October is shaping up to be a very exciting and active month here at St. Luke’s. The Pumpkin Patch is up and running for the 7th year. Hopefully many of you will be able to take a turn or more manning the patch. Not only is it a fund raiser for our parish, but it is also an opportunity to talk about St Luke’s to the wider community. I firmly believe that when the community meets people who call St. Luke’s their spiritual home and when we are willing to talk about St. Luke’s and why we love it here, we have an opportunity to grow our church.

On October 21 Bishop Stokes will be with us at the 10 am service to Confirm and Receive and have an opportunity to speak with us. While there will be services Saturday night and at 8 am, I hope many of you will choose to come to the 10 am service to welcome him.

Also on October 21 the MEAICA Hunger Walk will be taking place. I would love to see us have a large group of walkers this year. The details are in this newsletter along with form that you can print out to gain sponsors.

On Saturday October 27, the Annual Halloween Party will again take place. More details are in this newsletter.

Nails in the Wall Gallery, a Ministry of St. Luke’s fall exhibit, “Animals Winsome and Wild” continues to be open to visitors. We hope to host outside groups and art classes to come and experience this show, if you are part of a group that would like to come, we can open the doors anytime.

I want to also thank John and Tammy Fighera who chaired the Parish Picnic last month, while the weather pushed us inside, we had a good turnout and some wonderful fellowship. We should be looking for more opportunities to gather in that way.

Last month I went to a start up meeting of the Northern Convocation Youth Group. 6 churches had representatives there, and a going forward plan was established. The plan is to meet the third Sunday of every month, at a different church and also to have some mission opportunities throughout the year.

Again Youth Group ages are 6th -12th grade. It would be great to have
many of our young people join me this month. The meeting will be 4:30 at St. Peter’s, dinner is included.

And with the fall season here, we also need to begin to prayerfully consider all that God has done for us and how we can join Christ in his mission to the world, as we begin the annual Stewardship campaign. The theme looks to be asking the question, “what does St. Luke’s do that makes Jesus say, Wow!” And what else could we do that would evoke that response? And how are each of us going to support these efforts monetarily and with our ideas and dreams.

I hope to see many of you at all of the events that I’ve mentioned, but most especially at the times that we gather to give thanks to God for all the blessings we have received.

Whether that be Saturday at 5:30 pm, Sunday at 8 am or Sunday at 10 am.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Ed

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**Saint Luke’s Christmas Fair**

**Saturday, December 1**

It is October. Our summer vacation is over and our year-round activities are underway. It is also time to start planning activities that occur later in the year. That brings us to the Christmas Fair. As always the Christmas Fair is the first Saturday in December. This year that will be December 1st.

Again, this year there is a strong group of volunteers who are helping to organize the Fair as well as to take care of the major jobs which make up the Fair. We have faithful volunteers who will again organize the Bake Table, the Raffle Table and the kitchen and the Trinkets and Treasures Table. Thanks to all of our early volunteers. To improve the Fair the only need that I can see is someone to decorate the Fair. We have been using the same decorations year after year and they are getting worn. St. Luke’s has many creative members one or two of which must have some ideas and a little time to work on it. We also need volunteers to set up the Fair and to take it down (either Fair Day or the day after) and to work at all of the tables. If anyone can think of other needed improvements I would be happy to hear about them.

Of course, we need items to sell at the Trinkets and Treasures Table, to fill the raffle baskets and to sell at the Bake Table. Please don’t let us down. (Note: For many years St. Luke’s has had the best baked goods of any Fair in the area and our raffle baskets are beyond compare.) If you can help in any way, please contact Sarah Muccifori at christmasfair@stlukesmetuchen.org

Thank you in advance.
Second Looks at Favorite Books

Second Looks at Favorite Books will be meeting on October 26th at 7:00 pm. Our selection for this month is *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Society* by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows.
ST LUKE'S
BLESSING OF THE PETS

Sunday October 7 2pm
On the plaza in front of Fryer Hall or the Auditorium if raining

Dogs on leashes, other pets in appropriate carriers.
Bring a pet food item to donate to local rescue.
Treats for pets
EDISON-METUCHEN
HUNGER WALK!

2 PM SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21

NEVE SHALOM
250 Grove Ave in Metuchen

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL
Rev. Anna Thomas @ (732) 548-7622

We have sponsor forms available and it would be great to have a St. Luke’s walking group! Fr. Ed has more information.
Chills & Chili
Halloween Party

Saturday, October 27th
in
Fryer Hall

MENU
All You Can Eat Chili, Corn Bread, Green Garden Salad
Dessert Table
Coffee, Tea & Punch
(Kids–Hot Dogs, Corn Bread, Raw Veggies & Chips)

Adults: $10.00          Kids Meal: $5.00

Dinner: 6:00 pm
Dancing Begins: 7:30 pm
Last Dance: 10:00 pm

Music to please all generations
Chuck “Back in the Day” Gudorp will be our DJ

Invite your family and fiends to join us!

(Costumes? - YES - It’s Halloween!)
TEMPLE EMANU-EL & ST. LUKE’S
2019 YOUTH MUSICAL
Production of:

Willy Wonka JR.

Words and Music by by
Leslie Bricusse & Anthony Newley

Adopted for the Stage by
Leslie Bricusse & Timothy A. McDonald

Based on the book
Charlie and the Chocolate Factory
By Roald Dahl

ROALD DAHL’S WILLY WONKA, JR.
Is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI).
All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI.
www.MTIShows.com

Children from 2nd grade through 12th grade are invited to participate.
Rehearsals and the performance will be at St. Luke’s, 17 Oak Ave. Metuchen, NJ.
Auditions will be Sunday afternoon, December 9th, 2018, with first cast read through December 16th, 2018
Rehearsals will be Sunday afternoons January 6 – March 3rd, 1-5pm, later call times for ensemble,
With tech week (all participants) March 4th-7th 6:30 – 8pm. Saturday, March 9th Dress rehearsal 3-5pm
The performances will be on Saturday, March 9th 7pm, (6pm call) and Sunday, March 10th at 3pm (1pm call)
Cost is $125 per participant, $75 per siblings.
Questions? Contact Lisa Hyman Lhyman117@gmail.com 917-658-6878.

Willy Wonka, Jr. Registration Form
Please deliver this form to Lisa Hyman, 117 High Street, Metuchen, NJ 08840
Please make checks payable to Temple Emanu-El

(Please print) Parent’s name________________________________________Child’s name(s)_____________________

Parent’s phone____________________________________________Email________________________Child’s age_________Grade__________

Parent(s) willing to assist with:____Rehearsals _______Costumes ________Props ________Sets, ______Day of Show ______Promotion/Ad Sale

Parent’s signature to indicate commitment for child to attend rehearsals and performance, additional voluntary rehearsals may be added*
Sign___________________________________________________________

If your child has a conflict and/or will miss a rehearsal(s), please indicate so we can schedule accordingly____________________________
01 – Andrew Bilgrav
03 – Frank Fernandez
04 – Marilyn Latham
06 – Carla Elfeld Smith
07 – Chantal Craft-Pollen
07 – Elisabeth Yesalavich
08 – Katherine Young
09 – Alberto Garcia
09 – Charles Higgins
10 – Noah Bilgrav
11 – Michael Zelley
13 – Silvia Taylor
14 – Navin Sinha
15 – Victor Zambrano
16 – Colin Yerger
17 – Charlotte Gudorp
20 – Monica Tramontin
23 – Mary Fasano
23 – John Maresca
23 – Jacob Lucas
27 – Beverly Dunn-Hernandez
27 – Sean Rivera
29 – Robert Vemilyer
30 – Natalie Kantar
31 – Don Siegel
31 – Perla Van Chama

1 – David & Larissa Bednar
1 – Joseph & Cynthia Mauro
11 – Peter & Nancy Cornell
13 – Adam & Becky Moroz
13 – Don & Karen Siegel
15 – Victor Zambrano
21 – Higor & Lauren Andrade
26 – Tommy Lee & Claudia Cho
27 – John & Tammy Fighera

If you don’t see your birthday or anniversary listed, please let the office know and we will include it in the future.
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The following policy was put in place by the Vestry in October 2016;

When you spend your own money on behalf of Saint Luke’s with the intent of seeking reimbursement please follow the following protocols;

1. Get a detailed receipt that identifies the item you purchased for Saint Luke’s.
2. Make a copy of the receipt and circle the item(s) for which you are seeking reimbursement.
3. On the receipt, print your name and the reason for the purchase.
4. Complete a Request for Reimbursement form. These forms are available in the Parish Office.
5. Staple the receipt to the request form.
6. Give your completed form to the Administrative Assistant.

Some additional information:
Any requests for reimbursement must be made within 45 days of the original purchase. The Treasury has published the check disbursement schedule which you can access through the Administrative Assistant. Prior to checks being written, one of the Wardens will review all disbursement requests for approval. Reimbursement checks will be written as part of the regular disbursement schedule.

For October, reimbursements must be in the office by 4:00 pm on Thursday, October 4 & 18, 2018.

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