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# St. Luke's Voice

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

November 2024

## St. Luke's

### Lutheran Church

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### Newsletter

Editor: Pat Fredericks

## We are on a Mission

The Church of Christ was called into being for a divine purpose. For over 150 years, St. Luke's has carried forward a mission ordained by God. Christians have a message of God's love, grace and forgiveness to bring to the world. We don't just talk about this message, we don't just pray about it, we live it by being agents of healing and feeding. We follow Christ in listening, accompanying and providing guidance and comfort. Any congregation that has been around for over 100 years has evolved and changed over its history. Christianity has evolved over the centuries and continues to evolve. Change is not something we can avoid and it's not a good idea to be in denial.

St. Luke's finds itself at a crossroads. It's a good time for discussing the future. What direction do we take now? How do we manage to support and carry on our mission? How might our mission adjust its strategy or change its scope? Recently the council met to talk about how to evaluate where we are and where we go next. We looked at a few important questions:

What is your favorite part of Sunday morning?

What is the most meaningful part of St. Luke's you?

What challenges are we facing?

What things no longer work, no longer make sense?

What changes would we be willing to make? What are we not willing to change?

The most meaningful parts of this congregation, the favorite things about Sunday morning? Our discussion brought up music and preaching and fellowship and kids coming to learn. We talked about the enormous social changes that have taken place in the past few decades. All indications are that the pace of change will only get faster.

What changes are we willing to make? Meeting on a different day than Sunday? A different time on Sunday? None of this was easy to imagine and it's harder to agree on. But the changes the church has made over 150 years would have likely been inconceivable to those members who started this ministry. We may not seek change, but it will come. If we can try to anticipate change and manage it proactively, we can weather the shifts better and possibly even ride a wave to an exciting new place.

The responsibility for carrying on the gospel is in our hands. As Lutherans we have freedom and flexibility but a strong connection to our past that makes us hesitant to change. Let us make change as a church should: together, in prayer, and conversation.

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*peace,*

Pastor Jim O'Hanlon

# CHURCH COUNCIL REPORT



Thanksgiving Blessings from your Church Council...!

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

Still working with the Attorney General's office to get the Sale approved and finalized.

We hope to have more news soon. We are getting estimates for the repairs to the roof and parking lot, and are planning to present to the congregation at the annual Budget Meeting on Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>. Please mark your calendars. Additional notice will go out in a few weeks. 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 plan to have a 4pm and an 8pm Service. Pastor Backe will be leading both worship services. There will be hymns and communion at both. The Choir will be singing at the 8pm only.

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 is planning for Confirmation on April 28<sup>th</sup>.

We also want to 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 her help always! We truly appreciate her and all her work.

Our Gratitude brunch was well attended today. Thank you all for joining us. Thank you, Cathie, for leading and Bill Taylor for sharing his stewardship moment with us. Thank you Fellowship for setting up and thank you Leam, Bill, Joan and Lydia for making us a fabulous meal of Brats, dogs and baked ziti. Angelika made a delicious Apple Cake.

Next week, Nov. 2, is our annual Holiday Boutique. Please join us in any way possible. Setting up, manning a table, cleaning up, SHOPPING!!! We have great vendors this year along with our traditional tables. PLEASE come and support our church. Tell your friends and family!

***Save the Date: Dec 8<sup>th</sup>-Annual Budget Meeting – Quorum needed to vote.***

***Yesterday we had a strategic planning meeting with Pastor Jim. There were 4 specific questions he asked:***

“What is the most meaningful part of St. Luke's to me?”

“What challenges are we facing?”

“What we think no longer works, no longer make sense?”

“What changes would be willing to make?”

We spent the better part of a few hours discussing these questions, and we ask you to consider the same. For us as a council we are looking to serve our church, best we can, into the future. We have no desire or plan to close our doors, or to stop working for the advancement of our church. Thank you for entrusting us to do that.

We are constantly moving forward, 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 and Angelika Ridulfo

## SOCIAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE AT WORK



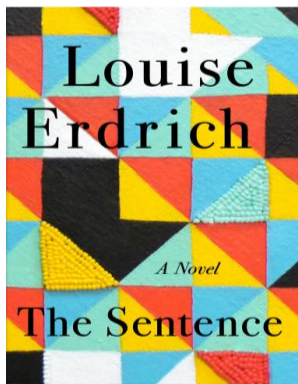
Social Ministry continues its monthly HOPE cooks.  
The next cooks will be November 17, 2024 and  
December 15, 2024.

All are welcome to join!

## BOOK CLUB CORNER

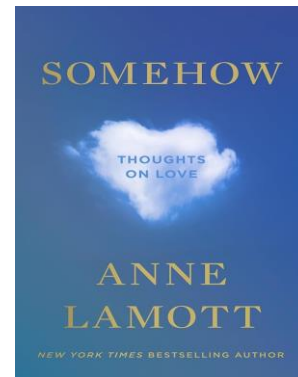
November 21:

*THE SENTENCE*  
By Louise Erdrich



December 12:

*SOMEHOW: THOUGHTS ON LOVE*  
By Anne Lamott



St. Luke's Book Club met in October to discuss Hernan Diaz 's Pulitzer Prize (2023) winning novel, *Trust*. We shared our thoughts, reactions and opinions about this challenging puzzle-box book.

The novel is told from four perspectives --- a novel-within-a-novel, an unfinished manuscript, a memoir and a diary. Through this inventive structure we discover the ease with which power can manipulate facts. We also talked about the reality-warping force of capital as we questioned the accuracy of our foundational myths. The American Dream that anyone can make a fortune, whatever their background is disproved in all four versions of this narrative.

Our November read is *The Sentence* by Louise Erdrich. We will be meeting at 12:30 P.M. on Thursday, November 21. We will be sharing lunch at our usual gathering place --- Barnes & Noble in Scarsdale.

Everyone is welcome to join us!

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

*There never yet have been, nor are there now, too many good books*

--- Martin Luther

# Happy Thanksgiving from the Fellowship Committee

Thank you for joining us at our annual Gratitude Brunch on October 27<sup>th</sup>. We had a delicious feast celebrating Oktoberfest! Thank you to our cooks, our committee, Cathie Behrend and Bill Taylor.



We hope to see you all at our Annual Holiday Boutique Nov 2, 2024. Lots of new vendors! We need your support and participation! It's our largest fundraiser of the year.

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 will have 2 services on Christmas Eve. At 4pm. it will be a slightly abridged version of Christmas Eve, but will include the hymns, the gospel and community. And at 8pm. will be our customary Christmas Eve Service.**

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!

Gods' 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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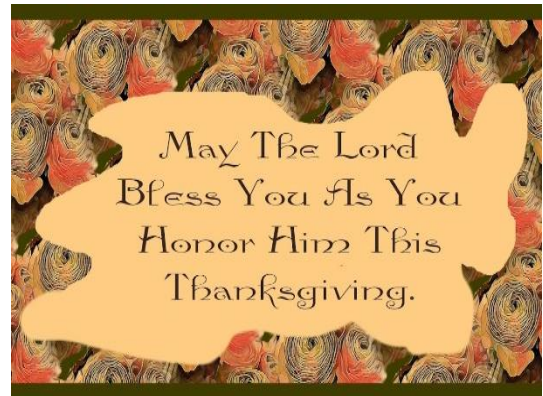
**Committee members: Julia Ungewitter, Angelika Ridulfo, Leam, Melissa and Vicky McEvoy, Susanne and Jacob Kuligowski, Renee, Bill and Shari Taylor, Lydia Bersito and Traci Daniele**

# HAPPY & BLESSED THANKSGIVING 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 Dawn McEvoy. All children aged 3 to High School are welcome. We have wonderful teachers that are all Sunday School grads including ME!

November and December are very busy months for us... November we start with our Annual Holiday Boutique on Saturday, Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>. PLEASE come to support our biggest fundraiser of the year. Donate your time, SHOP, come and have lunch... BUY A RAFFLE TICKET!!! Every little bit helps. See the flyer on the next page and share with your family, friends and neighbors! December we will have our Toy Drive for Hope, and our Pageant and Congregational Christmas Party on Dec 15<sup>th</sup>. See flyers on pages 7 & 8.

All students should have their own envelopes to use for Sunday donations. We like to teach children the importance of tithing at an early age and your donations helps 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, we will provide them. Please help to support the Sunday School with your contributions.



**Sunday School learning the Pumpkin Prayer!**

God Bless you and your families...  
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



St. Luke's Lutheran Church  
 95 Eastchester Road, New Rochelle, NY

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.



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

- 11/4 Brett Buehrer
- 11/5 Kasandra Triolo  
Colin O'Garro
- 11/6 Irene Breen
- 11/7 Corey Shelukindo
- 11/9 Traci Daniele

- 11/11 Steven Olsen, Jr.  
Timothy Guido
- 11/15 Mason Dassler
- 11/21 Martin Ungewitter
- 11/22 Rosalind Carter
- 11/28 Patricia Tobin
- 11/29 Alexandra Archer-Palmeri

Anniversaries

- 11/4 Walter & Elizabeth Mitze
- 11/6 Alexandra & Joseph Palmeri
- 11/10 Henry & Christina Bast, Jr.
- 11/20 Susan & Christopher Forsberg



## ONE WARM COAT®

One warm coat can  
change a life...

Of a child

Of a man

Of a woman


*Can you imagine what two can do??*

Drop off in Narthex by Nov. 19, 2023

Please join us in helping to keep those in need warm this winter by donating a coat, hat, scarf or gloves, new or gently used,  
To HOPE Community Services in New Rochelle.

Please drop off to St Luke's Church by November 17<sup>th</sup>.  
There will be a collection Bin in the Narthex.

Please contact Dawn McEvoy with any questions at [mmcevoy33@aol.com](mailto:mmcevoy33@aol.com)



**Turkeys for HOPE**

*Please donate \$20 towards*

**Providing a Turkey or Ham (12-15 lbs)  
for a Family in need**

**This Thanksgiving**

*Or any amount towards a turkey or ham. Leave cash  
or check in basket in Narthex by November 17<sup>th</sup> on  
Harvest Home Sunday.*

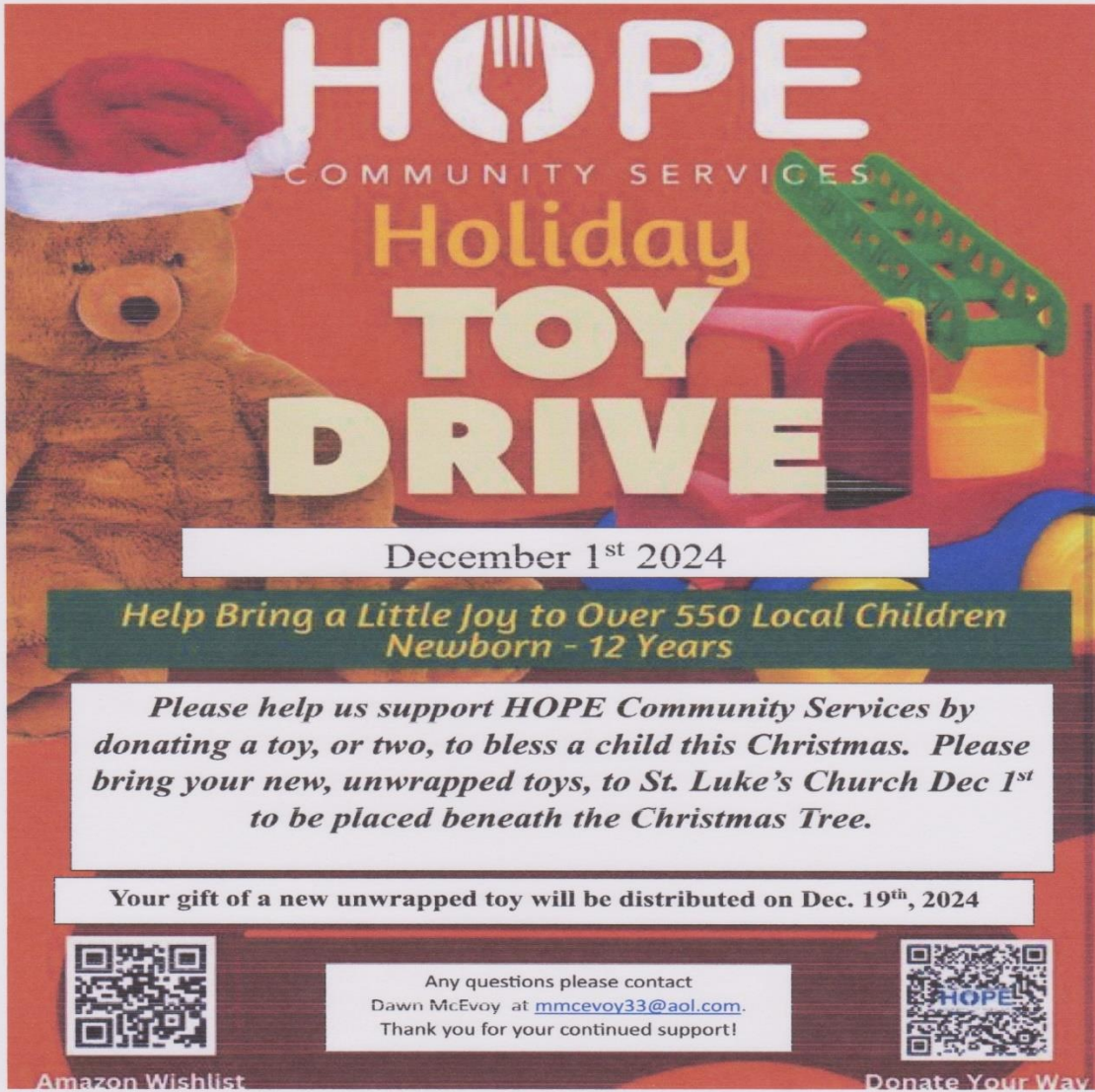
*Checks may be made payable to "St. Luke's Church"  
Memo "Turkeys for HOPE"*



**THANKS  
GIVING**

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Anyone interested in volunteering at HOPE Community Services, including serving dinner please visit: <https://www.hopecommunityservices.org/volunteer>



# HOPE

COMMUNITY SERVICES

## Holiday TOY DRIVE

December 1<sup>st</sup> 2024

**Help Bring a Little Joy to Over 550 Local Children  
Newborn - 12 Years**

*Please help us support HOPE Community Services by donating a toy, or two, to bless a child this Christmas. Please bring your new, unwrapped toys, to St. Luke's Church Dec 1<sup>st</sup> to be placed beneath the Christmas Tree.*

**Your gift of a new unwrapped toy will be distributed on Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

Any questions please contact  
Dawn McEvoy at [mmcevoy33@aol.com](mailto:mmcevoy33@aol.com).  
Thank you for your continued support!

Amazon Wishlist

Donate Your Way

# St. Luke's Lutheran Church – November 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>All Sundays</b> 9a-Choir Rehearsal 10a-Choir 10a-Sunday School 11a-Coffee Hour					1 <b>6p-Holiday Boutique Setup</b> No Boy Scouts.	2 <b>Holiday Boutique 10a-3p</b> <i>No A.A. Mtg.</i> Daylight savings time ends turn clocks back 1 hour.
3 <b>All Saints Sunday</b> 10a-Service of the Word Deacon Renee Taylor 10a-Sunday School 11a-Coffee Hour, Host: Fellowship <b>Cleanup Holiday Boutique</b>	4 7p-Basketball Group	5	6 7p-Confirmation Class	7	8 7:15p-Boy Scouts	9 9:30a-A.A. Men's Group
10 10a-Worship with Rev. Backe 10a- Sunday School 11a-Coffee Hour, Host: Altar Guild	11 <b>Veterans Day</b> <i>Office Closed</i> 7p-Basketball Group	12	13	14	15 7:15p-Boy Scouts	16 9:30a-A.A. Men's Group
17 10a-Worship with Rev. Backe 10a-Sunday School 11a-Coffee Hour, Host: Sr. Choir 11a-Cooking for HOPE	18 10a-Hope Food Pickup 7p-Church Council Mtg. 7p-Basketball Group	19	20 7p-Confirmation Class	21 12:30p-Book Club at Barnes & Noble	22 7:15p-Boy Scouts	23 9:30a-A.A. Men's Group
24 <b>Christ the King &amp; Loyalty Sunday</b> 10a-Worship with Rev. Backe 10a-Sunday School 11a-Coffee Hour, Host: Social Ministry	25 7p-Basketball Group	26	27	28 <b>Thanksgiving Day</b> Office Closed	29 Office Closed No Boy Scouts	30 9:30a-A.A. Men's Group

## **Thank you to the Patrons of St. Luke's Voice 2024**

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