


St. Luke's Voice



St. Luke's Lutheran Church, New Rochelle, NY

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**St. Luke's
Lutheran Church**

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Newsletter
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Dear friends at St. Luke's,

Many holidays feel like a lot of preparation for something that is over so fast. We spend hours preparing a feast that gets gobbled up in no time and then there's a pile of dirty pots, pans, cups, and plates.

When we treat Easter as a basket of candy or Christmas as a pile of gifts, these can indeed be over as fast as we can tear wrappers and packages. But these are more than holidays, they are holy days. And they are more than a day, they are seasons.

As church we do not just gather for an hour on Sunday, we walk together through seasons. The season of Lent has us looking forward and preparing for Easter. Forty days to reflect and revisit our faith. Easter is a season of 50 days. Fifty days to dwell in the holy mysteries of a God who suffers and dies for us and is now Risen indeed! We are joined, Paul tells us, to Christ's death and Resurrection in our baptism. Baptism is also not a one-time event. Baptism, Peter writes, still saves us here and now. We wake each morning grateful for our baptism, grateful that we are God's beloved children filled with the Spirit, blessed with God's gifts. We belong to God and "nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus."

So Easter is a celebration that lasts over a month. Make an affirmation each day, give thanks for your baptism, see baptism as a daily reality which gives us Jesus' victory over sin and death. We need God each day and God's grace is a daily event freeing us for love and service. We can be transformed by God's love but it needs to be a habit of thankfulness and praise as we still need God's mercy and we love to hear the story as often as we can.

P.S. I just watched "Come Sunday" on Netflix. The story of Carlton Pearson who just died last November. In a world where there are so many very different ideas about how to follow Jesus, where there are churches with very different answers to the questions we face each day, I'd love to know what you think about this film. Watch it and send me your review: johanlon.stpauls@gmail.com.

peace,

Pastor Jim O'Hanlon

ST. Luke's Lutheran Church – Pastor Calendar

Worship Services

April 7 – Deacon Nancy Sigler
April 14 – Pastor John Backe
April 21- Pastor John Backe
April 28 – Pastor John Backe

May 5 – John Backe
May 12 – John Backe
May 19 - Mark Brown
May 26 – John Backe

June 2 – Mark Brown
June 9 – Mark Brown
June 16 – John Backe
June 23 – Mark Brown
June 30 – Mark Brown

July 7 – Marianne K Tomecek
July 14 – Marsh Luther Drege
July 21 – Marianne K. Tomecek
July 28 – Diane Wildow

Aug 4 – Mark Brown
Aug 11 – Mark Brown
Aug 18 – Diane Wildow
Aug 25 – Mark Brown

CHURCH COUNCIL REPORT

Happy and Blessed Easter to you and your families...

First let me say that your church council is working very hard. We have been nonstop since we started...

Your elected council members are:

Dawn McEvoy, President

Denise Tolles, Vice President

Steve Olsen, Treasurer

Traci Daniele, Finance Secretary

Melissa McEvoy, Secretary

Brett Buehrer, Donna Elmer, Karen Fontecchio, Ed O'Garro and Angelika Ridolfo

Currently, we are actively working on selling the parsonage. That entails so much!

Lydia Bersito, Leam McEvoy, Traci Daniele and Susanne Kuligowski have been working many weekends, and then some, selling the remaining items in the parsonage. Thanks to Pastor Damrow and Pat who donated its contents to the church when they moved, we have raised over \$3k.

CHURCH COUNCIL



attorneys, appraisers
and when ready we
property, and we are exploring those options.

Brett Buehrer, Denise Tolles, Traci Daniele and Donna Elmer have been spending many hours interviewing and realtors. We have received the appraisal; we have chosen an attorney will also choose a broker. We had a few people that were interested in the

We are exploring options for replacing our Sexton, Sylvia Moreno, who is retiring mid-June.

Thank you to the rest of the council who have also been committing their time and talents to help preserve our church and its future. Every member is doing their part to ensure our future.

Currently we have Pastors confirmed for every single Sunday through the end of August. We will start recruiting Supply Pastors for the fall, as it seems we will not be in the position to Call a New Pastor before then.

We are very fortunate to have our coverage Pastor, Jim O'Hanlon, who has agreed to extend his commitment to the beginning of Summer. We will of course keep you posted as to future plans.

We want to also thank our Deacons and Lay Leaders who continue to support us and ensure we have weekly worship services. Thank you, Deacon Nancy Sigler, Deacon Renee Taylor, Susanne Kuligowski and Kris Haymon for your commitment. Thank you to Carla LaBarbera, our Church Secretary, for all of 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.

God Bless you all this Easter Season!

Respectfully Submitted,
Dawn McEvoy, Council President

EASTER BLESSINGS from the FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE



Easter is here! He is risen, He is risen indeed!!!

We are so blessed to have such a wonderful church, congregation and support! Thank you to you all!

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!

Sunday, April 7th is the Sunday School Easter Pageant and our rescheduled Pancake Breakfast. All are welcome! Please sign up in the Narthex. Thank you, Leam, Joan, and Bill, for cooking for us.

Our Annual Women's Retreat to Koinonia is April 12-14th. We are looking forward to another fabulous weekend with our friends.

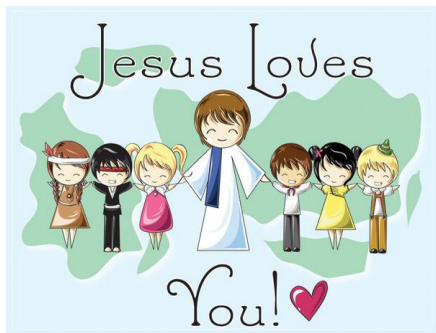
If you are on Facebook, please join our page. "St. Luke's New Rochelle". Please visit our Website at SLNR.org.

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



HAPPY EASTER
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.

Happy Easter to all our friends and family from the Sunday School.

Please note:
Our Easter Pageant and Pancake Breakfast are on April 7th. All families and friends are welcome. Please RSVP in the Narthex.

We have been busy learning God’s Good News in the New Testament from Jesus Birth to his Crucifixion and Resurrection. We try to include crafts and adding things to the bulletin board whenever we can.



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 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 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 then we will provide them. Please help to support the Sunday school with your contributions.

We are trying to reach out to the community to increase our Sunday School attendance. If you know of someplace, we can post information, please let us know.

God Bless you and your families.... Thank you all for your support! 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
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Karen Fontecchio – Asst. Superintendent

Traci Daniele – Treasurer
Teachers – Melissa McEvoy, Vicky McEvoy,
Shari Taylor and Jacob Kuligowski



ST. LUKE'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

**SUNDAY
SCHOOL
EASTER
EGG
HUNT**

ALL ARE WELCOME !

JOIN US SUNDAY, MARCH 31ST

*Immediately following
service in the back
yard. If bad weather
we will move to inside.*

Don't forget to join us the next Sunday, April 7th for
our Easter Pageant and pancake breakfast!
Please use sign up sheet in Narthex.



Sunday School Easter Pageant
April 7th

during worship service at 10am

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Pancake Breakfast

immediately following in the fellowship hall

Please sign up in the narthex

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ALL ARE WELCOME!!

Any questions please contact Dawn McEvoy at mmcevoy33@aol.com

COOKING FOR HOPE



Pictured here is the Cooking for Hope team on Sunday, March 17th as they prepared a delicious meal for Hope Community Services.

The next Hope Cook is scheduled for Sunday, April 14th. Everyone is welcome to lend a helping hand.

BOOK CLUB CORNER

*BOOKS ARE THE PLANE, AND THE TRAIN, AND THE ROAD. THEY ARE THE DESTINATION,
AND THE JOURNEY. THEY ARE HOME.*

--- Anna Quindlen

St. Luke's Book Club meets monthly on Thursdays at Barnes & Noble in Scarsdale. We share a lovely lunch together and enjoy a spirited discussion about our current selection. Our March read was an outstanding novel by Lisa See: *LADY TAN'S CIRCLE OF WOMEN*. We discussed the power of friendship and the importance of women helping other women. See's story is the brilliant reimagining of the life of a woman who was remarkable in the Ming dynasty (15th century) and would be considered remarkable today.

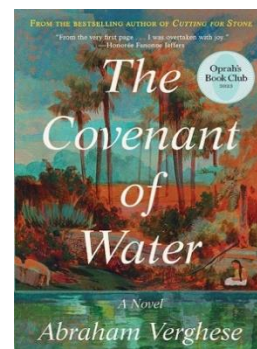
We are looking forward to the springtime as we will move outside and dine al fresco while talking about our current selection. Everyone is welcome to join us!

BOOK TITLES AND AUTHORS



- April *HELLO BEAUTIFUL* by Ann Napolitano
May *THE MEASURE* by Nikki Erlick
June *THE MUSEUM OF FAILURES* by Thrity Umrigar

- Summer *THE COVENANT OF WATER*
by Abraham Verghese



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.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

4/1	Paula Hayes	4/21	Robert Doerr
4/4	Claudia Rubicco Frank Saavedra	4/22	Cidney Montalvo Stephanie Elmer Rachel Elmer
4/8	Rachel Kimber	4/25	Elizabeth Mitze
4/12	Daniel D. Brisson Erik Jantzen	4/27	Margaret Lenz-Nicolais
4/15	Erika Johnson	4/28	Sanjay Smith
4/17	Brad Fredericks	4/30	Logan Head

Anniversaries

4/4	Zachary & Rosalind Carter
4/8	Traci & Ermenegildo Daniele
4/16	Linda Skillen & Jose Saavedra
4/18	Len & Donna Elmer
4/23	Gloria & Laurence Head
4/29	Jeremy & Rachelle Harris



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>All Sundays</i> 9a-Sr. Choir Rehearsal 10a-Choir 10a-Sunday School 11a-Coffee Hour</p> <p>7 10a-Service of the Word with Deacon Nancy Sigler 10a-Sunday School Easter Pageant Pancake Breakfast following Worship 11a-Coffee Hour, Host: Sunday School</p>	<p>1</p> <p>8</p>	<p>2</p> <p>9</p>	<p>3</p> <p>10</p>	<p>4</p> <p>11</p>	<p>5 7:15p-Boy Scouts</p> <p>12 Women's Retreat at Koinonia April 12-14 7:15p-Boy Scouts</p>	<p>6 9:30a-A.A. Men's Group 5p-Sunday School Pageant Rehearsal</p> <p>13 9:30a-A.A. Men's Group</p>
<p>14 10a-Worship with Rev. John Backe 11a-Coffee Hour, Host: Social Ministry 11a-Cooking for HOPE</p>	<p>15 10a-HOPE Food Pickup 7p-Church Council Mtg.</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19 7:15p-Boy Scouts</p>	<p>20 9:30a-A.A. Men's Group</p>
<p>21 10a-Worship with Rev. John Backe 11a-Coffee Hour, Host: Sr. Choir</p> <p>28 10a-Worship with Rev. John Backe 11a-Coffee Hour, Host: Altar Guild</p>	<p>22 Schools Closed 4/22-4/24 Passover</p> <p>29</p>	<p>23</p> <p>30</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26 7:15p-Boy Scouts</p>	<p>27 9:30a-A.A. Men's Group</p>

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