

# New Visions



St. Luke's Episcopal Church

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## Outreach: **NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS** Northeastern Bergen County Episcopal Church Congregations Raise More than \$5,000 for Center for Food Action Transportation Needs



(l-r): Claudia Smith, St Luke's Music Director and co-chair of District 9's 2019 Lenten Offering Committee, Patricia Espy, CFA Executive Director and the Rev. Lynne Bleich Weber, Atonement/Tenafly Rector & District 9 Convener.

St. Luke's participated in a joint campaign during the season of Lent that raised funds in excess of \$5,000 for the [Center for Food Action](#) in Englewood. The Rev. Lynne Bleich Weber, Rector of Church of the Atonement in Tenafly and Convener for District 9, and Claudia Smith, St Luke's Episcopal Church/Haworth Music Director and co-chair of District 9's 2019 Lenten Offering Committee, presented checks totaling **\$5,038.00** to

Patricia Espy, Center for Food Action's Executive Director.

[Center for Food Action](#) (CFA) has been providing emergency food packages and homelessness prevention assistance to local low-income individuals and families since it was founded in 1976.

A group of 10 Episcopal Church congregations in Northeastern Bergen County, known as District 9, is one of ten such regional groups in the Episcopal Diocese of Newark, which recently covered this story here: <https://dioceseofnewark.org/content/district-9-lenten-offering-raises-5k-feed-hungry-neighbors>

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## Welcome to Our St. Luke's Newsletter!

We begin a new program year this month and, as always, there is a lot happening. **Come and See!**

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## A New Sign of Welcome to St. Luke's



*At last! Our new sign was installed in July!*

### NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS, Cont'd. from P. 1

"While many of our District 9 churches already support CFA with food donations throughout the year, this extra effort by each of our congregations fit in perfectly with the nature of the season today when, rather than 'giving up something for Lent,' many Christians now follow a discipline of *taking on* an additional responsibility," said Rev. Weber. "As our Diocesan Bishop has preached, these times demand even MORE of those of us who are called to serve as the Body of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the world."

"We are grateful for the ongoing support of our Episcopal District 9 Church neighbors, and particularly

for this special joint-effort Lent campaign," said Espy. "These monies will be most welcome to supplement funding for our transportation needs."

The other participating District 9 churches include All Saints' Episcopal Korean Church/Bergenfield, St. Paul's Church/Englewood, St. Andrew's Church/Harrington Park, St. Paul's Church/Montvale, Church of the Annunciation/Oradell, Church of the Atonement/Tenafly, and Grace Church/Westwood. Look for more news about upcoming District 9 joint projects.



## Welcome Back **SUNDAE** Set for Sept. 8



Christian hymnwriter and theologian Isaac Watts had it right in "O God, our help in ages past": Time certainly IS "like an ever rolling stream"! How is it that the long, hot summer is nearly over?!?

Sooo... as has become our custom, we will welcome everyone back to a new program year at St. Luke's on Sun., Sept. 8 with an old-fashioned ICE CREAM SOCIAL!

The Vestry will host. Whether it's chocolate chips, nuts or sprinkles, bring your favorite topping to share.

**Invite a friend!**

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## Bishop Carlye's VLOG

POSTED BY THE RT. REV. CARLYE J. HUGHES ON JULY 17, 2019



### The Immigration Crisis, the Bible and Our Baptismal Covenant

If we set aside politics and look at the immigration crisis using the Bible and our Baptismal Covenants as our guides, what might we be called to do? Click [here](#) to view the video.

For those who prefer the written word, please see [Page 4](#) for her follow-up post from August 21 which references her previous summer preaching.

*\* **Vlog (noun):** a blog in which the postings are primarily in video form.*

## A Wonderful Visit with Bishop Carlye on Trinity Sunday



A stroll around our lovely grounds and then a breakfast meeting with the Vestry and Convention reps followed by a beautiful service of Holy Eucharist and a delicious catered luncheon with a special Forum led by our Bishop. And yes, Bp. Carlye experienced a drive up the Bumpy Road. Quite a full day!

# God has made, called, and equipped us to be ready for just this time

POSTED BY THE RT. REV. CARLYE J. HUGHES ON  
AUGUST 21, 2019

Dear Companions on the Journey,

Earlier this summer I asked all people in our diocese to do two things:

- 1) [Look for the presence of the Holy Spirit](#), and
- 2) [choose to lead with our Christian faith rather than political affiliation for the summer](#).

“It has come to me again and again as I've listened to the conversation how important it is for us to put our political leanings to the side for a period of time and spend some time thinking like a **Christian ...**”

If you have attempted either of these actions even a few times, then I imagine you have stories to tell about how to live as a faithful person in a decidedly non-Christian time. We Episcopalians have a proclivity to practice our faith privately. Scripture even seems to support our private piety. “Whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.” (Matthew 6:6.)

Scripture encourages us to seek the solitude and quiet needed to strengthen our relationship with God. Alongside that theme of cultivating the stillness needed to know God's greatness, is intertwined a continuous teaching about God's justice. Such teaching in Holy Scripture demands our boldness as we support God's love, mercy, and justice in a broken world. To know God is to know God's justice. One does not exist without the other.

If you have not tried my suggestions to know God and God's justice, then I want to encourage you to start now. Right away, there is no time to waste. We live at the deadly intersection of racism, oppression, and violence. Lives are at stake and political parties are not able to stand resolutely for Jesus' message to love God above all things, and to love our neighbors as ourselves. To embody Jesus' message is not the calling of our political parties, but it is most certainly our calling.

Jesus' radical message to love God and love neighbor is meant to be shared by those who nurture their spiritual life in private and proclaim God's justice so others can hear. It takes a resolute faith and a resilient spirit to do this. But we do not do it on our own; every Sunday we gather in prayer, song, and receive Holy

Communion for more than solace and pardon. Every Sunday we receive God's strength and renewal, and that propels us into the world to share God's love and justice. (BCP Eucharistic Prayer C, p. 372.)

God gives us the strength needed to learn our history and face our present. God gives us the ability to speak up rather than remain silent when racist language is used around us. God gives us insight and intuition about the ways we are meant to be a loving and just presence in the world. God has made, called, and equipped us to be ready for just this time and for just these pressing needs.

Summer is not quite over. I urge you to spend these final weeks and days of summer knowing God and God's justice and I look forward to hearing about your stories of faith and justice.

Grace and peace,

*Bishop Hughes*



## St. Luke's ECW Sets September 21 Bazaar/Rummage Fundraiser



**Sat. Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M.** This is our biggest fundraiser of the year. Think of us as you start your fall cleaning. Give us whatever you no longer need or use. We ask that all items — especially clothing — be clean and in good condition. No TVs, computers, other electronics or large furniture. Tools are acceptable.

We hope to fill the following tables with sale items::

- \* **Boutique**— New & Gently Used Clothing
- \* **Odds 'n' Ends**—Slightly Used Items & Used Toys
- \* **Deli** — Zucchini Pies, Meat Pies, Ziti & Meatballs, Salads & Dressings
- \* **Bakery** — Cheesecakes, Cookies, Cakes & Other Sweet Stuff
- \* **Books +** — Hardcover & Paperbacks, Videos, Instructional CDs
- \* **Tool Chest**— Handyman Essentials
- \* **The Kitchen** will be open for lunch from Noon to 2 P.M. We will be serving bowls of chili, hot dogs and chili dogs as well as coffee, tea and cold beverages.

Stay tuned for updates in the coming weeks, including days/times to bring your treasures to church just prior to the sale. You will find a sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall from now until September 21. Add your name to help staff a table, set up or clean up on the day of the sale.

For more information, please talk to Jo Stephenson, Helen Shaw, Linda Brescia or Evelyn Rosenblatt.



## Outreach: The Table is Set for Family Promise Families



Once again, St. Luke's has partnered with St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church in Demarest to feed the Family Promise families who need assistance with a meal and overnight shelter.

The St. Luke's Chefs mustered more than enough food for the three moms and their seven kids — several of which high-spirited youngsters seemed far more interested in bouncing a ball around than eating. Well, at least until they got a whiff of the meal prepared for them! Somehow, everyone came to the table and leftovers were taken for the next day's meal. Blessings to all those who helped the families in need!

**See Page 6 for a shot of the joint team behind the scenes!**



## Outreach: St. Luke's & St. Joe's/Closter Partner for Family Promise Dinner



*St. Luke's & St. Joe's Roman Catholic Church Team partner again on the Family Promise Dinner for those in need. (See story on P. 5)*

## It really does take a Village to raise a child, especially one of faith.

The African proverb is more apt than ever as St. Luke's prepares to bid Karen Moylan and Chris Emerizy adieu. Given their long-time service as choir members and lay readers, St. Luke's has some big shoes to fill! While responsibility for one of Karen's *other* major ministries has now been filled (see story elsewhere on this page), the other — Christian Education Director — has not. At least not yet.

Karen has been a good and faithful steward of the young people growing up at St. Luke's. She has been creative, caring and clearly fun-loving in her approach to teaching our youngsters about the love of God and our beliefs.

Christian Formation, as the church calls it today, is a fancy way of referring to ***everything that makes us better, more joyful disciples of Christ.*** While all ministry is formative, we use it here to refer to study and learning.

**Learning about our faith is a crucial part of a child's development.**

St. Luke's IS a Village, a community of faith whose people are meant to support each other. If you're willing and able and think you may be able to step up and teach OUR children, raise your hand.



## Bible Study at St. Luke's to Continue!



**Karen Moylan**, who has for years been an inspiring and faithful leader of St. Luke's Bible Study group, is transitioning to new life in Toms River. We are sad — devastated — to see her leave, even as we wish her Godspeed.

The Spirit moves in wondrous ways and Roberta Nobleman has picked up the mantle and will continue this vital ministry. Starting Tues., Sept. 3, Bible Study, with Roberta as Mentor to the group, will again be offered **every first and third Tuesday of the month, from 7 to 9 P.M.** (Note the earlier start time, but the promise is to stick faithfully to these times). The invitation is open to all — members of St. Luke's, friends and neighbors, walk-ins. No prior experience is required, just a desire to dig deep into the Word.

As Jacob wrestled all night with the angel, so we will "wrestle" during the evening. Meetings will be held sitting around the table in the back of the church and include Song, Bible Study, Prayer and a Compline Service. Bring your own Bible and, if you wish, simple food to share. What you reflect deeply on during your Bible studies can lead to actions that will transform your life. Come try.

## Outreach Follow-up: “Thank You, St. Luke’s” from CFA’s Executive Director

**St. Luke’s received the following letter in thanks for our contributions to District 9’s 2019 Lenten Fund-raiser (see Page 1).—Eds.**

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your gift of **\$859**. Many folks in our community are struggling to put food on the tables, pay their rent and keep their lights on. Your donation means that the youngest and oldest among us have healthy food. It means those living with disabilities and chronic illnesses have one or two less things to worry about. It helps ensure none of your neighbors go hungry or become homeless while they search for work or face some difficulty that breaks their ability to be self-sufficient.

### Support Our Monthly CFA Programs

Help fill our grocery cart on the **second Sunday of every month!** Foodstuffs are blessed during the service and taken to the **Center for Food Action in Englewood**. To learn more about the vital work the CFA does to help feed our neighbors, click here:

<http://cfanj.org/who-we-are/>



*Pick up a few extra items to donate and make a less fortunate family’s week!*

All of us at Center for Food Action are thankful for your support. We certainly couldn’t help people who are in crisis, those relying only on Social Security after a lifetime of working, those who are seeking work and those unable to work and the thousands of children who are living in poverty without your kindness.

*Thank you for making it possible for CFA to provide a range of services to the poorest members of our community and for making this community a better place to live for all of us.*

Sincerely,

Patricia Espy

Executive Director



Consider joining the **Snack Pack Assembly Angels—usually working on 4th Sundays**. Snack packs help less fortunate kids who may not have a decent meal over a weekend when they can’t eat at school. This year-round CFA program ensures that the teachers are able to place snack packs filled with nutritious meals very *discreetly* into the children’s backpacks.



*St. Luke’s angels assemble snack packs after church.*



### MOST WANTED List

- Supermarket Gift Cards
- Canned Meat (tuna, chicken, etc),
- Canned Hearty Soups
- Canned Vegetables
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Peanut Butter & Jelly
- Tomato Sauce, Cold Low-sugar Cereal and Oatmeal
- Powdered Milk and/or Boxed Milk such as Parmalat
- Canned Fruits
- Instant Potatoes
- 100% Juice
- Baby Formula & Diapers sizes 4, 5, 6
- Bar or Bottled Soap
- Toothpaste, Toothbrush & Dental Floss

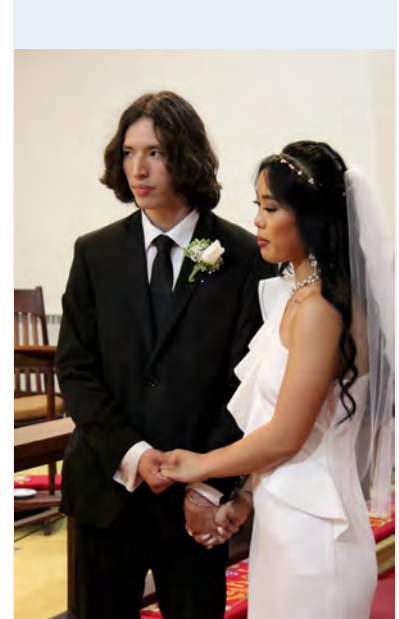
*Action*  
**BEYOND THE BAG**



## Scenes from a Spring Wedding

*Fangjun (Kay) Qu & David Lee Astorga were married on May 30 in a private ceremony at St. Luke's. The family plans a larger celebration with the parish when Kay's family members are able to travel to the United States from China.*

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*





## Between the Lines Book Club Schedule for 2019

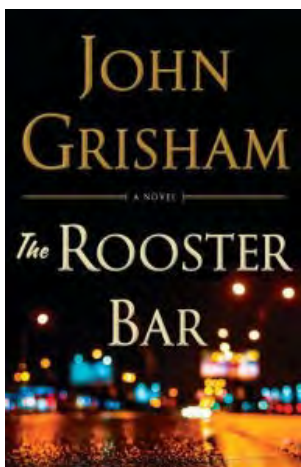
**Book Club Meetings are held at 7:30 P.M. on *Last Thursdays* at the Rectory unless otherwise noted.**

**September 26** Rooster Bar—John Grisham (dessert)

**October 24** I am Malala—Malala Yousafzai (pizza)

**November** -- No meeting

**December 5** Dinner out



#1 *New York Times* bestselling author John Grisham's newest legal thriller takes you inside a law firm that's on shaky ground.

"[A] buoyant, mischievous thriller . . . Grisham writes in such an inventive spirit . . . A treat."—Janet Maslin, *The New York Times*

Three close friends borrow heavily to attend law school, hoping to change the world and make it a better place.

But when they learn that their school is one of a chain owned by a shady New York hedge-fund operator who also happens to own a bank specializing in student loans, the three know they have been caught up in The Great Law School Scam. But maybe there's a way out...



## Coins for Change Jars Ingathering Set for Sunday, September 1

Those of you who have been stocking up loose change in your **Coins for Change Jars for St. Luke's** can bring them to church on **Sunday, September 1**. All of the proceeds go to St. Luke's Operating Expenses.



*"For all that has been. For all that is.  
For all that is yet to be. We give you thanks, O Lord!"*  
— Dag Hammarskjöld

### REGULAR EVENTS

#### Healing Service

3rd Sundays, in the Chapel after service

**Next: Sept. 15**

#### Bible Study CONTINUES

1st & 3rd Tuesdays @ 7:00 P.M.

**Next: Sept. 3 & 17**

#### CFA Monthly Food Drive

2nd Sundays @ Service

#### Vestry Meeting

2nd Tuesdays in the Parish Hall @ 7:30 P.M.

Parishioners are welcome to attend any time.

**Next: Sept. 10**

#### Parish Fun Night

3rd Sundays @ 6:00 P.M.

Everyone is invited to bring a potluck dish to share. Be prepared to have fun in spite of yourself. Board games are played and silliness abounds. If you've never tried it, check it out!

**Next: Sept. 15**

#### Snack Pack Assembly

Usually 4th Sundays @ Noon

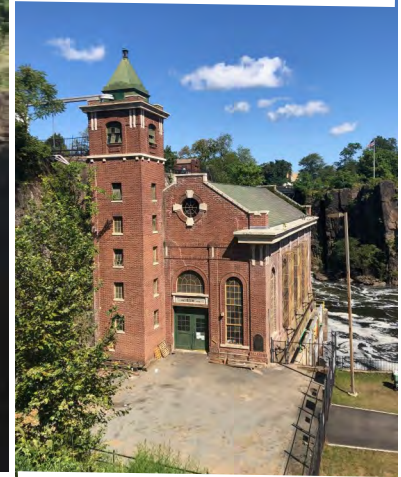
**Next: Sept. 22**

#### Book Club

Last Thursdays @ 7:30 P.M. in The Rectory or Venue as Announced

**Next: Sept. 26**

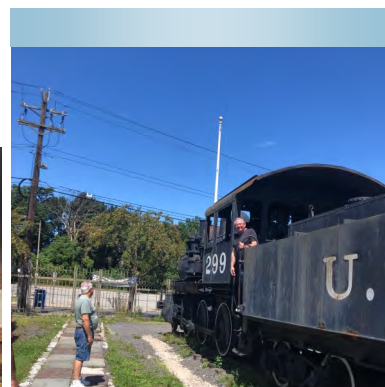
## Book Club Summer Excursion to Paterson



Thanks to Heidi Plinio for arranging the Book Club's trip to Paterson. It began at [The Great Falls](#) (seen above), then on to the [Paterson Museum](#) and [Lambert Castle](#) (photos on Page 11) Click the links here to visit the websites.



## Book Club Excursion Cont'd. From Page 10



Top row (l-r) : Paterson Museum: silk manufacturing, airplane engine for Spirit of St. Louis, the guys have to "ride" the locomotive. Middle rows (l-r) Belle Vista (Lambert Castle), clock, fountain. Bottom row (l-r) : the view from the Castle, and some folks ended the day with delicious dessert at [Guernsey Crest Ice Cream Co.](#)



# What to Do When the World Came to Town?

By The Rev. Deacon Joanne O'Neill

***Thanks to Deacon Joanne O'Neill, who serves at St. Paul's/Englewood, our sister District 9 parish, both for leading us in worship on an August Sunday and for permission to reprint the sermon she preached that day. The story she told was inspired by the award-winning Broadway show, Come From Away, which in turn, is based on the book, The Day the World Came to Town. —Eds.***

September 11<sup>th</sup> – THE September 11<sup>th</sup> – happened 18 years ago.

Why do I bring this up today? In the middle of the summer? Because in these times of back-biting and smallness on both sides, it is time to *remember* – to recall how, when members of a community relate to each other, something beautiful emerges. As horrendous as the events of September 11<sup>th</sup> were, all sorts of stories of Humankind's goodness surfaced. People taking care of people. Looking out for others rather than focusing on themselves.

You have probably heard the story I'm going to share. It was one of the high points of human responses at the time of the September 11<sup>th</sup> disaster. And I thought this story captured the spirit of the "us-ness" that permeates all of life. The tale is told in an award-winning Broadway show, *Come From Away*.

The play actually is based on a book, *The Day the World Came to Town*.

It's the true story of what happened when 38 jetliners bound for the United States were forced to land at Gander International Airport in Canada. For the first time in the 98-year history of American aviation, in response to the attacks, the airspace over the United States was shut down; every plane in the sky was ordered to land immediately at the nearest available airport.

## Why Gander, Newfoundland?

Well, surprisingly, Gander had a large enough airport. When it opened in 1938, its runways were designed to accommodate the heaviest planes of the day, and the base was a stopping off place for supplies and troops heading for Europe. Through the 1940s and '50s, the Gander airport served as a refueling station for most overseas commercial flights out of the U.S. and Canada, so it could accommodate the 38 planes that needed to land.

However, the airport accommodations were one thing – but then what to do with the 7,000 people when they got off those planes – almost doubling Gander's population of just a little over 10,000? And the passengers didn't just "step off the planes." Some were kept on board for nearly 24 hours while security checked all of the baggage – a herculean task. They were exhausted, hungry and distraught. As you can imagine, they just wanted to get home.

But fate was kind to the travelers in that they had landed in a place where every man, woman, and child stopped what they were doing so they could help. While the passengers were



The Reverend Deacon  
Joanne O'Neill

going through customs, a painstakingly long that process, officials struggled to figure out how they were going to move these 7,000 people to shelters, some of which were almost 50 miles outside of town. School buses, of course....but the area's school bus drivers were in the middle of a nasty strike.

Amazingly, as soon as the drivers realized what was happening, they laid down their picket signs, setting their own interests aside, and volunteered en masse to work around the clock, carrying passengers wherever they needed to go.

In town, the Salvation Army gathered supplies and acted as a central clearinghouse for the shelters. The local radio station and public-access Tv station started running announcements asking folks in town to donate food.

Jessica Naish, a passenger on Continental Flight 5, on her way from Cheddar, England, to visit family and friends in Houston recalled, "I'd never seen so much food: hardly an hour would pass without someone from town walking into my shelter with

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## Blessings Abound



Launched on Mother's Day and boosted with a Baby Shower thrown in June, St. Luke's ECW campaign for North Porch Women and Infants' Centers collected donations of supplies for needy infants and toddlers to help with North Porch's most urgent, ongoing needs. The Rev. Deacon Deborah Drake, who

officiated at the service in June, blessed the generous offerings along with the monthly ingathering of foodstuffs for the Center for Food Action in Englewood. Linda Brescia and granddaughter Erin delivered the supplies to the North Porch Center in Paterson.



## Healing



The Almighty Lord, who is a strong tower to all who put their trust in him, to whom all things in heaven, on earth, and under the earth bow and obey: Be now and evermore your defense, and make you know and feel that the only Name under heaven given for health and salvation is the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.* (The Book of Common Prayer, 1979)

If you have never been to the Healing Service, please consider attending. Prayer concerns are lifted up privately — or shared — and prayers for healing are offered. It is a brief, quiet and contemplative service held in the Chapel after service on third Sundays. *Share your burdens.*

## Deacon Joanne's Sermon, Cont'd. from Page 11

another casserole, stew, salad, homemade pie, cakes, fresh-baked cookies."

Special diets were tended to, kosher meals provided. When a call went out for spare bedding and old clothes, a line of cars stretched for two miles at the town's community center, as people brought sheets, blankets and pillows from their homes for the passengers.

As time went on, the middle school provided showers, as well as access to computers, email, and televisions, allowing the passengers to stay in touch with family and follow the news.

There was nothing the passengers needed that the people in town weren't prepared to provide. Each night several women from town would stay up until two in the morning washing loads of towels – towels donated from their own homes – so the passengers would have fresh towels each morning when they woke up.

### Who were these travelers?

Well, they were from all different walks of life – and in the midst of different kinds of business. Here's just a sampling:

■ Roxanne and Clark Loper were heading home to Alto, Texas – with a 2-year old girl they had just adopted from the former Soviet republic of Kazakhstan.

■ Werner Baldessarini, the chairman of Hugo Boss – a German

luxury fashion house – was flying to New York from the company's corporate headquarters for Fashion Week.

■ Petra Roth, Mayor of Frankfurt, Germany was to attend a party in New York City for Mayor Rudy Giuliani.

■ George Vitale was returning from making advance security arrangements in Ireland for New York Governor George Pataki's visit there.

*They were all traveling from different places on different airlines.* On Aer Lingus Flight 105 from Dublin, Ireland; Lufthansa Flight 438 from Frankfurt, Germany; Virgin Air Flight 75 from Manchester, England to Disney World in Orlando, Fla.; American Airlines Flight 49 en route from Paris to Dallas; and Delta Flight 141 from Brussels to New York, carrying 38 refugees from Moldavia, a part of the former Soviet Union, just east of Romania.

Some passengers had no idea what was going on. Others knew only too well, like Hannah and Dennis O'Rourke, whose son, Kevin, was a New York City firefighter.

*But it's more than WHAT was given and done, but HOW. No stone was left unturned to respond to special needs and wishes.* For example:

■ When Rabbi Sudak, his wife and daughter were told they could finally leave for home, it was a Friday evening. Their religion forbade them to travel on the Sabbath. Two families who lived within walking distance invited them to their home.

■ For the passengers, who had been headed to Disney World, town officials and the staff at that particular shelter tried to recreate the Magic



Kingdom in the school's cafeteria. They decorated the cafeteria with streamers and balloons and three girls from the local high school dressed up in fairy princess costumes. Since several of the children had expected to celebrate their birthdays with Mickey and crew, the local supermarket donated a ginormous birthday cake.

And people weren't their only concern. Bonnie Harris, manager of the town's SPCA shelter and the government's regional veterinarian, Doug Tweedie, coaxed the Canadian officials to allow the animals off the planes and to be housed in a vacant hangar where they could be cared for. For starters, at least nine dogs, 10 cats – one of which was tagged as an epileptic needing pills to ward off seizures – and a pair of extremely rare and endangered Bonobo monkeys.

### In turn, the travelers showed sensitivity to their hosts.

Hugo Boss chairman, Werner Baldessarini refused the corporate jet his staff offered to send for him. His assistants in Frankfurt thought he was crazy when he called to cancel the private jet. He tried explaining that flying home while the others were left behind would have been an act of betrayal of everything that had happened over

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the last 72 hours. Wherever his fellow passengers went, that's where he would go. However long it took them to get home, that's how long he'd be gone. He was in this until the end.

Just before, Werner had refused a basket of special provisions – wines, breads, and cheeses – sent by the president of Hugo Boss's Canadian subsidiary. Werner told the driver that, while he was grateful, he couldn't accept the baskets of food and wine. He wanted to eat what everyone else was eating.

Baldessarini thought about offering the items to the town's relief effort but decided against it. He was afraid his donation would suggest that the food the people in Gander were offering the passengers wasn't good enough. Baldessarini's voice was filled with emotion when he described to Murphy the efforts of everyone in town to aid the passengers, particularly the women, who seemed to be cooking around the clock. He didn't want to risk doing something that might offend these fine folks, he explained. Take them back with you.

**But the giving went both ways: the travelers gave back to the townspeople.**

When Denise Gray-Felder and Gordon Conway arrived in Lewisporte, one of Gander's neighboring towns, they asked if they could use the school's computers for a small business they had to run. "Of course," responded Pam, the school's principle. It turns out that the small business was no less

than the Rockefeller Foundation, one of the world's largest philanthropic groups, and Gordon was the president and Denise, a VP. Within a few months of their return home, the Lewisporte Middle School received a grant to replace their 35 hopelessly out-of-date computers.

"Think back," Ms. Gray-Felder reflected – "it wasn't just 'things' – items that the people of Gander and its neighbors gave. The selflessness of the townspeople gave me chills. Our first night at the local Tabernacle Pentecostal Church, I had trouble sleeping and around 3 A.M. spotted several men from town, including Pastor Russell Bartlett, sitting by the entrance of the church.

"I asked, 'Why are you still awake?' The Pastor responded: 'We thought it was important to watch over you ...to make sure nothing happened to you while you slept.'"

### **Why am I telling this story**

Today? In the middle of summer? About the men, women, and children of Gander who stopped what they were doing, placed their lives on hold for a group of strangers and asked for nothing in return?

Because not just today, but every day, we need to reflect on who we are – what we are capable of – and what we can accomplish when we come together.



## Altar Flowers



### **NEW PRICING OPTION**

The Vestry voted ages ago to fund the year-round expense for Sunday altar flowers. However, parishioners are always invited to help support the Altar Guild's efforts to beautify our services with a donation of flowers **in memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving for a blessing in one's life.**

The cost is \$40 per Sunday for both bouquets. **Now, you may also choose to donate toward a single bouquet only for \$20.**

Checks should be made payable to St. Luke's and "Altar Flowers for Sunday, (DATE)" written in the memo line. Drop them in the offering plate or give to Claudia Smith.

Be sure to write your remembrance on the Flower Chart in the Parish Hall so that it may be added to the bulletin and acknowledged in our collective prayers.

## PRAYER LIST



**Please keep in your thoughts and prayers these members of our parish and extended family:**

Edith Biondi, Rachel Lynch, Doug Lynch, Roxanne Gabriel, Maryellen Pais, Quinn Rosa, Linda Stephenson, Patricia Stephenson, Michael Snyder, Diane Kansas, Kenny Calderon, Jason Edone, Tresten, Sue Pastore, Chan, Hung-Kwong & family, Carol Maxfield, Lee Harper, Michael McCarten, Arnie O'Callaghan, Eileen LaViola, Elizabeth Secari, Donna Sisti, Patricia Danko, Muriel Brandt, Fran Gibilaro, Leah Ogena Collins, Thomas Chase, Jimmy Rivera, Nate Creamer, Denilson Interiano, the family of Marie Cummins, Dr. Leonard Scalfani, the family of Barbara Biesel Stinnett, and for the repose of the souls of the Rev. Alex H. MacDonnell and Anthony A. Brilakis

To add names to our prayer list, please call: Sue Gonci, 201-220-3090

OR Email the Church office at [Office@StLukesHaworth.org](mailto:Office@StLukesHaworth.org)

We review our Prayer List is monthly to keep it current and manageable for those who pray regularly. Please contact Sue if you wish to keep people on the list. You may also write names in the book on the Chapel Altar. Loved ones who are sick or suffering in any way may also be remembered in prayer during the **service of Healing, held on the 3rd Sunday right after our 10:30 service of Holy Eucharist.**

## September Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 5 Frank Brescia
- 7 T.J. Pellegrin
- 9 Kay Lynch
- 12 Jennifer Plunkett
- 16 Heidi & Bob Plinio
- 24 Greta & Jack Pallatta



If you don't see your special day in our monthly listings, please e-mail the editors and we'll gladly add it!

O God of heavenly powers, by the might of your command you drive away from our bodies all sickness and all infirmity: Be present in your goodness with your servants, that their weakness may be banished and their strength restored; and that, their health being renewed, they may bless your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*



St. Luke's symbol is the ox. This may explain the fact that he is patron saint of butchers. In art, Luke is represented by a winged ox. The ox represents the sacrificial aspect of Jesus' ministry and the wings remind us that the Gospel of Jesus Christ is to travel throughout the world.

*Grace happens.  
All the time. Grace is  
God's gift to us. The  
signs of God's grace are  
abundant. Some are  
dramatic. Many at first  
glance seem mundane.  
All are potentially life  
transforming.*

*God created us, but God  
was not – and is not,  
finished with creating.  
God keeps showing up.  
God is very much at  
work. Our job as God's  
creatures, is to pay  
attention to God's grace.  
And to join with God in  
God's work.*

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September 2019						
◀ August						October ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> Pentecost 12  10:30 A.M. Morning Prayer Coins for Change Ingathering Noon -Coffee Hour/ Fellowship 1-5 Dream Church	<b>2</b> Labor Day  10 AM – AA Women's Mtg	<b>3</b>  5-7:30AM Dream Church  7 PM Bible Study	<b>4</b>  5-7:30AM Dream Church  7-10 PM Dream Church	<b>5</b>  5-7:30AM Dream Church  8L30 AM – AA Early Morning Women's Mtg 10 AM – AA Women's Mtg	<b>6</b>  5-7:30AM Dream Church  7-10 PM Dream Church	<b>7</b>  5-7:30AM Dream Church 9:30 AM Altar Guild 7-9 PM AA Open Meeting 7-10 PM Dream Church
<b>8</b> Pentecost 13 10 AM WELCOME BACK SUNDAY - Holy Eucharist & CFA Food Ingathering Noon - Coffee Hour/ Fellowship 1-5 Dream Church	<b>9</b>  10 AM – AA Women's Mtg	<b>10</b>  5-7:30AM Dream Church  7:30 PM Vestry	<b>11</b> Patriot Day  5-7:30AM Dream Church  7-10 PM Dream Church	<b>12</b>  5-7:30AM Dream Church  8L30 AM – AA Early Morning Women's Mtg 10 AM – AA Women's Mtg	<b>13</b>  5-7:30AM Dream Church  7-10 PM Dream Church	<b>14</b> Holy Cross Day  5-7:30AM Dream Church 9:30 AM Altar Guild 7-9 PM AA Open Meeting 7-10 PM Dream Church
<b>15</b> Pentecost 14 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist 11:30 – Healing Coffee Hour/ Fellowship 1-5 Dream Church  6 PM Family Fun Night & Potluck	<b>16</b>  10 AM – AA Women's Mtg	<b>17</b>  5-7:30AM Dream Church  7 PM Bible Study	<b>18</b>  5-7:30AM Dream Church  7-10 PM Dream Church	<b>19</b>  5-7:30AM Dream Church  8L30 AM – AA Early Morning Women's Mtg 10 AM – AA Women's Mtg	<b>20</b>  5-7:30AM Dream Church  7-10 PM Dream Church	<b>21</b> St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist Ember Day 5-7:30AM Dream Church 9:30 AM Altar Guild 10 AM to 4 PM ECW Bazaar/ Rummage Sale 7-9 PM AA Open Meeting 7-10 PM Dream Church
<b>22</b> Pentecost 15 Sunday Service & Time TBA Noon -Snack Pack Assembly, Coffee Hour/ Fellowship 1-5 Dream Church	<b>23</b> Fall begins  10 AM – AA Women's Mtg	<b>24</b>  5-7:30AM Dream Church	<b>25</b>  5-7:30AM Dream Church  7-10 PM Dream Church	<b>26</b>  5-7:30AM Dream Church 8:30 AM – AA Early Morning Women's Mtg 10 AM – AA Women's Mtg 7:30 P.M. -- Book Club @ Rectory	<b>27</b>  5-7:30AM Dream Church  7-10 PM Dream Church	<b>28</b>  5-7:30AM Dream Church 9:30 AM Altar Guild 7-9 PM AA Open Meeting 7-10 PM Dream Church
<b>29</b> Pentecost 16 10 AM Holy Eucharist Noon - Coffee Hour/ Fellowship 1-5 Dream Church	<b>30</b> St. Michael and All Angels (transferred from 9/29)  10 AM – AA Women's Mtg	<b>Thanks to Fr. Paul Gulya, our Guest Celebrant and Preacher on Sept. 8, 15 and 29! And note the time change for those Sundays: Our services of Eucharist will begin at 10 A.M.</b>  <b>Save the Dates: Coins for Change collection is Sept. 1</b> <b>Welcome Back Sundae is Sept. 8</b> <b>Sept. 21 is ECW Bazaar/Rummage Sale. Sign up to help with this major St. Luke's Fundraiser!</b>				

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Our members come from many different traditions but are joined together through a love of Christ and our neighbors.

We are located at the cross-roads of Demarest, Haworth, Dumont, and Cresskill.

## Check It Out!

The afternoon light is beautiful and shining on St. Luke's on a lovely summer's afternoon.

Thanks to Heidi Plinio for sending along the photo.

Look inside to check out our upcoming services and events!



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