
St. Luke's Voice

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

February 2023

St. Luke's Lutheran Church

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LENT OUTREACH PROJECT: DO SOME GOOD WITH THIS!

A Tiny Community Outreach Project for Lent!

On the first Sunday of Lent, Feb 26th, every person
who attends worship will receive \$5 cash. Yup!
Five whole dollars to Do Some Good with!

There is only ONE requirement: You need to tell me
what it is you did with your money, so I can compile a
list of all of the GOODNESS you have done!
*(This money does not come from the church budget-
it is a donation.)*

This Lent, let's do small things with great love, and
watch the ripple effect touch people near and far.

Truly the sky is the limit for what you can do.

You can:

- • Simply hand the money to a stranger & wish them well.
- • Use it to over-tip at your favorite coffee shop.
- • Buy/knit a warm hat and leave it in a public spot with a tag that says: "Cold? Take me!"
- • You can mail it to a favorite charity.
- • Buy craft supplies & make something to give away.
- • Buy cookie dough & bake a treat for a neighbor!

And yes, you CAN "double your money" by adding your
own donation, but you DO NOT HAVE TO! Just do a
little bit of good, and let me know.

Where will YOU be sharing the Love this Lent?



ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

St. Luke's Annual Meeting is Sunday,
February 12 following worship.
All active, voting members should attend.
Snow date is February 26.

**JOIN US SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12th
TO HELP DO OUR PART TO END HUNGER!
ALL DONATIONS WILL GO TO "ELCA WORLD HUNGER"**

A poster for the "Tackle Hunger Challenge". The top half has a green background with the text "TAKE THE CHALLENGE" in large, bold, yellow letters with a black outline. Below this is a graphic featuring two football helmets (one white with "NEW YORK" and one white with "NFL ALUMNI") flanking a red location pin with a white apple icon. Below the helmets is the text "TACKLE HUNGER" in large, bold, yellow letters with a black outline, and "CHALLENGE" in smaller, bold, yellow letters with a black outline. The bottom half of the poster shows a football field at night with stadium lights. Overlaid on the field is the text: "What if everyone watching a football game gave one dollar or one can of food to a local food charity? It would be a **GAME CHANGER!** It's simple to join the team for those in need!"

The last few years we have
raised over \$1000.00 each year.

Let's keep the tradition going!

Make checks payable to
"St. Luke's Lutheran Church" -
memo "Souperbowl"

or bring your cash and fill our soup
pots!

*Thank you from the Youth Group and
Sunday School.*

***St. Luke's Lutheran
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Pancake Supper

Tuesday, Feb. 21st

**Dinner will be served between 5:30 & 7 pm
(New earlier time)**

ALL ARE INVITED!

Join us to celebrate Shrove Tuesday, or Mardi Gras (French for Fat Tuesday), on the night before Ash Wednesday. "Shrove" of Shrove Tuesday is an old English way of saying Confession and Absolution. Traditionally, people would go to Confession on this day to be "shriven" of their sins, in preparation for Ash Wednesday and Lent.

It has also been traditional to clear all rich and fatty foods out of the house, to prepare for a period of fasting during Lent. This is why pancakes- with butter and syrup- are a perfect food for this day! Whether or not you are preparing to fast on Ash Wednesday, it's still a night to Feast!

Please join us!

Please rsvp to mmcevoy33@aol.com or use sign up sheet in Narthex

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE ~ Feb. 22 at 7:30pm

On Ash Wednesday, we begin our Lenten journey, walking with Christ through his ministry, to the Last Supper, the cross, and finally to the empty tomb.

Historically, Lent was a time to prepare for baptism.
It also has been seen as a deeply penitential time.
I see it as a time for honest self-reflection, and a reaching out to others.
It is a thoughtful time, a time for service and dedication.
As the prayer for the day reminds us:

*“Gracious God, out of your love and mercy you breathed into dust the breath of life, creating us to serve you and our neighbors.
Call forth our prayers and acts of kindness...”*



Let us begin the journey together this night, with a service of communion and the Imposition of Ashes.

A DIFFERENT VESPERS EXPERIENCE FOR LENT Wednesdays, March 1-29, at 7:30pm

Lent



Join us Wednesday evenings in Lent for something completely different.

We will worship together in a less-formal vespers service, with a more participatory theme. Great for all ages.

Taize music and simple hymns, silence for centering and “stations” for prayer. Maybe even a little bit of *qigong*-style movement.

Absolutely nothing scary or embarrassing!
It will be a time to be fully present, in body, mind, and spirit.

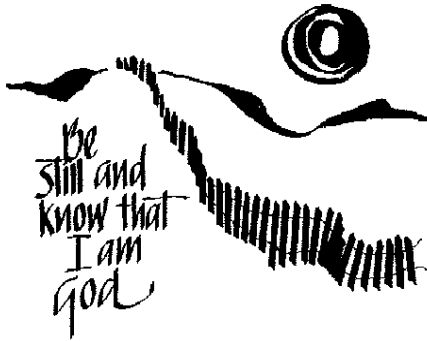
Come and See! Bring your groovy neighbor!

CENTERING PRAYER DURING LENT

Once Again, We Will Be Meeting for Centering Prayer During Lent

Be still and know that I am God!

(Psalm 46:10)



Accept God's invitation to enter into an intimate relationship with Him through the quietness of prayer. In Centering Prayer, we will experience God's presence within us. Centering Prayer emphasizes prayer as a personal relationship with God and as movement beyond conversation with Christ to communion with Christ.

Come join us for 20 minutes in the quietness of prayer, finding your deepest center, "awaking the profound depths of our being in the presence of God, who is the Source of our being and of our life."

Thursdays, February 23rd through March 30th {7:30 to 8:15 p.m. – Six sessions / Six Thursdays; In person at St. Luke's (subject to change).

RSVP to Synodical Deacon Nancy Sigler at nls11@optonline.net.

TRANSITION TASK FORCE UPDATE

At the December Church Council meeting, the council approved a slate of four members of the Transition Task Force. These include Traci Daniele, Susanne Kuligowski, Nancy Sigler and Richard Tobin. Pastor Cooper noted that this group brings a wealth of dedication, skill and passion.

The Transition Task Force works under the direction of the Synod representative and is responsible for the Pastoral Transition Process, including the drafting of the Mission Site Profile (MSP). This document is a comprehensive summary of all our church, and our community assets, and what we are hoping for with our next pastor. Once this document is completed, the transition process moves from the Transition Task Force to the Call Committee and the work of the task force is concluded. It is estimated that this work will take approximately 6 months.



There is much work to do! It is the role of the task force to direct the work, not to do it all, so if you are interested in lending a hand and getting involved in any aspect of the transition work, please reach out to any of the members of the task force to discuss the ways in which you can assist. In addition, surveys and activities are a vital part of the transition work. We hope that every member of St. Luke's will participate in these important components of the process to create the MSP.

ST. LUKE'S TEAM COOKS FOR HOPE



The January Hope Cook Team (Patti Tobin, Rich Tobin, Jennifer Archer, Angelika Ridulfo, Joan Bast, Bill Rodriguez and Denise Tolles) prepared a hearty meal of roast beef with brown gravy, potato tots and buttered green beans. for our brothers and sisters at Hope Community Services.



There will be no Cook in the month of February because of the holiday and short month.

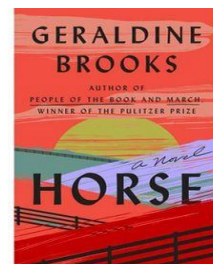
Also,

A large screen TV is available in the lower lounge for free for anyone who wants it. It is not a "smart" TV, but is reported to be in working order.

BOOK CLUB CORNER

St. Luke's Book Club met via Zoom on Wednesday, January 25th to discuss *The Reading List*, a debut novel by Sara Nisha Adams. It is an unforgettable and heartwarming story about how a chance encounter with a list of library books helps forge an unlikely friendship between two very different people in a London suburb. Slowly, the shared list of books creates a connection between two lonely souls, as fiction helps them escape their grief and everyday troubles and find joy again. Book Club members were encouraged to write their own Reading List of favorite or especially meaningful books. Watch the bulletin board at church in the coming months for some suggestions you might enjoy!

The February book selection is *Horse* by Geraldine Brooks. Everyone is welcome to join – contact Jennifer Archer at ktembo@aol.com to be included on the Zoom invite. Book Club meets next (via Zoom) on Wednesday, February 15 at 7pm.





HAPPY FEBRUARY from the Fellowship Committee

Last Chance BUY A BRICK – leave a legacy at St. Luke's.

Order your commemorative bricks for our Meditation Garden. We need to place the order very soon, but we are hoping for one more push. We have 4x6 for \$100 and 8x8 for \$250. You can get a mini ONLY if you order a larger one for just \$25. Flyer (order form) is on page 12 of this issue.

December was so busy and now we look forward to Lent, Easter and Spring!

Pancake Supper – Feb 21st - Dinner from 5:30-7pm... earlier for some and same time for others.

SAVE THE DATES:

March 4th, Family Bingo and Corn Beef dinner
ala Leam! Time 5pm – cost tbd

April 9th is Easter, April 16th Easter pageant

April 23rd is our Annual Koinonia Women's
Retreat. If you have not attended in the past,
PLEASE consider it this year! Speak to me for
more information!



May 6th Spring Sale!!!! We need all your treasures and your participation!

Please see the church wide calendar of events and activities elsewhere in this newsletter for upcoming dates!

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

Thank you to our committee and 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 email: Mmcevoy33@aol.com cell: 347-604-3969

LOVE AND BLESSINGS from the Sunday School

**We continue welcoming guests and new students to the Sunday School.
If you would like to register, or if you have not registered yet, please do so by contacting me.
All Are Welcome!!!**



Our Christmas Pageant was a great success... Thank you to all that made it possible. The children were wonderful, as always! The party was well attended and so much fun. Thank you to all that helped, especially Susanne, Lydia, Nancy, Joan and Patty that came Saturday to set up. Leam and Joan for preparing everything in the kitchen and all that helped to clean up! It takes a village!!! What a wonderful village we have!

We didn't get to go Caroling unfortunately, CoVid reared its ugly high head again so we had to cancel. The Toy

Drive for HOPE on December 4th was a huge success again! Coats too! THANK you all!

Planning for Lent, the Shrove Tuesday pancake supper is at an earlier time this year, 5:30, so the children and their families can come. We are planning some fun activities for them! Please rsvp.

We are already planning the Easter Pageant on April 16th, and Easter Egg Hunt after Easter Service on the 9th. Be sure to let us know if your child will NOT be available.

We gave all new students envelopes to use for Sunday Donations. We like to teach them the importance of tithing at an early age and all of your donations help us to do all the things we do for the Sunday School: their lessons, supplies, crafts, gifts, pageants, costumes, parties... We ask that all children use their envelopes; if the children do not have them, we will provide them. Please help to support the Sunday school with your contributions.

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

Please visit our website and Facebook pages.

www.Slnr.org and [@slnr.org](https://www.facebook.com/slnr.org)

Yours in Christ, Dawn McEvoy – Superintendent

Email: mmcevoy33@aol.com

Karen Fontecchio – Asst. Superintendent Traci Daniele

– Treasurer

Teachers – Melissa McEvoy, Vicky McEvoy, Shari Taylor and Jacob Kuligowski





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CHURCH CALENDAR - WINTER SPRING 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

Feb. 12th Annual Meeting

Feb. 12th – SOUPERBowl Sunday – collection for Lutheran World Hunger

Feb. 21st – Shrove Tuesday – Pancake Supper – Dinner served 5:30-7pm

March 4th – Fellowship Event – Family Bingo 5pm –
Corn Beef Dinner \$\$



April 9th – Easter Sunday Service 10am – Easter Egg Hunt

April 16th – Sunday School Easter Pageant

April 16th – Transition Committee Event at Coffee Hour

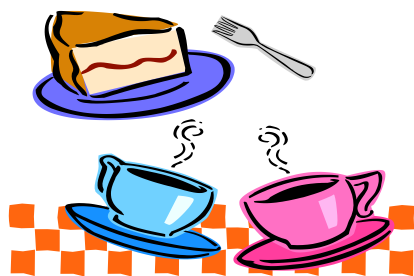
April 21st-23rd – Women's Retreat Koinonia

May 6th Spring Sale

May – Baptism/Communion/Confirmation – date tbd

June 12th EOY Congregation Picnic/BBQ/Lunch – SS Promotions

June 18th – Father's Day – last day Sunday School for Summer



Coffee Hour Assignment Sheet Winter Summer 2023

<u>Date</u>	<u>Committee</u>
Feb 12 Souper Bowl & Annual Mtg	Sunday School/Youth Group
Feb 19	Altar Guild
Feb 26 – Lent	Fellowship
March 5	Senior Choir
Mach 12	Sunday School/Youth Group
March 19	Social Ministry
March 26	Church council
April 2	Altar Guild
April 9 Easter	Fellowship
April 16 SS Pageant	Sunday School
April 23 Koinonia Ladies Retreat	Senior Choir
April 30	Social ministry
May 7 – Spring Sale	Sunday School/Youth Group
May 14	Altar Guild
May 21	Fellowship
May 28 Memorial Day weekend	Church Council
June 4	Social Ministry
June 11 – Picnic	Sunday School
June 18 – Fathers Day, Promotions	Fellowship
June 25 – Sept 3 Summer Schedule	
Sept 10 – Rally Day	Sunday School
Sept 17	Fellowship
Sept 24	Altar Guild

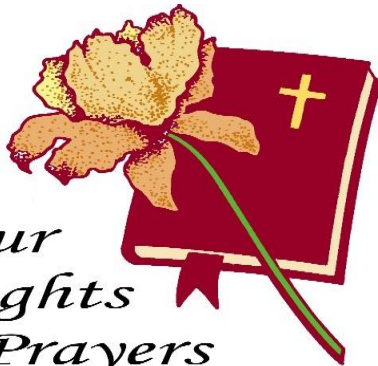
Please select members of your committee to honor your dates. You need to set up, clean up and bring milk, juice & dessert etc. You can use this time to promote your committee or upcoming events! Any monetary donations are greatly appreciated and will be used by the coffee committee to purchase supplies as needed OR if your committee would like to contribute coffee supplies that would be great too! Lent is NO Sweets and Summer is Water/cold drinks (AND COFFEE) .

Coffee Hour has become a great Fellowship hour, Thanks to all of you! ANY questions or conflicts please contact Dawn McEvoy at email: mmcevoy33@aol.com (cell) 347-604-3969 . Thank you!

ALL HELP and DONATIONS are WELCOME any Sunday!!

AROUND THE PARISH

*In Our
Thoughts
and Prayers*



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

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Birthdays

2/1	Connor Fredericks
2/2	Thyra Brooks
2/4	Melbourne Taylor
2/5	Nathaniel Ross
2/7	Jessica Horn (Fraser-Brockhoff)
2/8	Julia Ungewitter Sarah Guido
2/10	Marva Montalvo Robert Brent
2/11	Angelika Ridulfo Kathleen Wirak Frank Kimber
2/23	Nadia Conroy Stacia Ross
2/25	Gloria Head Corinne Fredericks Blake
2/27	Alessandra Battaglino
2/28	Chandler Carter



(Ed. note: there are no February Anniversaries)



Meditation Garden

BUY A BRICK

In honor of our 150th Anniversary we are adding to our beautiful Meditation Garden. 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

"4x8" Brick 3 Lines \$100

<i>In Memory of</i>
<i>Grandma</i>
<i>Grandpa</i>
<i>Rest In Peace</i>
<i>We love and miss you</i>
<i>Today and Always</i>

"8x8" Brick 6 Lines \$250

Mini Bricks are available as exact replicas of larger bricks WITH purchase only. Cost \$25 each. Approximately 1½"x 3" Brick 4"x8" (3 lines – 20 characters and spaces per line)

Brick 8"x8" (6 lines – 20 characters and spaces per line)

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 = \$*** _____

ALL PURCHASES AND DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE. Please make checks payable to St. Luke's Lutheran Church and mail or deliver this form with your check to: St. Luke's Church, 95 Eastchester Road, New Rochelle, NY 10801 If you have any questions, please contact Dawn McEvoy at 347-604-3969 or email mmcevoy33@aol.com

Thank you for your support!!!

CALL FOR 2023 PATRONS of "St. Luke's Voice"

Members and friends become patrons of "St. Luke's Voice". Your name appears in each issue of the newsletter as a Patron. Patrons help to defray the costs of producing the congregation newsletter by contributing a special gift of \$25 per calendar year.

(Those who participated in 2022 should send their donation now for the new calendar year 2023).

Patrons will also receive their newsletter by First Class Mail if they desire!

To become a patron, mail your gift of \$25.00 to St. Luke's and attach it to this form.

PATRON OF ST. LUKE'S VOICE

Please include my household name as a patron of our church newsletter:

Name_____

Address_____

Send to St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 95 Eastchester Rd., New Rochelle, NY 10801.

Please designate the gift toward "Patron of newsletter".

St. Luke's Lutheran Church – February 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<u>All Sundays</u> 9a– Sr. Choir Rehearsal 10a-Choir 10a-Sunday School 11a-Coffee Hour	*Via Zoom		1 10a-Prayer Group*	2	3 7:15p-Boy Scouts	4 9:30a-A.A. Men's Group
5 10a-Eucharist 11a-Coffee Hour, Host: Fellowship	6 7p-Basketball Group	7 6:30p-Soccer Group	8 10a-Prayer Group*	9	10 7:15p-Boy Scouts	11 9:30a-A.A. Men's Group
12 Souper Bowl Sunday 10a-Eucharist Annual Meeting following worship 11a- Coffee Hour, Hosts: Sunday School/Youth Group	13 7p-Basketball Group	14 Valentine's Day 6:30p-Soccer Group – last session	15 10a-Prayer Group* 7p-Book Club*	16	17 7:15p-Boy Scouts	18 9:30a-A.A. Men's Group
19 10a-Service of the Word Deacon Nancy Sigler 11a-Coffee Hour, Host: Altar Guild	20 Presidents' Day 7p-Basketball Group Mid-Winter Recess- Schools Closed Feb. 20-24	21 Shrove Tuesday 5:30-7p-Pancake Supper 7:30p-Church Council Mtg.	22 Ash Wednesday 10a-Prayer Group* 7:30p-Ash Wednesday Service 7:30p-Sr. Choir	23 7:30p-Centering Prayer with Deacon Nancy Sigler begins in person	24 No Boy Scouts	25 9:30a-A.A. Men's Group
26 10a-Eucharist 11a-Coffee Hour, Host: Fellowship	27 7p-Basketball Group	28 7:30p-Worship & Music				

