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Pentecost Takes Off Like a Rocket



A few weeks ago, Cub Scouts gathered in Yorktown Heights to launch rockets which they had built. Some launches climbed a fair height. Other launches needed to be aborted. All in all a fine day with only one six-year-old Cub Scout left to launch his last rocket across the field.

The ignition was fired with a small hand remote. The rocket took off like, well, a rocket! It shot out higher than the trees and continued to climb out of sight. The crowd was stunned for a moment until they caught

their breath in exultation. Then the screaming laughter of delight and surprise exploded as the scouts ran across the field to retrieve the rocket dropping slowly beneath its parachute.

I imagine something in that tone happened on Pentecost when a "mighty rushing wind" (wind is a common symbol for the Holy Spirit) and "tongues as of fire" appeared. The gathered disciples were "filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance". In Christian tradition, this event represents fulfillment of the promise that Christ will baptize his followers with a continual outpouring of the Holy Spirit.



Pentecost is the reminder that God keeps His promises and that the new age of the Kingdom of God launched that day to everyone's astonished delight. The disciples "found their voice" to share the good news and it continues to this day through every available media, from the very beginning – word of mouth and every form of "remote" technology of their times to ours -written papyrus, handwritten medieval manuscript bibles, the printing press, art, music, literature, film, radio, television, internet, email, online ---every technology tool available to the times - to message the glorious news of God in Jesus Christ.

This is true evangelism. Evangelism is not about the means. It's about the message. There is no one single way of evangelism. But there is one message for all.

In our recent times so many things have been scrambled from the ways we have known and loved.. When we increasingly come closer to enjoying more relaxed and safe personal gatherings, let's keep our eyes on the "new rockets" we have for sending God's message ever upward and outward. We are in a new age. To those who adapt, the new possibilities can be the doors for welcoming others into fellowship of Christ.

No doubt our physical gathering and abiding in Christ will give us greater courage and humility for the explosive power and variety of God's grace.

When we come into the church sanctuary, there are many improvements and repairs that our late sexton, Eduardo Moreno made while we were closed. He worked quietly all year, even as he was weakened by cancer, days of remission then days of recurrence. But you probably won't notice those repairs and improvements, like those around the stained-glass windows, because like Eduardo himself, they were done so as not to draw attention to the repairs or himself. That is evangelism. We use the variety of tools available to us.

The Holy Spirit gives us tools to point us beyond ourselves to the Christ.. As John the Baptist said of himself and our Lord Jesus – "He must increase but I must decrease." That is the Holy Spirit's perfect launch!

In His Spirit,

Pastor Bill Damrow

Rev. Dr. William J. Damrow

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP

<u>INDOORS - SUNDAY, MAY 2, 2021 at 10:00 A.M.</u> Fifth Sunday of Easter

Note Change: No reservations are required for Sunday Worship services.

INDOOR SERVICE: MAY 2nd

The usual Covid protocols will remain in place. Zoom access will be available on May 2.

OUTDOOR SERVICES: MAY 9th, MAY 16th, MAY 23rd, and MAY 30th

The Sunday worship services for the remaining Sundays in May are planned for *outdoors*, weather permitting.

The usual Covid protocols will remain in place outdoors. Either Zoom access or recording will be available. Please remember to bring a chair. In the event of inclement weather, the service will be indoors. Be sure to bring a mask. No reservations are required.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS - 2021-2022

Listed here are the members of St. Luke's Church Council for 2021-2022.

Rev. William J. Damrow, Pastor

Elected and Installed

Jeremy Harris - President Dawn McEvoy - Vice President Angelika Ridulfo - Secretary Steve Olsen - Treasurer Traci Daniele - Financial Secretary Rupert Thompson-Assistant Financial Secretary (appointed) Jennifer Archer Lisa Conners ogether Thomas Constabile Karen Fontecchio we Pat Fredericks make Walter Glatz Larry Head Joy Mitchell erence Walter Mitze Nancy Sigler Melbourne Taylor **Denise Tolles** Julia Ungewitter



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In Christ, The Rev. Robin Brown Mission Funding Director, Congregations

THE BOOK CLUB CORNER





May: Gilead by Marilynne Robinson

June: The Vanishing Half by Brit Bennett

St. Luke's Book Club meets monthly, on Thursdays, at 7 :00 P.M. via Zoom. Everyone is welcome to join us! For further information, contact Jennifer Archer. (<u>ktembo@aol.com</u>)

SOCIAL MINISTRY NEWS

"Many thanks to the April Hope Cook Team: Rich and Pattie Tobin, Lisa and Olivia Connors! Job well done!

The date for the May cook is TBD soon.

(Social Ministry continued)

"In Another Voice...

As wonderful as it is to hear our own Pastor preach, enjoy hearing another take on "The Word" from our deacon Nancy Sigler and others. Consider taking this interesting opportunity when it arises!" ~Denise Tolles

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY from the Fellowship Committee

Blessings to all our moms!

We hope this newsletter finds you and your families healthy and happy and enjoying this springtime weather.



St. Luke's has been open for in person service while also

streaming live via zoom for those not able to attend. Please be on the lookout for those emails and rsvp to St. Luke's church. We hope to be able to see you all in person soon.

Koinonia is finally reopening for retreats! We have reserved our regular weekend Oct 15-17th. Please see the flyer on page 6 and rsvp as soon as possible as space is limited.

While our committee has successfully managed to retain an active membership, we continue to recruit, in the name of St. Luke's Fellowship, all those with the time and talents to support our mission of unity and oneness in Christ. Our church is an amazing family because we are all part of it. Thank you for your continued support and dedication! Please let us know if there is anything we can do for you.

Yours In Christ Pat Damrow and Dawn McEvoy

WE NEED YOUR HELP! COUNTERS



The finance committee is small yet mighty but needs additional support.

Please consider joining us on a Sunday after church services for approximately 1 hour, once per month.

Please contact Traci Daniele at <u>twdaniele@gmail.com</u> for more information or to sign up. Thank you for your consideration and support.

FROM THE SUNDAY SCHOOL & YOUTH GROUP

Happy Mother's Day!

We wish all the moms in your life a blessed Mother's Day! May you all be healthy and enjoying the beautiful spring days we have been having.

Our first, and hopefully last, Easter Pageant via Zoom was held on April 11th during the worship service. The children were awesome and it was sooo great to see their faces.

If you haven't seen them or aren't getting the weekly lessons we have been sending, please let me know. I will make sure I have you on our email list. Thanks to the magic of the internet, God's Good News and our Spiritual Education continue. We are continuing to send the lessons until we can meet in person again.

There are church services now in person as well as on-line. Please look out for the emails from St. Luke's for those opportunities.

We can't wait to finally be able to see you all in person and know that day will come. Until then please continue to share the good news with each other. Continue to grow in your Christian faith. Don't forget Sunday School, your spiritual education is just as important as your scholastic one!

Take us with you on your journey!

God Bless you and your families.... Stay safe and stay strong St. Luke's!!!

Dawn, Jen, Vicky, Shari, Jacob, Karen and Traci





St. Luke's Lutheran Church

invites you to join us



Annual Family Retreat

OCTOBER 15TH - 17TH 2021

Weekend includes double occupancy in conference center, Saturday meals Sunday breakfast and all activities. \$200 per person (Single and child rates avail.)

Space is limited rsvp asap

email Dawn at mmcevoy33@aol.com

AROUND THE PARISH

In our Prayers this month are the hospitalized, those with health concerns, those undergoing further tests, treatments, or healing, especially Bob Tupper, Paula Hayes, Gail Olsen, Roz Wallace and Henry Doerr, those in our Sunday prayers, and those who have died in the Lord, especially Eduardo Moreno.



MAY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- 5/1 Denise Tolles Shari Taylor
- 5/2 Thomas Breen Sean Taylor
- 5/3 Mrs. Harold Waller
- 5/6 Olivia Connors
- 5/9 Aikande Mallya
- 5/10 Carmen Thompson Faith Forsberg
- 5/11 Karen DiBiccari
- 5/12 Leam McEvoy Melissa Rubicco Samantha Eves
- 5/15 Sherry Fraser-Pulvermiller
- 5/16 Daniel Brisson
- 5/17 David Hallman John Rubicco

<u>Birthdays</u>

- 5/19 Tina Prout-Stoody
- 5/20 Marcia Carol Hild
- 5/21 Victoria McEvoy
- 5/22 Nancy LoPresti Michael Dassler
- 5/24 Matthew Brent Conor Ahyoung
- 5/26 Douglas Smith Susan Johansen-Shiels Matthieu Rankis Amelia Benge
- 5/27 Roberta Dassler Karen Fontecchio
- 5/28 Megan Fontecchio
- 5/29 Margaret Lenz
- 5/31 Kristen Johnson-Head

Anniversaries

- 5/3 Michael & Nadia Dassler
- 5/5 Erik & Kim Walder
- 5/15 Richard & Patricia Tobin
- 5/18 Clifford & Roberta Dassler
- 5/19 Kristen & Matthew Head
- 5/21 Margaret & Michael Nicolais
- 5/22 Joan Bast-Rodriguez & William Rodriguez
- 5/29 Jason & Suzanne Head

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 10a-Service of Worship 11:30a-Adult Ed. "The New Testament You Never Knew"	3	4 7:30 p – Worship & Music	5 10a-Clergy Pericope Study 10a-Prayer Group 7:30 p – Reopening Committee	6	7	8
9 <i>Mother's Day</i> 10a-Service of Worship 10a-Blessing of Mothers 11:30a-Adult Ed. "The New Testament You Never Knew"	10	11 7:30p-Church Council Mtg.	<i>12</i> 10a-Clergy Pericope Study 10a-Prayer Group	13	14	15 11a -Baptism of Logan Head (via Zoom) 12 n – Memorial/private
<i>16</i> 10a-Service of Worship	17	18 7:30 p – Social Ministry	19 10a-Clergy Pericope Study 10a-Prayer Group	20	21	22
23 Day of Pentecost 10a-Service of Worship Cooking for HOPE	24 10a-HOPE Food Pickup	25	26 10a-Clergy Pericope Study 10a-Prayer Group	27	28	29
30 Holy Trinity 10a-Service of Worship	31 Memorial Day Office Closed					

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