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

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Breaking Routines- Things We May Notice

Dear friends,

I am writing this note about halfway through my long-awaited trip to Scotland and the Shetland Islands. I am so grateful to the Council, Deacons, and leadership for grabbing the reins for these two weeks.

I have been noticing something during this trip, and it seemed a useful metaphor for our transition time at St. Luke's.

I landed first in Inverness and had a few days to get oriented. One thing you definitely pay attention to in the UK is crossing the street and looking the opposite way than you are used to. In London and some big cities, they even write the words "Look Right" in large letters in the road at a crosswalk, because the traffic closest to you will be coming from that direction.

Crossing the street, I often make eye contact with the drivers before stepping into the street and give a little wave of thanks. Over and over again, I was struck by the youth of the drivers... Many of them appeared to be barely out of diapers. And then, one afternoon I found myself waving thanks to a yellow Labrador, who was driving a VW van.

Oh my golly. It is so hard to realize that the driver of the car is ALSO on the opposite side of the front seat! Time after time, I had been waving thanks to the passengers in the cars, and not the drivers!

Now that I am driving on Shetland, my entire body has to reverse expectations. Driving on the left, shifting with my left hand, cruising into roundabouts going clockwise... Every fiber of my body is alert, paying attention, thinking and reacting in ways that are fresh, and that don't seem quite natural to me.

In effect, absolutely nothing is "routine".

And I am finding it, now that the first blush of nervousness has softened, quite refreshing. Paying close attention in the moment to the things right in front of me clears my mind of extraneous thoughts and less important concerns. I am In The Moment, and that is lovely.

This is also my prayer for us at St. Luke's, in this liminal time we share. The past months may have included waves of anxiety and fear of the unknown, but hopefully as we test the waters of this new normal, we can also notice a heightened awareness. We are hearing and seeing things in a different way, noticing our own preferences and our reactions. Even if things seem changed, we can notice that there are still many things that are comfortingly the same.

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As an interim pastor, I also encourage us all to pay close attention to what exactly claims our attention. Do we find ourselves feeling a bit brittle, or giddy, or just exhausted? Are small things more upsetting, or daily things overwhelming?

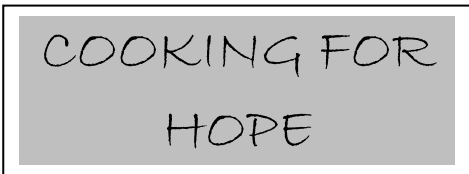
In a transition time, and particularly in this phase of the pandemic, we have every right to feel worn out. Our bodies and minds and spirits have experienced a long stretch of anxious time. It is OK to not be OK.

I invite you to consider what few things are the most important in your life. Consider paring down and even slowing down this fall. As we come into the stewardship season, we are all of us invited to reflect on our gratitude to God for what we have been through, and what is ahead. Our gratitude for health, our families, our very lives.

And of course, gratitude for St. Luke's! Gratitude for our presence in the community, for all of the ways we reach out, share grace and hope, and encourage both parishioners and strangers. Our church is a beacon of light in New Rochelle, and we are the lighthouse keepers who keep the flame alive.

Together, let's focus on what is right in front of us- caring for one another, for our buildings, and for all of the ways we are asked to show up in this Transition. We may not be able to see the details of the future, but we CAN believe and trust in the guidance of the Spirit who will lead us there.

Yours,  
Pastor Cricket+



September's Hope Cook meal was chicken, tator tots and green beans for 170 people.

Next Hope Cook is Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup>.

Got a favorite recipe for a crowd that you might like to share with our Hope Cook Team? See Denise Tolles or drop her an email at [ddink629@aol.com](mailto:ddink629@aol.com).



# FALL FUN FEST AT ST. LUKE'S

We held our Community Fall Fun Fest on Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup> under a perfectly beautiful blue fall sky. Everyone there – members and families, friends and neighbors – had a wonderful time. Nothing but raves were heard for Mikey Dubb's frozen custard, and the face painter painted everything from flowers and butterflies to Spiderman. She was so talented and very popular with all ages.



The Bubblebus was a huge hit with our littlest visitors. The music kept us all entertained as the children chased the bubbles which were everywhere.



In addition there were games and crafts, hot dogs and snacks and a book give-away for children.



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Thanks to everyone who helped with set up, clean up and manning the tables. . . a special thanks to the Boy Scouts for their help!  
It was a most successful event!



# HAPPY OCTOBER & HAPPY HALLOWEEN

from the Fellowship Committee

Welcome Fall! The air is crisper, the leaves are changing, the days seem shorter... but that also means the Fellowship Committee is in full action.

We hope you were able to attend our first ever church wide COMMUNITY FALL FEST on September 24<sup>th</sup>. (See the pictures on page 2) We will update you on its success in the next newsletter.



Our Annual Family Retreat to Koinonia is coming up this month, October 14, 15 and 16. Please see the flyer if you haven't already signed up. We are limited in number of rooms but would love to have you attend. It is always a great time of Fellowship.

Please do not forget to order your commemorative bricks for our Meditation Garden. We need all orders in by November 31<sup>st</sup> in order to get them in for the spring. We have 4x6 for \$100 and 8x8 for \$250. You can get a mini ONLY if you order a larger one for just \$25.

This month, on October 30<sup>th</sup>, we will be co-hosting the annual Gratitude Brunch with the Stewardship Committee. All are invited and should sign up in the narthex or by emailing me at [mmcevoy33@aol.com](mailto:mmcevoy33@aol.com) by October 24<sup>th</sup>.

SAVE THE DATE: November 12<sup>th</sup> is our Holiday Boutique. We need help to set up and clean up, serve at the tables; we need Raffle prizes and any other donations you may have. Please contact me with raffle prizes and do not start bringing in rummage etc. until first week of November. We do not have the storage space. We will also need baked goods and shoppers!!!!



Please see the church wide calendar of events and activities elsewhere in this newsletter.

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

Please contact me to join our committee. 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  
Dawn McEvoy  
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# HAPPY HALLOWEEN from the Sunday School

It was so great to see everyone return to Sunday School after Summer Vacation. Welcome to our newest students and Pastor Cricket Cooper!

All Are Welcome!!! If you would like to register or if you have not registered yet, please do so by contacting Dawn.

We hope you were all able to visit our Sunday School booth at the Fall Fest. We had games, crafts and activities. Thank you to all that participated and attended. Please share the Good News about our church with your families, friends, and neighbors.



Please see the form enclosed for our Meditation Garden - Buy A Brick and consider buying one (or more) to commemorate special occasions in your lives. We would love to fill our Meditation Garden with your families' names and memories. Our deadline is November, and we would love to have all of our families represented.

Our family retreat to Koinonia is Oct 14-16. Please contact me if you would like more information or if you would like to attend. Limited rooms are available.

Gratitude Brunch is October 30<sup>th</sup>... All are welcome. Please sign up in the narthex!

SAVE THE DATE – Our Holiday Boutique is Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>! We need **you** in order to make it a success. Your time, baking, shopping, eating, and donating!

**Please continue to support the Sunday School with your contributions, if you cannot make it in person, you can mail them into church, and mark “St. Luke’s Sunday School”. We continue to have expenses whether we have a few or many children. We need your support!**

God Bless you and your families.... Hope to see you all soon!



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## **CHURCH CALENDAR - FALL, WINTER & SPRING 2022 2023**

Sundays - Church Service – Holy Communion – 10am

Sundays – Sunday School 10am

Sundays - Coffee hour – after Service - Fellowship Hall

Wednesdays – Morning Prayer Group 10am via Zoom

Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> – Rally Day - Meet Pastor Cooper, Blessing of Backpacks, Reception Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> - Outreach event –  
Fall Fest - 12-3pm - Church parking lot

Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> – Prayer Group – Feed the Word 7:30pm via Zoom

Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> – Prayer Group - Feed the Word 7:30pm via Zoom

Oct. 14-16<sup>th</sup> – Koinonia – Family Retreat

Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> – Cooking for HOPE Community Services

Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> – Book Club – 7pm via Zoom

Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> – Gratitude brunch

Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> - Holiday Boutique 12<sup>th</sup> 10-3pm (set up 11<sup>th</sup>, clean up 13<sup>th</sup> )

Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> – Book Club – 7pm via Zoom

Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> – Cooking for HOPE Community Services

Nov. Dec - HOPE Toy/Coat Drive

Dec. Caroling tbd – Wartburg

Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> – Book Club – 7pm via Zoom

Dec 18<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Party & Sunday School Pageant

Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> – Cooking for HOPE Community Services

Dec 24<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Eve Service 8pm

Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Day Service 10am

Jan. – Fellowship Event tbd

Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting

Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> – SOUPERBowl Sunday – collection for Lutheran World Hunger

Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> – Shrove Tuesday – Pancake Supper 7pm

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# CHURCH CALENDAR - FALL, WINTER & SPRING 2022 2023

March – Fellowship Event tbd

April 9<sup>th</sup> – Easter Sunday Service 10am

April 16<sup>th</sup> – Sunday School Easter Pageant & Easter Egg Hunt

April 21<sup>st</sup> -23<sup>rd</sup> – Women’s Retreat Koinonia

May 6<sup>th</sup> tbd – Spring Sale

May – Communion/Confirmation

June 12<sup>th</sup> EOY Congregation Picnic/BBQ/Lunch

June 18<sup>th</sup> – Fathers Day/Promotions – last day Sunday School for Summer

## BOOK CLUB CORNER

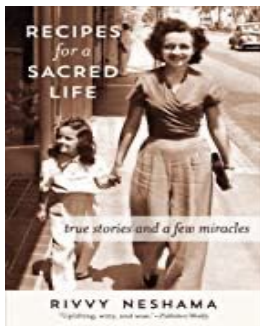


### ST. LUKE'S BOOK CLUB FALL SELECTIONS:



WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2022:  
VIOLETA BY ISABEL ALLENDE

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2022:  
**WHERE THE CHILDREN TAKE US**  
BY ZAIN E. ASHER




THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2022:  
**RECIPES FOR A SACRED LIFE: True Stories and a Few Miracles**  
BY RIVVY NESHAMA

St. Luke's Book Club meets monthly on Wednesdays (Thursdays during Lent and Advent) at 7:00 P.M. via Zoom. New members are most welcome. Please consider joining us!

For more information contact: [ktembo@aol.com](mailto:ktembo@aol.com) or [stluke654@aol.com](mailto:stluke654@aol.com)

*There never yet have been, nor are there now, too many good books.*  
--- Martin Luther ( 1483-1546 )



**St. Luke's Lutheran Church  
Annual Family Retreat  
Koinonia  
October 14 – 16th 2022**

**All are invited and welcomed!**

Enjoy their beautiful retreat center in Highland Lake, New York  
(approx. 1 ½ hours from New Rochelle)

Activities include Fellowship, Bible Study, Hiking, Boating, Puzzles,  
Crafts - PUMPKIN Carving and more ..

Rates include 2 nights' accommodations and 5 meals  
Single room \$265 per person  
Double room \$165 per person  
Triple room \$445 in total  
(Children 12 and under \$100 per person)

**Rooms are limited** so please contact Dawn McEvoy  
As soon as possible at [mmcevoy33@aol.com](mailto:mmcevoy33@aol.com).

Reservation must be confirmed and paid by September 15<sup>th</sup>.  
Make checks payable to "St. Luke's Church" memo KOINONIA

Visit their website for pictures and  
more information [www.koinoniany.org](http://www.koinoniany.org)

We hope you will join us!





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

***November 12, 2022***

# *Holiday Boutique*

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

***RUMMAGE SALE  
Raffles Galore***

***New Holiday Merchandise  
Beautiful Handcrafted Items  
AVON, BAKE Sale  
Jewelry, Knick knacks and Gifts  
Books, Media  
and a "Christkindl" Booth***



*St. Luke's Lutheran Church  
FOOD DRIVE FOR HOPE  
October 23<sup>rd</sup> 2022*

*Bring to Fellowship Hall before the service or drop off  
11 – 11:30 pm in church parking lot*



*HOPE's greatest need...*



**Cereal, Pasta Sauce,  
Canned Vegetables,  
Meals in a Can, Rice,  
Canned Fruits, & Tuna**

*The Food drive is hosted by The Social Ministry committee. Thanks to Thrivent's "Feed Northeast Thrivent Action Team Incentive" if we collect over 500 items this will also qualify HOPE for an additional \$500 Thrivent Grant! We have secured 2 of these grants in the past.*

*St. Luke's Lutheran Church  
Stewardship and Fellowship Committees  
Invite you to join us*

# Gratitude Brunch

## Oct. 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022



*Please join us Sunday,  
October 30<sup>th</sup> immediately  
following Worship Service  
In the Fellowship Hall  
To recognize and appreciate  
all that we have to be  
thankful for....  
As a Church and as a  
Church Family.  
There will be a free  
will offering.  
Please rsvp by Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>  
To Dawn McEvoy at  
[mmcevoy33@aol.com](mailto:mmcevoy33@aol.com)  
Or use the sign up sheet in  
the Narthex.  
All are Welcome!*



**The Metro NY Synod is happy to announce a new, online only  
Growing in Faith Program site**

**Classes will be held on Tuesday evenings from 7-10pm**

Growing in Faith is one of our Synod's adult education programs. It offers the opportunity for you to deepen your spiritual life and learn more about the Lutheran faith. Please see the attached flyer for a description of the program and the classes offered.

Is this for you? If growing in your faith sounds exciting to you, then **YES**, the Growing In Faith Program is for you. This program is for anyone interested in furthering their knowledge of the Lutheran faith and learning other ways to use their skills for service to God and their community of faith.

**This new Growing in Faith site will be held 100% online in order to make them easily accessible to people throughout the Synod.**

To register, please email Laurie Palastro at [Palastro@mail.com](mailto:Palastro@mail.com) or Gina Danialinia at [GinaD.gspr@gmail.com](mailto:GinaD.gspr@gmail.com) and a registration form will be sent to you.

Hosted by  
St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Rye Brook, NY  
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Pearl River, NY



## AROUND THE PARISH

**In Our Prayers** this month are those hospitalized, with health concerns, or in transition or treatment, and all those in our Sunday prayers.

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

### BIRTHDAYS

10/1	Catherine Behrend	10/18	Maxwell Harris
10/8	Paul O’Riordan-Shimkin	10/19	Elizabeth Brent
10/9	Robert Brisson	10/23	Tyler Head
10/10	Dawn McEvoy	10/24	Rosalind Wallace
10/11	Harold Schombert, Jr.	10/25	John T. Amato Gabrielle Rubicco-Tamburro
10/12	Silvia Moreno Elijah Malachi Shellukindo	10/27	Michael Wirak
10/13	Richard Tobin	10/29	Anna Shiels Jeremy Harris Iryna Arbatska
10/17	Debra Luiso Joseph Ferraro	10/30	Kris Haymon
10/18	Caitlin Fredericks		

### ANNIVERSARIES

10/3	M/M Robert Doerr
10/12	Robert & Karen DiBicarri Sherry Fraser & John Pulvermiller
10/16	Edmond & Camille O’Garro Lucy Hoffman & Mike Guido

CONGRATULATIONS

## *St. Luke's Lutheran Church – October 2022*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><u>All Sundays:</u>                      9a-Sr. Choir Rehearsal                      10a-Choir                      10a-Sunday School                      11a-Coffee Hour</p>						1 9:30a-A.A. Men's Group
2 10a- <b>Service of the Word</b> Worship Leader: Deacon Renee Taylor	3	4	5 10a-Prayer Group*	6 7:30p-Feeding On The Word*	7 7:15p-Boy Scouts	8 9:30a-A.A. Men's Group
9 10a-Eucharist <b>No Sunday School</b> 11a-Coffee Hour	10 <b>Columbus Day</b> Office Closed	11 7:30p-Church Council Mtg.	12 10a-Prayer Group*	13 7:30p-Feeding On The Word*-last session	14 <b>Koinonia Retreat Oct. 14-16</b> 7:15p-Boy Scouts	15 9:30a-A.A. Men's Group
16 10a-Eucharist 11a-Coffee Hour 11a-Cooking for HOPE	17 10a-HOPE Food Pickup	18	19 10a-Prayer Group* 7p-Book Club*	20	21 7:15p-Boy Scouts	22 9:30a-A.A. Men's Group
23 10a-Eucharist 11a-Coffee Hour <b>11a-Food Drive for HOPE</b>	24	25 7p-Social Ministry*	26 10a-Prayer Group*	27	28 7:15p-Boy Scouts	29 9:30a-A.A. Men's Group <b>12p-Setup for Gratitude Brunch</b>
30 <b>Reformation Sunday</b> 10a-Eucharist <b>11a-Gratitude Brunch</b>	31					

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