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Newsletter

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Dear Friends at St. Luke's,

Lent should have some elements of an effort to get to know God. This will not be the same for everyone. If you have a plan for Lent, you may still end up changing it if it's not meeting your needs.

I think for some people Lent has memories of finding ways to be miserable, punishing ourselves before a judgmental God. Certainly, people can and have gone too far in that direction with themselves or with imposing a rigor on others regardless of what they do themselves. To have an ethical code and a system of accountability is important, it is necessary for social order and progress. Too often, too easily it can be corrupted to the advantage of one person or one group. The best idea would be for a Lenten discipline that is kind to you, your body and your mind. But what would be too much Lent for one person might be too little for another.

Back in 2020 some clergy were saying that, due to COVID, it was the "lentiest" Lent they had ever "lented." COVID was a difficult time for all of us, giving up certain things like gatherings with friends and family, interacting casually in public with strangers, traveling and socializing. For some people COVID restrictions were over and done altogether never to be considered again. For most of us the COVID protocols have evolved, sometimes easing and then tightening again. Some restrictions have been forgotten while others have remained.

This Lent can be a time to step back and ask what pre-pandemic practices we had given up and forgotten which we might want to return to now. Lent should not just be miserable deprivation and certainly with so much uncertainty and hardship that may be the last thing we need. Lent should flow into Easter in a way that works for us in getting closer to God. God does not want us to punish ourselves in order to appreciate God's love. Lent should not be the opposite of Easter but a preparation, an exploration of God's love that unfolds into a awareness of the miracle of God's power over sin and death and anything else that would get in the way of our growing closer to God.

Pastor Jim

REPORT from the CHURCH COUNCIL

Lent and Easter Greetings.....

We wanted to keep you updated on all the things happening at your Church Council.



Thank you all for attending the Annual Meeting. We presented our plans for selling the parsonage and it was approved for us to move forward. We are currently working on those next steps, which include a MAI approved Appraiser, a lawyer that has worked with the Attorney General Office in the past and a realtor.

While that is happening, we are also currently working on emptying the parsonage. We have sent out a list of items we have to sell along with pictures. There are fabulous and beautiful pieces: furniture, appliances, lamps, pictures, outdoor furniture, household items etc. PLEASE take a look or come on Saturday, March 2nd from 10-1pm, when we are planning a community tag sale! ALL are welcome, tell your friends, neighbors, families. We will be sending out a flyer.

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, and welcome our newest Council members, Angelika Ridulfo, Karen Fontecchio and Donna Elmer.

Updates:

Our Sexton, Sylvia, retirement date is June 17th. We will be discussing plans for a replacement.

Our current Property Chair, Leam McEvoy, is doing a wonderful job helping with the maintenance of and the sale of the contents of the Parsonage and there are no current issues to report.

We have been so fortunate, and thankfully we have supply Pastors scheduled through and including almost every Sunday through August. We will be following up with the synod about getting a Called Pastor. Thank you again to our Deacons and Lay Leaders; Nancy Sigler, Renee Taylor, Susanne Kuligowski and Kris Haymon for your commitment.

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, Council President

EASTER IS COMING

Easter comes quite early this year – Sunday, March 31st. You are invited to join in the celebration of the Resurrection of Our Lord on that day. Service begins at 10am.

We hope to see you then!

Other Holy Week worship opportunities are:

Palm Sunday – March 24th – 10am

Maundy Thursday – March 28th – 7:30pm

Good Friday – March 29th – 7:30pm



HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SALE OF PARSONAGE FURNISHINGS

As most or all of you know, we are working on selling the Parsonage. Before we can do that, we need to clear the contents of the house, the garage and the yard.



We have many wonderful things for sale.

We will have an OPEN HOUSE for our St. Luke's Family on Saturday Feb 24th from 10-2pm and again on March 2nd from 10-1pm. Please feel free to bring your family and friends. Depending on what, if anything, is left afterwards, we will bring to St Luke's for our rummage sale and/or donate to local charities like Hearts and Homes for Refugees.

You can find a list of the items we have and their suggested prices by clicking on the website given here. As per Lydia, all are negotiable! We have taken pictures of most items, and all photos can be accessed at the following link: <https://susannekuligowski.smugmug.com/St--Luke-s-Parsonage-sale/Furniture/n-vWKL4C> We need to remove everything as soon as possible, so if you would like something please be ready and able to move it and take it home.

Any questions please feel free to reach out to Dawn at mmcevoy33@aol.com

COOKING FOR HOPE

We did not have a HOPE cook in February. The March Cooking for Hope date is the 17th. Everyone is invited to lend a hand!

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. This month we are reading *Lady Tan's Circle of Friends* by Lisa See. Our next meeting date is Thursday, March 21st. 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:

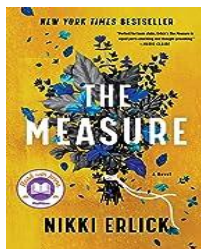
2024 BOOK TITLES AND AUTHORS

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



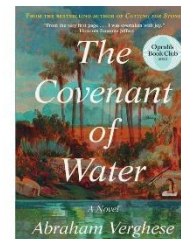
APRIL *HELLO BEAUTIFUL* BY ANN NAPOLITANO



MAY *THE MEASURE*
BY NIKKI ERLICK

JUNE *IF TODAY BE SWEET* BY THRITY UMRIGAR

SUMMER *THE COVENANT OF WATER*
BY ABRAHAM VERGHESE



HAPPY READING!!

NEWS from the FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

Welcome Spring! Yes its coming!

I have faith. warmer weather and longer days are coming... regardless of what the ground hog said! We are looking forward to Easter!

February 11th was our Annual Meeting. So well attended. So much important things going on right now, thank you to our Church Council and Congregation for their commitment.

February 11th was also SOUPERbowl Sunday hosted by the Sunday School. Thanks to the generosity of the Congregation, they raised over \$1700.00 this year for ELCA World Hunger.

February 13th, we had to cancel the annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper... the weather was forecasted to be icy, snowy and rainy. So, for the safety of all our guests we thought it best to postpone... we plan to reschedule as a breakfast after Easter. Stay tuned!

Easter is coming! We are going to start advertising to our wider community to welcome them to our church. Please help by also spreading the Good News. St. Luke's is open for business!



Thank you to our Deacons, lay leaders and all our supply Pastors for serving us every Sunday, we are so grateful for your commitment and dedication.

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!



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.

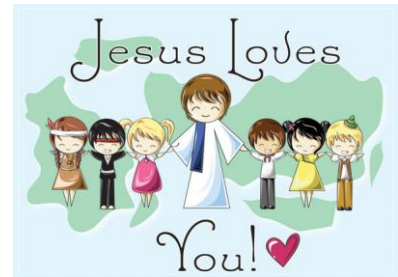
Thank you to our committee and all those with the time and talents to support our mission of unity and oneness in Christ. Our church is an amazing family because we are all part of it.

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL is getting
ready for Easter!
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.

First let me say Thank You for your children and for our teachers. The SOUPERBOWL collection, Sunday, Feb 11th was a HUGE success. We raised over \$1700.00 thank to the generosity of our congregation! All funds are being donated to the ELCA World Hunger. THANK YOU!!! The pancake supper that was cancelled on Feb. 13th will be rescheduled as a breakfast... we will let you know when we have that date!



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We are ready to start rehearsing for our Easter Pageant on April 7th. PLEASE make your children available and email us to confirm.

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 from 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 thru 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.

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

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.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

| | | | |
|------|-------------------|------|--------------------|
| 3/3 | Melissa McEvoy | 3/17 | Amy Amato-Bromberg |
| | Jeannette Carlson | 3/18 | Daniel Brisson |
| | Fernita Ross | 3/19 | Zachary Carter |
| 3/6 | Nancy Sigler | 3/21 | Lydia Bersito |
| | Joseph Triolo | 3/23 | Scott Fredericks |
| 3/7 | Jack Finegan | 3/24 | Lori Walker |
| 3/10 | Adam Brent | 3/26 | Marissa Wirak |
| 3/11 | Mark Fontecchio | 3/27 | Donna Elmer |
| 3/14 | Jacob Kuligowski | | Stacey Haymon |
| 3/15 | Edmond O'Garro | 3/28 | Patricia Damrow |
| | Steven Olsen | | |

Anniversaries

3/25 Lynda & Anthony Pasqua



ST. LUKE'S LUTHERAN CHURCH – MARCH 2024

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|--|--|--|--|--|---|--|
| <u>All Sundays</u> 9a-Choir Rehearsal 10a-Choir 10a-Sunday School 11a-Coffee Hour | | | | | 1 7:15p-Boy Scouts | 2 9:30p-A.A. Men's Group |
| 3 <i>Lent III</i> 10a-Worship with Rev. Mark Brown 10a-Sunday School 11a-Coffee Hour, Host: Fellowship | 4 7p-Basketball Group | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 7:15p-Boy Scouts | 9 9:30p-A.A. Men's Group <i>Daylight Saving Time Begins-Turn clocks ahead one hour</i> |
| 10 <i>Lent IV</i> 10a-Worship with Rev. Mark Brown 10a-Sunday School 11a-Coffee Hour, Host: Sr. Choir <i>Day Light Saving Time Begins</i> | 11 7p-Basketball Group | 12 | 13 7:30p-Centering Prayer with Deacon Nancy Sigler via Zoom | 14 | 15 7:15p-Boy Scouts | 16 9:30p-A.A. Men's Group |
| 17 <i>Lent V</i> 10a-Service of the Word with Kris Haymon 10a-Sunday School 11a-Coffee Hours, Host: Sunday School 11a-Cooking for HOPE | 18 10a-HOPE Food Pickup 7p-Church Council Mtg. 7p-Basketball Group Last Practice | 19 | 20 7:30p-Centering Prayer with Deacon Nancy Sigler via Zoom | 21 12:30p-Book Club at Barnes & Noble | 22 7:15p-Boy Scouts | 23 9:30p-A.A. Men's Group |
| 24 <i>Passion /Palm Sunday</i> 10a-Worship with Rev. Canon Musoke-Lubega No Sunday School 11a-Coffee Hours, Host: Church Council | 25 <i>Schools Off Spring Break</i> | 26 | 27 | 28 <i>Maundy Thursday</i> 7:30p-Worship with Rev. Canon Musoke-Lubega | 29 <i>Good Friday/Tenebrae</i> 7:30p-Worship with Rev. Canon Musoke-Lubega | 30 9:30p-A.A. Men's Group |
| 31 <i>Resurrection of Our Lord/Easter Sunday</i> 10a-Worship with Rev. Canon Musoke-Lubega No Sunday School <i>Easter Egg Hunt after Service</i> 11a-Coffee Hour, Host: Fellowship | | April 6 5p-Sunday School Easter Pageant Rehearsal | April 7 Sunday School Easter Pageant 11a-Pancake Breakfast - page 8 - | April 12-14 th Women's Retreat at Koinonia | | |

EASTER PLANTS



The Easter season is fast approaching. If you would like to contribute to the beautification of the sanctuary by donating \$35.00 toward the Easter lily fund, please use the form to make your reservation.

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

Donation for flowers: \$35.00

Deadline Date: March 24, 2024

EASTER PLANTS

In memory of _____

or in honor of _____

From _____

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