



View from the Tower

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Saint Luke's Church:
The Lutheran Church of Times Square

Fall
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Dear members and friends:

What a remarkable history this congregation has had! This year we celebrate the fact that Saint Luke's has been in ministry and serving the community for 160 years. In that time, the congregation has worshipped in everything from a walk-up storefront when it started, to a wood-framed "country" church on West 43rd street, to a former Presbyterian building on 42nd and Broadway, to the present building dating from 1923.

It's been a remarkable adventure through the years, with pastors who have served faithfully in long ministries and with members who have stayed with the congregation and loved and supported it in good times and in bad.

This fall we want to celebrate that adventure as we gather together on October 17, the closest Sunday to Saint Luke's Day, and remember with thanksgiving the people and the events that shaped us over the past 160 years. We'll begin on the morning of Sunday, the 17th, with a festival Eucharist. There we will sing our praise to God for years of faithful nurturing, for guidance given when most needed, for love shown on many generations of faithful members and friends. Following the Eucharist, we'll gather for a festive coffee hour, and the sharing of some of the oral histories that we have been collecting, and for some good old-fashioned remembering of stories and tales

from the congregation's past.

Later in the day we'll be inviting everyone to return for an evening of dinner theatre in our own Saint Luke's theatre as we wine, dine, and listen to our own members and friends perform in a great variety show. Those who were present for our Kick-off dinner in January know what a great time was had by everyone who attended. We hope you'll plan to be back for this show, too!

Of course, remembering and celebrating are only part of the equation. An anniversary is a good time to rededicate ourselves, as well. Once we move past the festivities of this year, we want to take time to examine our mission statement and ask questions about how we might best put it into practice in our worship, learning and outreach. What does our community need and how can we respond to it? What do we do well as we share the love of Christ? What can we improve or develop? How can we inspire each other to live our faith more openly and with passion? How might we encourage each other to explore the meaning of our faith through renewed worship and study of the Scriptures? These are vital questions as we move forward into another decade in the life of our congregation, questions whose answers, under God's guidance will provide strength for another 160 years of Christian service.

Pastor Schmiede

Saint Luke's is a community called together by Christ; celebrating the challenge of passionate faith; and seeking to inspire creative service.

Fall Bible Study: Explore the history of the early Church

Curious about Christian origins?

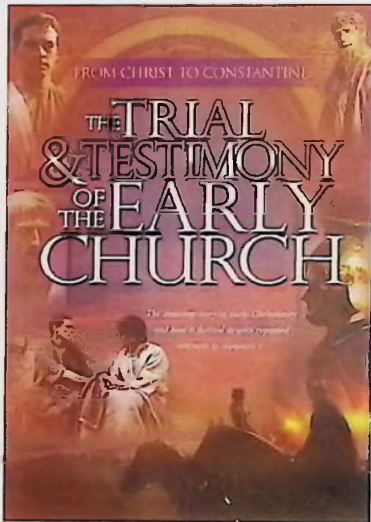
Ever wonder what the first Christians were like, or what their world was like?

Ever asked how they worshipped or why we worship the way we do?

This fall, beginning on Wednesday evening, September 15, we will start a six week series which will explore how the early church was formed, how it survived the early persecutions, and how it grew to include believers from all over the known Roman world.

Learn how early Christians reached out into the world. Explore the ways they tried to develop their understanding of the Christian faith. Discover something of the disputes they had and how they were resolved. Compare the early years with Christianity today and with your own faith life.

We start on Wednesday, Sept. 15 at 6:30 p.m. Each week there will be a light supper and the chance to learn, discuss, and worship together. Plan to be there!



Summer Retreat at Koinonia included a great day of rafting on the Delaware River.

Koinonia Events

Interested in being part of the activities at Koinonia on a more regular basis? You should know that it is possible to attend retreats at Koinonia throughout the year. For example, this fall there is a Thanksgiving Weekend for those who would like to celebrate the holiday in the country. Thanksgiving weekend begins with arrival on Wednesday evening, and continues through Friday breakfast. It includes a full Thanksgiving meal at the Conference Center and the chance to meet other Koinonia fans from throughout the region.

Those who would like to stay through Sunday are invited to continue their retreat with the first of the Advent Weekends. If the first Advent Weekend doesn't work for you there are Advent celebrations every Sunday until Christmas. For more information log onto: www.koinonians.org.

Finally, plan now to reserve the weekend of February 4 through 6, for our Winter Retreat at Koinonia. As a congregation we reserve one wing of the conference center for our own Winter Retreat—a lovely time of walks in the winter woods, sitting by the fire, reading and discussing a topic of common interest, and gathering together for worship and prayer, including the Saturday evening Taizé Vespers. Watch for more information!

New Website nears completion

We urge you to keep an eye on our website in the coming weeks: www.stlukesnyc.org. Thanks to the industry of Richard Nesbit and the assistance of many others, the newly designed website will shortly be visible to all.

In the spring the council retained the services of Adrienne Rudolph to help with the website design. The goal was to have an attractive, easy-to-use site with information about our worship, location, etc. in an easy to find page, and options to explore the history and mission of the congregation elsewhere. Many of you have been supplying pictures and ideas, and now it is nearing completion. Long range goals call for us to learn how to keep the ongoing information about future activities and events accurate and up-to-date, and, of course, to be able to change the pictures of past events so that all can enjoy them.

Stephanie Schmiede goes to KEMPS in Bukoba, Tanzania



For over five years Saint Luke's has been represented by one of the teachers at Kibeta English Medium Primary School in Tanzania through the presence of member Gayle Kliever. When Gayle returned last spring, the Synod

looked for a new teacher, and accepted the application of Saint Luke's member Stephanie Schmiede. So once again Saint Luke's is represented in this vital mission.

Stephanie has now arrived in Bukoba and is getting settled at the school. In October plans call for her to attend Swahili language school. Those who are interested can follow her adventures on her blog: <http://sschmiede.blogspot.com/>

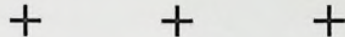
WORSHIP THIS FALL AT SAINT LUKE'S CHURCH EVERY SUNDAY

11:00 am Sung Eucharist

EVERY WEDNESDAY

12:10 & 7 pm Holy Communion

(Supper Bible Study Series may replace the 7:00 service.)



Sunday, Sept. 12, 2010

Rally Day

11:00 a.m. Sung Eucharist

Sunday, October 17, 2010

Saint Luke's Day

11:00 a.m. Festival Eucharist

Celebrating the 160th Anniversary

Sunday, October 31, 2010

Reformation Day

11:00 a.m. Festival Eucharist

Sunday, November 7, 2010

All Saints Sunday

11:00 a.m. Festival Eucharist

Sunday, November 21, 2010

Christ the King

11:00 a.m. Festival Eucharist

Wednesday, November 24, 2010

Thanksgiving Eve

7:00 p.m. Festival Eucharist

Seminarian Jonathan Recabarren to begin internship at Good Shepherd in Pearl River



Our best wishes travel with Jonathan Recabarren, member of Saint Luke's and crucifer here since childhood, as he begins his seminary internship at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Pearl River, under the guidance of Pastor John Havrilla.

Jonathan has completed two years of formal training at the Lutheran

Theological Seminary in Philadelphia. His internship marks his third year of study—a year of practical training in a parish. Upon completion of his year in Pearl River, Jonathan will return to Philadelphia for a final year of formal study before being certified for a call to the pastoral ministry.

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WORSHIP SERVICES

Sundays at 11 A.M. SUNG EUCHARIST

Wednesdays: 12:10 & 7 Holy Communion

(Supper Bible Study Series may replace the 7:00 service.)

Pastor: The Rev. Paul D. Schmiede

Pastoral Associate: The Rev. Martha Jacobi

Pastor Emeritus: The Rev. Dr. Dale D. Hansen

Cantor: Pedro d'Aquino

Parish Administrator: Suzanne Campise

**Soup Kitchen and Clothing Bank
The Need Continues!**

Soup Kitchen resumes in the Fall on Tuesday, Sept. 14 at 1:00 p.m. Clothing Bank begins this Fall on the first Monday of October.

Thanksgiving dinner in the Soup Kitchen will be on Tuesday, November 23. Please plan to join in these important ministries!

Advance Notice of our 160th Anniversary Celebration

Mark your calendar now and save the date of October 17.

Saint Luke's Day Festival
Eucharist
at 11:00 a.m.

Dinner and Show in the evening in our own
Saint Luke's Theatre