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# 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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## Summertime

Summer is lazy and relaxed; a time to renew and restore. God actually commands us to take breaks: "Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work.... For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy." (Exodus 20) It is not only us but also the farm hands and farm animals that get a rest. And the land itself. In Leviticus 25 it says that "every seventh year, the land is to have a Sabbath of complete rest, a "Sabbath to the Lord".

The commandments tell us that God rested; that's such an odd concept but if God needs rest surely we do. God rested after the work of creation. Also, each day of creation has a rhythm of stopping and reflecting. Each day God stops to evaluate what had happened so far, to judge the progress. "And God saw that it was good."

The command to rest, then, is not to simply do nothing. The Sabbath is holy. The Bible's concept of holiness refers to being "separate" or "set apart". The Hebrew word for "holy" is "KADOSH", which means "to separate or cut off". The seventh day is separate. The close of each day, the dusk, is separate. We step back and look over what we have done, how far we have come.

If you want to learn more about this you might take a book to the beach: *Reclaiming Rest: The Promise of Sabbath, Solitude, and Stillness in a Restless World* by Kate H. Rademacher ([augsburgfortress.org](http://augsburgfortress.org)). Those moments where we catch our breath can be a time to count blessings and to give thanks and praise to our creator, the author of all that we see. We can use time off/ time apart to think about how we can cultivate an attitude of gratitude, a disposition to generosity, giving freely as God has given to us.

So this Summer is time off but there is work to do, the work of the soul. A time for reflection, to take stock and to set a course for the year ahead when we return to the work-a-day world.

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*peace,*

Pastor Jim O'Hanlon

## COUNCIL REPORT

Happy Father's Day. Welcome Summer!

Thank you to all that attended the Congregation meeting on Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> regarding the sale of the Parsonage. I am sorry I couldn't be there. I had a conference out of town. We had a quorum and the vote passed. We selected Owen Berkowitz from Christies to sell the parsonage. We have had a tremendous response. The Council has selected a purchaser for the parsonage and is proceeding with the contract process. Ultimately, the sale and the key terms of the Contract, however, remain subject to both the approval of the Congregation (at a Congregation Meeting to be scheduled) and the Attorney General of the State of New York. It is anticipated that this process may take up to six months.

June 17<sup>th</sup> is our beloved sexton's last day. After more than 30 years of faithful service Sylvia will be leaving us to return to Columbia. Her son, Christian, just had a baby, so let's keep all of them in our prayers. We are taking up a monetary collection for Sylvia, if you would like to contribute, please put it in the collection plate or send to the church office. Checks can be made payable to "St. Luke's Church" and the memo noted Sexton Gift. We are hoping to have a blessing of God Speed on June 2<sup>nd</sup> if Sylvia is available. If not, we will present her with the gift at another time.

Our Sexton Search subcommittee has decided to hire a part time sexton for 8-10 hours a week. One that doesn't live on property. To reiterate what I wrote in the last newsletter... We, as a council, have determined that it is better to leave the sexton apartment empty for the time being since we do not know what our future Pastor role will look like.



Currently we have Pastors confirmed for every Sunday through the end of October, except for July 21, which will be led by Deacon Nancy. That will be our Christmas in July service, followed by an Ice Cream Social! Going forward, Supply Pastors will be listed in the bulletin. We will continue to recruit Supply Pastors into 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 August 31. He has recently begun leading Confirmation classes for 4 of our children. We want to also thank our Deacons and Lay Leaders, Deacon Nancy Sigler, Deacon Renee Taylor, Susanne Kuligowski and Kris Haymon for their commitment. Thank you to Carla LaBarbera, our Church Secretary, for all of her help always! We truly appreciate her and all her work.

We hope to see you all at the end of year picnic on June 2<sup>nd</sup>! 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. God's Blessings to you all!

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dawn McEvoy, Council President

Denise Tolles, Vice President; Steve Olsen, Treasurer; Traci Daniele, Finance Secretary  
Melissa McEvoy, Secretary; Brett Buehrer, Donna Elmer, Karen Fontecchio, Ed O'Garro  
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May 21, 2024

Dear Members and Friends,

As all of you have heard by now our Sexton, Sylvia Moreno, is retiring on June 17<sup>th</sup> after 30+ years of faithful service to our church and to our membership.

We would like to show our appreciation for her dedication and hard work for all these years at St. Luke's. As we have said before... most of what she does goes on behind the scenes but without her our church wouldn't have functioned.

Since we are not able to budget for these gifts, we rely on your generosity.

Please consider a monetary gift to let her know how much you appreciate what she has meant to St. Luke's.

For expediency sake we are emailing this to our members and not sending in the mail.

Please put your gift in an envelope and return either in collection plate, with "Sexton Gift" noted, or to the church office by June 2. We want to present this to her at the End of Year Picnic after church on the 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Thank you so much for your immediate attention. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Peace and Blessings,

Dawn McEvoy  
Council President  
[Mmcevoy33@aol.com](mailto:Mmcevoy33@aol.com)

## COOKING FOR HOPE



Thanks to all who assisted (directly and indirectly) with the May Hope Cook: Angelika Ridulfo; Angelika's nephew; Lisa, Olivia and Ken Connors, Jennifer Archer, Susanne Kugliowski, Walt Glatz.

It takes a Village! The next Hope Cooks are Sunday June 16<sup>th</sup>, Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup> and Sunday August 18<sup>th</sup>.

All welcome to lend a hand!

## BOOK CLUB CORNER

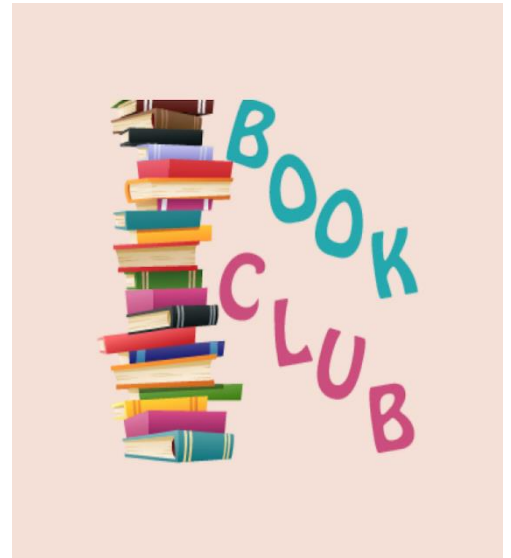
*One book is enough, but a thousand books are not too many.*

*~ Martin Luther*

### SUMMER 2024

Thursday, June 20 ----- *THE MUSEUM OF FAILURES*  
BY THRITY UMRIGAR

SUMMER SELECTION -----  
*THE COVENANT OF WATER*  
BY ABRAHAM VERGHESE



St. Luke's Book Club continues to meet monthly at Barnes & Noble in Scarsdale. In June, we will dine alfresco while discussing Thrity Umrigar's recent novel.

Everyone is welcome to join us!

*"Reading gives us someplace to go when we have to stay where we are."*

*~ Mason Cooley*

# HAPPY FATHERS DAY

## WELCOME SUMMER from the SUNDAY SCHOOL

God Bless our Dads, Grandfathers, Uncles, God Fathers, all that have been like a Father to us... and our greatest most loving Father of all, God!

**Our end of year Congregational Picnic and Sunday School Promotions is on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. That will be our last day of Sunday School till the Fall. See flyer on page 7! Signup in Narthex. ALL ARE WELCOME!!!**

Children are always welcome in church and need to learn how to follow the bulletin and participate in the worship service... please continue coming over the summer. We have Pastors every week!

We will be hosting our Christmas in July ice cream social on July 21<sup>st</sup>.  
Rally Day is Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>.



We have a group of Sunday School children starting Confirmation class. Look for them throughout the summer serving within the church!

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 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.

**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 trying to outreach 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](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)*

*Karen Fontecchio – Asst. Superintendent*

*Traci Daniele – Treasurer*

*Teachers – Melissa McEvoy, Vicky McEvoy,*

*Shari Taylor and Jacob Kuligowski*

## Sunday School Promotions – June 2, 2024

### 23-24 24-25

PK	K	Carney Shellukindo
1	2	Olivia Connors
2	3	Nicholas Grody
3	4	Carsten Shellukindo
3	4	Cait Elser
4	5	Talya Dejesus-Monat
4	5	Tommy Constabile
5	6	Cayden Shellukindo
5	6	Ayden Dejesus-Monat

Confirmation	Charlotte Blake
Confirmation	Amelia Blake
Confirmation	Anna Shiels
Confirmation	Nathan McCusker

### Teachers and Staff

Dawn McEvoy – Superintendent

Melissa McEvoy

Victoria McEvoy

Shari Taylor

Jacob Kuligowski

Traci Daniele – Treasurer

Karen Fontecchio – Asst. Superintendent

*Thank you to this amazing staff of volunteers for their continued support and dedication to the children of the Sunday School. Thank you to the parents and congregation for their continued support and dedication to our Church and Sunday School. We are so blessed to have all of you. Have a Great Summer!!*

*Thank you, Carla, our church secretary; Sylvia, our church sexton; Iryna, our organist and Pastor Jim O’Hanlon for sticking with us. Thank you to our chefs, Leam, Joan, and Bill for feeding us, Sr. Choir, for lifting us up, Deacons for guiding us and Church Council for leading us!*

# *End of Year Congregation Picnic/BBQ*

**Hosted by the Sunday School**

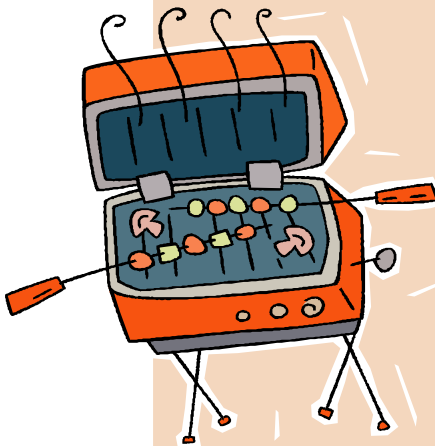
Please join us for our end of year celebration –  
All are WELCOME! Please rsvp.

June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 11am

immediately following service in Fellowship Hall and Backyard

***RSVP to:***

**Dawn at [mmcevoy33@aol.com](mailto:mmcevoy33@aol.com)  
or use sign up in Narthex.**



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**BLESSED FATHERS' DAY**  
from the Fellowship Committee



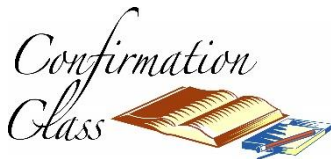
God Bless all of our Dads... and all the Fathers!

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

Save the date for our congregational picnic which will be June 2<sup>nd</sup> after service in the fellowship hall.  
There will be a sign up in the Narthex. All are welcome!

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! Share on your social media, email your friends and neighbors. If you know of a place where we can put a flyer, please do!

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 do have Supply Pastors every week, except July 21<sup>st</sup>, through October. There will be weekly Communion.



Our confirmation class has started; Thank you Pastor Jim! We have 4 children participating.

June 16<sup>th</sup> is our beloved sexton, Sylvia Moreno's, last day. She will be moving back to her homeland in Columbia. We wish her well and hope to have a blessing during service on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. There was an email that went out to all members! (reprinted on page 3 of this newsletter)

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! 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](http://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**



## 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

### JUNE

#### Birthdays

6/1	Madeline Buehrer	6/14	Nadia Dassler
6/3	Kyle Jantzen	6/16	Allison Link
	Karl Jantzen	6/19	Patricia Fredericks
6/8	Steffany O'Neill	6/22	Christian Shiels
6/12	Jessica Bose	6/24	John Amato
	Jane Kimber	6/27	Donald Doerr
		6/29	Bruce Kuligowski

#### Anniversaries

6/2	Martin & Julia Ungewitter
6/17	Kris & Stacey Haymon
6/19	Brett Buehrer & Dana Diersen-Buehrer
6/20	Michael & Steffany O'Neill
6/25	Peter & Resha Conroy
6/26	Gabrielle & Vincent Tamburro
6/28	Karen & George Jantzen

## JULY

### Birthdays

7/2	Trina Lenz	7/13	Resha Conroy
7/7	Lindsey Kuligowski	7/16	Samantha Mitze
7/8	Kristine Kuligowski	7/17	Cayden Shellukindo
	Barbara Bersito	7/18	Herbert Doerr
7/9	Teresa Montalvo	7/19	Ryan Tupper
7/11	Benjamin Blake	7/21	Michael Amato
7/12	Christopher Santizo	7/28	Henry Doerr
	7/31	Walter Mitze	

### Anniversaries

7/14	Rosalind & Ernest Wallace
7/16	Joe Triolo & Jeniece Oliveras-Triolo
7/24	Corinne & Matthew Blake

## AUGUST

### Birthdays

8/6	Ernest Wallace	8/18	Bob Lepple
8/8	Lorraine Helfer	8/28	Linda Skillen
8/12	Camille Brock	8/29	Joy Mitchell
8/13	Patrice Mitchell		Jacob Damrow
8/14	Faith Bissinger		

### Anniversaries

8/7	Jessica & Robert Horn
8/8	Alan & Karen Fontecchio
	Lydia & Frank Bersito
	Herbert & Mary Doerr
8/10	Melbourne & Renee Taylor
8/17	Peter & Martha Johnson
8/18	Rev. Dr. William & Pat Damrow
8/21	Danielle & Jon Finocchiaro
8/26	Steven & Gail Olsen
8/28	John & Claudia Rubicco

## St. Luke's Lutheran Church – June 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><u>All Sundays</u> 9a-Choir Rehearsal 10a-Choir 11a-Coffee Hour June</p>	<p><i>June 2—Last Day of Sunday School</i></p>					<p><i>1</i> 9:30a-A.A. Men's Group</p>
<p>2 10a-Worship with Rev. Brown <i>10a-Sunday School Promotions</i> 10a-Choir 11a-Coffee Hour, Host: Social Ministry <i>Congregation Picnic after worship</i></p> <p>9 10a-Worship with Rev. Brown 10a-Choir 11a- Coffee Hour, Host: Sunday School</p>	<p>3</p> <p>10</p>	<p>4</p> <p>11</p>	<p>5 7p-Confirmation Class</p> <p>12</p>	<p>6</p> <p>13</p>	<p>7 7p-Boy Scouts</p> <p>14 7p-Boy Scouts BBQ - backyard</p>	<p>8 9:30a-A.A. Men's Group</p> <p>15 9:30a-A.A. Men's Group</p>
<p><b>16 Father's Day</b> 10a-Worship with Rev. Backe 10a-Blessing of Fathers 11a- Coffee Hour, Host: Fellowship 11a-Cooking for HOPE</p>	<p>17 Silvia Moreno's last day 7p-Church Council Mtg.</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20 1:30p-Book Club Mtg. at Barnes &amp; Noble</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22 9:30a-A.A. Men's Group</p>
<p>23 10a-Worship with Rev. Brown 10a-Choir 11a-Coffee Hour, Host: Church Council</p>	<p>24 <i>10a-HOPE Food Pickup</i></p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 9:30a-A.A. Men's Group</p>
<p>30 10a-Worship with Rev. Brown 10a-Choir 11a-Coffee Hour, Host: Sr. Choir</p>				<p><b>July 22</b> 7p-Church Council Mtg.</p>	<p><i>Sunday School, Confirmation Class, Basketball &amp; Boy Scouts all resume in Sept.</i></p>	



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