



## NuHu Weekly

The New Humanity  
Blog & News

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## Feature Article

### **A Service for Justice and Peace**

Dear Friends,

This Sunday marks an important moment in our journey, both as citizens and as a faith community. As I write to you tonight, I'm holding both anticipation and anxiety. It's not yet 8 p.m. on Tuesday, and there's no certainty about what this election will bring or how it will be received. What remains certain is my trust in God's unwavering word of love.

Months ago, Erik and I sensed a need for a service dedicated to justice and peace. For those who know me well, you know that my understanding of Christ's message and my reading of Scripture are rooted in a commitment to justice. I strive to live by the words of the prophet Micah: "do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with your God."

This Sunday, we gather as a community to reflect on our call to embody God's justice and peace. Guided by the prophet's words, we will center our worship on a vision of justice that seeks no retribution and a peace that denounces violence.

The ELCA teaches us that, "Because God redeems us through Christ, we are made new to love and serve all neighbors. Loving our neighbors includes working for justice in our personal and public lives." As people of faith, we are called to recognize and confront systems of racism, sexism, homophobia, xenophobia, transphobia, and every force that blinds us to the image of God in each person. Our choral anthem will echo this message, declaring our commitment to being "done with the 'isms that bind us."

Here at St. Luke, we gather not only to lament our roles in these systems of oppression but to rejoice in the freedom Christ offers us—the freedom to love with courage and to work for meaningful change. Our worship reminds us that we don't walk this path alone; we're supported by each other and strengthened by God's Spirit, who journeys with us in this ongoing work of justice and peace.

I think we need to enter into this time with open hearts, ready to lament, to rejoice, and to respond

to God's call to justice, kindness, and humility.

In faith and love,  
Pr. Jason



A SERVICE FOR  
**JUSTICE & PEACE**

Sunday, November 10, 2024  
10:00 am

Pray, lament, worship, and an open table for Communion where all are welcome without condition.

 St. Luke  
Lutheran Church  
Remember, God loves YOU!

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## News

### LEAD UPDATE

Thank you to those who came to the LEAD luncheon this past Sunday, and listened as we shared the information we learned from our community partner conversations. There was so much delicious food, great conversation and amazing ideas shared.



After chatting with various community partner organizations, the LEAD team discovered that there are more needs in our area than we realized. And some of those needs are common in every organization we talked to. At this next phase of the LEAD journey, we are seeking to identify alignment between the needs identified by our neighbors and the gifts/assets of St. Luke that might enable us to serve our community. The next step for us is to conduct an "experiment" and see if we can meet one of the needs that we discovered.

At the luncheon we had table cards with questions for all of you to ponder. We have **created a survey** with those questions for those who wanted to ponder more and for those who were not able to attend the luncheon. The LEAD team would love to hear from all of you as we need your help to figure out what St. Luke can do that would align with our core values.

We would appreciate your responses by December 1...just click the "created a survey" link above to go to it.

Also, **HERE** is a document version of the projected slides from the presentation.

Thank you for your help,  
The LEAD team - Judy, Kevin, Susan, Beth, Bev and Pastor Jason

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## IN SURE AND CERTAIN HOPE

It is with sadness that we learn that Pastor E. Frederick Holst died this past Sunday, All Saints Sunday.

Pastor Holst served as pastor of St. Luke (then known as The Lutheran Association) from 1978-1987.

**[His full obituary can be found here.](#)**



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St. John's Episcopal Church extends a very warm invitation to you, your friends, and loved ones to join us at a free screening of the documentary, **“The Philadelphia Eleven”**. This special viewing includes a complimentary fountain drink or popcorn! The event takes place at Cinemapolis on The Commons on Thursday, November 14th at 6:00 p.m.

Women in many parts of the Christian church continue to struggle for full inclusion in the sacraments and leadership of the church. In 1974, there was a dramatic breakthrough of the so-called stained glass ceiling that gave hope to Christian women everywhere. At a church in Philadelphia, a group of eleven women were ordained to the Episcopal priesthood in violation of the constitution and canons of the Episcopal Church – which at the time stated that only men were eligible for ordination. This story is told in a compelling new documentary **[The Philadelphia Eleven](#)**.

Get your free tickets by using this link **[Tix Philadelphia Eleven](#)**. You can also go to the Cinemapolis website at **[cinemapolis.org](#)** and search for “Philadelphia Eleven”. Click the button that says 6:00 PM and type in the email address where they can send your free tickets. Despite what the website says, there is no booking fee!

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**Your Prayers are Requested for:** Debbie, Phyllis and Emily.

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### **This week we commemorate:**

**Martin, Bishop of Tours, died 397 | November 11**

Martin's pagan father enlisted him in the Roman army. Approached by a beggar, Martin cut his cloak in half and gave part to the man, whom he later understood as representing Christ. He asked to leave the army, but was jailed instead. After his release, he became a preacher, and later a bishop.

**Søren Aabye Kierkegaard, teacher, died 1855 | November 11**

Kierkegaard was a Danish theologian whose writings also gave rise to the modern philosophy of existentialism. He frequently attacked the complacency of the state church of his day, as well as its desire to be accepted by polite society rather than be a stumbling block.

## Celebrate With Us

*Please remember, if you wish to have something added about yourself or someone else at the*

# Calendar

## **Thursday, November 7**

9am Quilters

8pm Compline at First Baptist with music of Tchesnokov and Holst.

## **Friday, November 8**

10:30 Campus Ministry Tea and Tarot, ATH Founders Room

## **Sunday, November 10**

**Service for Justice and Peace**

## **Tuesday, November 12**

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

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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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