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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

Editor: Pat Fredericks

### My European Trip with the Holocaust and Human Rights Education Center

It's been 35 years since I graduated from St. John's University. With those decades having come and gone, I remember very little of what I learned, at least directly. I can, however, picture one professor. I picture him at the head of the class. He was short and elfish with white hair and a white Abe Lincoln beard. He spoke softly and had a thick accent. He taught philosophy which was probably no one's major.

The memory that remains in my head is of a day when he told us that he was from Austria. I don't remember how the topic came up, but he said that Austrians had not taken their share of responsibility for the Holocaust, they had not been seen as responsible in the way that Germans were. Whatever his experience may have been, he was clear that Austrians should be seen as complicit. And then he said, "I have no illusions that it couldn't happen here." A chill went down my spine with the quiet, confident way he said it. He knew the history. He experienced it. It could happen here. It was as if he saw signs, similar conditions and events. Or maybe he just meant we weren't so different, but his tone and countenance were ominous.

This summer I joined a trip with the Holocaust and Human Rights Education Center (of White Plains) to learn about how many people in Germany and Poland are bravely facing their history, how they honor the memory of those killed, how they explain what went wrong, and what if anything has changed. The memory of that philosophy professor's warning has remained strong for decades: the problem is not limited to one group or a purportedly more primitive time.

In the decades since the Second World War Germany has seen a slow but steady evolution towards lament and repentance, truth seeking and repair. In Berlin we visited the four major memorials to victims of the Nazis. In recent decades Berlin has given places of prominence to detailed histories for the major groups that were targeted: Jews, Homosexuals, the disabled and the Roma people (previously known as Gypsies).

We also happened upon *Stolpersteine*, (or "stumble stones"). These markers bear the names of victims of the Nazis in front of residences. Tens of thousands of these are found in sidewalks in virtually every country of Europe.

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This opening up and revisiting of a terrifying chapter has become easier as time has passed. It is less and less about looking witnesses in the eye and naming living perpetrators and more about a willingness to tell a story about a shared history. Germany is not the only place that needs to remember the Holocaust and most European countries have begun to make sure that we do not forget.

Over time we have found ways to tell the story in history books, fiction and film. The TV broadcast premier of "Judgment at Nuremberg" was viewed by nearly 50 million Americans in March of 1965. It would educate many about the history and used the drama of a courtroom to depict relatable people being confronted with their actions. The program was interrupted on that Spring evening by live News footage from Selma, Alabama, of police clubbing, trampling and chasing peaceful marchers: Bloody Sunday. In one evening, America's attention was taken to Nuremberg and then suddenly brought home. Whenever we tell the story of the Holocaust, it needs to be a journey that takes us to the past and brings us back to the present. We must make the journey from Nuremberg to Selma, from 20th century Europe to 21st century America. The PBS documentary by Ken Burns, Lynn Novick and Sarah Botstein "*A History to be Reckoned With: The US and the Holocaust*" (2022) gives a detailed look at American parallels that inspired Nazi legal maneuvers.

One way for clergy and lay leaders to help our congregants think about lessons from this history for us is to contrast patriotism and nationalism. Patriotism is about love of your country, your people. Sometimes it gets exploited and twisted into ethnic or racial superiority, hate and repression of people deemed different. Sometimes it gets perverted into exclusion and hate. The word, then, for patriotism gone wrong is "nationalism." Nationalism focuses on one ethnic or religious group and promotes that group to the detriment or exclusion of others. No rational individual today thinks White Nationalism is a preferred way to think about a healthy social order for the United States. Similarly, Christian Nationalism needs to be thought of in that same light, a national identity that privileges one group and, as it grows, increasingly excludes others.

Even seemingly benign patriotism can fail when it does not nurture a love for all humanity. Patriotism should not exclude interest in and admiration for other cultures and countries. Every country is more complicated than some authoritarian fantasy about a noble race or exalted culture. Patriotism at its worst is a nationalistic egotism that is extreme in its delusion that one group is better than all others. Nationalism is a toxic, collective narcissism that seeks to enlarge and inflate the importance and power of one's own group.

America has made comparatively tentative steps to start on the journey to a more honest treatment of our history. A visit to the National Museum of African American History and Culture in our nation's capital will confront you with the horrendous tragedy of Emmet Till among other varied and expansive parts of the story. The National Memorial for Peace and Justice in Montgomery, informally known as the National Lynching Memorial, takes the approach of the Memorial of the Murdered Jews of Europe in giving space to be enveloped by a symbolic scale and toll of a violent social order.

My philosophy professor did something few people have done by taking a hard, honest look at his own history. The Bible is a natural place to learn this. Throughout the story, no matter how horrendous the situation was, prophets called the people to continue to consider the moral dimensions of their lives, the ethical direction of their communal existence.

Let us love our nation for what it aspires to while we are realistic about a troubled history that is not past. America can be for all its people. Wherever Christians live, Jesus is a model of a prophetic voice, dramatically calling out systems of oppression and corrupted power. Let us live out the calling to be a voice for justice, a neighbor to those in need and create a more perfect union, a more beloved community.

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*peace,*

Pastor Jim O'Hanlon

## Council Report



Happy October from your Church Council...!

### ***Update on Sale of the Parsonage ....***

We are currently working with the Attorney General's office to get the Sale approved and finalized. We hope to have good news soon.

We are also working on estimates for the much-needed repairs to the roof, as well as other areas.

As per our Boiler company, the boiler is presently in good shape and not imminently in need of replacement. We will however still get estimates as to the cost of replacement if that should become a necessity and retain those funds in a restricted account for the future.

We hope to be able to come before the congregation in the next few months with more information and to get required approvals. We thank you all for your continued support.

***Currently we have Pastors confirmed for every Sunday through the end of April 2025, including Christmas and Easter. We sent a survey and will be adding an earlier, service at 4pm as well as the 8pm Service. Pastor Backe will be leading both worship services.***

We are very fortunate to have our coverage Pastor, Jim O'Hanlon, who has agreed to extend his commitment to February 28, 2025. He has resumed Confirmation classes and kicked off with a hike through Saxon Woods. 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 your help always! We truly appreciate her and all her work.

***Please join us October 27<sup>th</sup> for our Gratitude Brunch and Program immediately after church. We will have an Oktoberfest meal and share our blessings with one another.***

***Save the Dates: Nov 2-Holiday Boutique. Dec 8<sup>th</sup>-Annual Budget Meeting***

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

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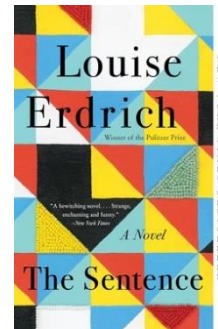
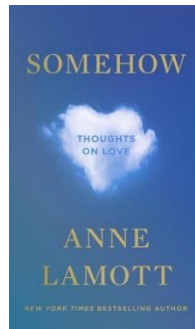
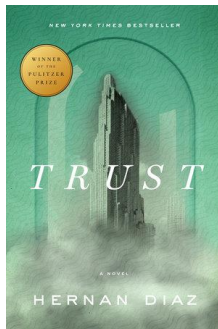
## COOKING FOR HOPE



The Next Hope Cook is scheduled for Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup>.  
All are welcome to lend a hand! Many hands make quick work!!

## BOOK CLUB CORNER

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



**October --- TRUST by HERNAN DIAZ**

**November --- THE SENTENCE by LOUISE ERDRICH**

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

St. Luke's Book Club met on Thursday, September 26<sup>th</sup> to discuss *The Covenant of Water* by Abraham Varghese. As always, we had an insightful and lively discussion.

We will be meeting next on Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup> when we will be discussing *Trust* by Hernan Diaz. Our gathering place is Barnes & Noble in Scarsdale, New York and we meet at 12:30pm.

Everyone is welcome to join us!

For more information contact Jennifer Archer by email: [ktembo@aol.com](mailto:ktembo@aol.com).

# FROM THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

## Welcome to Sunday School

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 at 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 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,  
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Shari Taylor and Jacob Kuligowski*

Happy October  
from the Fellowship Committee



Please join us at our annual Gratitude Brunch on October 27<sup>th</sup> immediately following church service.

We will have a feast celebrating Oktoberfest! See flyer enclosed and use the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

See our Holiday Boutique flyer for Nov 2, 2024. Lots of new vendors! Share and Support!!! We need your support and participation!

We are so blessed to have such a wonderful church, committed congregation and support! Thank you to you all! 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 the end of April 2025. There will be weekly Communion.



**We are currently planning for 2 services on Christmas Eve. 4pm will be a slightly abridged version of Christmas Eve but will include the hymns, the gospel and community; And 8pm is our customary Christmas Eve Service.**

**If you haven't already done so, PLEASE respond to the survey (reprinted on the next page) so we can plan appropriately. Thanks!!**

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](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

## Member Survey:

We are polling our members to meet their needs for the Holiday Season. Please take a moment to reply to this email so we can plan our worship for the Christmas season according to your needs and interests.



1. Would you like to have Advent Vespers on Wednesday Evenings at 7pm?

\_\_\_\_\_ yes  
\_\_\_\_\_ no  
\_\_\_\_\_ I do not attend vespers

2. Would you like us to add a 4pm Christmas Eve Service (no choir, no candlelight hymn)?

\_\_\_\_\_ yes  
\_\_\_\_\_ no  
\_\_\_\_\_ I will attend 8pm

3. Will you attend the 8pm Christmas Eve Service?

\_\_\_\_\_ yes  
\_\_\_\_\_ no  
\_\_\_\_\_ I will attend 4pm



Please respond to Dawn McEvoy at [mmcevoy33@aol.com](mailto:mmcevoy33@aol.com) or print and put in the Council President Mailbox.

*St. Luke's Lutheran Church  
Stewardship and Fellowship Committees  
Invite you to join us*

# Gratitude Brunch

## Oct. 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024

*"A Special Time In The Life Of Our Church"*



Please join us Sunday,  
October 27<sup>th</sup> immediately  
following Worship Service

In the Fellowship Hall

To recognize and appreciate  
all that we have to be  
thankful for....

As a Church and as a  
Church Family.

There will be a free  
will offering.

Please rsvp by Oct. 20th

To Dawn McEvoy at  
[mmcevoy33@aol.com](mailto:mmcevoy33@aol.com)

Or use the sign up sheet in  
the Narthex.

All are Welcome!

# STEWARDSHIP

**Theme:** A Special Time In The Life Of Our Church

This is a special time in the life of our church. A special time because it's an opportunity for you to reaffirm your belief, to "put your trust in the light." A time to prove yourself faithful to Him who gave you everything to guarantee you the assurance of everlasting life.



Stewardship letters will be going out October 8, please respond prayerfully. Gratitude Brunch is Sunday, October 27, after worship in Fellowship Hall.



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

**HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE**

*RUMMAGE SALE – RAFFLES*

*NEW HOLIDAY MERCHANDISE AND CRAFTS*

*AVON – PAPARAZZI JEWELRY*

*“CHRISTKINDL” BOOTH*

*JEWELRY & GIFTS*

*BOOKS & MEDIA*

*BAKE SALE – TASTEFULLY SIMPLE*

*STAY AND HAVE LUNCH AT THE CAFE!*

## 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

### Birthdays

10/1	Catherine Behrend	10/18	Caitlin Fredericks
10/3	Jennifer Archer		Maxwell Harris
	Liliana Palmeri	10/19	Elizabeth Brent
10/6	Ryan Head	10/23	Tyler Head
10/8	Paul O'Riordan-Shimkin	10/24	Rosalind Wallace
10/9	Robert Brisson	10/25	John T. Amato
10/10	Dawn McEvoy		Gabrielle Rubicco-Tamburro
10/11	Harold Schombert, Jr.	10/27	Michael Wirak
10/12	Silvia Moreno	10/29	Anna Shiels
	Elijah Malachi Shellukindo		Nathaniel Ross
10/13	Richard Tobin		Jeremy Harris
10/17	Debra Luiso		Iryna Arbatska
	Joseph Ferraro	10/30	Kris Haymon

### Anniversaries

10/3	Mr. & Mrs. Robert Doerr
10/12	Robert & Karen DiBicarri
	Sherry Fraser & John Pulvermiller
10/16	Edmond & Camille O'Garro
	Lucy Hoffman & Mike Guido



# St. Luke's Lutheran Church – October 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><u><i>All Sundays</i></u>                      9a-Choir Rehearsal                      10a-Choir                      10a-Sunday School                      11a-Coffee Hour</p>		1	2 7p-Confirmation Class	3	4 No Boy Scouts	5 9:30a-A.A. Men's Group
<p>6                      10a-Worship with Rev. Wildow                      10a-Stewardship Talk-Cathie Behrend                      10a-Sunday School                      11a-Coffee Hour, Host: Sunday School</p>	7 7p-Basketball Group	8	9 7p-Confirmation Class	10	11 7:15p-Boy Scouts	12 9:30a-A.A. Men's Group
<p>13                      10a-Worship with Rev. Wildow                      10a-Sunday School                      11a-Coffee Hour, Host: Social Ministry</p>	<p>14 <b><i>Columbus Day</i></b>  <b><i>Office Closed</i></b>                      No Basketball</p>	15	16 7p-Confirmation Class	17	<p>18  <b><i>Koinonia Family Retreat Oct. 18-20</i></b>                      7:15p-Boy Scouts</p>	19 9:30a-A.A. Men's Group
<p>20                      10a-Worship with Rev. Wildow                      10a-Sunday School                      11a-Coffee Hour, Host: Church Council                      11p-Cooking-HOPE</p>	<p>21                      10a-Hope Food Pickup                      7p-Basketball Group  <b>7p-Church Council Mtg.</b></p>	22	23	<p>24                      12:30p-Book Club at Barnes &amp; Noble</p>	25 7:15p-Boy Scouts	26 9:30a-A.A. Men's Group
<p>27                      10a-Worship with Rev. Backe                      10a-Sunday School  <b>11a-Gratitude Brunch</b>                      11a-Coffee Hour, Host: Altar Guild                      1p-Strategic Mtg.</p>	28 7p-Basketball Group	29	30	31 <b><i>Halloween</i></b>		

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