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St. Luke's Episcopal & Our Saviour Lutheran

Episcopal-Lutheran Ministry
In Haworth, N.J.

**We welcome the faithful, the seeker and the doubter, for
God's embrace is wide and God's Good News is for all!**

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Welcoming the Stranger

By Pastor Shane Phelan

In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus meets with his disciples shortly before the crucifixion to tell them how to live in preparation for the kingdom of God. He tells them that they will be judged by how they welcomed strangers, the hungry and sick, and prisoners. His is not a new commandment; we find the same instructions in the Hebrew prophets. Welcoming those on the margins is, for Matthew, the central quality by which God will recognize us.

I've thought about this in several contexts these past weeks. I just returned from vacation. While I was gone, one of our members, who had lived here for years without "proper" documents, needed help and needed to return home. Members of this church community stepped up and took care of her. I'm proud to be part of a community that is ready to act. I'm glad I wasn't here and that Kathleen couldn't just come down, because it can be tempting to think that the clergy alone are the ones to serve the church. That is not Jesus' message,

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Our Saviour/St. Luke's: The Story of Us

By Pastor Kathleen J. Rusnak

First Memories

What is one of the earliest memories of yourself that you have? Think for just a moment before you continue reading.

What is it that you see in your mind's eye? Where are you? What are you doing? How old are you? What is happening? What does this memory say about you?

The memory that comes to my mind is when I was 3 years old on a tricycle. I see myself in the driveway of our home. I am wearing a blue jean jacket, making a sharp turn on the tricycle, my blond hair and pigtails swirling with the turn.

What is your memory? Now, answer this question? Is the picture that comes to your mind, a real memory, a memory from a photo, or an image that someone in your family told you about?

As I think about my memory, I am aware that I am remembering a picture of myself that my father took

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and it's not the way to a strong church. We – all of us – are the church, and are called to service. As Jesus said, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world" (Mt 25:34).

In sharp contrast, I attended a church while on vacation that struggles with welcome. I've gone there three times over the last several years, because it's close to my sister's house. This was the last time. This wealthy, large congregation has many programs for members. They do social ministry. But each time I've gone, no one has welcomed me. I stand with my coffee cup, looking around, reading materials, and no one speaks to me. I don't wear my clericals, so they don't know anything about me. I hear there's another church not too far away, with less money but more spirit

That's where I'll go next time.

This month we will welcome a new Korean church to share our space. The Spirit-Filled Korean Church, led by Pastor Young Kim, will use our space on Sunday afternoons and Thursday evenings. Pastor Kim's wife, Hae-won, runs the afternoon tutoring program here on Tuesdays and Thursdays. They love the church, and are grateful to be here. I am thrilled that our church buildings will get used for more worship and programs. I hope that we will find ways to engage in joint ministry and even some joint worship.

Many mainline churches rent out space to smaller churches. It is often seen just as a way to pay the bills. My prayer is that we will go beyond that attitude to see these new "strangers" as brothers and sisters whom God has sent to us.

I'm excited that a "spirit-filled" church will be praying for us, and in these buildings. We can't have too much spirit!

Welcome strangers wherever you meet them. If you aren't meeting any, go out and look for them. Look beyond the surface. We're all strangers somewhere, to someone. In welcoming the stranger, you welcome Christ, who in turn will welcome you. May we all be so blessed.



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Help Needed for Fun Project, No Experience Required!



Above: Roberta Nobleman performs as St. Ignatius at St. Luke's & Our Saviour in May

Roberta Nobleman invites anyone who is free on Wed., Sept. 22 from 10 A.M. to Noon to come to a try-out for a new show she is developing, "TERESA OF AVILA: TERESA TURNING." This is a one-woman dramatic reflection on the life of Saint Teresa of Avila.

At such a time as this, when the Church is turning, turning and turning to come "round right," Roberta's show will celebrate the "Ray of Darkness" that Teresa shines on our lives today.

Roberta writes: "Since I'm using masks and music and audience participation, I need your help!"

Please join Roberta at:

Cusack Hall
St. Michael's Villa
399 Hudson Terrace
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(For directions ask Roberta or call Sr. Elisabeth Ann or Sr. Ann Rutan, CSJP, at 201-871-0099)



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of me. It isn't a memory of mine at all, but a picture and a story that surrounds that picture. The story was that I was a tomboy riding hard on my wheels. After all, I didn't get the nickname "Kathy Roughneck" for nothing.

The picture and the story that accompanies it are part of my story. It isn't a story that I created or that I personally witnessed. It is a story of me that was told to me, and has ever since been part and parcel of my identity and my story. We are more than our memories allow or can contain. We are our stories.

Our Church Story

The same can be said of our church memories. What are your earliest memories? Are they what other's told you, are they the pictures of Christmas pageants, or are they your own? Whatever our earliest memories, the story they tell is our church story, and, almost invariably, we are taught that our story is the "true" story. We learn our denomination's history, struggles, persecutions, victories. We learn our side, just as nations and nationalities and tribes learn their side. If you ask a Lutheran

why they are not Methodist, they will not be able to tell you what Methodists believe in order to answer why they are Lutheran.

When I went to seminary, I learned how Lutherans interpret scripture, how Lutherans preach, what Lutherans believe and why what they believe is the correct way to believe. I learned about Martin Luther and the Reformation and about "us" over "them."

The Story Continued

Learning about "the other" is not part of every religious denomination. Fortunately, it has been part of our continuing story as Lutherans and Episcopalians, even if not a smooth continuance. To decide to learn about the other's story is a big change in thinking. Our two church bodies have done decades of learning about each other in order to tell us finally that it is okay to be together. This change is part of our story, too. Those who do not like the story as it continues have left us to stay with a "completed" story; one that goes on without the other's story.

How often I have heard in the past two years, "I never knew that about Episcopalians (or Lutherans)," or

"I have come to see a new perspective on faith from their perspective," as we watch each other's historical movies or read each other's documents. Congregations like ours, push beyond our own stories to live that full communion and create a new story that church documents cannot anticipate. We as Pastors now become peace-builders, teaching both narratives, allowing others to question what they have learned about their own story and the other's story, and creating a spiritual atmosphere of unity that Jesus desires for us.

The Story Continues . . .

Although we wish it would go faster — "when will we get that blended service?" — it's only been two years, years necessary to just "be" with each other, grow into each other, learn a bit about each other. And there have been changes in leadership. Dewey left. Shane came. I am leaving. Shane will be your only pastor. Life will get closer.

As I leave you, I take our story with me as a beautiful part of who I now am, and I leave you with that.



UPDATE FROM THE EPISCOPAL-LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN

Episcopal/Lutheran Church Women will hold the annual Holiday Fair on Sat., Nov. 13 from 9:30 to 4 P.M. in the Parish Hall. This is our biggest fund raiser of the year.

We need chefs, booth workers, set up/clean-up and clean up crews. Our booths will be New Gifts, New and Older Jewelry, Books, White elephant, Baked goods, Deli, Crafts, Children's Toys (in good condition),

Kitchen and, possibly, Face Painting or Story Telling. Please sign up in the Parish Hall to help. Anyone with some new ideas is invited to share them at our next meeting on Sept. 25 at 10 A.M. in the Rectory.

Also, please remember to use your blue-and-white United Thank Offering box when giving thanks to God for something that has happened in your life.

I will be collecting the boxes at the end of November and making a check payable to the Episcopal Diocese of Newark for all of the cash collected. Carole MacDonald will be representing us at the annual convention in Newark and will present our donation at the U.T.O. Ingathering to help support the church's missionary work.

-- Linda Brescia, ELCW President

VIDA DeCAMBRE



Vida at Bergen Regional Medical Center

Vida DeCambre, long-time member of Our Saviour, choir member, and friend to many members of the two churches, has returned to Jamaica to rejoin her son, Sherwin. As Pastor Kathleen alerted those in church on Sun., Aug. 15, and later through e-mails and a letter, Vida had been taken the previous Tuesday to Bergen Regional Medical Center in Paramus, where members were encouraged to visit and say goodbye. Since Vida was no longer able to work and had no home in the United States efforts were made by the Pastor and church members to help her return home. This involved working with the Jamaican Consulate in New York, Air Jamaica and Bergen Regional to facilitate her travel and on Fri., Aug. 20 she left JFK Airport safely, with wheelchair escort, and was met at Kingston airport by her son.

Vida made friends wherever she went – workers in Cresskill stores, hospital nurses and airport officials included. She had been in the

United States since 1996 and turned 80 on August 13th. She received a birthday blessing at church on the previous Sunday, when she celebrated by playing hymns on the piano in the parish hall.

Many members of both churches have been concerned about Vida and were happy to hear from Beverly that she has called, has been to her old (Anglican) church, where there's a new minister and some old friends

and she's happy seeing her grandson, Daniel, and being with her son, Sherwin. She would love to hear from everyone. If anyone would like also to send a gift, Vida could use some pants and T-shirts, casual clothing – size 6P or extra small. Summer sales items would be perfect. If you are interested, please call the church office for Vida's address at 201-384-0706.



(l-r) Tom Fox, Gloria Jonassen, Vida and Beverly Hashimoto at the airport.

BILL O'DANIEL

Many will remember Bill O'Daniel, who faithfully brought longtime choir member Alma O'Daniel to St. Luke's. Bill is in the long-term care facility at The Buckingham at Norwood and would appreciate being remembered by the parish family of St. Luke's & Our Saviour Cards or notes may be addressed to him at The Buckingham, 100 McClellan St., Norwood, NJ 07648. His direct dial telephone number is 201-564-9348.

BONNIE NELSON

Longtime St. Luke's parishioner Bonnie Nelson has moved. Stay in touch with her! Please call the church office at 201-384-0706 for her address and telephone number.

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OUTREACH UPDATE: THANK YOU'S AND A LOOK AHEAD



Camp Lots of Fun counselors gather bagged lunches for the participants

Thanks to those who collected back-to-school supplies for the children of the Women's Rights Center clients.

Thanks also to those who helped bring some fun to the children attending Camp Lots of Fun, a day camp for homeless children and those who have recently been homeless operated at Grace Lutheran Church, River Edge by the Youth Council for the Homeless, a program of Family Promise of Bergen County.

Thanks to Maureen Bownes, Karen Hamlin, Gloria Jonassen, Carole MacDonald, Roberta Nobleman, Heidi Plinio, and Jo Stephenson, who put together a total of 43 lunch bags for a field trip to Liberty Science Center and helped "give these children back their childhood."

Now for the weeks and months ahead. Please make a note of the

dates and time and talent we invite members to contribute.

Wednesday, October 6

Do you have time on October 6th from 3 to 6 p.m. ? If so, could you help serve a meal to some 150 needy folks in Hackensack at the next Walk-in Dinner? If you haven't got that time free, can you cook? If so, could you help make a dinner at home and bring it over to St. Luke's to be transported and served there? A recipe will be provided.



This year's annual CROP Walk will be held Sun., Oct 17. Don't forget to sign up!

Sunday October 17

The annual NE Bergen CROP Walk will be held Oct. 17. Enjoy walking? Get some exercise, good company and raise some money for Church World Services by walking about 4 miles along a route from Tenafly to Haworth, or, if you cannot manage the walk, sponsor the walkers. Church World Service's programs help lift people from Bergen County to New Orleans to Haiti out of hunger and poverty when misfortune and natural disasters drag them down.

Sun. Dec. 12 - Sun., Dec. 19

Various opportunities for St. Luke's & Our Saviour to partner with Temple Beth El, Closter during the week it hosts up to 4 homeless families (14 people max) as part of the Family Promise of Bergen County programs. The Temple will provide the space, overnight volunteers and most of the meals. St. Luke's/Our Saviour would prepare and serve dinner on **Fri., Dec. 17th** and prepare and serve early breakfasts on the Monday, Tuesday and Saturday mornings (only the last would be a cooked breakfast). St. Luke's & Our Saviour would help with provisions for lunches and also make up some personal care kits for use during the week and share in laundry detail at the end of the week. This is an experiment. If it works out, we'll partner with the Temple when they host a week in April and again in the summer.

And don't forget your food donation on second Sundays for Center for Food Action in Englewood.

-- Janet Beddoe

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

New This Fall

On Welcome Back Sunday, which will be Sept. 12, there will be a single service of Holy Eucharist with Sunday School at 10:30 A.M. followed by adult Bible study. St. Luke's Vestry and Our Saviour Lutheran Council voted to eliminate the 8:30 A.M. service in favor of welcoming newcomers to a vibrant, well attended later service.

Please note other new services and times: Tuesdays & Thursdays - Evening Prayer at 7 P.M. in the Rectory; Wednesday, Eucharist & Healing at 7:30 PM in the Chapel; Fridays - Morning Prayer at 9 A.M. in the Rectory followed by Coffee.

Marian Stubbs Memorial

We will have a memorial service for Marian Stubbs on Wednesday, September 8, at 2 p.m. David Stubbs will be here, and would like to see everyone. Marian's ashes will be interred in the Garden of Arimathea.

Minister Training

On Saturday, September 18, we will have a day of training for worship ministries. We are making changes to our worship service, and so this is a good time to think about how you'd like to participate. Readers will now be distinct from Eucharistic ministers, although people can be both. We welcome youth and adults to all these ministries. If you are currently serving in these ministries, we need you to come anyway, as the service is changing.

Acolytes will train from 10-12 a.m. Lunch will follow. Lay readers will train at 1, and Eucharistic ministers at 2. You are welcome at any and all of these. **Please RSVP to 201-384-0706 by September 15.**

Day Trip to Holy Cross Monastery

Do you want to learn more about prayer? We will have a field trip to Holy Cross Monastery (Episcopal) in West Park, N.Y. on Sat., Oct. 2. Our day includes Eucharist, noontime prayer with the monks, learning different styles of prayer, and some free time on the Hudson. We will leave at 7 A.M. and return by 5 P.M. Cost is \$25. Please contact Pastor Shane to sign up or if you have questions. Space is limited, so act now!

New Adult Education Opportunity this Year

Confirm not Conform is a new program that aims at deepening our faith by encouraging us to ask questions and find our own answers to the questions of our lives. It began as a confirmation program, but is now used in all sorts of ways to take people to the next level of understanding and purpose for their lives.

Pastor Shane and Laura Cardine will be the co-teachers for this course. The group will meet 1st and 3rd Thursdays from 7:30-9:30 P.M. from October through April (with a break at Christmas). On Easter, those who would like to reaffirm their faith will have a chance to do so.

We will have an information session after church on September 19. If you have questions, call Pastor Shane at 201-384-0653.

Pastor Kathleen's Book Lecture
Oct. 10 - "Because You've Never Died Before: Spiritual Issues at the End of Life" - One-hour lecture and book signing. More to come!

Coming Events

- Wednesday, September 1
7:30PM Holy Eucharist & Healing
- Thursday, September 2
8:30-11AM-Alcoholics Anonymous
- Saturday, September 4
7-9 PM - Alcoholics Anonymous
- Sunday, September 5
15th Sunday After Pentecost
10:00 AM- Holy Eucharist
Followed by Adult Forum with
Bishop Javed Nadwa of Pakistan
2-5PM Spirit-Filled Korean Church
6:30 PM - Parish Fun Night
- Tuesday, September 7
3-7 PM -Korean School Tutoring
7:00 PM - Evening Prayer (Rectory)
- Wednesday, September 8
7:30 PM - Holy Eucharist & Healing
- Thursday, September 9
8:30-11AM - Alcoholics Anonymous
7:00 PM - Evening Prayer (Rectory)
- Friday, September 10
9:00 AM- Morning Prayer (Rectory)
2-10 PM - Church Directory Photos
- Saturday, September 11
10 AM-5 PM - Directory Photos
5 PM - Our Saviour Council
7-9 PM Alcoholics Anonymous
- Sunday, September 12
Welcome Back Sunday
16th Sunday After Pentecost
9:30 Choir Rehearsal
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist with
Nursery & Sunday School
Noon - Joint Committee Meets
2-5 PM Spirit-Filled Korean Church
- Tuesday, September 14
7:00 PM - Evening Prayer (Rectory)
7:30 PM St. Luke's Vestry
- Wednesday, September 15
7:30 PM- Holy Eucharist & Healing
- Thursday, September 16
8:30-11 AM- Alcoholics Anonymous
7:00 PM - Evening Prayer (Rectory)



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Comina Events

Friday, September 17

9:00 AM-Morning Prayer (Rectory)

Saturday, September 18

10:00 AM - Noon Acolyte Training
(Adults Most Welcome!)

1 PM-Lay Readers Training

2 PM - Eucharistic Ministers

7-9 PM - Alcoholics Anonymous

Sunday, September 19

17th Sunday After Pentecost

9:00 AM - Parish Potluck Breakfast

10:00 AM Choir Rehearsal

10:30 AM - Holy Eucharist with
Nursery & Sunday School

Followed by Adult Bible Study

2-5 PMSpirit-Filled Korean Church

6-7 PM - CROP Walk Orientation

6:30 PM - Parish Fun Night

Tuesday, September 21

7:00 PM - Evening Prayer(Rectory)

Wednesday, September 22

7:30 PM -Holy Eucharist & Healing

Thursday, September 23

8:30-11AM - Alcoholics Anonymous

7:00 PM - Evening Prayer (Rectory)

7:30 PM Book Club Meets

Friday, September 24

9:00AM -Morning Prayer (Rectory)

Saturday, September 25

10 AM - ELCW Meet (Rectory)

7-9 PM - Alcoholics Anonymous

Sunday, September 26

18th Sunday After Pentecost

10:30 AM Holy Eucharist with
Nursery & Sunday School

Followed by Adult Bible Study

2-5PM Spirit-Filled Korean Church

Tuesday, September 28

7:00 PM - Evening Prayer(Rectory)

Wednesday, September 29

7:30 PM -Holy Eucharist & Healing

Thursday, September 30

8:30-11 AM -Alcoholics Anonymous

7:00 PM - Evening Prayer (Rectory)

CHURCH PHOTO DIRECTORY

St. Luke's & Our Saviour has contracted with LifeTouch to produce a new Church Photo Directory including members from both parishes. Families and individuals are invited to have a professional portrait taken. Make your appointment on Fri., Sept. 10 from 2:30 to 10 P.M. or Sat., Sept. 11 from 10 A.M. to 5 P.M.

Please sign up in the Parish Hall. Allow approximately one hour for your session. You will receive one complimentary photo and have an opportunity to purchase additional copies. If you need transportation or have questions, contact Paul Nobleman at 201-394-5412.

BOOK CLUB MEETS



The next book club meeting will be Thurs., Sept. 23. Copies of *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn* by Betty Smith have been ordered through the Dumont Library. Coming up? *The Time Traveler's Wife* and *To Kill a Mockingbird*. To obtain a copy of the book, call Carole MacDonald at 201-724-0627 or Heidi Plinio at 201-387-7438.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- 5 Frank Brescia
- 9 Kay Lynch
- 10 Max Spieth
- 11 Laura Cardine
- 12 Jennifer Plunkett
- 16 Heidi & Bob Plinio
- 17 Ksenija & Glen Kassis
- 19 Justin Maxfield
- 24 Greta & Jack Pallatta
- 28 Corrin Kassis

PRAYERS FOR ST. LUKE'S & OUR SAVIOUR PARISH FAMILIES

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers the following parishioners and members of our extended families:



Pat Stephenson, Lillian Nelson, Penny Elie, Bill O'Daniel, the Gonci family, Pauline Pedreira, Lawrence H. Horn III, Rita Wagner, Zack Dochnahl, Jeb Magda, George Stubbs, Murray & Roberta Nobleman, Deb Riede, Darren Garrish, Carol Maxfield, Jean Turner, Kimberly Roig, Marrine Romaine, Doris Rosa, Erica DeLuca and her family, Charlie & Fran Napolitano, David Storicks, Nancy Smith, Noel, Jeffrey, John Casper, Betty Meyer, Jeanean & Peter Chraplewski, Laura Reutlinger and family, James Penney, Jamie, Laura Smith, Linda Brescia, Pat Kay, Muriel Andersen, Jimmy Russell, Beverly Pitsenberger, Jane Denny, Caroline Kouta, the family of Louis Egan (nee: Rusnak), Cathy Klie and her family, the family of Adolfo Salvatore Magnifico, Muriel Bauer, Roxanne Gabriel, Keith, Betty-Ann & Jim Wilkie, Anne Caloz, Alma Gottlieb, Krysta Williams, the family of Debra Shanley, Zahra, Khansa Abeerah and their family, Harriette Lederman, the family of Edward A. Spraker, Debbie Colvin and her family.

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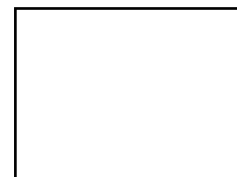
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Members of St. Luke's & Our Saviour helped serve at the Walk-in Dinner at Housing, Health and Human Services Center (HHHSC) in Hackensack in April. The next date will be Wednesday, October 6. Check out more Outreach News inside!



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We welcome the faithful, the seeker and the doubter, for God's embrace is wide and God's Good News is for all!
Our program year resumes Sept. 12 with a single Sunday service at 10:30 A.M. with Sunday School & Nursery
Evening Prayer, Tues. & Thurs. at 7 P.M. • Healing & Holy Eucharist, Wed. at 7:30 • Morning Prayer- Fri. At 9 A.M