# St. Luke's Voice

*St. Luke's Lutheran Church, New Rochelle, N.Y.* ***June 2022***

St. Luke's Lutheran Church

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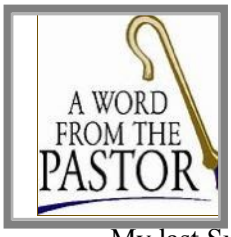
## What's Next




Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

As we move toward transitioning pastoral leadership this summer, let me share both my timeline as your pastor and also expectations by our synod and ELCA for pastoral transition.

**First the timeline:**

My last Sunday is July 31st. After that, another pastor will cover for pastoral emergencies in August while I use my vacation time to wrap things up here in New Rochelle, packing, etc. My effective date of retirement is September 1 but as I've said, July 31st is my last day of "active duty".

**Expectations of retiring/leaving ELCA pastors:**

I am quoting here from two ELCA and Synod documents – "At the time of retirement a pastor is no longer pastor of a congregation and therefore must discontinue the functions of the pastoral office in the congregation…Ordained ministers shall respect the integrity of the ministry of congregations which they do not serve and shall not exercise ministerial functions."

This means I will not participate in doing baptisms, weddings, funerals, and anniversaries because it tends to undermine the ministry of the next pastor.

It is understandable. I've seen another congregation or two where this was not practiced, and it created an unhealthy transition to new leadership and the congregation suffered. The new pastor is the pastor and I know you will welcome them as such with open arms as you did me 33 years ago.

The Church/Synod recognizes that where friendships have been established, "we will be thoughtful in how we embrace those friendships as they relate to the congregation, being careful not to let friendships merge into acts normally associated with the pastoral office."

**What's next:**

Pat and I will be moving upstate, as many of you know, to our home outside of Woodstock, NY, about two hours away. Just as you are wondering what comes next, so are we! We believe that God will show us all (St. Luke's and us) the way. In fact, God is doing so even now, "like a hidden seed", as Jesus was fond of saying.

So we are here for the next two months. Lots to celebrate together – Confirmation, Retirement Party, Baptisms, Installation of Deacon Renee Taylor as Deacon to St. Luke's, long delayed by the pandemic but finally here! Let us celebrate and rejoice even with tears of sorrow and tears of joy.

It is not an easy thing to end a ministry here and leave our beloved community and our home in New Rochelle. Not easy at all. Yet there are new beginnings that await us all, new adventures even as we carry you, our loved ones, each and every day in our hearts.

Though I cannot exercise the office of the ministry with you when I am no longer your called pastor, you will always be our friends.

Love,

***Pastor Bill and Pat Damrow***

**SDG – "Soli Deo Gloria" – "To God alone be the Glory"**

# DEACON RENEE TAYLOR TO BE INSTALLED
## June 26

A Congregational Meeting on Sunday, February 13, 2022 voted unanimously, on the recommendation of the pastor, that Deacon Renee Taylor is called by St. Luke's to a one-year, annually renewable, Call to Service at St. Luke's, after she became a rostered Synodical Deacon.

**Renee will be Installed at St. Luke's during the worship Service on Sunday, June 26 at 10:00 A.M.**

Come congratulate Deacon Renee in her service to the Lord!

Three of our children received their First Holy Communion during the worship service on Sunday, May 22.

*Tommy Constabile, Cayden Shellukindo and Carsten Shellukindo* received their First Communion. Unfortunately *M.J. O'Neill,* who received instruction with the other three boys, took sick that day.

Arrangements are being made for *Michael (M.J.)* to receive his First Communion in the near future.

# HEARTS & HOMES NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Hearts and Homes for Refugees has asked St. Luke's help in supporting newly settled refugees in the area. The organization is looking for people to volunteer their time on a regular basis. This cohort of volunteers would help a family navigate the challenges of life in a new city with a new language and new customs. Refugees need help with tasks such as registering a child at school, picking up a child from school, managing the household budget, making calls.

If you would like to volunteer or to learn more, please contact Elizabeth Brent at Elizabeth.lizzieb718@gmail.com. Sadly, Hearts and Homes is unable to accept more refugees currently, due to the lack of volunteer support teams and the lack of affordable housing.

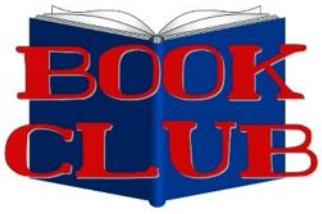
A Reminder: Three of our youth will affirm their baptism at their Confirmation on Pentecost Sunday, June 5, 2022 during the 10 a.m. Service of worship.

Affirming their Baptism in the Rite of Confirmation are

*Charlotte Buehrer*
*Faith Forsberg*
*Adin Triolo*

Congratulations to all three of our youth and their families as they grow in Christian discipleship!

# BOOK CLUB CORNER




St. Luke's Book Club met via Zoom on Thursday, May 19th when we discussed Ann Patchett's *These Precious Days,* a deeply personal collection of essays in which the author reflects on home, family, friendships and writing. We had an interesting discussion, sharing which of the essays was a favorite and why. Our June selection is *Wish you Were Here* by Jodi Picoult. We will meet via Zoom on Thursday, June 23rd at 7. Everyone is welcome to join us!

# HAPPY FATHER'S DAY
## from the Fellowship Committee

Happy Father's Day to all the "Fathers" in your life.

Blessings to our First Communicants as well as our Confirmands!

Thank you to Martha Johnson for her generous donation to our Spring sale from her beautiful glass creations… and thank you to Cathie Behrend for her generous donation to our spring sale from the sale of 52 of her delicious breads. Our Spring sale netted over $2200 thanks to all our members' hard work and dedication (and purchases). It was another great few days of fellowship for us all.

Pastor's Retirement celebration is fast approaching on Sunday, June 12, 2022 at the Rail House in Pelham from 12-3pm. We hope you all were able to reserve your seats.

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 NOW. Hopefully we can still get them added.

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 this newsletter (page 7) and order as soon as possible. We would love to have them in by the end of summer, especially if you missed adding to Pastor's commemorative Book.

Lastly, Pastor's last service at St. Luke's will be July 31st. Please save the date and join us at a reception in fellowship hall.

If you are on Facebook, please join our page. "St. Luke's New Rochelle". Please visit our Website at 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

# HAPPY FATHER'S DAY
## from the Sunday School & Youth Group!

God bless our Dads, Grandpas, Uncles, Surrogate Fathers etc… God Bless our Pastor, who has been a father to us all!

God Bless our First Communion recipients: Cayden and Carsten Shellukindo, Tommy Constabile and MJ O'Neill.

God Bless our June 5th Confirmands: Charlotte Beuhrer, Faith Forsberg and Aiden Triolo.

Thank you to all who worked, manned tables, donated and helped clean up after the Spring Sale on May 14th. We couldn't have done it without you. We raised over $2200 for our church.

Pastor's Retirement celebration is Sunday, June 12th at the Rail House in Pelham from 12-3pm. Evites have been sent out based on our newsletter list. If you did not receive one, please contact me.

June 19th, Father's Day, is our Promotion Sunday, please bring your children so we can recognize all of them as they get promoted to the next year in Sunday School.

Please see the form enclosed for our Meditation Garden Bricks and consider buying one (or more) to commemorate special occasions in your lives.

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". We continue to have expenses whether we have a few children or many. We need your support!

God Bless you and your families…. Happy Father's Day and Happy start of summer, see you all in September!!!!!

Please visit our website and Facebook pages. www.Slnr.org and @slnr.org

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

# JULY FOOD DRIVE

HOPE's Food Pantry urgently needs replenishing as food prices rise and families worry about how to put food on the table. Save the date for the next Food Drive for HOPE Community Services on **Sunday, July 10** from 11-12 in the parking lot.

Spread the word to friends and family. There's time to catch the sales in your local grocery store and stock up on HOPE's much needed items: meals in cans, rice, cans of tuna, beans, peanut butter, jelly, spaghetti sauce, and pasta. You can start bringing food to put in the box in the Narthex on Sundays or wait until July 10.

Our thanks to Pat Damrow who received a Thrivent Financial Action Team grant of $250 to purchase much needed food for HOPE.

# COOKING FOR HOPE

May's Hope Cook Team, Joan Bast, Bill Rodriguez, Roz Carter, Lisa, Ken and Olivia Connors, Robert Brent and Denise Tolles enjoyed fellowship while assembling a tasty meal of chicken tenders, French fries and green beans.

The next Hope Cook is Sunday, June 19th. All welcome!

St. Luke's
LUTHERAN CHURCH

# *Meditation Garden*
# *BUY A BRICK*

**THE TIME IS NOW!!!!! In honor of our 150th 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<br>Janie Smith<br>First Holy Communion |
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"4x8" Brick 3 Lines $100

| In Memory of<br>Grandma<br>Grandpa<br>Rest In Peace<br>We love and miss you<br>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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**To order additional bricks, please make additional copies of this flyer.**

**Your Name** _____ **Phone**_____

**Address** _____ **Email** _____

**City** _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

**# _____ 4"x8" Brick(s) @ $100 = _____**

**#_____ 8"x8" Brick(s) @$250 = _____**

**#_____ Mini Brick(s) @$25 = _____**

**TOTAL ENCLOSED = $_____**

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If you have any questions, please contact Dawn McEvoy at 347-604-3969 or email mmcevoy33@aol.com

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

# AROUND THE PARISH

**In Our Prayers** this month are those hospitalized, with health concerns, or in transition, and those in our Sunday prayers, especially, *Marva Montalvo, Ward Henderson, Jean Carlson, Bob Maresca, and Madeline Tappert.*

# BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

6/1 Madeline Buehrer
6/3 Kyle Jantzen
Karl Jantzen
6/8 Steffany O'Neill
6/12 Jessica Bose
Jane Kimber
6/14 Nadia Dassler
6/16 Allison Link
6/19 Patricia Fredericks
6/22 Christian Shiels
6/24 John Amato
6/27 Donald Doerr
6/29 Bruce Kuligowski
Mary O'Riordan

## JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

6/2 Martin & Julia Ungewitter
6/10 Irene & James Breen
6/17 Kris & Stacey Haymon
6/19 Brett Buehrer & Dana Diersen-Buehrer
6/20 Michael & Steffany O'Neill
6/25 Peter & Resha Conroy
6/26 Gabrielle & Vincent Tamburro
6/28 Karen & George Jantzen

## JULY BIRTHDAYS

7/2 Trina Lenz
7/5 Courtney Brisson
7/7 Lindsey Kuligowski
7/8 Kristine Kuligowski
Barbara Bersito
7/9 Teresa Montalvo
7/11 Benjamin Blake
7/12 Christopher Santizo
7/13 Resha Conroy
7/14 Axel Distasio
7/16 Samantha Mitze
7/17 Cayden Shellukindo
7/18 Herbert Doerr
7/19 Ryan Tupper
7/21 Michael Amato
7/28 Henry Doerr
7/31 Walter Mitze

## JULY ANNIVERSARIES

7/4 Robert & Elizabeth Brent
7/14 Rosalind & Ernest Wallace
7/16 Joe Triolo & Jeniece Oliveras-Triolo
7/24 Corinne & Matthew Blake
7/31 Douglas & Dorothy Smith

## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

8/4 Barbara McLaughlin
8/6 Ernest Wallace
8/8 Lorraine Helfer
8/10 Danielle Tolles-Finocchiaro
8/12 Camille Brock
8/13 Patrice Mitchell
8/14 Faith Bissinger
8/18 Bob Lepple
8/28 Catherine Elser
Linda Skillen
8/29 Joy Mitchell
Jacob Damrow

## AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

8/8 Alan & Karen Fontecchio
Lydia & Frank Bersito
Herbert & Mary Doerr
8/10 Melbourne & Renee Taylor
8/17 Peter & Martha Johnson
8/18 Rev. Dr. William & Pat Damrow
8/26 Steven & Gail Olsen
8/28 John & Claudia Rubicco

# ST. LUKE'S LUTHERAN CHURCH – JUNE 2022

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| **All Sundays**<br>9a-Sr. Choir Rehearsal<br>10a-Choir<br>10a-Sunday School<br>11a-Coffee Hour | | | 1<br>9:30a-Pericope Study<br>**No Prayer Group in June** | 2<br>**7:30P-Confirmation Rehearsal (in-person)** | 3<br>7:15p-Boy Scouts | 4<br>9:30a-A.A. Men's Group |
| 5 ***PENTECOST SUNDAY & RITE OF CONFIRMATION***<br>10a-Eucharist<br>11a-Confirmation Reception and Coffee Hour | 6 | 7<br>7:30p-Worship & Music | 8<br>9:30a-Pericope Study | 9 | 10<br>7:15p-Boy Scouts | 11<br>9:30a-A.A. Men's Group |
| 12 ***The Holy Trinity***<br>10a-Eucharist<br>**12p- Pastor's Retirement Dinner-The Rail House, Pelham** | 13 | 14 **Flag Day**<br>7:30p-Church Council Mtg. | 15<br>9:30a-Pericope Study | 16 | 17<br>7:15p-Boy Scouts | 18<br>9:30a-A.A. Men's Group |
| 19 ***Father's Day***<br>10a-Eucharist<br>10a-Baptism of Carsten Shellukindo & Recognition of Michael O'Neill Baptism<br>10a– Blessing of Fathers<br>10a-Sunday School Promotions<br>11a-Cooking for HOPE<br>11a-Coffee Hour | 20 | 21<br>***1st Day of Summer*** | 22<br>9:30a-Pericope Study | 23<br>7p-St. Luke's Book Club | 24<br>7:15p-Boy Scouts | 25<br>9:30a-A.A. Men's Group |
| 26<br>10a-Eucharist<br>10a-Installation of Renee Taylor as Deacon | 27 | 28 | 29<br>9:30a-Pericope Study | 30 | | |

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