

# TIDINGS

News & Notes from Saint Luke's Parish

## **TODAY - December 4**

- 8AM Holy Eucharist (*Church*)
- 9AM Discovery Hour (*Parish Hall*)
- 10AM Holy Eucharist (*Church*)
- 5PM Advent Lessons & Carols (*Church*)

## **COFFEE HOUR**

- 8:45AM Parish Hall
- 11AM Cloister
- 6PM Anderson Youth & Community Center

## **FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH**

- 7:45-11AM Childcare (*Birth-36 months*)  
*Education Building*
- 9AM Church School & Godly Play  
*(Education Building)*
- 10AM Children's Chapel  
*(Chapel)*

Children are also always welcome in worship. Crayons & coloring pages, pencils & activity pages, and Board Books are available at the Children's Kiosk located in the Narthex.

## **HAPPENING TODAY**

### **Doves on Sale**

*P2P Doves are digital in 2022*

We invite you to participate in Person to Person's annual Dove Box program to provide food for families and seniors in our community. Each \$50 contribution will cover one family or senior and donations can be made directly on the Saint Luke's square site (<https://saint-lukes-parish.square.site>) or by check or cash and mailed to the church office at 1864 Post Road, Darien, CT 06820.



### **Advent Lessons & Carols**

*Sunday, December 4 | 5PM*

Experience a glorious evening of Advent carols with Wendy Kerner, Harp, the Saint Luke's Parish Choir and Choristers, the CAYA Band, and a series of special readings that will usher us by candlelight into the season of love's expectation. This service will be followed by a festive reception in the Anderson Youth & Community Center.

### **Pacific House**

*Sunday, December 4 | 1-3PM or 5-7PM | Saint Luke's or Pacific House*

Join us as we partner with Pacific House to help end homelessness in our community. Volunteers are needed from 1-3PM at Saint Luke's to prepare dinner and from 5-7PM at Pacific House to serve the dinner. Contact John Wall at [johnjwall526@gmail.com](mailto:johnjwall526@gmail.com)

### **Discovery Hour: (Re)Connecting with Ourselves**

*Sundays, 9AM | Parish Hall | Rev. Susan Wyper*

This week the Rev. Susan Wyper will discuss how the season of Advent can help us reconnect with ourselves. We are focusing on how God is at work reconnecting and knitting us back together, drawing us into right relationship with God, ourself, one another and all of creation.

## **THIS WEEK**

### **Advent Visio Divina**

*Gracious Light: Sung Compline & Visio Divina*

*Tuesdays | November 29, December 6, 13, and 20 | 7PM | In the Chapel*

Join us each Tuesday evening in Advent for a beautiful, candlelit service of Sung Compline in the Chapel, followed by a period of silence, contemplation, and prayer, engaging God using our "eyes of the heart."

### **Moving Forward**

*Monday, December 5 | 4PM*

Join us as we share stories and strategies for finding joy in the midst of sadness. For more info on Moving Forward, contact [susan.wyper@saintlukesdarien.org](mailto:susan.wyper@saintlukesdarien.org)

### **Dinner Church**

*Friday, December 9 | 5-7PM*

All high school students are invited to join us for Dinner Church! Dinner Church is a monthly worship service catered directly towards high school students that allows more conversation and freedom of movement and expression. We will begin with prayers and a reading with time to respond that includes art, journaling, and fidget toys before moving into dinner and communion.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Carol Sing and Dinner

December 13 | 5:30PM

All are welcome for an evening of singing our favorite Christmas carols in the church, followed by a catered dinner in the Anderson Youth and Community Center, including a “special visitor” who may surprise the children with a visit!

## Christmas Pageant

Sunday, December 18 | 11:45AM

The Saint Luke's Christmas Pageant will take place on Sunday, December 18 at 11:45AM. This year all speaking parts will be narrated by members of our Children's Worship Team.

## Christmas Eve Services

There is lots happening at Saint Luke's during the Christmas holiday!

Please visit [www.saintlukesdarien.org/christmas](http://www.saintlukesdarien.org/christmas) for a full schedule of events!

## A Caroler's Christmas

December 27 | 4PM

Join the young singers of Saint Luke's Choirs as we go caroling for our friends and neighbors. Cider and hot chocolate outside from 4:00PM until the caravan departs at 4:30PM. Sponsored by the Youth and Chorister programs; all are welcome, including adults.

Check out [saintlukesdarien.org/events](http://saintlukesdarien.org/events) to see a full list of upcoming events.

# WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

## Stewardship Update

For all those who have made 2023 financial commitments, thank you! Pledge cards have been mailed out but you can find another in the Narthex if needed. So far, more than \$1,044,818 has been committed toward our goal of \$1.7 million, with gifts representing a 19% increase over last year. We are well on our way, but each and every gift matters. If you have not yet made a pledge, we hope you will join your fellow parishioners in making a commitment toward our 2023 Annual Appeal.

## Invite to Parish Life

The Parish Life Committee hosts all church wide receptions and events. Join our team of volunteers who foster community, inspire hospitality and build intergenerational friendships. Interested in joining to host or help an event? Email [Maggie.Domont@saintlukesdarien.org](mailto:Maggie.Domont@saintlukesdarien.org) to find out more!

## PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

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