

# St. Luke's Voice

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

December 2023

## St. Luke's Lutheran Church

95 Eastchester Road  
New Rochelle, NY 10801

Rev. Cricket Cooper,  
Interim Pastor

**Sunday Worship:**  
**10 A.M.**

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### Newsletter

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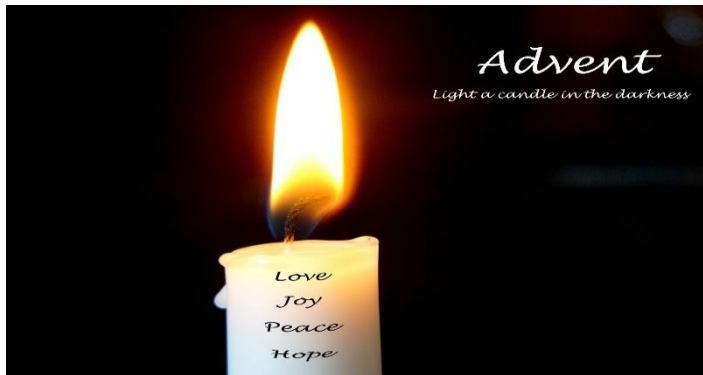


**WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS  
AND BLESSINGS IN THE NEW YEAR!**

## ADVENT & CHRISTMAS WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

### Advent Vespers~ Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 7pm

Join us for this traditional, beloved Vespers service. Take a short break in the middle of your week, and settle in for this brief service of song, silence, and prayer.



### Comfort & Joy~ Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at 7pm

Celebrate a quieter side of the season with candlelight, readings, and song that give us room to experience all the emotions of the holiday season. Come as you are. Bring a friend who needs some comfort and some joy!

### CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE DECEMBER 24<sup>th</sup> at 8pm



## PROPOSED BUDGET APPPROVED

The congregation gathered after worship on Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> to hear the presentation of the proposed budget for 2024. After some discussion, the budget was approved as amended.



## CHURCH COUNCIL NEWS & NOTES

During the month of November, we took the advice of Pastor Chris Mietlowski, and inquired about a loan with the Mission Investment Fund, a part of the ELCA. Richard Eatman the Regional Manager for MIF visited us on November 8<sup>th</sup> and did a site walk of the properties. After his visit it was suggested that we



pivot and look at selling the Parsonage and use the funds to do the critical repairs on the Church. As there are Synodical rules for selling a property, we would take a bridge loan collateralized by the Parsonage for \$460,000. This loan would be used to fix the dry wells and correct the water drainage problem undermining the Church building, install a new boiler, and replace the flat roof over the gym and pastor's office. The loan would be paid off when the Parsonage sold, so it is only going to be for the short term. We have sent in a preliminary request

for the loan to see if we would qualify. We are expecting an answer this week. If we were to proceed, we would need the approval of the congregation. If we could go forward with this, we would need to find alternate housing for a Pastor, but we are moving one step at a time.

## THANK YOU, RICHARD & PATTY TOBIN!

Rich Tobin, the Council President, has resigned from Church Council. Rich has worked tirelessly as the Property Chairperson, Transition Team member and concurrently as Church Council President. Hardly a day has gone by in the past few years that Rich has not had to stop by Church to fix a problem, meet a repair man or do a site visit to get an estimate or make phone calls on behalf of the Church. His leadership and knowledge have been a gift to us all. He was instrumental in the Transition process in getting the engineers' reports on our properties and doing site visits with contractors to receive estimates for the repairs noted. His expertise regarding our buildings, necessary repairs and his familiarity with local contractors helped us receive good and fair estimates. He worked alongside many of our contractors to expedite repairs, and his hard work and knowledge saved us money and expedited repairs. His wife Patty has worked alongside him using her talents and knowledge of the construction trades. They have done so much for the Church and their time, talents and efforts have not gone unnoticed or unappreciated. When you see them at Church be sure to thank them both for all they have done during the past years to support our properties and our Church.





## COOKING FOR HOPE AT ST. LUKE'S



Pictured here are members of the Cooking For Hope Team on Sunday, November 19, 2023 as they prepared a meal for HOPE Community Services.

Professional chefs James Brody and Ken Connors led the team with the assistance of Lisa and Olivia Connors, Patti Tobin, Angelika Ridulfo and Denise Tolles.

Next Cook is Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> . All are welcome to cook as we sing along with Santa!"

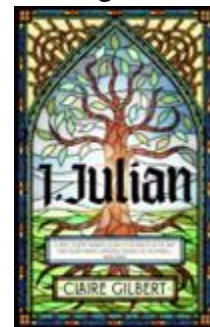
## BOOK CLUB CORNER

St. Luke's Book Club met November 16<sup>th</sup>, at Barnes & Noble in Scarsdale, to discuss the novel *Tom Lake* by Ann Patchett. We had a wonderful discussion and look forward to our next meeting.

December 14,  
2023, Thursday  
*Small Things  
Like These* by  
Claire Keegan



January 25,  
2024, Thursday  
*I, Julian* by  
Claire Gilbert



We welcome new members! For more information contact Jennifer Archer by email: [ktembo@aol.com](mailto:ktembo@aol.com) or [stluke654@aol.com](mailto:stluke654@aol.com).

MERRY CHRISTMAS &  
HAPPY NEW YEAR from  
the Fellowship Committee

Cannot believe we are already into Advent and the Christmas season. It seems like just yesterday it was Halloween.



We want to thank every single one of you that supported the Holiday Boutique. We raised \$3001.00. Great Job! We couldn't have done it without our amazing Committee and cooks, vendors and especially our Patrons! It was a great weekend of fellowship, fun and fundraising!

Our Christmas Schedule is pretty busy... December 2<sup>nd</sup> we are setting up the Christmas Tree; thank you Leam, Bill, Allan, Joan and Karen. December 9<sup>th</sup> we are going to watch Julia perform at the VFW in Flint Park (we hope you can come). December 16<sup>th</sup> we are setting up the fellowship hall for the congregation Christmas party which is Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> immediately following church and the Sunday school pageant! ALL ARE WELCOME.

Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup> is Christmas Eve Service at 8pm. God's blessings this Christmas Season to you and yours.

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.

**Yours In Christ**

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**Committee members: Julia Ungewitter, Angelika Ridulfo, Leam, Melissa & Vicky McEvoy, Susanne & Jacob Kuligowski, Renee, Bill & Shari Taylor, Lydia Bersito & Traci Daniele**



*2 of the "Basement Babes" selling good quality rummage..*

*Cathie, A lifetime of Service...*



*Café Staff  
Melissa, Leam, Bill and Joan*





*Angelika and Julia "Christkindl" booth .*

*The McEvoy Family .. A Family that Serves together!*



*Raffles, always a great seller thanks to our committees and friends' donations! Susanne and Stacy, Judy, Denise, Irene and Kathy, , 4 of our Jewelry and Gifts ladies and Traci, Happy Everyth ing ! Sorry we couldn't get pix of everyone! THANK y ou all for your support!*







# HOPE

COMMUNITY SERVICES

## Holiday TOY DRIVE

**OCTOBER 24 - DECEMBER 5**

*Help Bring a Little Joy to Over 550 Local Children  
Newborn - 12 Years*

**Accepting Donations Monday - Friday 10AM - 3PM**

**Drop-off  
Location:**

HOPE Community Services  
50 Washington Avenue  
New Rochelle, NY 10801

Your gift of a new unwrapped toy will be distributed on December 15, 2022



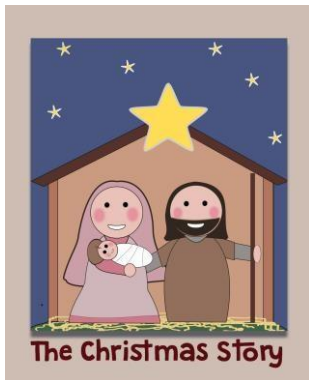
Amazon Wishlist

*For more information contact:  
Sylvia B. Hamer  
(914)380-9716  
Shamer@hope-cs.org*



Donate Your Way

# MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR 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 us. ***All Are Welcome!!!*** All children aged 3 to High School are welcome. We have wonderful teachers that are all Sunday School grads including ME!

We have Sunday School each week at 10am till the end of church service. You can come down after worship to pick up your children. We prepare weekly lessons and crafts to teach God's Good News through Bible stories. A child's Lutheran education is vital for their spiritual growth.

Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> is our Annual Sunday School Pageant "The Nativity" and every child has a part. We will rehearse during Sunday School on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> with a dress rehearsal either on the 10<sup>th</sup> after church or Saturday the 16<sup>th</sup>. Immediately following church service is our Congregational Christmas Party with food, caroling and a visit from Santa! ALL are welcome. Please sign-up in the Narthex.

Save the Date for Souper Bowl Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>. We get all the kids to participate in collecting money to Fight Hunger!

All students should have their own envelopes to use for the 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 then 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](http://www.Slnr.org) and [@slnr.org](https://www.facebook.com/slnr.org)*

*Yours in Christ, Dawn McEvoy – Superintendent Email: [mmcevoy33@aol.com](mailto:mmcevoy33@aol.com)*

*Traci Daniele – Treasurer*

*Teachers – Melissa McEvoy, Vicky McEvoy,*

*Karen Fontecchio Asst. Superintendent Shari Taylor and Jacob Kuligowski*





*St. Luke's Lutheran Church*

***ANNUAL  
Congregation Christmas Party***

***Dec 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023***

*In the Fellowship Hall immediately following  
Service and Sunday School  
Christmas Pageant*

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*Continental Breakfast*

*Caroling*

*Visit from Santa*

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*All are welcome!!!  
Family and Friends.*

***Please RSVP !!!!!***

*Please RSVP to [mmicevoy33@aol.com](mailto:mmicevoy33@aol.com) or  
sign up in the Narthex.*



# CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA

*Order Now to help us Decorate the Sanctuary for Christmas!*

*If you wish to contribute to the Christmas Poinsettia Fund in memory of or in honor of a loved one, please complete the form below.*

*Names of donors and loved ones will appear in the Christmas Bulletin.*

*Cost: \$35.00*

**Deadline Date:** *December 10, 2023*

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## CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA

*In Memory of* \_\_\_\_\_

*or In Honor of* \_\_\_\_\_

*In Gratitude for* \_\_\_\_\_

*From* \_\_\_\_\_

*Please send to: St. Luke's Lutheran Church  
95 Eastchester Rd.  
New Rochelle, NY 10801*



## 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.

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

### December Birthdays

12/1 Alessia Daniele  
12/7 Andrew Link  
12/9 Renee Hamilton-Taylor  
Emily Archer  
12/11 Lucy Hoffman-Guido  
12/12 Lillian Alvarez  
Lucille Saavedra

12/17 Joan Bast-Rodriguez  
12/18 Holly O'Neill  
12/22 Cory Tupper  
12/27 Gail Olsen  
12/30 Rebecca Daniele  
12/31 Rosemarie Doerr  
Peter Conroy

### December Anniversaries

12/1 Judy & John Amato  
Joy & Michael Mitchell

### January Birthdays

1/3 Karen Jantzen  
1/4 Michael O'Neill  
1/5 Joseph LoPresti  
Jeniece Oliveras-Triolo  
1/8 Martha Johnson  
1/10 Alan Fontecchio  
1/13 Amelia Blake

1/14 Len Elmer  
1/16 Jackson Tamburro  
1/17 Henry Bast, Jr.  
1/23 Kristen Ann Dassler  
1/27 James Ross III  
1/28 Linda O'Meara  
Avery Harris  
1/31 Katrina Ungewitter1/31

### January Anniversaries

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# St. Luke's Lutheran Church – December 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b><u>All Sundays</u></b> 9a-Choir Rehearsal 10a-Choir 10a-Sunday School 11a-Coffee Hour					1 7:15p-Boy Scouts	2 9:30a-A.A. Men's Group
3 <i>Advent I</i> 10a-Worship 10a-Blessing of Advent Wreath 10a-Sunday School <b>11a-Annual Budget Mtg.</b> 11a-Coffee Hour, Host: Altar Guild - HOPE Toy Drive	4 7p-Basketball	5	6 10a-Prayer Group	7	8 7:15p-Boy Scouts	9 9:30a-A.A. Men's Group
10 <i>Advent II</i> 10a- <b>Service of the Word</b> with Susanne Kuligowski 10a-Blessing of Crèche 10a-Sunday School 11a-Coffee Hour, Host: Fellowship HOPE Toy Drive	11 7p-Basketball	12 7p-Church Council Mtg.	13 10a-Prayer Group	14 12:30p-Book Club at Barnes & Noble	15 7:15p-Boy Scouts	16 9:30a-A.A. Men's Group
17 <i>Advent III</i> 10a-Worship 10a Blessing of Christmas Tree; Christmas Pageant and Congregational Christmas Party 11a-Coffee Hour, Host: Sunday School 11a-Cooking for HOPE	18 7p-Basketball	19	20 10a-Prayer Group	21	22 No Boy Scouts	23 9:30a-A.A. Men's Group
24 <i>Advent IV</i> <b>10a-Worship-Service of the Word</b> No Sunday School 11a-Coffee Hour, Host: Sr. Choir <b>8p-Christmas Eve Service - 8p-Choir</b>	25 <i>Nativity of Our Lord</i> <i>Office Closed</i> No Basketball	26	27 <b>10a-Prayer Group</b>	28	29 No Boy Scouts	30 9:30a-A.A. Men's Group
31 10a-Worship No Sunday School 11a-Coffee Hour, Host: Church Council	<b>Jan. 1 New Year's Day</b>  <i>Office Closed</i>					



**Thank you to the Patrons of St. Luke's Voice –**

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