



NuHu Weekly

The New Humanity
Blog & News

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Feature Article

Last week, I received the gift: conversing with a former member of SLLC who grew up at SLLC and now attends church in another state. In their memories, the MUSIC of SLLC is one of the most significant memories they have. Recalling the music director prior to Erik (going back more than 20-years!), this member shared that the SLLC music experiences continues to rank “above all other church experiences” they have encountered. A coincidence: this conversation comes on the cusp of making our choir loft accessible?

Another coincidence: over the past 2-years, LEAD has listened, processed, explored and identified some of the core values of SLLC:

Christ Centered, Belonging, and Celebratory and include many overlapping characteristics:

Christ Centered: music, sacramental, prayerful, liturgical

Belonging: intergenerational, inclusivity, caring

Celebratory life: joyful, creative

On Sunday, the image above spoke to me. In this picture, I see tangible examples of BELONGING, most specifically: Inclusivity and Intergenerational. SLLC has created a “Pray ground” for our younger (and young at heart) church family members, AND we are very accessible to all: online members across the country, and ages, can worship with their church family. Truly concrete examples of INTERGENERATIONAL and INCLUSIVITY. Without our pray ground and on-line access, members of our church family would end up being excluded. Many thanks to those who make it possible for various members of our congregation to access the joy of BELONGING to SLLC.

As you have hopefully heard by now, last month Council voted to extend the value of Belonging to members of our church family by adding a chair stair, making the choir loft accessible to all. A thank you to those members who had the insight to bring this concept to our attention, and to any of those to whom this tangible concept of BELONGING may speak. If you would like to make a contribution and support this, please speak to [Pastor Jason](#) or [John V.](#)

It’s a beautiful thing when we are ALL included- after all, we are all welcome as God’s table.

As we progress through these next few months, and years, please prayerfully consider ways in

which you can add to the Christ Centered, and Belonging, and Celebratory components of our Church Family. You will be seeing more time and talent options available to all church members in the near future.

Thanks for reading,
Beverly Dodici,
SLLC Church Council Chair & LEAD member

News

Godly Play - A New Take on Sunday School at St. Luke

We can't believe it either, but October is here, and that means something special is happening at St. Luke!

Sunday School is making a joyful return on **October 13th**, and we're excited to introduce a brand-new program: **Godly Play**. After the service, we'll gather upstairs on the second floor for a light snack and story time.



This first session is especially important for all children who want to participate, as we will be focusing on orientation to this new experience.

So, what's Godly Play?□

Godly Play is a fresh, fun, and interactive approach to Sunday School, designed to bring scripture and the sacred stories of our faith to life! It's more than just lessons; it's an adventure where children explore the wonder of God's Word in a hands-on way. Through storytelling, imaginative play, and creative projects, children are invited to enter into the stories of the Bible and the life of the Church with curiosity and joy. The classroom is specially arranged with materials that spark the children's imagination, making learning about faith exciting and meaningful.

This is a wonderful opportunity for your child to grow in faith while enjoying the wonder and joy of God's stories.

What to Expect on Sunday School Sundays

After worship, head to the second-floor gathering space for a light snack and either a song, short video, or story from our children's library.

Children will then be invited into the Godly Play classroom, with two caring adults present: a "door person" and a storyteller.

They'll gather around the rug for an engaging story and will have time afterward to explore, engage in art projects, or build with blocks.

Before they go, we'll share a feast together—another snack and a drink!

*The Year of Luther
Confirmation Resumes*

We're diving into the story of **Martin Luther** and the **Small Catechism** with our confirmands this year.

Third Sundays are dedicated to **Confirmation**, with our first session kicking off in October.

At 11:30 AM, confirmands and their families will enjoy a light lunch in the Fellowship Hall, followed by lessons in the classroom.

This will be an engaging, interactive time to explore what it means to be Lutheran. *Adults are welcome to hang around and enjoy some fellowship while the confirmands work through their lesson.*

The Red Wagon item for the Ithaca Kitchen Cupboard for October is canned vegetables.

Blood Drive at St. Luke: Friday, October 18 11:30-4:30. Sign up at the Red Cross website or their app.

Prayers and Commemorations

Your Prayers are Requested for: Marty, and Ketchel and family

This week we commemorate:

Teresa of Avila, teacher, renewer of the church, died 1582 | October 15

A mystical writer and reformer of the monastic order (Carmelites) to which she belonged, Teresa may also be commemorated with John of the Cross on December 14. Latino Christians traditionally remember her on this date.

Ignatius, Bishop of Antioch, martyr, died around 115 | October 17

Ignatius was the second bishop of Antioch in Syria, the city where the name "Christians" originated. Ignatius is known to us from his letters, which encouraged Christians to live in love, yet stand firm in true doctrine.

Luke, Evangelist | October 18

Identified as the author of both Luke and Acts, Luke was careful to place the events of Jesus' life in their social and religious contexts. His gospel gives us some of the most beloved parables, as well as the songs of Zechariah, Mary, the angels, and Simeon.

Celebrate With Us

Please remember, if you wish to have something added about yourself or someone else at the church (please get their permission before submitting), let Erik know by Monday morning to be included in the NuHu Weekly.

Calendar

Thursday, October 10

8:00pm Compline at Immaculate Conception

Friday, October 11

10:30 Campus Ministry: Tea and Tarot, Anabel Taylor Hall Founders Room

Sunday, October 13

The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

Godly Play Sunday School

Monday, October 14

No Poe by Candlelight due to Fall Break

Tuesday, October 15

12:15 Bible Study (bring your lunch) Campus Ministry Lounge

Thursday, October 17

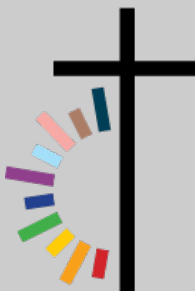
9:00 Quilters

8:00pm Compline at St. Luke

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**Sunday 10:00 am
Service of Holy Communion**

St. Luke is a **Reconciling in Christ Congregation** of the **ELCA**. As a Reconciling in Christ Congregation, the people of St. Luke Lutheran Church are called by God to be a community of Christians, a part of the body of Christ. Because we believe we are one in God's eyes, we welcome the mix of ages, races, gender identities, physical and mental capabilities, and sexual orientations with which God's children are blessed. Everyone is invited to share in God's grace. We rejoice in the knowledge that nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus--not our wealth, nor our poverty, nor our nationality, nor our political convictions, nor whom we love, nor anything else in all creation. We are called to follow God's mission of reconciliation and justice with all humanity, and we celebrate our journey of discipleship with a special appreciation for the privileged responsibility of our campus related ministry.

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