

# St. Luke's Voice

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

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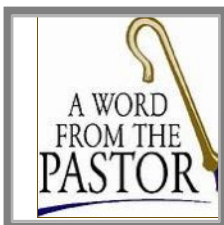
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## On the Threshold of a New Life



You are on the threshold of a new life.

So am I.

So are we all.

A curious observation: people tend to stop in the doorways to a room, neither in nor out but both. At a party it would seem the one place people would want to leave free for entrance and exit. But instead, like people gathering around an indoor fountain, people tend to gather in the threshold, the place of transitions.

As I ready for retirement, I feel in-between being pastor of St. Luke's and a new life in retirement---on the threshold of both.

The funny thing about thresholds is they allow us to look back as well as ahead. Instead of seeing your life as either being in one place or the other, one life or the other, our lives are a continuum of choices and memories; a continuum of transformations that beckon us.

We are on a threshold of life and death, job and vocation, youth age and older age. Everyone is getting older. Everyone is transforming as we speak. We are always both arriving and departing. Ecclesiastes reminds us that to everything there is a season. The thing about seasons is that they return repeatedly in the cycle of nature. Entrance and exit. Exit and entrance. Ebb and flow. Hovering in the doorways.

God told the Israelites to mark their doorways in Egypt. God was about to change their lives. A bridegroom may customarily carry his bride over the threshold as a sign they are beginning their new life together.

We are on a threshold every day of our lives. Even love is transformed daily if we pay attention to it. A living thing.

Author and retreat leader Joyce Rupp says of all this that "The power of a threshold resounds in the story of the resurrection. From the hollow deadness of the tomb, Christ came forth transformed with unmistakable splendor. So in our threshold experiences. The Holy one's life-giving energy frees and gifts us with what enables us to express the beauty of our soul."

The power of the Resurrection is hope. The power of the Resurrection is to see with the eyes of faith that we stand at the door of a new life constantly. It is, as an adventurous well-traveled friend of mine said recently, "scary, anxious...and exciting!"

My most meaningful moments of ministry have been a companion in your thresholds, the transitions of sorrows and joys. Times of genuine vulnerability, authenticity, and truth -when life breaks the skin and sometimes the heart.

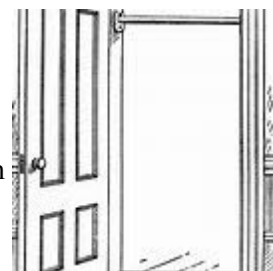
In a way, there is no leaving without an arriving of some kind in our lives. It is a divine sign that God is with us, inviting us to new worlds, ultimately into that which is both simultaneously death and Life, a going and a coming. It's no accident that a symbol of resurrection is a caterpillar transforming into a butterfly, beginning the moment it enters this world.

Look at the thresholds of your life. They are the places where God is near.

"The LORD shall preserve your going out and your coming in from this time forth, and for evermore." (Psalm 121:8)

Your pastor and friend,

**Pastor Bill Damrow**



## 2022 FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



Instruction for First Communion begins for Second Graders and above on Sundays, May 8 (Part 1- instruction), 11:15 a.m. – 12 noon and May 15 (Part 2- practice), 11:15 – 12 noon. Receiving First Holy Communion will be during the worship service on Sunday, May 22.

*Already registered are Tommy Constabile, Cayden Shellukindo and Carsten Shellukindo.*



Three of our youth will affirm their baptism at their Confirmation on Pentecost Sunday, June 5, 2022 during the 10 a.m. service of worship.

Confirmation marks the completion of the congregation's program of confirmation ministry, a period of instruction in the Christian faith as confessed in the teachings of the Lutheran Church. Those who complete this program were made members of the Church in Baptism. Confirmation includes a public profession of the faith into which the candidates were baptized, thus underscoring God's action in their Baptism.

*For the Rite of Confirmation are Charlotte Buehrer, Faith Forsberg, and Adin Triolo.*



## THANK YOU, ST. LUKE'S

*Thank you for your gift of \$370 to ELCA World Hunger (December 2021).*

*Thank you for your gift of \$550 to ELCA World Hunger (February 2022).*

*Thank you for your gift of \$1,467 to ELCA World Hunger (April 2022)*

*Thank you for your gift of \$125 to Lutheran Disaster Response. (February 2022)*

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*The Rev. Robin Brown,  
Director, Congregational Generosity  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
**ELCA.org***



*Thank you for your generous donation of \$100 on 12/31/21 to Hearts & Homes for Refugees (January 2022)*

*Thank you for your generous donation of \$450 on 1/31/22 to Hearts & Homes for Refugees (February 2022)*

*With Gratitude,  
Kathie O'Callaghan  
President & Founder  
**Heartsandhomesforrefugees.org***

## GOD AND CHURCH AWARD

*Paul O'Riordan-Shimkin* was recognized at church during the Service for receiving the Boy Scouts of America P.R.A.Y. "God and Church" Award. P.R.A.Y. stands for Programs for Religious Activities with Youth. The PRAY program requires young people to study scripture and then design a service project to put into action what they have learned.

The award features an X, the first letter in Greek for Christ, symbolic of how Christ should be at the center of our lives.

Congratulations, Paul and family!

## COOKING FOR HOPE

April's Hope Cook team, Joan Bast, Bill Rodriguez, Patti Tobin and Denise Tolles, assembled a delicious meal of chicken tenders, sweet potato fries and mixed vegetables.

Next Hope Cook is Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. All welcome!

## ST. LUKE'S ALTAR GUILD



Pictured here is the Altar Guild, having just finished setting up for Easter Sunday worship service.

## BOOK CLUB CORNER

St. Luke's Book Club met on Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup> via Zoom and discussed this month's selection, *The Nightwatchman* by Louise Erdrich. Our discussion, led by Karen Nurmi, was very thought provoking, especially given the complex nature of the book. Thanks to Karen for a job very well done!

Our May book choice is *These Precious Days* by Ann Patchett. We'll meet via Zoom on Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. You are most welcome to join the group! Reach out to Jennifer Archer or Elizabeth Brent if you'd like to be added to the Zoom link.



## *Meditation Garden BUY A BRICK*

**THE TIME IS NOW!!!! In honor of our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Pastor Bill's Retirement, for those we have loved and lost, for the milestones we have cherished; what better way to memorialize them. Add your lasting memory! To place your order, please use the form below:**

In Honor of Janie Smith First Holy Communion
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"4x8" Brick 3 Lines \$100

In Memory of Grandma Grandpa Rest In Peace We love and miss you Today and Always
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"8x8" Brick 6 Lines \$250

**Mini Bricks are available as exact replicas of larger bricks WITH purchase only. Cost \$25 each. Approx size 1 ½"x3"**  
**Brick 4"x8" (3 lines – 20 characters and spaces per line)**


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If you have any questions, please contact Dawn McEvoy at 347-604-3969 or email [mmcevoy33@aol.com](mailto:mmcevoy33@aol.com)

***Thank you for your support!!!***





*Handmade Glass Gifts for Mother's Day  
especially created by Martha Johnson*

*On sale May 1<sup>st</sup>*

*In the Fellowship Hall*

*immediately following Church*

*(all proceeds to support St. Luke's Church)*



## HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY from the Fellowship Committee



We wish you and all the “Moms” in your life a very special and blessed day.

The fellowship committee and ladies had a fabulous time at our “Annual” Ladies Retreat at Koinonia last weekend (see article on page 9) . . . we hope next time you can come!



May 1<sup>st</sup> Martha Johnson will be selling her beautiful glass creations after Church in the Fellowship Hall – just in time for Mother’s Day! All proceeds generously donated to the church Spring Sale.

Our Annual Spring Sale is back – May 14<sup>th</sup> is the date. We need as much help as we can get for set up on Friday night, May 13<sup>th</sup>, as well as working Saturday and packing up Sunday. Please donate to the Raffle table. We make at least 1/3 of our profit from the Raffles and need your support. Please share the flyer and date with your friends, family, and contacts. We plan on bringing back the café this May so come to shop and stay to have a bite to eat. We will have a sign up sheet at coffee hour, and you can

email or reach out to either Pat or Dawn.

SAVE THE DATE – Pastor’s Retirement celebration – Sunday, June 12, 2022 at the Rail House in Pelham from 12-3pm. Space will be limited. We are creating a keepsake booklet for Pastor with well wishes and memories of the last 33 years. Cost will be \$25 per page. PLEASE contact Dawn or send to Dawn by May 15<sup>th</sup>.

Also, in the spirit of Pastor’s retirement and life’s changes, we are again building up our Meditation Garden in the back yard with NEW bricks. See the flyer in the newsletter and order asap. We would love to have them in by the end of summer.

If you are on Facebook, please join our page – “St. Luke’s New Rochelle”. Please visit our Website at [SLNR.org](http://SLNR.org).

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 [Mmcevoy33@aol.com](mailto:Mmcevoy33@aol.com)

# HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

## from the SUNDAY SCHOOL & YOUTH GROUP

Thank you to all the children and parents who helped make the Easter Pageant happen on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. We hope this is the last time we have a small cast, but what a mighty cast they were! From Mary to Jesus, and duo roles for our disciples and soldiers ... they pulled off a wonderful story of Easter.



Easter Sunday we hosted our Annual Easter Egg Hunt in the backyard. . .what a fabulous way to end a beautiful church service. Nice to see so many returning families in the pews.

Please note and see the enclosed flyer:

May 14<sup>th</sup> is our "Returning" Annual Spring Sale. We could use all the help we can get.

The youth group would be a very welcomed addition. We will set up Friday night, serve Saturday and Clean Up Sunday. Please email me if you can participate.

Also:

First Communion is scheduled for Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Confirmation is Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>.

Pastor's Retirement celebration is Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup> at the Rail House in Pelham.

Invites to come soon. Space is greatly limited so be sure to rsvp.

As the weather is beautiful, the Covid numbers are down and Church is open, we hope you will bring your children back to Sunday School. We miss them and they are missing so much.

Please continue to support the Sunday School with your contributions. If you cannot make it in person, you can mail them into church, marked "St. Luke's Sunday School".

God Bless you and your families.... Happy Mother's Day!!!!

Please visit our website and Facebook pages.  
[www.Slnr.org](http://www.Slnr.org) and [@slnr.org](https://www.facebook.com/slnr.org)

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





## KOINONIA WOMEN'S RETREAT

Some of the women from St. Luke's travelled north to Koinonia for a retreat experience over the weekend of April 22-24. We were delighted to be able to be together again after the "CoVid" hiatus. Some of the women commented on their experience as an opportunity to make new friends, disconnect from day-to-day issues, and try new things, such as kayaking, in a relaxing and beautiful setting. Our thanks to Dawn McEvoy for all her work in organizing the retreat.

We shared Bible study, led by Koinonia's Executive Director, Dr. Kathleen Ruen, which was a great opportunity to speak openly about what was in our hearts and minds. We also enjoyed a Yoga class – thanks to Julia Ungewitter!, a craft, a movie, excellent meals and meaningful worship services. Following the Sunday morning worship, in celebration of Earth Day, we planted a tree on the Koinonia grounds. We can't wait to see how much it grows by the time we return!



St. Luke's Women's Retreat is an annual event, happening every spring – "take a chance and come because you will enjoy it more than you think," said a first-time retreat. Next year's Women's Retreat will be over the weekend of April 21-23. Join us!



**ALSO PLEASE NOTE:**



Save the date for our first Fall Fun Fest – Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> from 12- 3pm.

See the flyer on the next page of this newsletter for all the details!



# **St. Luke's Lutheran Church FALL FEST**

**Community Invited!!  
Saturday SEPT 24th  
12 - 3 pm**

**95 Eastchester Road, New Rochelle**

**Fun, Games, Entertainment, Bubble Bus, The  
Coleman Teen Dance Company, Hiawatha's  
Martial Arts and Fitness, Boy Scout Troop 11.  
The Preschool Learning Center, Mikey Dubbs  
Frozen Custard, HOPE Community Services,  
and more...**

**Bring 3 cans of food for HOPE receive a ticket  
for a free hot dog.  
ALL ARE WELCOME !!!**

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## AROUND THE PARISH



**In Our Prayers** are all those hospitalized, or with health concerns, or in transition, and those in our Sunday prayers, especially, *Marva Montalvo, Ward Henderson, Jean Carlson, and Jennifer Archer*, and the grieving, especially *the O'Garro family upon the death of Camille's uncle Everard; Bill Taylor and family upon the death of his friend, Gary.*

## MAY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

### Birthdays

5/1	Denise Tolles	5/19	Tina Prout-Stoody
	Shari Taylor	5/21	Victoria McEvoy
5/2	Thomas Breen	5/22	Nancy LoPresti
	Sean Taylor		Michael Dassler
5/3	Mrs. Harold Waller	5/24	Matthew Brent
5/6	Olivia Connors		Conor Ahyoung
5/10	Carmen Thompson	5/26	Douglas Smith
	Faith Forsberg		Susan Johansen-Shiels
5/11	Karen DiBiccari		Matthieu Rankis
5/12	Leam McEvoy		Amelia Benge
	Melissa Rubicco	5/27	Roberta Dassler
	Samantha Eves		Karen Fontecchio
5/15	Sherry Fraser-Pulvermiller	5/28	Megan Fontecchio
5/16	Daniel Brisson	5/29	Margaret Lenz
5/17	David Hallman	5/31	Kristen Johnson-Head
	John Rubicco		

### Anniversaries

5/3	Michael & Nadia Dassler
5/15	Richard & Patricia Tobin
5/18	Clifford & Roberta Dassler
5/18	Kristen & Matthew Head
5/21	Margaret & Michael Nicolais
5/22	Joan Bast-Rodriguez & William Rodriguez

## ST. LUKE'S LUTHERAN CHURCH – MAY 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 10a-Service of the Word, Dcn. Nancy Sigler 11a-Coffee Hour <b>11a-Handmade Glass Gifts created by Martha Johnson for sale in Fellowship Hall (proceeds to St. Luke's)</b></p>	2	3	<p>4 9:30p-Pericope Study 10a-Prayer Group 7:30p-Membership Group</p>	<p>5 7:30p-Confirmation Class</p>	<p>6 Special Mtg. of the Synod Assembly (virtual)  7:15p-Boy Scouts</p>	<p>7 9:30a-A.A. Men's Group</p>
<p>8 <b>Mother's Day</b> 10a-Eucharist 10a-Blessing of Mothers 11a-Coffee Hour 11:15a-12n-First Communion Instruction 1:30p-Baptism of Summer &amp; Schuyler Kline</p>	9	<p>10 7:30p-Church Council Mtg. (in-person)</p>	<p>11 9:30p-Pericope Study 10a-Prayer Group 7:30p-Worship &amp; Music</p>	<p>12 7:30p-Confirmation Class</p>	<p>13 <b>6p-Spring Sale Setup</b>  No Boy Scouts</p>	<p>14 <b>10a-3p - St. Luke's Spring Sale</b> No A.A. Men's Group</p>
<p>15 10a-Eucharist 11a-Coffee Hour 11:15a-12n-First Communion Instruction &amp; Rehearsal 11a-Cooking for HOPE 12p-Spring Sale Cleanup</p>	<p>16 10a-HOPE Food Pickup</p>	17	<p>18 9:30p-Pericope Study 10a-Prayer Group</p>	<p>19 7pm Book Club 7:30p-Confirmation Class</p>	<p>20 7:15p-Boy Scouts</p>	<p>21 9:30a-A.A. Men's Group</p>
<p>22 <b>First Communion</b> 10a-Eucharist 11a-Coffee Hour</p>	23	24	<p>25 9:30p-Pericope Study 10a-Prayer Group 7:30p-Socail Ministry 8p-Outreach Group</p>	<p>26 7:30p-Confirmation Class</p>	<p>27 7:15p-Boy Scouts</p>	<p>28 9:30a-A.A. Men's Group</p>
<p>29 10a-Eucharist 11a-Coffee Hour</p>	<p>30 <b>Memorial Day Office Closed</b></p>	31	<p><u><b>All Sundays</b></u> 9:a-Sr. Choir Rehearsal 10a-Choir 10a-Sunday School 11a-Coffee Hour</p>	<p><b>June 2 - Thursday 7:30p-Confirmation Rehearsal (in-person)</b></p>	<p><b>June 5- Sunday 10a-Confirmation</b></p>	<p><b>June 12-Sunday Pastor's Retirement Dinner</b></p>



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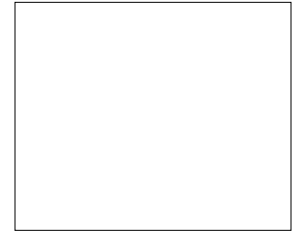
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