
St. Luke's Voice

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

September 2024

St. Luke's Lutheran Church

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Time for a Change?

The change of seasons reminds us that things change, and they stay the same. We can rely on Fall to follow Summer, morning to follow the night. We might want Summer to last forever, but change can't be stopped.

In our lives we have control over much of what we do. There are certainly things beyond our control, but I think we underestimate what is in our control. Self-control is the key to a spiritual life that seeks to follow a purposeful path. So much illness is due to things we could have prevented. New Year's resolutions are famously dropped after two weeks.

Is it time for a change? Sometimes we find ourselves in relationships that are unhealthy. Sometimes we find ourselves in jobs that are not rewarding. Change takes effort but getting started is half the work; change begins with making the intention and committing to it. We develop habits and they become hard to change but we can form new habits.

Churches don't take change lightly and for good reason. We have scripture and worship and routines that are thousands of years old, and we are charged with passing them on. But much of what we do has evolved and changed over the history of Christianity. It's an important question to consider: is it time for a change? For people and for churches sometimes we need unavoidable motivation to change. Sometimes that motivation is pain and often it needs to be considerable before we agree to make a change.

St. Luke's finds itself at a crossroads. It's a good time to take stock and ask some questions.

- What is the most meaningful part of St. Luke's to me?
- What challenges are we facing?
- What things no longer work, no longer make sense?
- What changes would we be willing to make?

For those of us who have been around for a while, change has been disorienting. Change has been faster than we expected and is only getting faster. Maybe we made some changes too quickly and now see a need to restore certain things.

Jesus tells us to be wise and discerning. Saint Paul tells us to test every spirit. The responsibility for carrying on the gospel is in our hands. As Lutherans we have lots of flexibility but a strong connection to our past. Luther certainly changed many things, but he was often restoring things that were lost.

Let us make change as a church should: together, in prayer, and conversation.

peace,

Pastor Jim O'Hanlon

COUNCIL REPORT

Happy Fall from your Church Council!

We hope you all had a wonderful summer.

Hopefully we all got to enjoy some vacation time with families and friends. Now back to work!!!

Update on Sale of the Parsonage

The process for the sale of the parsonage is moving along. The Purchaser has received his mortgage commitment, and our attorney has filed a draft of Petition of Sale with the Attorney General's Office.

Thank you to the Sale Sub-committee, Brett, Denise, Traci and Donna for their diligence.

As promised, we will keep you posted as to the progress.

Our new Sexton, Steven Spadey, has been doing a fabulous job! You may have seen him on Sundays setting up and cleaning up. He just finished doing all the floors throughout the building. We are very blessed to have him.



Currently we have Pastors confirmed for every Sunday through the end of December, including Christmas Eve Service. A survey is below and will be going to all members about the possibility of adding an earlier, slightly abridged, service at 4:-4:30pm for those that can't make the 8pm service. This would not REPLACE the 8pm service. Please respond to survey below. You can mark and leave with the church office or email me at mmcevoy33@aol.com. As Pastor Backe said, "he wishes to deliver "as much Christmas" as he can!"

We are very fortunate to have our coverage Pastor, Jim O'Hanlon, who has agreed to extend his commitment to February 28, 2025. He will resume Confirmation classes in the fall. If you need anything, he is available to you. We want to also thank our Deacons and Lay Leaders, 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 hope to see you all at Rally Day Sept. 8th. We will have a reception after church. 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
& Angelika Ridulfo

SURVEY QUESTION:

___ DO YOU WANT AN EARLIER CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE AT 4 OR 4:30?

___ YES ___ NO ___ YOU WILL ATTEND EVENING AT 8PM

HAPPY FALL

From the Fellowship Committee

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

Thank you to all that attended our end of year picnic - it is always great spending time with church family and friends. Thank you, Leam, Joan and Bill, for cooking as always!

We have been advertising to our wider community to welcome them to our church. We need your help!!! 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, 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, through December 31st. There will be weekly Communion.

We are enclosing a brief one question survey (see the council report on the previous page). Do you want or need an earlier service on Christmas Eve? 4-4:30 PM. It will be an abridged version of Christmas Eve, but will include the hymns, the gospel and community. Please respond.

See our Holiday Boutique flyer for Nov 2, 2024. Lots of new vendors! Share and Support!!!



We continue to 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.

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

Dawn McEvoy email: Mmcevoy33@aol.com cell: 347-604-3969

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
Sunday School



RALLY DAY

Sept. 8th, 2024

Service begins at 10am

Blessing of Backpacks,
Briefcases, Lunch boxes,
Diaper bags... etc.

**Sunday School for
ALL children 3yrs -HS**

Learn God's Good News!

**Congregation reception
following Service
in Fellowship Hall**

Meet the teachers!

*ALL ARE
WELCOME!!*

To register, or if you have any
questions, please contact
Dawn McEvoy, Superintendent,
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WELCOME BACK to SUNDAY SCHOOL

Welcome to Sunday School.
We resume on Rally Day, Sept. 8th



All children ages 3 to HS are welcome. We have our own church and altar downstairs. We have wonderful teachers that are all Sunday School grads including ME! The children follow a liturgy, just like upstairs in church. We learn songs, work on lessons, crafts and learn the Good News!

We have Sunday School each week from 10am until the end of church service. You can come down after worship to pick up your children. A child's Lutheran education is vital for their spiritual growth.

This year we even have a group of Sunday School children participating in Confirmation class. Look for them throughout the year serving within the church!

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 them 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 and @slnr.org

*Yours in Christ,
Dawn McEvoy – Superintendent
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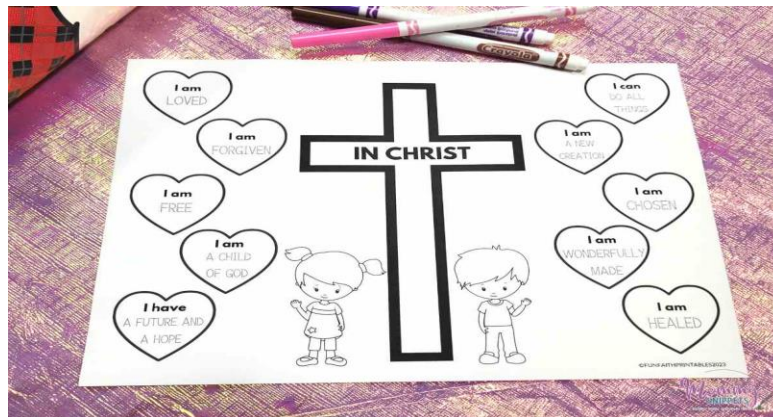
WELCOME to Sunday School 2024 2025

Grade	Registered Student
K	Carney Shellukindo
2	Olivia Conners
3	Nicholas Grody
4	Carsten Shellukindo
4	Cait Elser
5	Talya Dejesus-Monat
5	Tommy Constabile
6	Cayden Shellukindo
6	Ayden Dejesus-Monat

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

Teachers and Staff

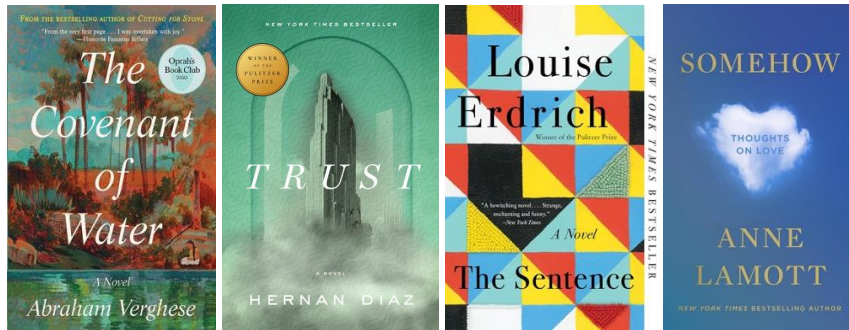
Dawn McEvoy – Superintendent
Melissa McEvoy
Victoria McEvoy
Shari Taylor
Jacob Kuligowski
Traci Daniele – Treasurer
Karen Fontecchio – Asst. Superintendent



ALL ARE WELCOME! PLEASE CONTACT DAWN MCEVOY AT MMCEVOY33@AOL.COM FOR INFORMATION!

BOOK CLUB CORNER

ST. LUKE'S BOOK CLUB ---- FALL 2024 READING LIST



September --- *THE COVENANT OF WATER* by ABRAHAM VERGHESE

October --- *TRUST* by HERNAN DIAZ

November --- *THE SENTENCE* by LOUISE ERDRICH

December --- *SOMEHOW: THOUGHTS ON LOVE* by ANNE LAMOTT

We will be meeting to discuss *The Covenant of Water* on Thursday, September 26, 2024, at 1:30 P.M. at Barnes & Noble in Scarsdale, New York.

Everyone is welcome to join us!

For more information contact Jennifer Archer by email: ktembo@aol.com.

COOKING FOR HOPE



The Cook Team on Sunday, June 16th preparing a meal for HOPE. Pictured are Jennifer Archer, Denise Tolles, Olivia and Ken Connors and Joan Bast.

**The next Hope Cook is Sunday September 15th.
All are welcome to lend a hand!**

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.



New Contact information for Deacon Nancy Sigler.

Nancy has moved from her White Plains home to Somers, NY. We wish her well!

Here is her new contact information:

501B Heritage Hills Somers, New York 10589
new email is sawnls805@gmail.com.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

9/2	Laurence Head	9/18	Robert Bissinger
9/3	Patricia Elser		Karin Breen-Ahyoung
	Danita Armstrong	9/19	Jennifer O'Garro
9/4	Walter Glatz		Susan Olsen-Forsberg
9/6	Denise Link		Catherine Tobin
9/9	Pastor Bill Damrow	9/20	Victoria Santizo
	Christopher Fredericks		Adin Triolo
	Graeme Buehrer	9/22	Dorothy Smith
9/11	Michael O'Neill	9/23	Judith Amato
9/12	Susanne Kuligowski	9/25	Fred Mallya
9/14	Patrick Johansen Shiels		Noah Conroy
9/17	Ward Henderson	9/27	William Ungewitter
	9/28 Patricia Zyloney		
	Petrona Ennis-Welch		

Anniversaries

9/4	Susanne & Bruce Kuligowski	9/21	Leam & Dawn McEvoy
9/11	Brad & Patricia Fredericks		Robert & Faith Bissinger
9/15	Henry & Rosemarie Doerr	9/22	John & Kristen Amato
9/18	Paula Hayes & Robert Tupper	9/25	Denise & Corey Link
9/20	Susan Johansen-Shiels & Patrick Shiels	9/28	Matthew & Arianne Damrow



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***Saturday, Nov. 2, 2024
10am – 3pm***

HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE

RUMMAGE SALE – RAFFLES

NEW HOLIDAY MERCHANDISE AND CRAFTS

SUNNYCREST GLASS

AVON – PAPARAZZI JEWELRY

“CHRISTKINDL” BOOTH

COILY GIRL CRAFTS

JEWELRY & GIFTS

BOOKS & MEDIA

BAKE SALE – TASTEFULLY SIMPLE

STAY AND HAVE LUNCH AT THE CAFE!

St. Luke's Lutheran Church – September 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>1</i> 10a-Worship with Rev. John Backe 11a-Coffee Hour, Host: Fellowship</p>	<p><i>2</i> Labor Day Office Closed</p>	<p><i>3</i></p>	<p><i>4</i></p>	<p><i>5</i></p>	<p><i>6</i></p>	<p><i>7</i> 9:30a-A.A. Men's Group</p>
<p><i>8</i> Rally Day 10a-Worship with Rev. Diane Wildow 10a-Blessing of Sunday School Staff & Students 10a-Choir 10a-Sunday School Begins 11a-Coffee Hour, Host: Sunday School</p>	<p><i>9</i></p>	<p><i>10</i></p>	<p><i>11</i> 7p-Confirmation Class Resumes</p>	<p><i>12</i></p>	<p><i>13</i> 7:15p-Boy Scouts</p>	<p><i>14</i> 9:30a-A.A. Men's Group</p>
<p><i>15</i> Worship with Rev. John Backe 10a-Choir 10a-Sunday School 11a-Coffee Hour, Host: Church Council 11a-Cooking for HOPE</p>	<p><i>16</i> 10a-HOPE Food Pickup</p>	<p><i>17</i></p>	<p><i>18</i> 7p-Confirmation Class</p>	<p><i>19</i></p>	<p><i>20</i> 7:15p-Boy Scouts</p>	<p><i>21</i> 9:30a-A.A. Men's Group</p>
<p><i>22</i> Worship with Rev. John Backe 10a-Choir 10a-Sunday School 11a-Coffee Hour, Host: Altar Guild</p>	<p><i>23</i> 7p-Church Council Mtg.</p>	<p><i>24</i></p>	<p><i>25</i> 7p-Confirmation Class</p>	<p><i>26</i> 1:30p-Book Club at Barnes & Noble</p>	<p><i>27</i> 7:15p-Boy Scouts</p>	<p><i>28</i> 9:30a-A.A. Men's Group</p>
<p><i>29</i> Worship with Rev. John Backe 10a-Choir 10a-Sunday School 11a-Coffee Hour, Host: Sr. Choir</p>	<p><i>30</i></p>				<p><u>All Sundays Starting Sept. 8</u> 9a-Choir Rehearsal 10a-Choir 10a-Sunday School</p>	

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