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St. Luke's Episcopal & Our Saviour Lutheran

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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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Being an Advent People

By Pastor Shane Phelan

You will often hear it said that Christians are "Easter people." We believe in new life coming out of death. This is the heart of Jesus' life and teaching. But Jesus' life carries other meanings. Jesus points to the kingdom of God and calls us to turn to this other realm. This is the message of Advent.

Advent is the time when we hear the call to prepare the way of the Lord. Jesus comes as an infant, but in him we see all the power and glory of God. We cannot see this power and glory unless we clean the lenses of our hearts. We have to practice waiting and watching and listening. We have to look for the signs of the kingdom around us. We have to look for where we can be part of the coming kingdom, where we can prepare the way for the coming of Jesus.

Of course, this is not what our culture tells us to do in December. Our culture tells us to get out, get shopping, get to parties – get busy! As a result, we approach Christmas exhausted rather than expectant. Rather than beginning the Christmas season on Christmas, we end it – often grateful that it's over.

But we are an Advent people as much as an Easter people. We are a people called to look for signs of new life in the midst of winter. We are called to keep our eyes peeled for the coming of the Messiah. This cannot be rushed, and it can't be bought. It calls for patience and hope.

Now, I don't expect you to suddenly push aside all those messages and invitations. But I do know that the gift we have coming at Christmas is



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much greater than anything you'll find under a tree. I also know that receiving that gift calls for preparation as much as any party you'll go to. Imagine if this month you spent as much time in prayer and reading and family time as you do in shopping and cooking. What would your Advent be like?

There are ways to simplify Christmas to allow this to happen. One way is to shop by catalog or online. I recommend ELCA Good Gifts or Episcopal Relief and Development Gifts for Life. For that person who has everything, buy a flock of chickens in their name. Feed a family that would otherwise go hungry. It's easy and it's important.

On December 12, we will listen together at an Advent Evensong. We will hear the Hebrew messages

of God's coming reign of peace. We will hear the Gospel story of Gabriel's message to Mary. We will wait together for the birth of Christ. Please join us for this special service, followed by – what else? – a dessert party at the rectory.

Over and over, Jesus tells disciples to keep awake and keep watch. He tells them – tells us – to save our resources so that when he comes we will have the energy to notice and follow and join the party.

Being an Advent people does not mean leaving the party. It means waiting until the guest of honor comes. It means patience and hope and the joy that comes when our deepest desires are fulfilled.

God bless you all this month as you watch and wait.

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, George Stubbs, Murray & Roberta Nobleman, Deb Riede, Carol Maxfield, Jean Turner, Kimberly Roig, the family of 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, the family of Venetta Smith, Pat Kay, the family of Muriel Andersen, Jimmy Russell, Beverly Pitsenberger, Jane Denny, Caroline Kouta, Cathy Klie and her family, the family of Adolfo Salvatore Magnifico, Muriel Bauer, Roxanne Gabriel, Keith, Betty-Ann & Jim Wilkie, 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, Bishop Javed Nawab and his family and Go Preach Christ Church in Pakistan, Teresa Grange, Russ Shaw, John Leone, Rich Cash and the family of Stan Piotrowski.

Meet Telma Paulo Agostinho in Mozambique



School: 4th Grade
Favorite subject: Math
Favorite food: Cassava meal
Favorite fruit: Orange
Favorite sport: Catch
Activities: Fetching water,
washing dishes
Attends Church on Sundays
Enjoys: Choir group

WORLD VISION
Sponsors: Chris Emerizy
Karen Moylan

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A WORD FROM THE FAIR CHAIR, Jo Stephenson

Another Fair is over and despite all the hard work involved it proved again to be a wonderful event in which St. Luke's and Our Saviour members came together to work behind the booths and in many other ways and the two churches showed themselves on the day in all their glory. We thank Pastor Shane for opening the day with a prayer. It was good to be reminded of why we were there.

Thanks to everyone who helped out before, during and after the Fair. Thanks to those many people who came back late on the Sunday before to set up and those who dismantled after the fair was over. A special thanks to Linda Brescia, Norman

Cardine, Gloria Jonassen, Carol Maxfield, and Greta Pallatta, who came to the church during the week before the sale to collect donations and to select and price items suitable for sale.

We do not yet have figures for individual booths but our total income before expenses was close to **\$5,000!** We should all give ourselves a pat on the back for a great job. Expenses included an investment of \$700 for a new banner but it will last for years.

Finally, please note that Linda Brescia will hold a pre-Christmas sale. Date TBA shortly.



THE LAUGHTER IS CONTAGIOUS...



Fun Night guarantees all who attend just as the name implies — fun and lots of it!

October proved to be especially fun carving our pumpkins and roasting the seeds. There was a delicious sampling of Heidi's homemade cookies and other goodies as well.

Not interested in playing any of the selected games? Not a problem. Sometimes the fun is all about watching and soaking it all in. It's fun to see rules being stretched and others in their surprisingly competitive element (not mentioning any names!) One thing for sure is that there is never a dull moment. What could be better than spending time with friends and family on a Sunday evening?

If you happen to be on church grounds on the second and fourth Sundays of each month and hear the sound of laughter, poke your head in and see what it's all about. Parish



What's in store for the next Parish Fun Night? Not sure what's planned, never do. One certainty is that it's an evening jammed packed with fun and laughter. Come spend an evening with us. Laughter is contagious!

-- Story & Photos by Mari Gibbs



TIDINGS (or What's New with You?)

We are starting a new column to help members of our two churches get better acquainted. Eventually we hope to have mini parish profiles but we're starting with snippets of news from members. We invite people to slip a snippet into the mailbox for Shared Visions in the office or email seesawdancejb@aol.com or claudiasmith@msn.com. Digital photos are also welcome. PLEASE PARTICIPATE!

Here are a few responses to the question "What's New with You?"

Congratulations to Kaitlyn Plinio, who has been accepted at and will attend Stockton College next year.



Helena Riede's team won the Div III NCAA championship in volleyball. YAY!

Hannah Riede has been accepted by Bergen County Chorus. Membership is very selective, so congratulations, Hannah!



At the dog show at Staten Island Dog Training Facility, Chris Emerizy "handled" her three dogs, Chatty, Billings and Taqi. Louis Meyers "handled" her two dogs Ethan and Baxter. The "handler" is the person who goes in the show ring with the dog and gives it the commands that the dog obeys, such as "sit" or "heel (walk with me)." All dogs received the same title "Rally Obedience Level 1."



Laura Cardine has been thinking about her spiritual practice. She tries to expand her thoughts, words and practices.



Roberta Nobleman and Janet Beddoe will be performing their original play about St. Edith Stein, "Who is Edith?", at the Edith Stein Guild in Manhattan on Dec. 4.



Betty Ann will have a different kind of travel in future as she has given up plane travel.



Edith Biondi is going to her god-daughter's outside New Orleans for Thanksgiving. She went to high school and college with her mother.



Yvonne and Beverly visited the church and joined Chris, Karen and Laura for coffee hour.



OUTREACH REPORT: 'TIS THE SEASON

The holiday season is upon us. In addition to Pastor Shane's suggestions for giving, please make note of some opportunities to give to needy children and adults locally.

Donations via the Angel Tree for Youth Consultation Services, Hackensack

Once again we will be supporting YCS's Secret Santa program but this year the requests are not from troubled teens but from pre-Kindergarten children, ages 2-5, attending a therapeutic nursery school. Most of them have suffered abuse or other trauma which has left them with behavioral challenges, making them difficult for a traditional pre-school to handle. The goal is to ready them to attend regular Kindergarten in their own districts. The yellow angel on the tree gives you the first name, age and a choice of three requests for/from a child. They are mainly simple wishes (many just ask for clothes). Please take an angel, sign your name against the appropriate spot on the list on the Outreach board, and have **ONE** of the requests back at the church, with the recipient's name indicated, by, latest, **Wednesday, Dec. 15.**

Women's Rights Information Center, Englewood

Joan Grzenda will also be collecting gifts for adults and children who are clients of the Women's Rights Center in Englewood. The due date

is TBA but it is suggested that you have these also back by **Dec. 15.**

Women's Rights Center is also conducting a **WINTER COAT DRIVE.** They are in particular need of women's size 16 and larger. They are accepting gently worn, cleaned, winter coats on hangers that will be distributed to low income adults and children during the **second week of December.** Joan Grzenda can pick them up at St. Luke's & Our Saviour or donations may be brought to the Women's Center at 108 West Palisade Avenue, in Englewood during the week on Mondays between 3:30 P.M. and 5:30 P.M. on Wednesdays between 10:00 A.M. and 12:00 Noon.

So, what coats haven't you worn in the last couple of years? Please share this with friends.

Family Promise Speaker, Jane Bellis, Sunday December 5th

The old familiar Interreligious Fellowship for the Homeless of Bergen County, which both congregations have supported in many ways, has changed its name to Family Promise of Bergen County. Some of its programs, like the Walk-in Dinner, Youth Council for the Homeless, Camp Lots of Fun, remain the same, but others have changed. A new program to house homeless families within congregations and help restore them to homes is being launched.

Come and hear more about the way this program works and our involvement when Jane Bellis, Director of Volunteers, speaks to us following the service!

Mark These Dates!

Sun., Dec. 12 - 7:00 P.M.

Service of Advent Lessons & Carols

Followed by Dessert & Trim-the-Tree Reception



Come, prepare yourself once more to hear the message of the Angels. Then afterwards, join us at the Rectory for a festive Dessert & Trim-the-Tree Reception. Bring an ornament for Pastor Shane's first tree at St. Luke's & Our Saviour!

Sat., Dec. 18 - 9:30 A.M.

Altar Guild Polish Fest

All are welcome to help the Altar Guild polish the brass and spiff up our house for Christmas.

Sun., Dec. 19 - 10:30 A.M.

Annual Sunday School Christmas Pageant

Support our young people and their families during this charming annual Nativity drama.

Sun., Dec. 19 - Noon

Greening of the Church

Following the service, we need everyone who is able to stay and help us decorate the church for the Christmas season.

Christmas Services at St. Luke's & Our Saviour

Fri., Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve

5:30 P.M. & 11 P.M.

Sat., Dec. 25 - Christmas Day

10:00 A.M.

Sun., Dec. 26 -

First Sunday

After Christmas

10:30 A.M.

A Service of Christmas Carols



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Thank You

From Pastor Kathleen Rusnak



Dear Members of Our Saviour,

Thank you so much for the chalice and paten that you gave me on my last Sunday with you. The twelve Apostles surround the base. Because the gift was given to me during the last worship service and before Holy Communion, the chalice and paten were used for the Lord's Supper. What a wonderful and moving experience it was to have you receive the bread and wine from your gift.

I will always cherish the words on the back of the Paten: "With love and appreciation for your

steadfastness and guidance: 2001-2010. From the members and friends of Our Saviour Lutheran Church, Cresskill/Haworth, N.J., October 2010." This chalice and paten will be a living memory of my time with you.

The congregation of Our Saviour has also given me the generous gift of two months of health insurance, covering the months of November and December, 2010. Thank you so very much. Know that this is very helpful as I transition to living off of my business only.

My thanks to all of Our Saviour and St. Luke's for the delightful potluck following the service, for your words of love and blessings. I do miss you all, and keep you in my mind and heart. I pray for you.

In the words of the Episcopalian liturgy prior to the offering that I love so dearly,

Walk in Love,
Pastor Kathleen

New Phone Number

Pastor Shane has a new telephone number: 201-648-5310. The rectory number and her cell phone will be linked so this is the only number you will need in order to contact her.



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Jackson Coleman
- 6 Andrew Todd
- 7 Anne & Tom Caloz
- 9 Samantha Kassis
- 12 Pastor Shane's ordination
- 13 Diane Finckenauer
- 14 Jeanne Hagen
- 26 Betty-Ann & Jim Wilkie
- 29 Beverly & Kenzo Hashimoto

Grocery Certificates

Make a painless 5% donation to St. Luke's & Our Saviour with each dollar you spend at the supermarket. You don't pay extra -- use 'em like cash at checkout. See Linda Brescia after the service.

EVERYTHING IMPORTANT WE LEARN IN KINDERGARTEN

On Nov. 6 Members of St. Luke's Vestry and Our Saviour's Council met for a retreat in the colorful kindergarten school of the Church of the Holy Communion, Norwood. As we explored ways of working and moving forward together we understood that the basics we learn in kindergarten are a good guide for our lives. Underlying the Rules of

Engagement for the meeting was RESPECT for others which, as in kindergarten, means sensitive listening and thoughtful speaking. As we *listened* to each other, particularly as we worked on the timelines for both churches, we grew in mutual understanding. Many thanks to Terry Perkins, our marvellous facilitator (a great listener herself).



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BOOK CLUB



There will be NO December meeting. We will have a new schedule of books to be read so that participants may read at their own pace.

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DECEMBER 2010 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
5 2nd Sunday of Advent 9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist with Nursery & Sunday School, Adult Bible Study 2-5 PM Spirit-Filled Korean Church 6:30 PM Parish Fun Night	6	7 5 PM Evening Prayer (Rectory) 7:30 PM Confirm Not Conform	8 7:30 PM Holy Eucharist & Healing Service	9 5 PM Evening Prayer (Rectory)	10 9 AM Morning Prayer Followed by Coffee & Conversation	11
12 3rd Sunday of Advent 9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist with Nursery & Sunday School, Adult Bible Study 2-5 PM Spirit-Filled Korean Church 7:00 PM Advent Evensong with Dessert Reception at the Rectory	13	14 5 PM Evening Prayer (Rectory) 7:30 PM St. Luke's Vestry	15 Angel Tree Secret Santa Gifts due today 7:30 PM Holy Eucharist & Healing Service	16 5 PM Evening Prayer (Rectory)	17 9 AM Morning Prayer Followed by Coffee & Conversation	18 9:30 AM – Altar Guild Polish Fest for Christmas 4:30 PM Our Saviour Council
19 4th Sunday of Advent 9:15 Joint Meeting 9:30 Choir Rehearsal 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist with Sunday School Christmas Pageant Noon – Greening of the church 2-5 PM Spirit-Filled Korean Church 6:30 PM Parish Fun Night	20	21 5 PM Evening Prayer (Rectory)	22 7:30 PM Holy Eucharist & Healing Service	23 5 PM Evening Prayer (Rectory)	24 Christmas Eve 5:30 PM Children's Christmas Service 11 PM Festival Choral Eucharist	25 Christmas Day 10 AM Holy Eucharist
26 1st Sunday After Christmas NO Choir Rehearsal 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist with Nursery, Sunday School, Adult Forum 2-5 PM Spirit-Filled Korean Church	27	28 NO Evening Prayer (Rectory)	29 NO Holy Eucharist & Healing Service	30 NO Evening Prayer (Rectory)	31 NO Morning Prayer Followed by Coffee & Conversation	Notes:



Healthy competition over board games can get surprisingly fierce on Family Fun Nights. Check it out inside!



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Evening Prayer, Tues. & Thurs. at 5 P.M. * Healing & Holy Eucharist, Wed. at 7:30 * Morning Prayer- Fri. at 9 A.M
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