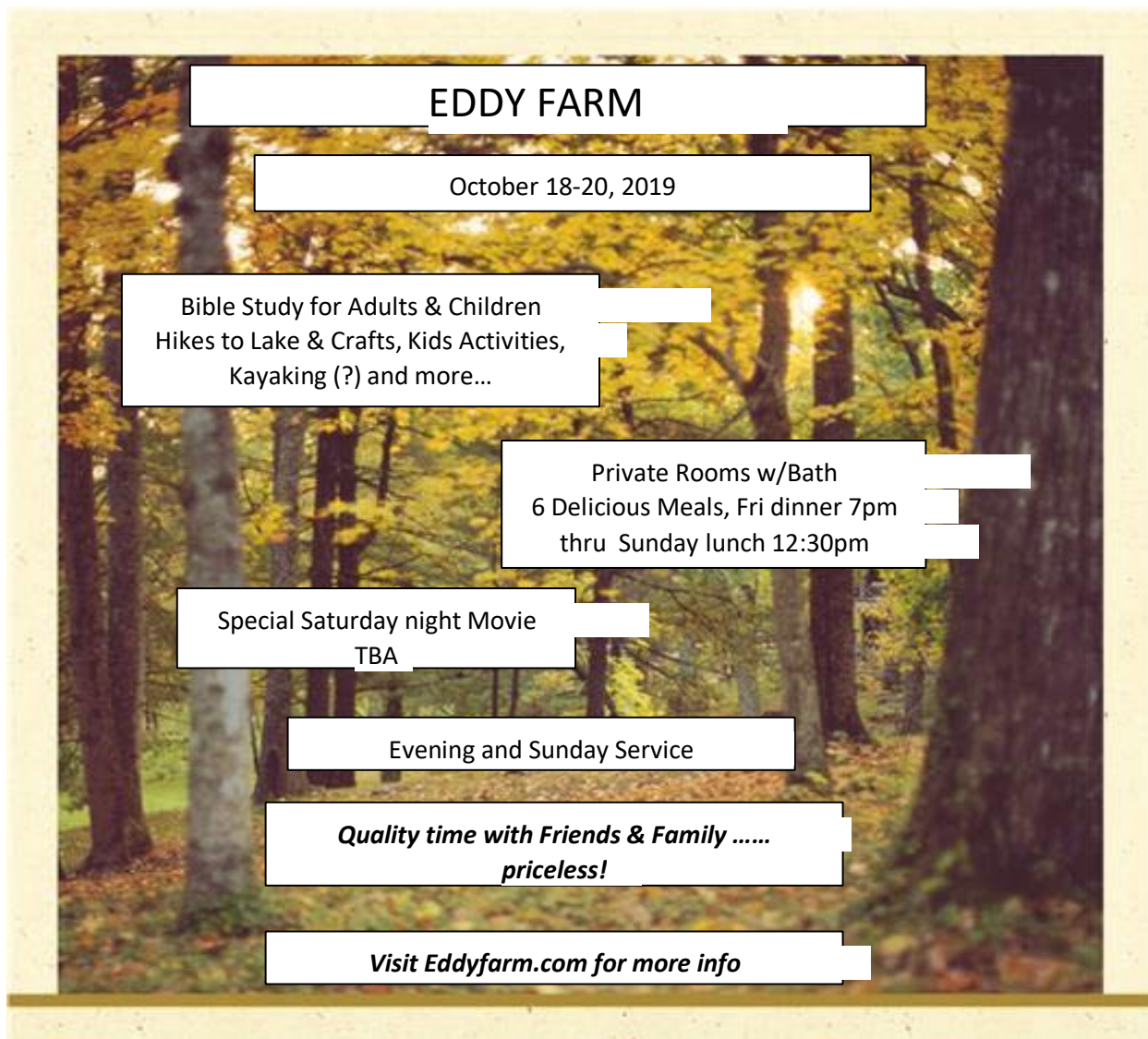
Come One – Come All – The next Cooking for HOPE date is Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup>. Many hands make quick work! Join us in the kitchen after worship!

## BOOK CLUB CORNER



St. Luke's Book Club met on September 18, to discuss *Pachinko*, a novel by Korean-American author, Min Jin Lee. We discussed Lee's sweeping four generation saga of a Korean family as they struggled to survive in Japan. We talked about an immigrant family trying to establish their own way of belonging while living in a largely hostile land. We used the novel's opening sentence, "History has failed us, but no matter." as our point of departure. We considered the themes of belonging and self-identity vs. national identity. Lee's many subjects include history, war, economics, class, gender and religion. Lee's themes deal with forgiveness, loss, desire, aspiration, failure, duty and faith. *Pachinko* is about outsiders, minorities and the politically disenfranchised.

Our October book is *Winter Garden* by Kristin Hannah. We will meet on Wednesday, October 23, at 7:30 P.M. in St. Luke's kitchen. All are welcome to join us.



Come Join St. Luke's Friends and Family at our Annual Retreat October 18-20, 2019  
at EDDY Farm, Eddy Farm Rd., Sparrow Bush, NY 12780  
Singles, Couples and Families are Welcome!

Cost per person: Double \$198; Single \$253; Children 6-11 \$145; 12-16 \$160  
Please RSVP before Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>. Spaces Limited! Balance due by Oct. 1st.  
Make checks payable to: St. Luke's Church.  
Write "Eddy Farm" in the memo Yes I want to Join

Family Name \_\_\_\_\_

No of Adults \_\_\_\_ x \$ \_\_\_\_\_ plus No of Children \_\_\_\_ x \$ \_\_\_\_\_ =

Single \_\_\_\_, Double \_\_\_\_, Triple \_\_\_\_ (check one)

ANY questions please contact Dawn McEvoy at [mmcevoy33@aol.com](mailto:mmcevoy33@aol.com)

AUTUMN IS HERE!  
HAPPY OCTOBER from the  
FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE



CELEBRATING 150 YEARS

1869 - 2019

The Fellowship and 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee are so excited that our 150<sup>th</sup> Gala is finally here.

We have been working up to this event for the last year. We started with a kick off event last October; Dinner and Dancing, continued with lunches, dinners, family game night, a movie or two... now our celebration comes to a dramatic and exciting end with our event next Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup>. We begin the day with a special Church Service led by Pastor Damrow and Bishop Egensteiner then a marvelous lunch hosted by Sergios Ristorante in Pelham. We can not wait and hope to see you all there.

Our other events happening in the next few weeks are:

1. Our annual retreat Oct 18-20<sup>th</sup> to Eddy Farm in Sparrowsbush, NY. Costs are listed on flyer enclosed. We have a few rooms available please rsvp if you would like to join us. As long as we are together it will be a great time!

2. Gratitude Brunch – October 27<sup>th</sup> after service. ALL are welcome!

3. Westchester Broadway Dinner Theatre – Nov 3 – “An American in Paris”.

4. Our Holiday Boutique is November 2<sup>nd</sup> this year. We need all your time, talents and treasures to make this year a greater success. PLEASE sign up to volunteer your time, donate your used treasures to the rummage sale, new items to the raffle table, baked goods, books etc. Many hands make light work!

If you would like to join our committee on a regular basis, please see Dawn or Pat. If you have not already, please join our Facebook page, we post information and pictures from our events.

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](mailto:PatDamrow@hotmail.com) and Dawn McEvoy email: [Mmcevoy33@aol.com](mailto: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.*

## LOYALTY SUNDAY



**Loyalty Sunday**, the final opportunity to place our **2020 financial pledge cards** in the Offering, will fittingly be celebrated on the Sunday before Thanksgiving Day, **November 24, 2019** ---just a few days before Thanksgiving, in the true spirit of Christian stewardship!

## WAYS OF LOVE: SUICIDE PREVENTION

Suicide Prevention Awareness month is observed nationally during the month of September. It has helped spread the facts about suicide and educate others on helping those who are struggling. The prevalence of suicide deaths is climbing at an alarming rate. Suicide is the 10<sup>th</sup> leading cause of death in the U.S. This is a social crisis that affects everyone. Maybe someone you know is dealing with someone who is facing suicide head on. A feeling of helplessness is not an uncommon reaction when you are trying to help those you love, but there is help.

On Sunday October 13, 2019 at 11:30 am in the Fellowship Hall the third installment of Ways Of Love series: Suicide Prevention will be led by guest speak Gregg Loomis from the American Foundation Of Suicide Prevention (AFPS). His presentation is entitled "Talk Saves Lives"-An Introduction To Suicide Prevention. Together we will learn the risks and warning sides of suicide and how we can prevent it. Following will be a Q & A session along with spiritual reflection on the role of faith lead by Diaconate Intern Renee Taylor.

Together – we can help one another....





*Please join us ....*



**Sunday  
October 27th 2019**

## **Gratitude Brunch**

**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.*

*All are invited!*



**Please use the sign up sheet  
in the narthex.**

*Hosted by the Fellowship and  
Stewardship Committees.*

## FALL IS IN FULL BLOOM in the SUNDAY SCHOOL

Rally Day was wonderful... so great to see the children back in class.



Just a reminder: if your child has not already been registered, and therefore would not be on our class list, please send me an email with their Name, address, telephone number, parent names and grade, date of birth. Children 3 years old and older are welcome. Children 2 ½ - 3, potty trained and ready to attend an hour of Sunday school each week are also welcome. We have amazing teachers ready to share the good news with your children. Please take some time to speak to your teachers, meet your child's classmates and make some new friends.

Sunday school is every Sunday from 10-11:15 except for school holidays. Children worship with their own liturgy service and then attend age appropriate classes. They have their own lessons and receive their own stewardship envelopes for weekly contributions. The Sunday School is self-supporting through their own contributions. That includes lessons, books, supplies, materials, etc. It is never too early to learn about being good stewards! Please see me for your child's envelopes.

There is NO Sunday School Oct 13<sup>th</sup>, which is Columbus Day Weekend.

Middle School/High School will not have class until October 27<sup>th</sup> which is the Gratitude Brunch and then they will help set up for the Gratitude Brunch – ALL are welcome.

If your child would like to join the Junior Choir and/or the Youth Group please see me for more information.

As always, check out the bulletin board, ask your child "what they learned today" and help support the Sunday School by using your child's envelope every Sunday. It takes a village, and in our case, A Congregation is our village. THANK YOU ALL!

Any questions please feel free to contact me.

Yours in Christ,

Dawn McEvoy, Superintendent and High School

Jen Battaglino, 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade

Vicky McEvoy, Shari Taylor, Beg-1<sup>st</sup> grade,

Jacob Kuligowski, Sara Battaglino; Assistants

Karen Fontecchio, Assistant Superintendent; Traci Daniele, Treasurer





**\*\*\* SAVE THE DATE \*\*\***

***November 2, 2019***

# ***Holiday Boutique***

**St. Luke's Lutheran Church  
95 Eastchester Road, New Rochelle  
10 am to 3 pm**

**New Holiday Merchandise  
Hand crafted Glass  
Homemade items  
Knickknacks and Accessories  
Toys, Books, Media  
Raffles ~ Silent Auction  
Bake Sale ~ Café  
AVON, Jewelry  
and a "Christkindl" Booth  
White Elephant and Outerwear**



## **WAYS OF LOVE**

**A Series on Caring and Being Cared  
For third in the series**

### **“Suicide Prevention”**

**Sunday, October 13th, 2019 at 11:15 A.M.**

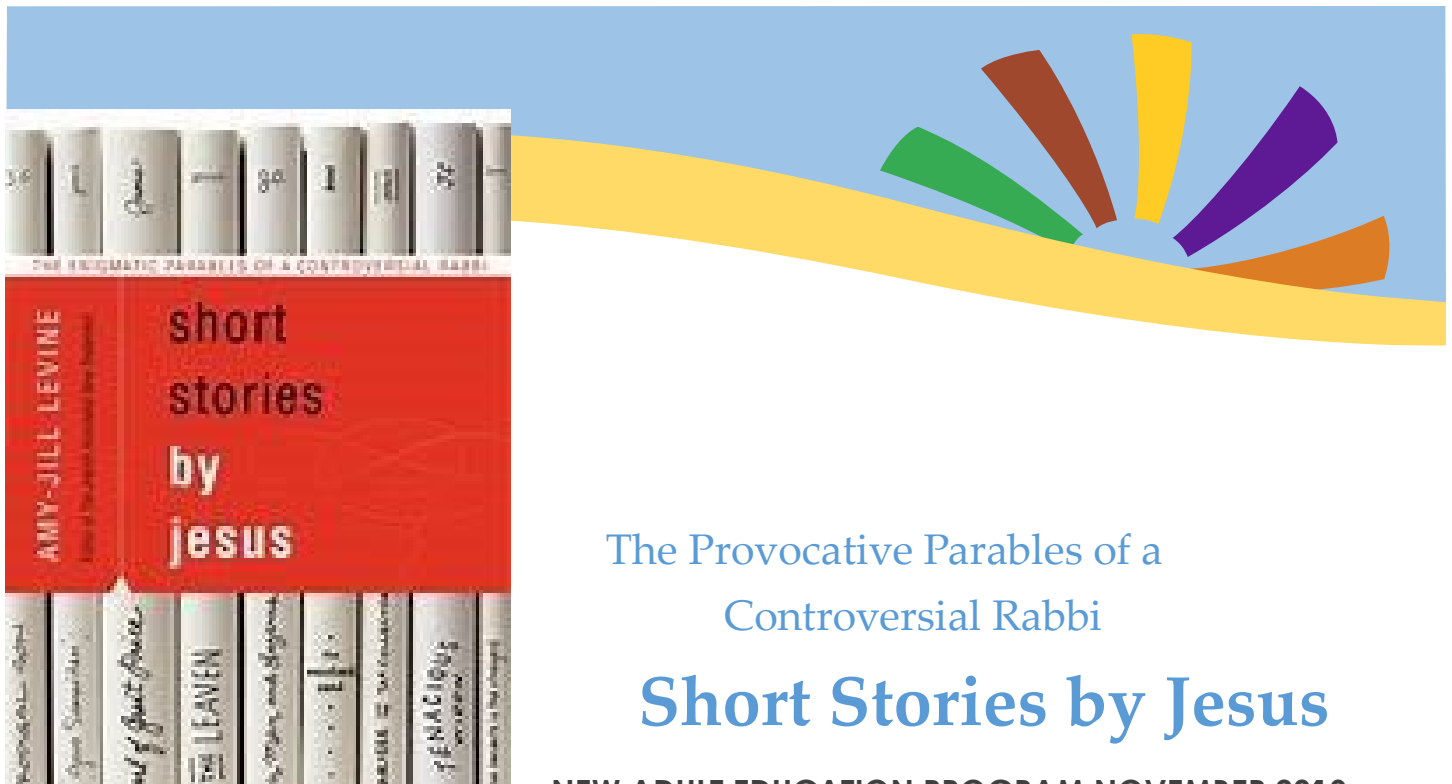
**St. Luke’s Lutheran Church, New Rochelle**

***The third in a series on social issues led by  
guest speaker Gregg Loomis from  
The American Foundation for Suicide  
Prevention (AFSP)  
followed by Q&A and spiritual reflection on  
the role of faith***

***Organized and facilitated by Renee Taylor, Diaconate Intern***

***This session will be open to the general public***





The Provoactive Parables of a  
Controversial Rabbi

## Short Stories by Jesus

NEW ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM NOVEMBER 2019



Jesus knew how to tell a story. He knew that in order to get his message across he needed to relate to the people who gathered to listen—first century Jews—who lived in a very different world than ours.

This course will take you back in time and explains how original audiences understood Jesus' parables, and how they continue to challenge and provoke today, leading us to a new understanding. Come join in a lively discussion!

**Sundays, beginning November 10, 2019**

**at 11:30 a.m. - Six Sessions**

**St. Luke's Lutheran Church**

**95 Eastchester Rd., New Rochelle, NY**

***RSVP to [PastorBillDamrow@aol.com](mailto:PastorBillDamrow@aol.com) by October 15th***

**Order participant Guide on Amazon for @ \$10.17**

**or order through Pastor Damrow.**

## AROUND THE PARISH

**In Our Prayers** this month are all those hospitalized, with health concerns, or in transition, those undergoing further tests, treatment or healing and those in our Sunday prayers, especially Gail Olsen, Eduardo Moreno, Madeline Tappert and Martha Johnson; those who have died in the Lord, especially Julia Smith, Jose, Tom Roksvold and Koni Harding and the grieving.



## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

### Birthdays

10/1	Catherine Behrend	10/18	Caitlin Fredericks
10/2	Simon James O'Rourke		Maxwell Harris
10/3	Jennifer Archer	10/19	Cindy Finegan
10/6	Ryan Head		Elizabeth Brent
10/8	Paul O'Riordan-Shimkin	10/22	May Njie
10/9	Robert Brisson	10/23	Tyler Head
10/10	Dawn McEvoy	10/24	Kenneth Lucy
	Jason Head		Rosalind Wallace
10/11	Harold Schombert, Jr.	10/25	John T. Amato
10/12	Silvia Moreno		Gabrielle Rubicco-Tamburro
	Elijah Malachi Shellukindo	10/27	Michael Wirak
10/13	Richard Tobin	10/29	Anna Shiels
10/16	Jonathan Diaz		Nathaniel Ross
	Maxwell Harris		Hiro Smith
10/17	Debra Luiso		Hailey Farney
	Stephen O'Rourke		Jeremy Harris
	Joseph Ferraro		Iryna Arbatska
		10/30	Kris Haymon

### Anniversaries

10/3	Mr. & Mrs. Robert Doerr
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 2019

## USHERS:

Oct. 6	Denise Tolles, Lydia Bersito Jennifer Archer, Jeremy Harris
13	Ed O'Garro, Jeremy Harris, Peter Johnson, Rupert Thompson
20	Karen Jantzen, Jennifer Archer, Lydia Bersito, Dori DeCarlo
27	Henry Doerr, Rosemarie Doerr, Denise Tolles, Rupert Thompson

## ACOLYTES

Oct. 6	Simon O'Rourke, Shari Taylor	Oct. 20	Chris Battaglino
Oct. 13	Cristina Jaimes	Oct. 27	Stephanie Elmer

## CRUCIFER

Oct. 6	Jacob Kuligowski	Oct. 27	Jacob Kuligowski
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## COUNCILPERSON:

Oct. 6	Jennifer Archer	Oct. 20	Jack McLaughlin
Oct. 13	----	Oct. 27	Angelika Ridulfo

## COMMUNION ASSISTANT

Oct. 6	Renee Taylor, Deacon Nancy Sigler	Oct. 20	Larry Head
Oct. 13	Deacon Marva Montalvo	Oct. 27	A. Ridulfo, S. Kuligowski

## LECTORS

Oct. 6	Cathie Behrend	Oct. 20	Rosemarie Doerr
Oct. 13	Pat Damrow	Oct. 27	Dori DeCarlo

## ALTAR GUILD

Oct. 6	TBA	Oct. 20	TBA
Oct. 13	TBA	Oct. 27	TBA

## COUNTERS

Oct. 6	T. Daniele, R. Thompson, A. Ridulfo	Oct. 20	Deacon N. Sigler, A. Ridulfo, R. Thompson
Oct. 13	R. Thompson, P. Johnson, T. Daniele	Oct. 27	T. Brooks, T. Daniele, R. Thompson

## COFFEE HOUR

Oct. 6	Social Ministry	Oct. 20	Church Council
Oct. 13	Sr. Choir	Oct. 27	Stewardship

**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 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b><u>All Sundays</u></b> 9a-Sr. Choir Rehearsal 10a-Choir 10a-Sunday School 11:15a-Jr. Choir Rehearsal 11:15a-Coffee Hour		1	2 9a-Clergy Sermon Study	3 7:30p-The Way of Scripture	4 7:15p-Boy Scouts	5 9:30a-A.A. Men's Group
6 <b>10a-St. Luke's 150th Anniversary Mass</b> <b>12-4p-150th Gala Event at Sergio's in Pelham</b>	7 7p-A.A. Mtg.	8 7:30p-Church Council Mtg.	9 9a-Clergy Sermon Study 4p-Confirmation Class Begins	10 7:30p-The Way of Scripture	11 7:15p-Boy Scouts	12 9:30a-A.A. Men's Group
13 10a-Eucharist-Service for Healing 11:30a-"Ways of Love: Suicide Prevention"  20 10a-Eucharist	14 <b>Columbus Day</b> <b>Office Closed</b> 7p-A.A. Mtg.  21 7p-A.A. Mtg.	15   22 7:30p-Social Ministry	16 9a-Clergy Sermon Study 4p-Confirmation Class  23 9a-Clergy Sermon Study 4p-Confirmation Class	17 7:30p-The Way of Scripture (Last Class)  24	18 7:15p-Boy Scouts <b>Eddy Farm Retreat Center Oct. 18-20</b>  25 7:15p-Boy Scouts	19 9:30a-A.A. Men's Group  26 9:30a-A.A. Men's Group
27 <b>Reformation Sunday</b> 10a-Eucharist <b>10a-Welcome New Members</b> <b>11:15a-Gratitude Brunch</b>	28 7p-A.A. Mtg.	29	30 9a-Clergy Sermon Study 4p-Confirmation Class	31 10a-Preschool Halloween Party/Parade  <b>Halloween</b>	<b>Nov. 1</b> <b>7:30p-Setup for Holiday Boutique</b>	<b>Nov. 2</b> <b>10a-3p-HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE</b>



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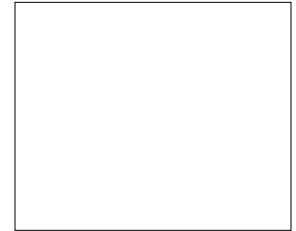
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