

# *St. Luke's Episcopal Church*



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Dear Saint Luke's Members and Friends,

The Wardens and I write to inform you of upcoming activities and important occurrences at Saint Luke's.

**William Paine and Miłosz Kowal** were installed and vested by The Right Reverend Lawrence Provenzano into the Compassionate Community of Francis at Saint Luke's on Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup>. Our celebration for the **Feast of Saints Francis and Clare** took place on Sunday October 2<sup>nd</sup>, in spite of the rain. The choir offered glorious and uplifting music, memorial prayers were offered for Joetta Wagner (who died this year), Jessica Fitzpatrick and Emily Taylor gave animal crackers and "bug juice" to treasure hunt participants, donations were collected for Bobbi and the Strays, Jackie Cox gave out her home baked dog biscuits and lots of dogs and one cat came into the Narthex for blessings.

The **Rummage Sale** takes place this weekend! Please join us on Saturday, October 8 from 10am-4pm and Sunday, October 9 from 12:30-4:30pm to shop for treasures and stay for lunch and a concert! On Sunday, October 16 we will commemorate the **Feast of Saint Luke's** at the 8am and 11am services. Please bring a dish for the potluck after the 11am service. On Sunday, October 30 the Right Reverend William Franklin, Assisting Bishop, will conduct our **Episcopal Visitation**. There will be one service at 10am during which newcomers will be welcomed and members will be received and confirmed. A reception follows and the Bishop will meet with the Vestry.

In November, The **Gingerbread Players** present "**The Merry Wives of Windsor**" on Saturdays, November 12 & 19 at 7:30pm and Sundays, November 13 & 20 at 2:30pm. Please visit [gingerbreadplayers.org](http://gingerbreadplayers.org) for info! On Sunday, November 20th we will join the Church-in-the-Gardens at 4pm for the **Forest Hills Interfaith Thanksgiving Service**. If you are too busy to bake, look out for the order form for our **Thanksgiving Pie Fund Raiser** and pick up your pies on Wednesday and Thursday, November 23 & 24. Please make time to give God thanks at our **Thanksgiving Day Service** on Thursday, November 24 at 10am before you gather with family and friends.

On December 18 there will be one service at 10am for the baptism of Saint Luke's newborns. There are two **Christmas Celebrations**: Saturday, December 24 at 10pm and Sunday, December 25th at 10am. We will celebrate the New Year on the First Sunday of Christmas on January 1, 2023 at 10am.

Please note: **all services are broadcast via Zoom**, using the same Zoom information for all services: meeting ID 897 4444 1960 and Passcode: STLWORSHIP; Weblink – <http://shorturl.at/AOP07>. **On a few Sundays there is one service at 10am; this is done to unite Saint Luke's members in prayer for the rites of Confirmation and Baptism and on major feast days.**

The **Deanery Christian Formation Sessions** "Things you Didn't Know About the Episcopal" have been well attended and well received. The Reverend Dr. Lynn Collins teaches October 12 (Contributions of Black Episcopalians), Deacon Occhiuto teaches October 26th (Jesus' Baptism & Your Baptism) and November 19th (Living As if You are the Only Bible People Read), Father Whitmire leads the November 30th class (High Church, Low Church: what is the difference?) and Father Samuel teaches the last class on December 7th. These Zoom sessions begin at 7:30pm. Use the Zoom meeting ID 853 1944 8705 and Passcode: DeaconJoe; Weblink – <http://shorturl.at/dJV47>.

The **Vestry Retreat** took place at the Bishop Walker House in September. **Mother Broderick will lead a Deanery Quiet Day.** The date, time and location, once set, will be announced in the Sunday bulletin and sent to members. The Vestry secured **Realm**: a web-based church management software that can send notices by email and text, accept electronic donations, allow members to view and print their donation record, and let leaders communicate directly with members of organizations they oversee.

The Diocesan Director for Property Management will present a proposal to the Trustees and Diocesan Bishop to fund **new appliances and repairs at the Rectory.** If this proposal is approved it will save Saint Luke's money and support the Search Process with improvements to this already attractive house. Heavy rains in the late summer caused significant **flooding in the lower parish hall.** The Buildings and Grounds Committee is working diligently to reduce water infiltration and is asking for volunteers to monitor and clean up water. Call or email the church office if you are able to volunteer. An engineering firm has been contracted to develop plans to permanently address this problem. Good news, the **heating system and the damaged floors and walls outside the kitchen are repaired.** Part of the cost was covered by the Church Insurance Company.

Saint Luke's **Sexton** retired in August. The position is still vacant. Please reach out to porters or maintenance people you know. Lauren Butler, our Parish Administrator, can email you a copy of the job description.

**Pastoral Visits:** Mother Broderick and Deacon Occhiuto visit members who are not able to attend church. They are also training and supervising Lay Eucharistic Ministers to extend the altar by taking Communion out Sundays after church. Praying with and carrying Communion to members is the aspect of ministry Mother Broderick cherishes most.

We are grateful for your stewardship of time, talents and treasures. More volunteers are needed and welcome to serve in a variety of ministries: Acolytes; Bellringer Newsletter; Choir; Church School; Food Collection for Queens Community House; Hospitality Hour; Parish Care; Ushers; and more. Please call or email the church office if you are interested.

Sincerely,

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Warden

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Warden

Cecily Broderick,  
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