
◊ St. Luke's Voice ◊

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

February 2024

St. Luke's Lutheran Church

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Newsletter
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Dear friends at St. Luke's,

I'm Jim O'Hanlon, pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Rye Brook. As one of your Deans, I am a liaison with the Bishop's office and he has asked me to be your coverage pastor at this time. I am available for most duties aside from Sunday morning. I will meet with your council and leadership, including your deacons. I am available for pastoral care and you can call me on my cell if you have any questions or concerns. My cell: 917 803-3974.

This is a time of transition and uncertainty for you but all of our congregations are undergoing a challenging shift these days. It is a time when we need our faith more than ever and we need to turn to each other in true Christian love with reassurance, patience, and perseverance.

peace and blessings,
Pastor Jim O'Hanlon

ST. LUKE'S ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Our annual meeting of the congregation will be held on Sunday, February 11th.

It is imperative that all members attend. In this time of transition and change it is extremely important that we have a quorum at this meeting.

PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND!!!

St. Luke Lutheran Church Pastor Calendar

Worship Services

Jan 7 & 21 Deacon Nancy Sigler
Jan 14 and 28 Mark Brown – Communion

Feb 4 Susanne Kuligowski
Feb 11 Deacon Renee Taylor
Feb 18 and 25 Mark Brown – Communion

March 3 and 10 Mark Brown - Communion
March 17 – need coverage
March 24 Palm Sunday & March 31 Easter Sunday - Canon Musoke-Lubega - Communion
March 28 Maundy Thursday & March 29 Good Friday @ 7:30pm Canon Musoke- Lubega

April 7 – Deacon Nancy – Sunday School Pageant
April 14 – Supply Pastor
April 21 – Pastor Mark Brown
April 28 – Pastor Mark Brown

Pastor Mark Brown – 2 Sundays tbd
May 5
May 12 –
May 19 –
May 26

Coverage Pastor – Rev. Jim O'Hanlon 1/1 - 4/30/24

REPORT FROM THE CHURCH COUNCIL

Welcome February... one month less of winter! But the start of the Lenten Season! Happy Valentines Day. Hope to see you all Shrove Tues, Feb 13th and Ash Wed. Feb 14th!

I am submitting this report as part of the newsletter as acting Council President for the end of 2023.

There will be more details included in my annual report letter, but I want to thank you all for your patience, dedication and commitment to our council and our church during this difficult transitional period.



Thank you to the council who have been working tirelessly in helping to preserve our church and its future. Thank you, Denise Tolles, our Vice President, Brett Buehrer, Traci Daniele, our Financial Secretary, Steve Olsen, our Treasurer, Ed O'Garro, Julia Ungewitter and Walter Glatz.

Since our last newsletter (prepared in November) we have been very busy.

We sent an email to the entire congregation detailing the situation with the Church and the Synod. Bottom line is they gave us 3 options. Business as Usual, Holy Closure or Synodical Administration.

We have sent a survey to all members of the congregation; we received 52 responses. We specifically asked you what you wanted. All but 4 voted for Business as Usual and they would wait and see if we would be allowed to sell the parsonage to make well needed repairs on the church building and bring St. Luke's into the future.

On January 27th the Synod Council met. We requested permission from them (as required by ELCA Constitution) to move ahead with selling of our Parsonage. Just today they sent us an email that we may proceed! Of course, we first need approval from the majority of our congregation at our annual meeting on Sunday, February 11th. Please be present!

On Saturday January 20th our Sexton, Sylvia, of more than 30 years advised us she would be retiring at the end of May 2024. Decisions will have to be made as to that position going forward.

The prior Property Chairs have also resigned in the last months of the prior year. Leam McEvoy has graciously stepped up into that role. He has been very busy between the parsonage being vacated and severe weather causing havoc on our doors. Luckily, he works nearby and is able to come by during his lunch break and after work to address any issues.

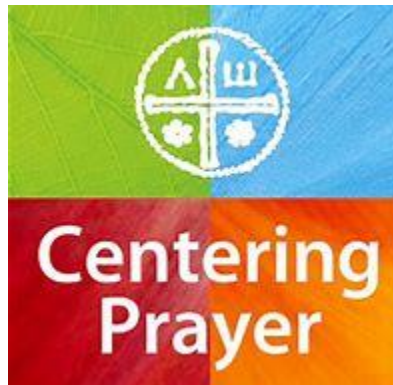
Currently we have Pastors confirmed for at least two services a month, through May, and four services in March. This includes Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. We have been extremely fortunate to have such wonderful and dedicated Deacons and Lay Leader to help us continue to have weekly worship services. Thank you, Nancy Sigler, Renee Taylor and Susanne Kuligowski for your commitment.

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Thank you to Carla LaBarbera, our Church Secretary, for all your help always! We truly appreciate her and all her work.

We are moving forward, business as usual, to maintain our church and its ministry. We will continue to keep you abreast of all updates as we have them. This is your church; we are just honored to be your council.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dawn McEvoy, Interim Council President



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."

Please join us anytime in this prayer of the heart via Zoom for **three Wednesdays during Lent, 2/28/24, 3/13/24, and 3/20/24 from 7:30 to 8:15 p.m.**

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

COOKING FOR HOPE

This month's HOPE cook team consisted of Joan Bast, Bill Rodriguez, Leam McEvoy, James Grody, Jennifer Archer, Angelika Ridulfo, Ken & Lisa Connors.

We made roast pork loins, rice and black beans and mixed vegetables (zucchini, carrots, string beans, cauliflower, broccoli).

The next Cooking for Hope date is March 17th. All welcome to lend a hand!





JOIN US SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11th 2024

(which is also the annual meeting)

HELP US DO OUR PART TO END HUNGER!

ALL DONATIONS WILL GO TO “ELCA WORLD HUNGER”. 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.

WELCOME to the LENTEN SEASON from the Fellowship Committee

We cannot believe it was just Advent and Christmas and now we are preparing for Lent!

Upcoming important dates:

February 11th is our Annual Meeting.

Every member is asked to attend our Annual Meeting. The children will stay with the Sunday School teachers.

February 11th is also SOUPerbowl Sunday hosted by the Sunday School. Please come to church with your cash and checks to "St. Luke's" for ELCA World Hunger. EVERY cent helps. Last year they raised over \$1500 dollars! Help us to help the Sunday School beat their last year's collection.

February 13th is the annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper... Leam, Joan and Bill will be flipping and serving pancakes from 5:30 to 7pm. So we can accommodate everyone! PLEASE use the sign up in the narthex so we know how many pancakes to prepare.

February 14th is ASH Wednesday. Our Deacons and Lay Leader will be imposing ashes as well as serving communion. Service is 7:30. Hope you can all make it.



March and Easter will be here before you know it. We look forward to seeing everyone at church and at coffee hours. Thank you to the committees for helping to make coffee hour so successful!

Thank you to all our members for their dedication and commitment to St. Luke's through this transitional time. It really means the world to our church and its future.

God's blessings to you and your families this Lenten Season. God Bless our Congregation and our beloved church!

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 and Vicky McEvoy, Susanne and Jacob Kuligowski, Renee, Bill and Shari Taylor, Lydia Bersito and Traci Daniele

St. Luke's Lutheran Church

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Pancake Supper

Tuesday, February 13th

Dinner Served

5:30 - 7pm

ALL ARE INVITED!

Celebrate Shrove Tuesday, or Mardi Gras (French for Fat Tuesday), on the day before Ash Wednesday. "Shrove" of Shrove Tuesday is an old English way of saying Confession and Absolution. This is the most important feature of the Holiday. We confess our sins on Shrove Tuesday as a way of getting ready for Lent. Another way we celebrate is to prepare for the Lenten fast. Fasting helps us to remember that we are dust and to dust we shall return, and also that man may not live by bread alone but by every word that comes from the mouth of God. In centuries past the Lenten fast included abstaining from any rich or fatty foods... hence the name "Fat Tuesday". This is why we celebrate with our pancake supper!

Please join us!

Please rsvp to mmcevoy33@aol.com or sign up in the narthex.

BOOK CLUB CORNER

St. Luke's Book Club has transitioned from monthly meetings via Zoom to monthly in-person meetings at Barnes & Noble in Scarsdale. We meet on Thursdays at 12:30 P. M. We enjoy a lovely lunch, and a lively discussion ensues about our current selection. We are currently reading *Klara and the Sun: A Novel* by Kazuo Ishiguro. Our next meeting date is Thursday, February 22. Everyone is welcome to join us! We are eager to welcome new members. Please contact Jennifer Archer: ktembo@aol.com.

Our book titles are listed here:

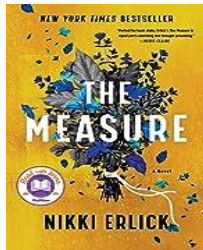
2024 BOOK TITLES AND AUTHORS

FEBRUARY *KLARA AND THE SUN: A NOVEL BY KAZUO ISHIGURO*

MARCH *LADY TAN'S CIRCLE OF FRIENDS*
BY LISA SEE



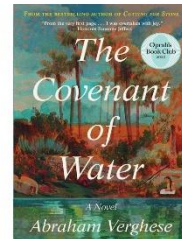
APRIL *HELLO BEAUTIFUL* BY ANN NAPOLITANO



MAY *THE MEASURE*
BY NIKKI ERLICK

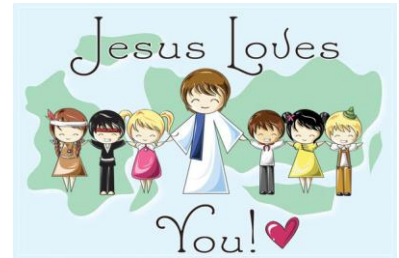
JUNE *IF TODAY BE SWEET* BY THRITY UMRIGAR

SUMMER *THE COVENANT OF WATER*
BY ABRAHAM VERGHESE



HAPPY READING!!

WINTER GREETINGS from the SUNDAY SCHOOL



All Are Welcome!!!

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.

We are so excited for February... SOUPERBOWL Sunday, February 11th. The children and staff will be collecting money for ELCA World Hunger. They will be at the exits with soup pots and smiles... Please bring your cash and checks! (Made Payable to St. Luke's memo World Hunger). Last year we raised over \$1500 dollars!

February 13th is our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. We made it early so ALL children can attend. PLEASE Join Us at 5:30!

Valentines Day is February 14th the same day as Ash Wednesday...

There is NO Sunday School, however, on February 18th, as that is a holiday weekend.

We will start planning and rehearsing for our Easter Pageant which will be April 7th.

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 until 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.

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.

Happy Valentines Day. Remember Jesus Loves YOU!!!

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

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

THE BIGGEST THANK YOU I CAN SEND!!!

I don't know about you, but December was a *Blur* for me. So many of you dropped me notes saying thank you and wishing me well, and I was so grateful for each one of them. In a perfect world, I'll get time to write back~ but until then know that they buoyed me during those last challenging weeks.



Thank you as well for the sweet, perfect send-off on New Year's Eve. It is such a hectic time between the holidays, and so seeing so many of you and having time for a hug, a conversation, a chuckle... well, again, I loved that morning with you and treasure the time we shared.

THANK you to Dawn and Leam for their help in putting the coffee hour together and thank you for the St. Luke's bag and cookbook~~~ how perfect!

Thank you to Iryna and Carla for all the ways you helped me through the year, to the deacons for their collegiality and friendship, and to Silvia who was always helpful.

Thank you to each one of you for your care for St Luke's, for me, and for one another.

God bless and keep you in this new year!
yours, Cricket+

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.

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

Anniversaries

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<u>All Sundays</u> 9a-Choir Rehearsal 10a-Choir 10a-Sunday School 11a-Coffee Hour				1	2 7:15p-Boy Scouts	3 9:30a-A.A. Men's Group
4 10a-Service of the Word with Susanne Kuligowski 10a-Sunday School 11a-Coffee Hour, Host: Sunday School	5 7p-Basketball Group	6	7	8	9 7:15p-Boy Scouts	10 9:30a-A.A. Men's Group
11 SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY 10a-Service of the Word with Deacon Renee Taylor 10a-Sunday School 11a-Coffee Hour, Host: Church Council 11a-ANNUAL MTG.	12 7p-Basketball Group	13 5:30-7:00p-Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper	14 Ash Wednesday 730p-Ash Wednesday Service	15	16 7:15p-Boy Scouts	17 9:30a-A.A. Men's Group
18 LENT I 10a-Worship with Rev. Mark Brown NO Sunday School 11a-Coffee Hour, Host: Social Ministry	19 President's Day <i>Office Closed</i> No Basketball Group <i>Schools Mid -Winter Recess</i>	20	21	22 12:30p-Book Club at Barnes & Noble	23 No Boy Scouts	24 9:30a-A.A. Men's Group
25 Lent II 10a-Worship Service with Rev. Mark Brown 10a-Sunday School 11a-Coffee Hour, Host: Altar Guild	26 7p-Basketball Group	27	28	29		

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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 expensive costs of producing the congregation newsletter by contributing a special gift of \$25 per calendar year.

(Those who participated in 2023 should send their donation now for the new calendar year 2024).

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.

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Please designate the gift toward “Patron of newsletter”.