



THE VOICE

A New Year brings Wonder

Each New Year presents us with new opportunities for growth, exploration, and wonder—fresh expressions for new life emerging. Of course, setting off on this new year means saying good-bye to the comfortable things and status quo to which we have formerly grown accustomed. Many of us are scared to continue this path and so we cling to familiar haunts of a former life that has passed by. Sure, we might make resolutions of how we'll choose to behave in the New Years—a new diet or exercise regime—but generally we are maintaining goals set long ago. When was the last time you really tried something new? Really opened yourself to wonder and self-discovery instead of self-mastery.



I like to start the New Year by moving in directions I might not otherwise be prone to advance. This year I started reading a book following the recommendation someone who is very different. The text, *The Wisdom Jesus* by Cynthia Bourgeault, is an imaginative read that invites us to encounter Jesus in a new light, outside the typical patterns of the Western Church. The book invites us to find growth by participating in Jesus' teaching in a new way. Instead of trying to understand "who Jesus was and is" the book invites us to cultivate and put on the mind of Christ. Bourgeault starts the book by looking at the famous verse from

My Two Cents

Congratulations!! Pledging to St. Luke's for 2023 has increased - \$326,427 vs \$318,776 in 2022. We have 131 pledgers compared to last year's 125. And we have 14 NEW pledgers once again - that makes 28 new pledgers in the last two years!! 53 pledgers increased their pledge while 51 left it the same.

Just remember, it's never too late to pledge! And you can change your pledge by either increasing it or decreasing it any time during the year!!

If you did not find envelopes in your name in the Chapel side door in the Church and you want them please let me know. I have a small supply available.

Thank you to all of you for your magnificent support of St. Luke's. Your support allows the church to do so many things for our Parish Family and for the Community.

From me to all: Happy New Year! (**Catherine Way**)

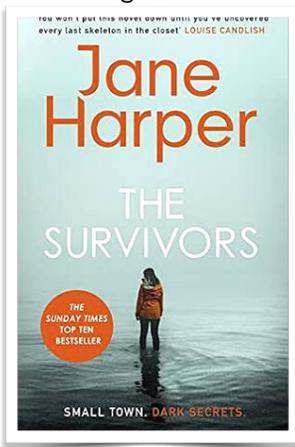


Fictional Friends

Fictional Friends, the St. Luke's reading group, is reading Jane Harper's novel *The Survivors*. The group will meet Monday, January 23 at 7 pm in the Undercroft. Janet Card will lead the discussion.

The Survivors by Jane Harper is set on the Tasmanian coast.

Kieran Elliott's life changed forever on a single day when a reckless mistake led to devastating consequences. As always, Harper skillfully evokes the landscape as she weaves a complicated, elegant web, full of long-buried secrets ready to come to light.



We'll meet on Monday, January 23 at 7 pm in the Undercroft to discuss the book.

Save the Date

The Empty Bowl fundraiser was a major success. We raised almost \$15,000 and I am pleased to say that it will happen again next year. Mark your calendars: Saturday, December 9th, 2023.

Luke 11:9: "So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you" and comparing it with the similar verse from the Gospel of Thomas (yes, there is a long lost Gospel found in the caves at Nag Hammadi), Jesus said, "Let one who seeks not stop seeking until that person finds; and upon finding, the person will be disturbed; and being disturbed, will be astounded; and will reign over the entirety." She invites us to a sense of "seeking that leads to being disturbed and before being astounded. This seems like an Epiphany theme if I ever heard one. When was the last time you were totally astounded? Maybe this is the New Year to start. May you seek and continue to seek this New Year as you seek the mind of Christ.

Epiphany *EVENTure* at Martz-Kohl Observatory

Join us for an Epiphany Day Observatory. What was it like for the wise men to follow the star? The church celebrates the story of these three travelers on the feast of the Epiphany (Jan. 6th).

Taking our cue from the wise men (or ancient astronomers, if you will), our partners at St. Luke's Church are organizing for a special star-gazing event at the Martz-Kohl Observatory on Friday, **January 6th at 6:30 pm**. We will remember the wise men and enjoy the wonders of the solar system, exploring planets, stars, constellations and the moon and using observatory telescopes (weather permitting.) Please dress **WARM** for this event, as the room with the telescopes is unheated. This family-friendly event is intended for children, youth, and adults of all ages; the Martz-Kohl Observatory is located at 176 Robbin Hill Road in Frewsburg. To cover operational expenses, the observatory suggests a donation of \$2 per student and \$5 per adult, as they do not receive funding for this purpose; all donations support the observatory.

Annual Meeting on January 29th

At the **189th Annual Meeting** of St. Luke's (conducted during the 8am and 10am services) on January 29, you will hear about all of our successes of the past year and some of the challenges, as well as participate in casting vision for the future.



Vestry Candidates Standing for Election

Each year we elect a new leadership at our Annual Meeting. This year we are electing 1 new vestry member **Tiffany MacCallum** (for a full 3-year term) and reelecting **Nicole Gustafson** and **Duane Richetti** for their 2nd 3 year terms, and **Patrick Monaghan** for his 3rd term as warden, as **Kim Scott** completes her term on Vestry. Thanks, Kim! Here are your candidates:



Tiffany MacCallum grew up in a small town in Montana where my grandma was the very first person who ever took me to church. She is still alive, at 102, and her faith is often what has led me by example, through even the loss of my dad, her son to cancer. She is truly one of a kind. She has called Jamestown home since 1999 when I first came here to teach at Bush School. She teaches 4th grade there and finds it rewarding and challenging and exhausting! She is thankful for some great co-workers to help me get through the toughest days. She has three children. Andrew is attending college out in Montana and working full time as a sous chef. Alex is going to college down in Boca Raton. Allison is a freshman at JHS. She enjoy cooking, reading, kayaking and being anywhere with my family, and listening to Allison sing at church! They also have a Brittney Spaniel, Luna. She has a lot of her own energy, so she keeps us busy too. She grew up being involved in church, whether it was singing, playing the piano, traveling the world with missions groups, helping with the childrens' programs, or fundraising, she have always known that church was where she wanted to be. She is very thankful that over 4 years ago Amy Anderson invited me to St. Luke's. She am happy to serve and help here however it is needed.



Nicole Gustafson has been a confirmed member of St. Luke's since 2018. She is a member of the Altar Guild, a lectionary reader, teaches the middle school Sunday School Potter Theology class, and volunteers for Father Bernard's Blessed Biscuits at the Jamestown Public Market. Nicole and her husband Alan have been married for 14 years and have two children. She has a Master of Arts in Social and Public Policy from SUNY Empire State College. With a background in social work and recent roles in marketing, Nicole has worked for a variety of nonprofits and is currently employed by United Way of Southern Chautauqua County. When she's not working, Nicole is either at St. Luke's, a Power Lifting class at the Y, or ignoring housework by reading mystery novels and watching legal dramas. Nicole is honored to run for a second term on the Vestry at St. Luke's and to continue journeying towards the Kingdom of God within this community.



As a member of St. Luke's vestry, **Duane Richetti** is grateful for the opportunity to serve with our dedicated clergy, staff, and other vestry members. The team does incredible work managing all the details that spotlight St. Luke's in the community of God. Duane and his continue to embrace the beautiful spirit of St. Luke's through worship, choir for his wife and daughter, Fictional Friends, and Adult Forum. He continues to work at Jamestown Community College and look forward to hosting, along with my wife Beth, one of the denominational houses at Chautauqua Institution beginning this season. Thank you for the chance to serve St. Luke's. They have met so

Service of Baptism

Our next regularly scheduled service of baptism will be **January 8th**. If you would like to arrange the sacrament of baptism for yourself or your children, please contact the parish office. In the Episcopal Church, there is no requisite age for baptism and all are welcome.

Blue Bag Ministry

Our Blue Bag Ministry creates a monthly reminder of concrete need in our community.

In **January** St. Luke's supports the MHA's Code Blue Homeless Shelter. A List will be included in the blue bag distributed on January 8th, but we are generally seeking items that could assist folks who are homeless:

- new socks
- hygiene items & toiletries
- granola bars and other food items that are easily consumable without a kitchen

We'll in gather on the 3rd Sunday this month.

Refugee Office

As you know, St. Luke's has played a role in leading the effort to welcome new neighbors to Jamestown and we now have an official partnership with Journey's End Refugee Resettlement. They have hired a staff person, Beth Litton, and St. Luke's as offered in-kind space to house their work in Jamestown.

many wonderful people at St Luke's and look forward to getting to know more of the congregation.

Patrick Monaghan and his family have been members for over 12 years ago. Since joining St. Luke's, he has served on several ministries and committees such as ushering, property, the rector search committee, as well as Vestry. All of these experiences have been enjoyable and rewarding. For over 22 years, Patrick, along with my wife, Aryn, and their children, Jonathan (20), Macey (20), and Abrielle (17), have called Jamestown home. Before coming to the Jamestown area, Patrick lived in North East, Pennsylvania where he grew up on his family's grape farm. Patrick received an associate's degree in Business Administration from JCC and a bachelor's degree in Public Administration from Empire State College. He is currently employed as the Fleet Manager for First Energy in Warren, PA.



Soup-or Chili Cook-Off on Jan 29th

Following the final session of the Annual Meeting at the roam service, we'll hold our annual Soup-or Chili Cook-Off Fundraiser for youth mission trips. Contestants interested in entering their soup or chili should contact Jessica Frederick (jessica.frederick@stlukesjamestown.org)



Canon for Music Ron McEntire's Retirement

Whenever you hear Ron play the piano or organ, you know that he is celebrating the beauty of the human spirit. The time has come for Ron to retire as our Canon for Music. His last official Sunday is January 1st, but he will continue to grace us with his presence and his musical skills. He is planning another César Franck concert in February. We will celebrate Ron's life and ministry with us during the Soup-or-Chili Cook off on January 29th. Ron will be playing the postlude at the roam service. Please plan to join us.



Cindy Lind Hanson to Serve as Interim Minister for Music

Throughout the summer and fall when Ron was diagnosed with and seeking treatment for brain cancer, we have been blessed to have Cindy Lind Hanson (retired Minister for Music at 1st Presbyterian) covering services. She has agreed to fill-in on an interim basis while we search for our next Minister of Music. She will cover Sundays and direct the choir. Those who were at the 4pm Christmas Eve service were given a taste of her musical talent (and her whole family—her daughter Kristie accompanied on the violin). Our Search Committee has convened to create job posting, which will remain live until mid February. We hope to have our new Minister of Music in place later this spring.



The Joys of a Preserved Harvest



The winter blues are unfortunately much too common for us WNYers. The darkness descending before the workday ends; the bitter cold keeping us wanting to stay cozied up on the couch. For those of us who enjoy the fruits of the season, it can be difficult to transition to meals frozen or fast or fresh-less. There is nothing better than fresh picked sweet corn or grapes off the vine! While I greatly miss the delicious and eclectic WNY growing season, I am proud to live within the joys of what I call the “preserved harvest.”

Learning to preserve our summer and fall harvests has truly been a game changer for my family. Not only do we get to relive the fresh flavors of the market in the dead of winter, we find joy in exploring new ways to prepare and eat the produce we love. We are privileged to own a chest freezer, and take the time to invest in canning equipment. As a Cornell Cooperative “Master Preserver” I find excitement in canning, and jamming and jelling over the summer knowing I will enjoy the fruits of the work come winter. It is a true test in delayed gratification. But I wasn’t always a “Master”.

Like most skills, I had to practice. My first year foray into preserving consisted of simply freezing ice cubes of herbs and olive oil. I had too much basil, and the idea of it going to waste hurt my heart. A simple “hack” found on Facebook led to my filling a small corner of our freezer with basil cubes. Once I used those instead of the bland dried herbs from the grocery store, I was hooked!

Not only has this cut our grocery bill, we have found the need to get creative! Our home enjoys plenty of pastas, smoothies, enchiladas, soups, stews and dips! My new favorite is fava bean hummus, blended with some garlic dried in our basement.

With each delicious bite of whatever we’ve whipped up from our freezer treasures, I am reminded of the incredible hard work our local farmers put into growing each ingredient. And in awe of the versatility of cherry tomatoes, easily roasted even from the cold of the deep freeze. I challenge you next summer harvest to start small. Pick a vegetable or fruit you adore and find a way to save it for later. Maybe learn a

new jam recipe or even freeze some zucchini bread! Trust me, you will love the surprises awaiting in your freezer or cabinet come some dreary January day!

For more info on preserving the harvests visit: <https://chautauqua.cce.cornell.edu/food-nutrition/food-preservation> & for the Fava Bean Hummus: <https://www.tastingtable.com/686189/fava-bean-hummus-dip-recipe-nomad/>
(Linnea Haskin, Jamestown Public Market)

Have You Met Yet? Sandy Harle

I'm Sandra Harle, better known as "Sandy." I'm a very happy returnee to the St Luke's family! I spent some time attending a church that some of my family – children and grandchildren – are attending. I returned to St Luke's as I missed our Episcopal liturgy. My hometown is Ithaca, NY. I am the oldest of three daughters in my family of origin. I became the caretaker of the family. So, of course, my chosen vocation is nursing. I've been a Registered Nurse for 53 years. My area of interest and expertise has been Mental Health. I've been employed for 40 years as a Home Care Nurse, with the last 10 years working for and supporting Chautauqua hospice and Palliative Care.....the best 10 years of my career. I am the proud "Mom" to six adult children 5 daughters and 1 son. I am "Grandma Sandy" to 16 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren! Needless to say my life is blessed beyond measure! I am asked at times if I am a "cradle" Episcopalian ... "Not Really" At the age of 9, I was invited to attend St. John's Episcopal Church in Ithaca, NY with school girlfriend. I joined the St Cecilia Girls' Choir. I felt at home in the church, especially during a difficult time in my family. After a few years, my parents followed and began attending St. John's Church. I was confirmed at the age of 12. My father, who was raised Catholic, was received at St. John's Church at the same service as I was confirmed.



When I was 16 years old, my family moved to Western New York. We lived in Randolph, NY and we attended Grace Church. My mother became the choir director at Grace. After a year in Randolph, my father received a promotion and our family moved to Elmira, NY. We attended St Matthew's Church in Horseheads, NY, and I was married at St Matthew's at the age of 19. The year in Randolph changed my life as I have lived in Western New York since the age of 19, raising a wonderful family, working within my chosen profession and being a part of our community.

Currently I am a member of the Bishop Overs Guild, and a new volunteer at the St Luke's Thrift Shop. And recently I enjoyed being able to help with the luncheon served at the Chautauqua Mental Health Association, which is a blessing to me. I am so grateful for the warmth and caring that is given to all that enter St. Luke's. I'm proud that St Luke's welcomes and invites ALL, and supports our Jamestown community!

January News from SLY PYG

At youth group, we are committed to creating an environment for young peoples' learning through relationship-building, fun, and play. For the month of January, we're back at St. Luke's and we could use

some assistance from grandparents, cooks and other friends of SLY PYG to help supply dinner for 14 to 20 teens. Contact Jessica (jessica.frederick@stlukesjamestown.org) to coordinate.

On January 22nd, SLY PYG is planning a wintertime adventure with sledding at Chautauqua Institution followed by hot chocolate at the Kushmal's residence (weather permitting). Instead of normal youth group time, this event will occur at 3pm. Contact Jessica (jessica.frederick@stlukesjamestown.org) with questions and and to coordinate a ride.

Film Screening on 1/16/23 at 7pm at the Reg Lenna

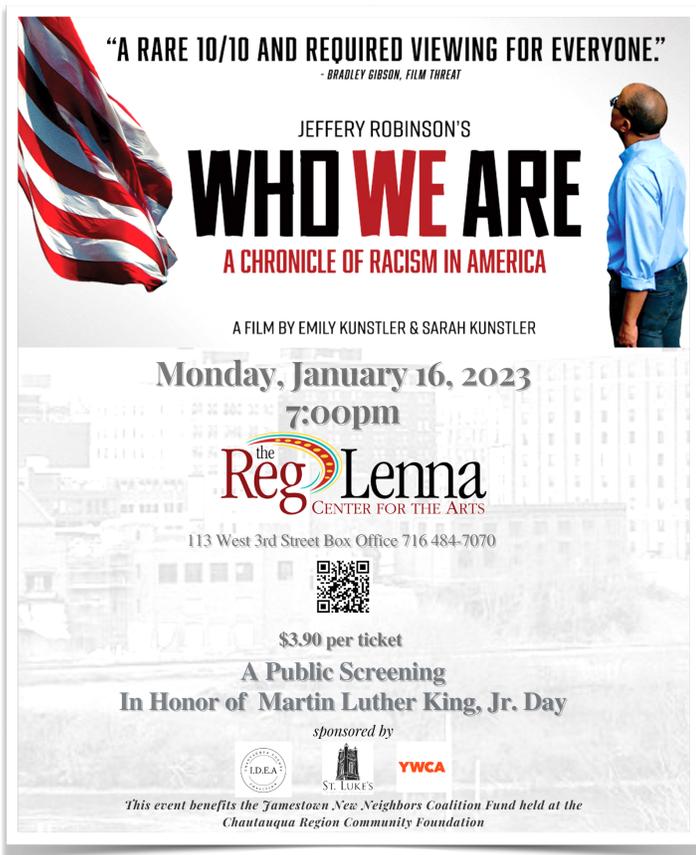
Dr. Martin Luther King was assassinated at the age of 39 years. On January 16, we honor his life by imagining where we would be as country if he had lived a longer life, and what we can now do to make up for lost time.

This fascinating documentary gives us a roadmap toward becoming our best selves by learning where we squandered opportunities in the past or let negative forces erode our pledge as one indivisible nation, with liberty and justice for all.

This documentary is coordinated by the St. Luke's Antiracism committee, the YWCA of Jamestown and the I.D.E.A County Coalition. Please join us at the Reg!

- General - \$3.90 (includes one ticket and a \$.40 donation)
- Ally - \$39.00 (includes four tickets and a \$25 donation)
- Patron - \$390.00 (includes eight tickets and a \$362.00 donation)

All proceeds support the New Neighbors Coalition of Jamestown Fund held at the Chautauqua Region Community Foundation, which is used to assist in refugee resettlement in Jamestown.



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Rector's Rumbings: Bell Tower Update



While you will hear more at our Annual Meeting, we are continuing work to commence and complete the Bell Tower stabilization this year. We received two bids late last year and unfortunately the cost is approximately double what we anticipated. We are looking to see how we might value engineer the cost downward.

I am personally looking into financing options and evaluating where we might be able to raise some additional dollars, so that we can complete this project in 2023. You will hear more about the timeframe and how it will impact the life of the church at our Annual Meeting.



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