# AUGUST TIDINGS News & Notes from S



Join us for Worship on Sundays at 8am & 10am in the Church and Wednesdays at 10am in the Chapel

Our preaching series, entitled "The Prophets: Messengers of Justice and Hope," continues to focus on the prophets in the Old Testament and what we can learn from them about being people of faith and justice in our own day.

# THE FEATURED FIVE

Five things we want to make sure you know about ...



#### **LUNCH & LEARN ON THE PROPHETS**

Wednesday, August 6 | 12pm in the AYCC

As part of our summer series on "The Prophets: Messengers of Justice and Hope," the Rev. Ryan Fleenor will partner with David Pulliam, Director of Music, to explore Mendelssohn's famous oratorio, Elijah. Have you been on vacation this summer and want to catch up on previous sermons in this series? Find Saint Luke's Darien on your favorite podcast app and listen to our sermons on the go!



#### FIND OUT MORE ABOUT PARISH LIFE AT OUR COCKTAIL PARTY

Wednesday, August 6 | 6:30pm, in the Terrace Room & patio

Do you enjoy bringing people together, making them feel welcome and connected? Our Parish Life Committee is looking for joyful, creative, and organized volunteers to help plan and host parish events for all ages, like Pentecost and Homecoming. On August 6, meet other volunteers and hear about easy ways to get involved, or email our Parish Life Chair, Angela Sandoval at angelasandoval@optonline.net



#### **BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSING & PLAYGROUND COFFEE**

Sunday, August 24 at 10am and on the playground after church

Join us for a Saint Luke's back to school tradition! All are invited to bring a symbol of school (such as a backpack, notebook, pencils, etc.) to be blessed in preparation for the 2025/26 school year! Families, join us on the SLPS playground after church for treats, coffee, lemonade, and time to play!



#### TOUR OF THE CHAGALL WINDOWS AT POCANTICO HILLS

Sunday, August 24 at 12:30pm | Union Church of Pocantico Hills in Westchester County, NY As part of our summer series on the prophets, tour this small church built by the Rockefeller family that features a Rose window by Henri Matisse and nine windows by Marc Chagall, including prophets Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, and Elijah. A group will depart after church for a guided tour at 12:30pm. Tickets cost \$8 per person.





#### **WOMEN'S RETREAT 2025 "THE DIVINE CONNECTION"**

October 10-12, 2025 | Mercy Center in Madison, CT Join us for a weekend of connection - to God, fellow parishioners and ourselves. Scan the QR code to register and reserve your spot, then pay online, drop off a check to the Parish Office, or call Ron Wilson in the office to pay over the phone. Questions?

Contact Martha at martha44@optonline.net or Jane at jane.mcwilliams19@gmail.com.



## **SUMMER SCHEDULE**

#### Sunday Worship

8am in the Church 10am in the Church and live-streamed

#### Children's "Summer Sundays Under the Tree"

During 10am worship, children meet 'under the tree' next to the Cloister, then go into the Church at the Peace. There is no Godly Play. Nursery is in its Summer location (Terrace Room).

#### Come As You Are (CAYA) on hiatus Returns September 7

Holy Eucharist & Healing Wednesdays, 10-10:45am in the Chapel

The Parish Office is closed on Fridays in August.



As we communicated with you in June, our Vestry has authorized a \$9 million capital campaign - with a stretch goal of \$10.5 million - to address the most pressing needs identified in discernment and last fall's feasibility study.

To secure Saint Luke's future, our church is in need of comprehensive renewal---including work to save the steeple, renovate the interior of the church, and make our campus safe and accessible

The work of consulting with experts and planning how best to deliver all that's required continues over the summer.

We ask you to keep this work in your prayers and stay tuned for more to come this Fall!

# FIND OUT ABOUT SAINT LUKE'S PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH & MUSIC - REGISTER NOW!

Saint Luke's offers a host of fun and enriching programs for children (birth-5th grade) and youth (6th-12th grade)! Scan this QR code or visit our website to find out more about what's on offer and to register your child(ren) to participate in this year's programs, including:



- Confirmation faith formation for Grades 6, 7, & 8. Begins Sep. 10.
- Middle & High School Youth Groups bi-weekly gatherings, service activities, & special events offering friendship, fun, faith, and food for youth in Grades 6 to 12. Begins Sep. 14 (high school) & Sep. 17 (middle school).
- Bible Storytime Faith-based songs, fingerplays & Bible stories suited to babies and toddlers. Monthly on Saturdays from 10-10:30am. NEW!
- Bible Builders play/building-based faith formation for children in K to 2nd grade. Begins Sep. 11.
- Communion Awareness five week class for ages 4 & older
- Club 45 junior youth group for 4th & 5th graders, meets Sep. 10, then three more Wednesdays during the year!
- StoryMakers offers 3rd to 5th graders an imaginative way to engage their hearts and minds - and each other - as they explore the Bible through conversation, activities, and dinner. Begins Sep. 17.
- Sunday morning Nursery (birth 3 years old) from 7:45-11:15am, and Godly Play (3 yrs-K) and Children's Chapel (1st grade and up) at 10am
- Saint Luke's Choristers Program- music education, vocal training, leadership, teamwork & friendship in one of our three children's choirs. Begins Sep. 11.

Curious about programs for youth, children and music at SLP? We'd love to talk to you about all that's available! Please reach out to us! Erika for Children's Programs - erika.caputo@saintlukesdarien.org The Rev. Ansley for Youth Programs – <u>ansley.walker@saintlukesdarien.org</u> David for Choir Programs - <u>david.pulliam@saintlukesdarien.org</u>









#### - SAVE THE DATE -

# Homecoming Sunday | September 7

Kick off our program year with a parish-wide picnic after the 10am service. Regular worship schedule resumes, with Holy Eucharist at 8am, 10am, and 5pm CAYA. Sunday programming returns, including 9am Discovery Hour & Parish Choir, and 10am Godly Play (3 yrs-K) and Children's Chapel (1st grade and up).

### Feast of Saint Francis & Blessing of the Animals | October 5 @ 5pm

Bring your family pet to be blessed at CAYA. Arrive at 4:30pm to visit the animals in the petting zoo!

## Run With The Saints | Sunday, November 2 @ 11:30am

Support our Outreach partners and participate in our 10<sup>th</sup> Annual 5K or 1-mile Fun Run, followed by a festive bbq lunch.





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