



# TIDINGS

News & Notes from Saint Luke's Parish

## Today's Services

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- 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist  
*(Church)*
- 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist  
*(Church)*
- 5:00 PM *Come As You Are* Eucharist  
*(Anderson Youth & Community Center)*

## Coffee Hour

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- 8:45 AM Parish Hall
- 11:00 AM Cloister
- 6:00 PM AYCC

## For Children & Youth

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- 7:45 AM-11 AM Childcare  
*(Birth-36 months)*  
*Education Building*
- 9:00 AM Church School & Godly Play  
*Education Building*
- 10:00 AM Children's Chapel Play  
*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.

## See Inside

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- ◇ Brown-Bag Bible Study Begins
- ◇ Community Supper Resumes  
September 22nd
- ◇ Children's Choir Begins  
September 22nd, sign-ups open!

September 18, 2022

## Kickoff Sunday

Dear Friends,

And we're off! After a great Homecoming Sunday last weekend, today is Kickoff Sunday at Saint Luke's. Our revamped Discovery Hour for all ages begins, as does our new Children's Chapel. Our choir is back, leading us in worship at 10am, and the band returns to kickoff our contemporary Come As You Are service at 5pm. The energy and vitality of this community of faith is such a blessing, and I hope you are as excited as I am to be back together, growing, loving and serving in Christ's name.

We're told in Acts 2 that the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples on the Day of Pentecost like a "mighty rushing wind," filling the house where they were sitting and blowing them out into the streets to share the Good News in many languages so that all could understand it was meant for them. As we begin this new year, I can feel the wind of the Holy Spirit at our backs, filling this place and sending us out to share Christ's love in all we do.

With my love and prayers,  
Ryan

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### 9:00 AM | Discovery Hour

Parishioners of all ages are invited to journey through the Old Testament by focusing on 10 of the most important and consequential stories in the Hebrew Scriptures. Adults and teens will gather at 9:00 AM in the Parish Hall for **The Sunday Forum**, as one of our clergy helps unpack the story of the week. Children in **Church School** will discover the same stories in age-appropriate ways, allowing the whole family to take part. The Saint John's Bible will be our guide as we rediscover the power of Scripture to ignite our spiritual imaginations.

### 10:00 AM | Children's Chapel

A first liturgical experience for our youngest parishioners! Children aged 3 through 2nd Grade will meet before the 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist (parents and older siblings are welcome to stay, if they wish). All will join the congregation in the church at the Peace to share in Communion.

### 5:00 PM | Come As You Are (CAYA)

Come As You Are returns today @ 5PM in the AYCC (Anderson Youth & Community Center). Come, worship the Lord, sing with the band and enjoy fellowship with the CAYA community. All are welcome. Invite a friend and join us on Sundays @ 5!

### "Bringing Home the Bible" Book Fair

Following each of our services today, stop by for coffee and check out our Bible Book Fair, where we have curated a selection of Bibles and other titles, for all ages and interests. We are grateful to be offering this wonderful opportunity to delve deeper into the 'Word' through scripture in conjunction with Barrett Bookstore.

(P.S. You can still sign up to add a dedication template to one of our new pew Bibles!)

## This Week

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### **Brown-Bag Bible Study**

*Monday, September 19, 12:00 PM*

Join the clergy each week for a Monday lunchtime Bible study, either in person or on Zoom from the office. We will gather to discuss the previous days sermon—what we heard, what questions it prompted, what reactions we had—and then turn to reflect on the Scripture readings assigned for the following Sunday. All are welcome.

### **Community Supper**

*Thursday, September 22, 5:00 PM*

Community Supper begins its 17th season on September 22! To celebrate the "Opening Supper," the Ron Wilson Band will be performing! Tables and chairs will be provided to enjoy your take-out style meal while listening (and dancing) to great music! Suggested meal donation \$1. Meals served 5:00-6:00 PM.

### **Children and Youth Choirs Begin Thursday**

Choristers experience a unique combination of Christian Education and exceptional musical training offered by Saint Luke's professional musicians. Weekly Voice for Life classes offering more intense music theory and Christian Education occur each Thursday also beginning Sept. 22, and weekly earned stipends for all young singers return this year. Registration can be found at [www.saintlukesdarien.org/music](http://www.saintlukesdarien.org/music). Students may join mid-year.

### **Monday, September 19**

Morning Prayer, 8:00 AM

Brown-Bag Bible Study, 12:00 PM

Mother's of Adults and Teens (MOATS), 7:30 PM

### **Tuesday, September 20**

Morning Prayer, 8:00 AM

### **Wednesday, September 21**

Morning Prayer, 8:00 AM

Holy Eucharist & Healing 10:00 AM

Meditation Group, 6:00 PM

Sacred Ground Group, 6:30 PM

### **Thursday, September 22**

Morning Prayer, 8:00 AM

Community Supper, 5:00 PM

Children's Choir rehearsals, 4:45-6:30 PM

Saint Gregory Choir rehearsal, 7:00 PM

Parish Choir rehearsal, 7:30 PM

### **Friday, September 23**

Morning Prayer, 8:00 AM

Women's Retreat begins (offsite)

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## Next Sunday    The Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost    September 25

**Sunday's Readings:** Amos 6:1a,4-7, Psalm 146, 1 Timothy 6:6-19, Luke 16:19-31

**8:00 AM Holy Eucharist** (with hymns) Church

### **9:00 AM Discovery Hour**

-The Sunday Forum    Parish Hall

-Godly Play    Great Room

-Church School    Great Room

-Choir Rehearsal    Choir Room

**10:00 AM Holy Eucharist** (with choir) Church

**Children's Chapel** in the Chapel

*Nursery care is available from 7:45 - 11:00 AM  
for children 0-36 months*

**5:00 PM Come As You Are (CAYA) Eucharist**

In the Anderson Youth & Community Center

**2022 Women's Retreat, Beach, Bible, Belonging, September 23-25, 2022**

*Mercy Center, Madison, CT*. We will be taking a break from the whirlwind of fall activities- demanding as they do, so much of our energy. This weekend is for being calm together with friends, and refreshing that spirit of sisterhood that has characterized our lives together.

### Worship

#### **Blessing of the Animals**

*Sunday, October 3, 5:00 PM*

Bring your beloved pet or a favorite stuffed animal to the Come As You Are Outdoor service with a petting zoo to start at 4:00 PM.

### Grow

**The Good Book Club** | Melissa Florer-Bixler  
**Fire by Night: Finding God in the Pages of the Old Testament** *Tuesdays in October, starting Oct. 4 | 7:00 PM, Terrace Room*

Join the Rev. Ryan Fleenor for a four-week book study on Melissa Florer-Bixler's *Fire by Night: Finding God in the Pages of the Old Testament*. A Mennonite pastor in North Carolina whose writing has been featured in *The Atlantic*, Florer-Bixler explores the Hebrew Scriptures from the vantage point of a contemporary person of faith. How do we read these words written in a world so different from ours? How does our reading change when we remember that we share these stories with our Muslim and Jewish neighbors? What do they have to do with our contemporary struggles for racial, economic, or environmental justice? What might they have to do with our own personal lives of prayer and faith? This fall, rediscover the power of the Old Testament to burn away our expectations and set us on fire with God's love.

**Middle School - Confirmation** *Parents Night September 28, Kids first session October 12*

It is time to register for confirmation! Students begin October 12, meeting every other Wednesday night from 6:30-8:30 PM. Every week begins with dinner and time for fellowship. Students are divided into small groups based on their grades. In 6th grade we focus on the Old Testament. In 7th grade, we focus on the New Testament. In 8th grade, we focus on social justice and the Episcopal Church. We all come back together for compline (night prayers). After 8th grade, students may choose to affirm their faith and make the decision to be confirmed.

### Give

As we strive to fulfill God's call for Saint Luke's, we are asking for your financial support. Thanks to those parishioners who have prayerfully pledged to date, our 2022 campaign has been successful, but we aren't done until everyone participates.

Go to [saintlukesdarien.org/give](http://saintlukesdarien.org/give) or email [Maggie.Domont@saintlukesdarien.org](mailto:Maggie.Domont@saintlukesdarien.org) to pledge today.

#### **Newcomers Welcome! Need a nametag?**

Our upcoming new member series begins in the fall with three dates to add to your calendar. Starting with a Welcome dinner Monday, October 3rd, an Orientation Sunday, October 16th and our Welcome Liturgy Sunday, November 6th. If you are new to Saint Luke's, we would love to be able to welcome you now. Contact Maggie ([Maggie.domont@saintlukesdarien.org](mailto:Maggie.domont@saintlukesdarien.org)) to begin receiving our weekly emails, get a nametag, or just introduce yourself. We are delighted you are here.

#### **Men's Dinner**

*Monday, September 26, 6:30-8:30, AYCC*

Join us as we come together for a faith filled evening together at the Anderson Youth & Community Center for social and spiritual discourse and interaction. Connect with old friends, make new friends, all while exploring our faith, strengthening our commitments to our parish, our community, and our world. We welcome everyone. Suggested donation for dinner and beverages is \$20.00. Questions, please reach out to Robert Roberto at [a.roboberto@gmail.com](mailto:a.roboberto@gmail.com).

#### **Saint Luke's Knitting Ministry**

We welcome knitters of all skill levels to join us, beginning this Monday, September 26th in the Terrace Room at 7:30 for stitching and conversation. We will continue to meet in person (fingers crossed) the fourth Monday of each month. We knit prayer shawls for parishioners who could use a physical reminder of St. Luke's love and support. We also knit baby blankets for Person to Person. All items are blessed by the clergy and received with gratitude. Contact Nancy Heitz at 203-273-6326.

#### **Spend Time with P2P**

Is your schedule opening up as school is back in session? We invite you to try volunteering for P2P, which helps clients all year long. Check these out: Clothing center, re-opening to clients mid-June. Food pantry, on Saint Luke's campus or at the Norwalk site. Food delivery to homebound clients. Mobile pantry at Stamford locations. Food warehouse in Stamford. Reception and office volunteer tasks. Van drivers to pick up donations. Try a new volunteer role and see how it fits. We'll find a job and a shift that fits your schedule. Contact [mimi@mimigriffith.com](mailto:mimi@mimigriffith.com)

### Serve

## Prayer List

### For the Church

**In our Anglican cycle of prayer**, Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil

**In our Diocese**, Christ Church, Stratford; Trinity, Tariffville; St. Peter's/Trinity, Thomaston; Trinity, Torrington Children and Children's ministries; and ministries for children with special needs.

**In our Saint Luke's cycle of prayer**, we pray for our Parish Choir, Children's Choirs, CAYA band, and all who offer the gift of music in this place.

### Thanksgiving & Celebrations

**We give thanks for those who have made financial contributions** to our 2022 stewardship campaign.

**We give thanks for the Saint John's Bible Docents and the Parish Life Committee** for all they did to make last weekend's Homecoming celebrations a success.

**We give thanks for the beginning of the Saint Luke's Parish School year**, and pray for all of our students, parents, teachers, and staff.

### Those who have requested our prayers

**For the people of the Ukraine** and all of those in harm's way.

**For the people of Pakistan** and all those affected by natural disasters.

**For members and friends of the parish** who are sick, sorrowful, or in any kind of trouble: Ali, Alicia Sillars, Ashton, Aldin, Allison, Aria, Beth, Bill, Rev. B.J. Weber, Bridgette, Campbell Wharton, Caroline, Cassie, Cathy, Charlie, Charlotte, Donna, Gayley Patterson, Harris, Howard, Jack, John, Kathy, Laura, Lee, Lindsey, Lynda, Madhu Bains, Marsha, Matt, Mary Shaw, Mike, Nancy, Patience, Patricia, Scott, Sharon, Sheila, and Tony

**For those preparing to be baptized** at our services next Sunday.

### Those who have died

**We commend to God's care and keeping** Anthony Trombino, father of Chris Trombino, and all those we love but see no longer.

**All who have died from COVID-19.**

### About these Prayers

Saint Luke's is a community committed to prayer. Holding one another's joys, sorrows, and concerns before God in prayer is a spiritual practice at the heart of our life together. We encourage you to pray throughout the week for these members of our parish family.

We invite you to add yourself or others to the Saint Luke's prayer list by submitting a prayer request card, notifying Candy Wheelock at [candy.wheelock@saintlukesdarien.org](mailto:candy.wheelock@saintlukesdarien.org) (203-655-1456) or visiting our website.

### Hospitalization or Pastoral Issues

Please notify us if you or a family member is hospitalized and/or in need of a pastoral call or visit. We often have no other way of knowing a visit is needed. Please email a member of the clergy or call the Parish Office (203-655-1456) to reach the priest-on-call.

### Sharing Holy Communion

If illness prevents you or a loved one from joining us for regularly scheduled services, a priest or a lay eucharistic visitor can share Holy Communion with you at home or in a health care facility. Please contact Cindy Scam at 203-655-1456 or [cindy.scam@saintlukesdarien.org](mailto:cindy.scam@saintlukesdarien.org).

### Celebrations

If you would like to ask for prayers for the celebrations in your life or in the life of a loved one, please contact Cindy Scam at 203-655-1456 or [cindy.scam@saintlukesdarien.org](mailto:cindy.scam@saintlukesdarien.org).

### Flowers

The Flower Guild adorns the church with flowers and greens thanks to donations given in memory of loved ones or in thanksgiving for special occasions. The names are listed in the service bulletins. If you would like to make a gift of flowers, please contact Lynn Biggart at 203-655-3343 or [sevenbiggs@aol.com](mailto:sevenbiggs@aol.com).

### 12 Step Groups

Saint Luke's hosts multiple 12 Step Recovery and Support groups, including AA, AlAnon, Alateen, and Fabulous Women of Wednesday. Call the Parish Office at 203-655-1456 for meeting times, or see our online calendar.