

# *St. Luke s Episcopal Church*



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Dear Saint Luke's Members and Friends,

I pray this note finds you well. You can expect letters from me from time to time with news as members work to reestablish old methods and establish new methods for communication. This letter contains information about upcoming events as well as reports on past activities.

The Right Reverend William Franklin recently conducted our **Episcopal Visitation**. On Sunday, October 30 he confirmed DJ (Dennis) Jeffrey, received Eve Sundberg, Curtis Frank, Daniella Rizza and Rob McCabe, and welcomed Ron Montano-Moran Holzmann and Tom Holzmann into Saint Luke's fellowship. In the coming months, the right hand of fellowship will be extended to visitors and friends who want to become members. This will take place during the Renewal of Baptismal Vows on December 18; January 8; April 8; and May 28.

The **Rummage Sale** reopened this household of Christ to our neighbors. People shopped in the upper and lower parish halls and dined in the outdoor cafe. The weather was beautiful and the interchanges between members, friends and strangers were heartwarming. Please join me in thanking the co-chairs Louise Guinther and Jennifer Hudson-Phillips along with the many volunteers. Over \$13,000 was raised.

Saint Luke's is offering two **Advent Devotional Opportunities**: a study series and quiet day. The Advent Study Series takes place on Wednesdays at 7:30pm on Zoom; the dates are November 30, December 7 and 14. Please have a Bible handy as we will read and discuss the infancy narratives. Each class session concludes at 8:30pm with the Service of Compline. Quiet Day participation can be in person or by Zoom. The in person gathering takes place inside Saint Luke's on Saturday, December 10 from 11am to 2pm. During this Quiet Day you will learn and practice the spiritual discipline of discernment. Before the gatherings, please identify, record on paper and bring to the Quiet Day a concern, circumstance, question or challenge you are dealing with. Through study, pray and silence we will seek God's guidance for ourselves and one another. Also bring a lunch for yourself and a dessert to share. Drinks will be provided.

[Zoom Meeting for Advent Study Series & Quiet Day](#)

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On the **Third Sunday in Advent (December 18)** there is one service at 10am so we can welcome **Abigail Biglin** into this household of Christ. On that same day there will be Christmas Caroling. Please arrive at 4:30pm to drop off your potluck contribution and receive your music. Dress warmly and bring a flashlight!

Saint Luke's will launch the **2023 Stewardship Campaign** with a Pledge Program. This program includes addresses by members, a ministry fair and blessing of pledge cards. On Sundays, November 27, December 11 and January 1, members of the congregation will give talks describing how God's blessings inspire their stewardship of time, talent and treasure. On Sunday, January 8 (following the 10am service) there will be the first in a series of ministry fairs. Each fair showcases 3 to 4 Parish Organizations, Vestry Committees, Diocesan Missions or community service. They will set up tables with food and information to share during Fellowship Hour. The delicious food served will draw people to each table and the information will inspire people as they hear how others love and serve the Lord. Please contact the church office to reserve a table and select a date for a Parish Organization, Vestry Committee or community service.

**Christmas at Saint Luke's** promises to be joyful and inspiring. The **Outreach Committee** pledged 50 meals and 100 gifts to Queens Community House. Partnering with Deacon Joe, the Outreach Committee provided 50 Thanksgiving meals to Queens Community House. Please bring non-perishable food items when you come for worship and take ornaments from the Jessie Tree in the Narthex to purchase and wrap gifts for children in need. Men, women and youth with strong arms and backs are needed to set up the outdoor Nativity Scene on Sunday, December 4th. The **Feast of the Nativity** will be celebrated on **Saturday, December 24 at 10pm and Sunday, December 25 at 10am**. A celebration of the Holy Name of Jesus takes place on the First Sunday of Christmas (January 1) at 10am. Please mark your calendars, on Sunday, January 8: **Serena McCabe** will be welcomed into this household of Christ during the Epiphany celebration.

Both the 8am and 11am services are available in person and via Zoom. The **Zoom link** is available on Saint Luke's website. Mask wearing is strongly suggested, but no longer required. Please wear a mask to safeguard your health and that of loved ones and neighbors. Also on Saint Luke's website are the **dates for 10am Sunday Services**: December 18, December 25, January 1 and January 8. Please mark your calendars so you do not miss the inspiring music, thoughtful sermons and warm fellowship at Saint Luke's.

This letter is sent with my prayers for you and those you love along with my hope that you will make time to count your blessing during the Thanksgiving holiday.

Yours in faith,

Cecily P. Broderick y Guerra, Interim Priest