



St. Luke Lutheran Church "The Tidings"

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Special Points of Interest:

Holy Week Schedule

About Our Coffee House

St. Patrick's Day Dinner



SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

8:15AM

Traditional Worship w/Holy Communion

10:45AM

1st & 4th Sundays - Traditional Worship
w/Holy Communion

2nd Sunday - Family Worship w/Holy Communion

3rd Sunday - Contemporary Worship w/Holy Communion

SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:30AM

BIBLE STUDIES

Sundays at 9:30AM - Led By Pastor Unger

Sundays - "The Shire" Bible Study For Teens

Led By Jim Dorner

Mondays at 7:30PM - Led By Pastor Froehlich

1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 4:30pm - LWML

Women's Bible Study at the home of Evelyn Raffaele. Please contact Evelyn for directions or info at 613-586-2922

Wednesdays at 10:00AM - Led By Pastor Froehlich

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Dear Friends in Christ,

Having made our way through this long winter of snow, cold, wind, piles of snow in parking lots, and narrow roads, we now approach the road to Calvary and the empty tomb. In the church we call this journey Lent, a 40 day period of repentance and renewal leading up to Holy Week and Easter. It is a special time for—meditation, prayer, and penitential practices such as fasting and self denial. It's a time for increased understanding of Christ's sacrifice and Resurrection; and a time for—renewal of our baptismal vows and a recommitment to the Christian life.

I invite you to join me in the journey beginning on Ash Wednesday, March 9th, when we will have two opportunities to worship with our church family at 5:00pm or 7:30pm with Holy Communion and the Imposition of Ashes, for those who choose to have them. The remaining 5 Wednesdays of Lent we will have one worship service at 5:00pm followed by a soup supper at 6:00pm and then a Bible study at 7:00pm.

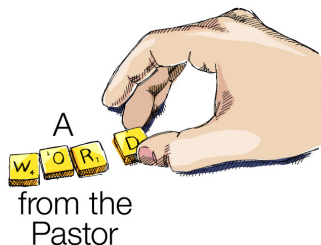
This year's theme is "By My Hand – For My Sake". It will focus on the question "What is your role in the suffering and death of Christ?" Each week we will focus on biblical characters who actually did have a role in the crucifixion of our Lord. Along with this, I want to encourage you all to pick up a Lenten Devotional booklet from the back tower or a Lenten Bible Reading which is also in the back tower of the church.

Unfortunately, over the years fewer people have taken advantage of this meaningful journey, and it is my prayer that this is the year that we will turn that in the opposite direction. Our good and gracious Lord has made a magnificent sacrifice for us, and it is important that we gather together to reflect upon the meaning of that sacrificial gift, of Jesus as Savior and Lord.

I look forward to greeting you on Sundays as well as on Wednesdays during this most meaningful time of the year. **"If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me"**. Matthew 16:24

Come and let us follow together,

Peace and love,
Charles W. Froehlich, Pastor





Each Thursday we host Pool and Game Night in the basement from 7-9pm. It's open to everyone in 6th grade and older. All skill levels are welcome as we play with handicaps. Bring some friends and relax after work or school!

I want to say a big Thank You to everyone who helped or attended the German Brunch on February 13th. What a great turn out, great food, great entertainment, and a great time! Another big Thank You to Chelsea Dorner and the

South Bay Saxophone Quartet for playing, and Sue and Sal Garofalo for providing and cooking all the food from Schaller and Weber.

On January 17th we hosted our second annual Video Game Tournament to help raise money for The Golden Soldier Project, which Christin Griskie runs. We had over 30 kids show up to play and have fun on their day off from school. Many thanks to all those who helped. I want to remind parents to look into the video games you allow your kids to play. There are several extremely violent, graphic and inappropriate games available to your children. Make sure to check the age ratings before purchasing a game.

Over Thanksgiving we handed out 125 cans of Pringles. We hope you enjoyed a tasty treat on us! As you finish them, begin to fill them with your spare change, and when it is full bring it back to church. The money will help to support our youth program.

Don't forget to stop at the Village Markets of Africa station, located in the Narthex by the coat rack! We have partnered with a small tribe in Africa to support through the purchase of hand-made goods. Details are at the display.

If you are looking for a new and upcoming Christian band to listen to, check out *Gungor*. Great music and lyrics! If you are looking for a good thought-provoking book, check out *Jesus For President* by Shane Claiborn. It encourages us to keep our political opinions in line with the message of Jesus. Good Read!

Love and Joy,
Jim Dorner

BIBLE STUDIES AT ST. LUKE

Sundays at 9:30am led by Pastor Unger– Focusing on The Book of Romans

Sundays “The Shire” Bible Study for Teens led by Jim Dorner

Monday evenings at 7:30pm led by Pastor Froehlich—

Highlights on Matthew’s Gospel

This is the Gospel that most of the Gospel readings for the year will be taken from.

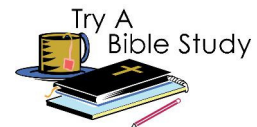
This study will be held every week that the Confirmation classes meet.

1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 4:30pm (Starts again on 2/1)—LWML Women’s Bible Study at the home of Evelyn Raffaele. Please contact Evelyn for directions or info at

613-586-2922

Wednesday mornings at 10:00am led by Pastor Froehlich—

The Book of Romans



Read It!

With this month's article I may be cheating. It's cheating in the sense that I did not think of all the words. What is written for the most part in this article, I came across in the daily devotional, "*Our Daily Bread*". Below is the reading that appeared for December 31, 2001:



After 30 years as a pastor, a New Jersey minister concluded, "The Bible is the best-selling, least-understood book." In his view, "Biblical illiteracy was rampant."

George Gallup, the foremost religion pollster in the U.S., agrees: "We revere the Bible", he says, "but we don't read it." In a recent survey, 64 percent of those questioned said they were too busy to read the Bible. The average household has three Bibles, but less than half the people in the U.S. can name the first book in the Old Testament. One survey found that 12 percent of its Christian respondents identified Noah's wife as Joan of Arc! The solution? Read the Bible! Join me in a commitment to read the entire Bible through the coming year. It will take about 15 minutes a day to follow the reading guide in this booklet. Are we too busy for that?

The goal is not information, but transformation. Someone summarized 2Timothy 3:16 by saying, "God's Word shows us which road to take (doctrine). It tells us when we get off track (reproof); how to get back on (correction); and how to stay on (instruction in righteousness).

God's word is a precious gift. So let's read it through this coming year.

The part that struck me was "too busy". How can we be too busy for God? In Psalm 8:2-3, we read, "***When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and these stars, which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him?***" Here we have the Creator of all, seen and unseen, and in the vastness of space we are His beloved children, and 64% of us (almost two out of three) are too busy to spend time with Him. Each week Bible Classes and their times are listed in the Parish News, and in the newsletter each month. These are wonderful ways to meet people and to grow in your walk with Christ. In this relatively New Year, make time to read the Bible and learn it, live it, love it.

Deacon Brad Page

Read the Bible





ASH WEDNESDAY, March 9th

5:00pm & 7:30pm Worship Services w/Holy Communion
And the Imposition of Ashes for those who choose to have them.

**Wednesdays: March 16th, 23rd, 30th,
April 6th, & April 13th**

Worship Service at 5:00pm followed by a Soup Supper at 6:00pm and
then at 7:00pm a Bible Study

The symbolism of ashes

On the first day of Lent, pastors in many churches dip a finger in ashes (often made by burning palm branches from the previous year's Palm Sunday) and make a cross on parishioners' foreheads.

God's people have used ashes as a sign of mourning, humiliation and penitence. In the Old Testament, ashes were used as a purification offering. The New Testament speaks of repenting in "sackcloth and ashes" (Luke 10:13, NRSV).

On Ash Wednesday, Christians are pained because our sins — private and public — led to Jesus' death. With repentant hearts, we begin the season of Lent, knowing it leads to resurrection on Easter Sunday.

New life is a great gift and in the last month we welcomed two new children with the birth of Anna Margaret Wenger on January 17th to Kirsten and David Wenger, and the proud grandparents are Tom and Charlene Leo and Marge and Paul Wenger.



Births in the Church Family

Kathy and Pastor Froehlich are rejoicing at the birth of their second grandson, Wilson James Froehlich, born February 8th to Tim and Sarah in St. Louis.



*Baptized In
The Name
of the Lord*

Baptisms are a time of great joy for the church and we rejoice with Linda Prochaska at the baptism of her grandson, Jacob Miranda in Massachusetts.

We celebrated Holy Baptism at St. Luke for:

Myla Garcia, daughter of Elizabeth and Joseph Garcia.

Valerie Manno, daughter of Mark and Jennifer Manno.

Kyle Ryan Fishon, daughter of Cindy and Mark Fishon.

May the Lord richly bless these families as they grow in faith.

Property Committee Announcements

The members of St. Luke's Property Committee are glad to offer to our church community a service that is being referred to as "Handyman for Humanity". This service is directed toward our church community homeowners/renters who are having challenges either affording small repairs, or who can afford repairs, but cannot find a handyman or repair person that they trust can do the work properly and at a reasonable price. If you are someone who needs these services, please contact any of the Property Committee members shown below.

The Property Committee is also seeking volunteers who can help on an as-available and as-needed basis on tasks and projects. There is no need to attend Committee meetings or anything else, other than completing the task or project agreed upon to provide. These volunteers will be asked to provide their contact, skills and interest information and will be included on a "to call" list. They will be contacted for their availability as needed. This role on the Committee is being referred to as a "Willing Worker" role.

If you are interested in helping the congregation in this way, please contact any of the Committee members shown below or look for Property Committee announcements on the bulletin board in the Church Narthex. On the bulletin board will also be a place to sign up as a "Willing Worker", a list of jobs and projects for which help is needed, and Committee members' phone and email contacts who can provide additional instruction and information about the jobs. The Committee encourages families and youth who may be seeking opportunities to provide services to the community to consider this unique way to serve our church community.

Jeff Adey 499-2019

Doug Halfmann 242-4642

Fred Probst 864-4008

Ken MacDowell 626-9386



We continue to pray for healing for both members and friends including our former church Administrative Assistant, Annie Wilkom, in Florida; Grace and Walter Burwell, the parents of Chris Geed; Kathy Froehlich as she recuperates from surgery; Phil Braun, husband of our member, Anne; a former member and preschool teacher, Deborah Gebhardt; Barbara Vecchio, niece of Paul Walker; Pastor Derek Lecakes, who was severely burned and is slowly recovering from second and third degree burns; Louise Cunningham recovering from surgery; Barbara Kitz, a dear friend of Trish Klare; and Tom Simon, brother of Jolly Kuruvilla.

WHAT IS A COFFEE HOUSE? It is a place where an evening of Christian music and fellowship blend together in a coffee house-type atmosphere. A place to sit and relax, enjoy great musical artists and refreshments. It is appropriate entertainment for children from 10 to 100! There are many places to attend a coffee house. Some, like Samantha's Lil' Bit of Heaven, are in "store fronts" while others are offered in churches.

WHAT TYPE OF ENTERTAINMENT IS THERE? Christian artists of various types of music from contemporary to country to soft rock may perform. There can also be an "opening act" of a Christian comedian, or those who have a word to share about their ministry and how God brought them to it. We will also have our own St. Luke talented musicians and singers perform.

WHERE IS THE COFFEE HOUSE HELD? We will be hosting the coffee house in the downstairs area of the Education Building. This is where a preschool classroom is transformed into a coffee house. The room is decorated to create a welcoming, warm, and comfortable coffee house. Try to visualize a room with cloth covered tables that hold a centerpiece with candles to light the room. Where there is lighting around the room to enhance the effect. A "stage" for the artists is erected and decorated with lighted silk trees and flowers, a backdrop of privacy screens is used and lit as well. In front of the stage is a state-of-the-art lighting system to give a beautiful effect while the artists are performing (just like on Broadway!)

WHAT IS THE COST AND WHAT DOES THAT INCLUDE? The cost is a **suggested** donation of \$5.00(+) per person. The donation includes not only the entertainment for the evening, but ALL refreshments. The refreshment table is like going to a Viennese Hour, which may include: cakes, pastries, cookies, fruit salad, and our signature "Hot Fudge Sundae". Of course, coffee, tea and bottled water are also offered. There is no additional charge for any refreshments.

WHAT IS THE EVENING LIKE? It is an evening of fellowship and entertainment that starts at 7:00pm and refreshments are served as the guests are arriving. At about 7:30pm we open with a prayer and introduce the artists for the evening. We ask that everyone not talk during the performance as we are here to listen to the messages of praise and worship to the Lord through our guests' songs and/or ministry story. There is plenty of time before, during intermission, and afterward for fellowship. The artists will play one set of music and then we have an intermission. During intermission, refreshments will be served again and door prizes will be "raffled" off. A free-will offering is also taken for the artists, as they do not get paid for the evening. Also at that time a Prayer Team is available to pray with any of our guests who may feel they have a need for special prayers and someone to pray with them. Some of the artists may bring cds of their music for purchase. After intermission, the artists will perform their second set. The evening ends with a prayer at about 9:30-10:00pm.

CAN I BRING CHILDREN? YES! If you don't think that your 4 -10 year old will want to sit through the performance, we also offer babysitting. Our youth have graciously volunteered their time to watch the children. There is always adult supervision as well. A free-will offering is available so that the youth who are babysitting may receive a stipend for their effort.



Where The Light of Jesus Shines!

IS PROUD TO PRESENT

GEORGE & TERRI GELISH

SATURDAY, APRIL 9TH

AT 7:00PM

SUGGESTED DONATION IS \$5.00(+)pp
Which includes all refreshments, coffee, tea, and water
A free-will offering will be taken for our guest artists,
as they perform for us gratis.

**For reservations, please either sign up in the Narthex or contact
Kathy von Thaden (516-433-7092) or
Debbie Gnad (631-665-3383)**

The coffee house is open to **everyone**.....invite your friends and family.

We can reserve tables of 6 or 8 to accommodate your guests.

Babysitting by our youth (with adult supervision) is available-a free will offering
will be appreciated.



Lutheran Counseling Center

St. Luke is a satellite location of the Lutheran Counseling Center which is located in Mineola. They offer a variety of counseling services for individuals and families both here and at their other sites. You may contact them by calling the Mineola office at 516 741-0994 and they will try to match you with a counselor who has particular skills in the area in which you might be looking for help.



Join us to help our church members who need assistance in times of trouble. Whether it is due to illness/surgery, grief, help in doing an errand or any other need. The St. Luke LWML is looking for people: young, senior or in-between who would like to volunteer to help other members of St Luke’s family when needed. This would be on a rotating schedule and at times best for you.

If you are interested, or if you know of someone who may need help, contact Denise Norman dnorman@optonline.net or the Church Office.

ATTENTION ALL ST. LUKE LADIES

Would you like to make your own jewelry, or put your memories into scrapbooks? How about meeting with other Christian women to share & experiment with recipes, then go to an exercise class to shed the pounds put on from eating those tasty foods?

If any of these ideas might interest you, or you would like to head one of these groups, please contact:

- Denise Norman - dnorman@optonline.net
- Sandi McDermott – sandib.mcder@yahoo.com
- Lisa Wenz – lwenz@optonline.net
- Debbie Gnad – tipsyq@yahoo.com

St. Luke Lutheran Church
St. Patrick's Day Dinner
March 12th 2011
6:00pm

Corned Beef and Cabbage
Fresh Baked Irish Soda Bread
Beer, Wine, Soda, and Desserts
with, of course, good Lutheran Coffee (& Tea)

Price \$45 per person (\$40 if received by 2/28/11)

Please write checks to St. Luke Lutheran Church
and place them in The Fenty's Mailbox



Deadline for Reservations and Payment March 6th

SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, March 12, 2011
2011 Atlantic District Festival of Workshops
Concordia College, Bronxville, NY

This day is offered to provide resources and rejuvenation so that we may continue to “live and work together to proclaim the Gospel and to provide for our brothers and sisters in Christ in our congregations, communities, and throughout the world. “And in all we do, Christ is at the center, leading us, sustaining us, keeping us focused on our mission”.
In Christ, for the church and the world.



St. Luke Lutheran Church

“Engage, Explore, Reflect”

“Speaking the truth in love we are to grow up
in every way into Him, who is the head,
into Christ.” Ephesians 4:15



Palm Sunday, April 17th with choirs and procession with palms at 8:15 and 10:45. A Pancake Breakfast will be held between the services.

Maundy Thursday, April 21st First Holy Communion and a service of remembrance of the institution of the Lord’s Supper at 5:00pm and 7:30pm with special music by the Senior Choir at 7:30pm.

Good Friday, April 22nd 12:00 Noon Family Service and 7:30pm Service of Darkness with special music by the Senior Choir and soloists.

Easter Sunday, April 24th we celebrate the Festival of the Resurrection with special services of the Holy Eucharist at 7:30, 9:00 & 11:00am with choirs and the South Shore Brass at the 9:00 & 11:00am Services. There will be an Easter Brunch following the 7:30 & 9:00am Services.

Join us for each step along the journey giving thanks to God for the rich grace and mercy that has been imparted upon us.

The deadline for the
April newsletter is **MARCH 20TH**.
To contribute an article, you can email me
at autumnvt@verizon.net
(please place in the subject line: “Newsletter”)
or you can place it in my mailbox (#133) at church.