



***This Sunday is the Fourth Sunday of Advent***



**SHINE IN MY HEART LORD JESUS!**

### Advent and Christmas Services

Plans are underway to engage us in transformational worship during the weeks of Advent. Our theme is "Shine in My Heart Lord Jesus." We will celebrate the Advent wreath service at the gathering rite each Sunday of Advent. This year we have the rather rare occurrence of Christmas Eve falling on the same day as the 4th Sunday of Advent. We have therefore planned the following:

#### **Sunday December 24th:**

8 am Holy Eucharist

10 am Holy Eucharist to include the Christmas pageant and the greening of our church.

7 pm Family Christmas Eve Service

#### **Monday Christmas Day:**

10 am Christmas Service with guitar

#### **Sunday December 31st:**

8 am Lessons and Carols with Christmas (hymns sung acapella)

10 am Lessons and Carols (traditional Lessons and Carols)



## Meet the Candidates for the IX Episcopal Bishop of Rochester

<https://www.thedioceseofrochesterbishopsearch.org/meet-the-candidates>



An evening of caroling and hot chocolate and cookies. Wow! And a very engaging game called "Big Booty".. kept the youth attending completely enraptured. Christmas music in the background enhanced our gathering with such a festive spirit that we all know as Christmas. Circle your calendars for next year.



## Christmas Preparation Opportunities

**Saturday December 23rd at 10:00 am**

Running and setting up for Pageant

-or-

Meet at the St Luke's parking lot at 10 am and carpool and visit fifteen folks in our parish community to present them

with a beautiful poinsettia and sing them a Christmas hymn. The entire event should take about 2 hours. If you are interested please let me know at [kenstlft@gmail.com](mailto:kenstlft@gmail.com)

We will gather at the church at 10 am sharp. Dress warm and be ready to sing.



## Birthdays at St Luke's

January 21st  
February 18th  
March 17th  
April 21st  
May 19th  
June 16th  
July 21st  
Aug 18th  
Sept 15th

Christian Ed.  
ZOOMERS  
Choir  
Hospitality  
Property  
J2A  
Lemonade on the lawn  
Lemonade on the lawn  
Vestry/ Finance

## A Time for Renewal in 2025

This is and has been a theme for many years now at St Luke's. We all have spoken either directly or indirectly about our need for spiritual renewal. In the months ahead we will have a great opportunity to participate in developing a renewal program for our rector and that of the whole parish. Your participation in this process is vital and should bring about great benefits for us all.

So we start by praying to God to open our hearts so that we may all be open to listen for God's grace in whatever direction it may come to us or lead us.

A committee has formed to spearhead this process and you will be hearing from them shortly.



## A personal note:

While in Massachusetts I had opportunities to dine out with my daughter, visit Horseneck Beach, and my parents gravesite. I appreciated the day or two to reconnect with my roots. Now if only the Patriots could give me cause to cheer:)



## ZOOM GATHERING

### MEETINGS WILL RESUME 12/20 AT 7:00 PM

Topic: Wednesday Intro to Scripture Studying

7:00-8:00pm

A time to Chat, to Commiserate and to do Compline

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87158977695?pwd=d3V2OTB3RUZRVFaOGhIU9CNEZtdz09>

Meeting ID: 871 5897 7695

Passcode: 251673

## COMING SOON! ZOOMER BIBLE STUDY



## Highlights of St. Luke's financial report, year-to-date through November 30, 2023

Status of the operating deficit  
Operating Revenue: \$187,449  
Operating Expenses: \$211,450  
Operating Deficit: \$24,001

Status of congregational giving  
Amount budgeted: \$170,500  
Amount received: \$162,052  
Amount over/(under) budget: (\$8,448)



Note: Both of these are improvements over October numbers

## Prayers



Let us pray for peace in the Middle East.

Let us continue to pray for the people of Ukraine.

Let us pray for victims of gun violence.

Let us pray for those who are food compromised and do not have enough to sustain their families.

Let us pray for all who live in fear.

Let us pray for Charlie and Karin as they transition from their work with us to new adventures.

Let us stand and speak up boldly for those whose voices have been silenced in the long battle for justice.

Keep close to your heart Zachary Elder, Rev Rich Krapf, Jon Liston, Dom Gasbarre, Mary Ann Cady, Sally Hurlbut, Jean Patterson, James Ralston, Don Roemermann, Ellen Wheeler, Holly Wolf, Virginia Clark, Tony Palecki and Presiding Bishop Michael Curry.



## *This Week's Worship and Meeting Schedules*

### **Sunday December 24th, 2023**

#### **Fourth Sunday of Advent**

<b>Holy Eucharist</b>	<b>Quieter worship</b>	<b>8 am</b>
<b>Holy Eucharist</b>	<b>Worship with Music &amp; Greening Pageant</b>	<b>10 am</b>

#### **Christmas Eve Worship**

**Holy Eucharist and Interactive Pageant 7pm**

### **Monday December 25th**

#### **Christmas Day Worship**

**Holy Eucharist with Guitar Music 10am**

**On our YouTube channel for Sunday Worship Services**

Here is a link: <https://bit.ly/StLukesSundayWorship>