



St. Luke's Episcopal Church

Where all are welcome at the Lord's table

monthly

A monthly newsletter for the St. Luke's Community | December 2019

From Father Tim

I was watching the morning news the other day and caught an interview with Tiffany Shlain, author of the recently released book, *24/6, The Power of Unplugging One Day a Week*. My first thought was, "Who is this woman?" A little research revealed that she is an author, filmmaker, and "internet pioneer." Perhaps you have heard of her?

My second thought as I listened to her talk was, "Right... this idea is not exactly novel." A guy named Moses "published" something called *The Ten Commandments*, ghost-written, of course, by G-d, which similarly included the notion of an unplugged day. Although back in those days they didn't have plugs so he called it "the Sabbath." Perhaps you've heard of it?

In her book, Shlain actually uses the language of Sabbath but with a particular focus—she speaks of taking a "Tech Shabbat." A self-identified cultural Jew, after the death of her father and birth of her daughter in the span of one year, she felt like life "grabbed her by the shoulders" as if to say, "Focus on what's important." Not long after those events, her husband and she participated in the first national day of unplugging, and, as she recalls, "We did it that one day, and just never stopped."

Since that day years ago, she and her family have observed a Tech Shabbat each week from sundown Friday until sundown Saturday. And the results have been profound. Listen to how she described the experience in one interview:

We're just so much more with each other on our Tech Shabbat. We always have a big Shabbat meal with family and friends, so there's that incredible sense of empathy and humor. And then we sleep more deeply on Friday nights than any night of the week. We'll make art, we'll go biking, we'll take naps, we'll laugh a lot more. It just feels so great every week. We always comment on it.

Hmmm, maybe God (and Moses) were on to something?

Although the idea of observing a Sabbath is not new, the focus on technology has never been more apt. Think about the frequency with which you look at a screen of some kind. Fifty years ago, it might simply have been whenever you turned on your TV. Then, with the introduction of laptop computers in 1981, we had another screen capturing our attention. The laptop became all the more irresistible as we gained access to the World Wide Web, generally available by 1990. And today, with the Apple Watch, everything from emails to social media to phone calls is only an arm's length away. Is there any wonder that Shlain reports, "We're just so much more with each other on our Tech Shabbat"?

This Sunday marks the beginning of Advent, that season when we are reminded, "Stay awake! Keep watch!" And while our various screens might help with the former, they certainly do get in the way of the latter. How can we keep watch for the holy born in to our world with our eyes glued to a screen?

Imagine how these weeks leading up to Christmas would feel different—would be different—if for each of the four weeks in Advent we observed a Tech Shabbat?

In all honesty, even as I think about such a prospect, a voice of resistance stirs within me. "That's impossible," it starts. "I have too much work to do," it argues. "The Patriots are on," it reminds.

But then, the truth is, if we really are to catch a glimpse of something so transformative as the coming of the Messiah, it makes sense that we would need to change our focus—to look up and out as opposed to down and in.

So, I'm going to give this Tech Shabbat thing a try. It may not be the same day and night every week, but I will try to stay off all screens from sun down of one day to sundown of the next.

"Everyone's present in a very different way when there's no screens anywhere," Shlain notes. I would guess at the very least that means I'll be more present to Diane and our sons on those Shabbat days. And maybe—just maybe—as I take a break from all my screens, I'll find Jesus present to me in a very different way as well.

Advent blessings,

Jim

From Father Dante

When you realize the richness of your own culture, you become stronger.

Chef Enrique Olvera

As many of you know, I have a deep passion for food and all things culinary. As of late, I've taken a deep dive into exploring my own heritage by resurrecting Italian culinary techniques that are fading from existence - those old school ways of doing things by hand that have been replaced by new technologies under the banners of expedience and convenience. Part of this journey has been to watch as many cooking shows and documentaries as I can stream on Netflix and YouTube. A couple of months ago I watched the one season of a Netflix cooking competition called *The Final Table*.

In the first episode, which profiled the culinary treasures of Mexico, renown chef, Enrique Olvera shared what is something of a mantra for him: "When you realize the richness of your own culture, you become stronger." The moment I heard this, I paused the tv, rewound the video a few minutes and watched that clip again. I wanted to hear those words once more. Truthfully, I probably watched that scene 5 or 6 times. By the sixth time hearing the phrase I got a little teary eyed. What Olvera speaks about when he says these words is about far more than anything that happens in the kitchen. These words speak to the power of integrity; to the power of living into the fullness of who we are, and unabashedly claiming our traditions and heritages. His words moved me to tears, because in that moment I felt that he took me to Church (as the kids these days like to say).

We are on the cusp of a new season and a new year in the life of the Church. The First Sunday of Advent (this year December 1) marks the beginning of not only the season of Advent, but also of a new liturgical year. More than any other time throughout our liturgical calendar, I believe that this season, the season of Advent, is a time for us to claim Olvera's words.

As we launch into the season of Advent, the world around us is already weeks ahead of celebrating secular Christmas. I use the term secular Christmas intentionally. As I sit here, streaming music through Spotify (Gustav Mahler's Symphony No. 2 in C Minor, if you're curious) there is a constant ad for "The Best of Pentatonix Christmas Now Streaming on Spotify." For weeks, ads have been popping up with holiday playlists. Then there are the decorations and store displays. It was late September when I saw the first signs of Christmas at a local store. Given the lengthening lead up to Christmas, it can feel that by the time we get there on sundown on December 24 we have missed out on everything. How the world around us keeps Christmas is different than how the Church keeps Christmas. Now I'm not trying to advocate for the war on Christmas, just noting, without judgment, that there is a difference. Both have their merits and both bring joy to those who partake.

What I do hope to encourage is for all of us to take a deeper look at the culture that is ours. To realize the richness of our religious heritage when it comes to celebrating this season. For us the countdown to Christmas does not begin on December 1 with a different movie each night, but with the season of Advent. It is a time where we are invited to slow down, to stop, and reflect in the midst of the busyness around us. It is a time for us to prepare for life to change. The manger scenes we have all come to know and love at Christmas, the gentle baby, the animals, the stars in the sky are beautiful and have captured imaginations of many through the centuries. But those meek and mild things will have, and do have, a radical impact on the world and humanity. What we prepare for in this season of Advent is for the preconceived notions of the world to be shattered by the birth of the Messiah.

As the world around us encourages us to buy more things, to spend more money, to judge how “good” this Christmas was by what gifts we received, our Advent prayer is different. Our Advent prayers invite us to prepare for the greatest gift of all - our very salvation. Each Sunday, during our Eucharistic prayer we will say, “Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing” (BCP p. 378). We are preparing to be released from all that holds us captive, to be relieved of any shame or fear we might have, because God is about to be born amongst us once more.

As you continue with your family traditions of getting ready for Christmas I hope you will also consider recommitting, or committing for the first time, to take on our cultural traditions of the season. Mix in some of the great Advent hymns to your Christmas music rotation, take time to read a daily devotional, join with members of this community in finding ways to give back and share the blessings we have received, take time to reflect on your interior life and how you might make room for God to enter your life once more.

Enrique Olvera is right. When we realize the richness of our own culture, we become stronger. This Advent, my prayer is that we become stronger together. That we realize the richness of our heritage and seek to integrate it with our own family traditions of the season. For if we do, I truly believe, that when sundown on December 24th comes we will have a richer and stronger celebration of Christmastide.

Advent Blessings,
Dante

The Choirs Of St. Luke's

A JOYFUL CHRISTMAS CONCERT



featuring

The St. Cecilia and
Canterbury Choirs, and
The Three Amigos

Sunday, December 15
at 4 PM

*Festive music for the holiday season with a
Cookie Reception Following!*

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Shelf Life

Shelf Life: **An Exploration of the Book Shelves of our Parish Leadership**

“For some of us, books are as important as almost anything else on earth. What a miracle it is that out of these small, flat, rigid squares of paper unfolds world after world after world, worlds that sing to you, comfort and quiet or excite you. Books help us understand who we are and how we are to behave. They show us what community and friendship mean; they show us how to live and die.”

— Anne Lamott, **Bird by Bird: Some Instructions on Writing and Life**

One Hundred Graces

By: Marcia and Jack Kelly

Published in 1992

I found this book at a library sale, and have been very pleased to read it. Slowly of course! As you would expect from the title there are 100 different ways of giving thanks – Christian and Jewish, Hindu and Buddhist, Islamic and Native American. The Graces were gathered by the authors as they travelled to monasteries all around the world.

It is a book to be savoured, if you feel at the end of the day, you want a special thanks, open to one of the Graces. Many are focused on saying thanks before we have a meal, but others use language that is visual. This weekend, I opened the book randomly, and read this table prayer by M. D. Bouyer. It reminded me of our community Eucharist and to be grateful for wisdom, our community table, and nourishment and blessed words.

**Lord our God,
You invite us
To the banquet of your wisdom,
Giving us for nourishment
Both the bread of the earth
And your living word*
Bless this meal,
And give us entry to your banquet*
In the name of the Father, Son & Holy Spirit.**

The Graces are inscribed by Christopher Gausby in calligraphy, to remind us of the scrolls, and medieval beginnings of our recorded prayers. I hope that this book could be useful to you, at this blessed harvest time, when we take a moment of stillness, to let our minds settle and to acknowledge the gifts that our Creator has provided. Godspeed, Christine

From the Treasurer

Did you Know!

If you are retired and attained the young age of 70 ½, you are required to take minimum distributions from your retirement accounts. This distribution normally is added to your taxable income.

One thing the tax code allows for is qualified charitable distribution.

A QCD is a direct transfer of funds from your IRA custodian, payable to a qualified charity, like **St. Luke's Church!** QCDs can be counted toward satisfying your required minimum distributions (RMDs) for the year, as long as certain rules are met.

In addition to the benefits of giving to charity, a QCD **excludes the amount donated from taxable income**, which is unlike regular withdrawals from an IRA. Keeping your taxable income lower may reduce the impact to certain tax credits and deductions, including Social Security and Medicare.

Can I make a QCD?

While many IRAs are eligible for QCDs—Traditional, Rollover, Inherited, SEP (inactive plans only), and SIMPLE (inactive plans only)* —there are requirements:

- You must be 70½ or older to be eligible to make a QCD.
- QCDs are limited to the amount that would otherwise be taxed as ordinary income. This excludes non-deductible contributions.
- The maximum annual amount that can qualify for a QCD is \$100,000. This applies to the sum of QCDs made to one or more charities in a calendar year. (If, however, you file taxes jointly, your spouse can also make a QCD from his or her own IRA within the same tax year for up to \$100,000.) . **(See Fr. Tim if you'd like to donate over that amount)**
- For a QCD to count towards your current year's RMD, the funds must come out of your IRA by your RMD deadline, generally December 31.

Any amount donated above your RMD does not count toward satisfying a future year's RMD.

Funds distributed directly to you, the IRA owner, and which you then give to charity do not qualify as a QCD. The distribution must be made to the charity to qualify.

Under certain circumstances, a QCD may be made from a Roth IRA. Roth IRAs are not subject to RMDs during your lifetime, and distributions are generally tax-free.

Consult your tax or financial advisor for more on this program.

Vestry Corner

Volunteers are very important to St. Luke's

Volunteers are some of the hardest working people. Whether you give 5 minutes or more of helping or assisting others in some way. It makes a difference.

Alongside the paid staff at St. Luke's Church, Volunteers are the driving force to make our church home a warm and comfortable place. Yes, it does take a village!

A few years ago, Father Tim asked Julie Gemma and me to put together a group of volunteers to assist and help with occasions that came up throughout the year. That group was "Helping Hands". Many of you helped and are still helping with collations, suppers, Diocese convention gatherings, etc.

There are many things that go into taking care of and attend to in our church home. Church is where we can pull our thoughts together or just rest. Volunteers keep our church alive: church management, worship, music, Christian education and outreach to our community. You all play a role in creating the welcoming, safe and vibrant community that we are.

Thank you to all that are part of this great family here at St. Luke's that makes this all possible!

Lois McLoughlin, Vestry

Stewardship Campaign

The formal elements of the 2020 Stewardship Campaign are over and we find ourselves on the edge of the busiest and most stressful season of the year. I'd like to thank all those who shared intimate details of their personal faith journey. I feel that this Stewardship Campaign tradition does as much to bring us together as a community as it does to promote stewardship.

Every year, I'm asked about how people determine the amount they pledge. Only you and your family can determine the perfect pledge, but two questions may help guide the next steps in your faith journey:

"Am I building God's kingdom?

"Is my giving a gracious and thankful response to God's blessings in my life?"

If your pledge card is still sitting on your desk or kitchen counter, please continue its journey from the bottom of the mail pile back to the church before the Christmas Cards bury it deeper.

Yours in Christ,

David Sampson

St. Luke's Adult Faith Formation

Adult Faith Formation Advent Book Study

Join us for an enlightening look at the well-known Gospel stories of the Birth of Jesus as Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan skillfully lead us through these stories to a deeper understanding of their meaning for us today in their book [The First Christmas: What the Gospels Really Teach About Jesus's Birth](#). As we learned a few years ago when we read their earlier book, "The Last Week," the more familiar the story, the less we tend to take that deeper dive into the richer meaning of these important parts of our faith story. Although we read this book at St. Luke's at least 5 years ago, most of our current Adult Faith Formation group has not read it and we are excited to offer it again in order to share the richness of their insights. Books can be purchased at St. Luke's for \$11, as always scholarships are available to cover the cost of the book. This book study will begin on Sunday December 1 at 9am in the dining room.

An Online Conversation for Advent

Join us once again for the opportunity to share with others from St. Luke's who can't attend the Sunday morning program during Advent, but who want to have conversations related to an Advent Devotional book. We will again be using the SLACK program to facilitate our conversations. Here's what you need to do to participate:

1. Purchase a copy of the book – we expect to have them in by Sunday, November 24, and will have them for sale (\$4) or you can get your own copy elsewhere - e-reader version or print version.
2. Sign-up with your email address to be invited to the conversation on SLACK and follow the detailed directions that Dante wrote on how to use SLACK.
3. Read the daily portion from the book – disregard the dates in the book and just follow the chapters: Advent I with 7 daily readings, then the chapter for Advent II with 7 daily readings, etc.
4. Open SLACK and add your comments under the Initial Posting for each day. We will continue to post on SLACK through the Christmas season to Epiphany, following the book chapters.

Please join us in these online conversations as you are able!

This year's SLACK Advent Devotional is [Soul Proclamations: Singing the Magnificat with Mary](#). Books are available for purchase for \$4, scholarships are available to help cover the cost of the book. Join Mary's proclamation this Advent as you let your soul sing the Magnificat with her. Six weeks of daily Advent and Christmas meditations guide you through topics found in Mary's story including Watching and Waiting, Preparing the Way, Proclaiming the Good News, Be Not Afraid, Being and Belonging, and God is With Us. Walk with Mary as you prepare your heart and mind and perhaps ready yourself⁹ to respond to Jesus with the same humble, gracious yes, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word."

Youth Faith Formation

St. Luke's Youth Group Calendar of Events December 2019

Friday December 13: Christmas Ornament and Card Making (ALL)

At St. Luke's from 6:00pm-8:00pm. We will be making Christmas ornaments to youth to take home and Christmas cards that will be passed out at the December CCK dinner.

Saturday December 21: Visit to the Festival of Lights at La Salette Shrine (ALL)

La Salette Shrine - 947 Park Street, Attleboro, MA

We will meet at St. Luke's at 3:30pm drive to La Salette (approximately 1 hour away). The hope is that we will be there for 4:30pm that way we can see the lights get turned on. Please bring \$10-20 for dinner in the cafeteria (scholarships available).

Friday December 27: United Skates of America (6th-8th Grade)

United Skates of America - 75 New Road Rumford, RI. We will leave St. Luke's at 11:30am and depart United Skates of America at 3pm

JOURNEY WITH US THIS ADVENT ADDITIONAL RESOURCES FOR YOUR USE AT HOME

BOOKS

"Low: Every Heart Prepare" by John Pavlovitz

"Let Every Heart Prepare" by Barbara Cawthorne Crafton

"Preparing for Christmas: Daily Meditations for Advent" Richard Rohr

"Love Came Down: Anglican Readings for Advent and Christmas" Christopher Webber

ONLINE - LINKS INCLUDED IN THE ST. LUKE'S WEEKLY

#AdventWord

Journeying the Way of Love Advent Calendar

Pittsburg Theological Seminary Advent Resources

This list of resources was compiled by the Adult Faith Formation Committee. For more information about Adult Faith Formation at St. Luke's please contact the parish office or a member of the clergy.

DECEMBER SAVE THE DATES

December 4, 2019

7 pm Women of Grace Meeting
7 pm Stewardship Committee Meeting @ Blackburn Rm

December 5, 2019

6 pm Finance Committee Meeting @ Blackburn Rm

December 7, 2019

4 pm St. Lucia Festival @ Church

December 10, 2019

7 pm Vestry Meeting @ Blackburn Rm

December 15, 2019

4 pm Christmas Concert @ Church

December 17, 2019

7 pm Theology on Tap Christmas Meeting

December 18, 2019

10 am Pastoral Care Meeting
6:30 pm Welcoming Place Meeting @ Auditorium

December 19, 2019

8:00 am Property Breakfast

December 21, 2019

3:30 pm Youth Group - Festival of Lights at La Salette Shrine

December 22, 2019

11:30 am - Greening of the Church

December 24, 2019

4 pm Christmas Eve Family Service
7 pm Christmas Eve Quiet Service
11 pm Christmas Eve Traditional Midnight Mass with Choir Prelude at 10:30 pm

December 25, 2019

10 am Christmas Day Holy Eucharist Service

December 27, 2019

11:30 am Youth Group (6th-8th Grade) - United Skates of America Trip

December 29, 2019

10:15 am Christmas Lessons & Carols Service

December 30, 2019

5 pm CCK Dinner @ Dining Rm

Epiphany Pageant Sunday, January 5, 10:15am

Calling All Children, Teens, And Those Who Are Young At Heart

All people of St. Luke's from pre-school through high school and beyond are welcomed and encouraged to be part of this year's Epiphany Pageant, the telling of the Christmas Story.

Costumes are provided and there are no lines to memorize!

There will be only one rehearsal for the pageant. It will be on Saturday, January 4, from 10am-12pm. Lunch will be provided.

If you or your children are interested in participating in the Epiphany Pageant, please speak with Rodney Ayers at rodney@stlukeseg.org or Fr. Dante at dante@stlukeseg.org.

St. Luke's Christmas Caroling on the Hill

Saturday, December 21st, 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm. Join us for an evening of Christmas cheer as we sing carols to our neighbors on the Hill. All voices and ages welcome! We will gather at the church for hot chocolate and cookies and then head out in groups across the neighborhood. Bring a flashlight and wear a red scarf if you have one. Sign up in the atrium so we can get a cookie count, but show up even if you didn't sign up! For questions contact Gary Schweizer, Deborah Collins, Laura Sullivan or Joseph Gomes.

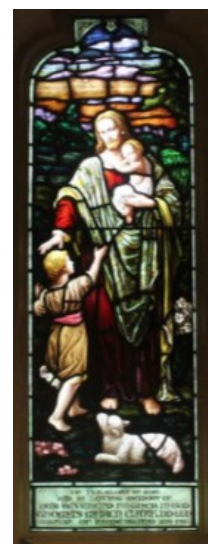


Stained Glass Window Books

The Pastoral Care members will be selling The Stained Glass Window Books at our Sunday, December 8th, Service

The books make wonderful Christmas gifts! The cost is \$25.00. We accept cash and checks made out to St. Luke's Church. Hope to see you at our table located in the foyer!

Thank you!





*East Greenwich
Chamber of Commerce*

HOLIDAY

PARADE

**Extraordinary
Rendition Band @ 5PM**

**St. Luke's
Choir @ 5:30PM**

**Tree Lighting
& Santa @ 6PM**

Saturday December 7 at 5PM

Parade will head down Friendship and turn left onto Main Street and finish at Town Hall at 5:30PM

St. Luke's Choir will sing on Town Hall steps, followed by Santa lighting the Town Hall Tree at 6PM

For information about walking in the parade contact: amy@eastgreenwichchamber.com

Christmas Flower & Music Memorials

POINSETTIA MEMORIALS

REQUESTED BY: _____

In loving memory of...



Please submit names to the office **by Saturday, December 14**, in order to be included in this season's Poinsettia and Music Memorials.

Suggested donation for the Poinsettias and Music Memorials is \$10 per name. Music Memorials pay for the additional musicians St. Luke's brings in to celebrate Christmas Eve.

You can email names to Christina in the office at cimondi@stlukeseg.org, drop this form with a check in the Sunday offering, or mail this form with your check to St. Luke's. There are also forms available at the back of the church. Thank you!



MUSIC MEMORIALS

REQUESTED BY: _____

In loving memory of...

A Note From Deacon Christine

Dear People of God,

I want to Thank You for **being so compassionate with me**, with cards and calls on the loss of my mother, Peg.

The waves of loss continue to plague me, like an ocean where the waves are forever coming in to shore. Your cards, have brought me great comfort! And I am amazed, because when I shop for a consolation-sympathy card, I feel like Hallmark just can't say it!! What are these words...trying to comfort a broken heart!!

However, so many cards share scripture -- and so many poems expressed exactly the mood I have been stuck in. **Thank you from my heart – I so appreciate your reaching out.** I will be at church on the third Sunday in Advent, December 15th, and look forward to being with you in community prayer and at the Eucharistic Table of consolation. God's blessing to you in your thanksgiving, caring and in your praying.

Very Best Regards, Deacon Christine

Ps. Some samples of special scripture, poems, and notes:

Isaiah 66:12-13 For this is what the Lord says...."As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you."

Psalms 72:26 "God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever."

2 Corinthians 1:7 "God will tenderly comfort you....He will give you strength to endure."

From a card....there is Love....to comfort you, surround you, sustain you.

Women of Grace: In the Waiting Room

*Then cleansed be every breast from sin,
Make way straight the way for God within,
And let each heart prepare a home
Where such a mighty guest may come.
From Hymn 76*

As we light the first candle of the Advent wreath, many of us are compiling lists, preparing the ‘way of the Lord’ – both in our life of worship and in this busy season. Advent means ‘coming’, so we await the Lord’s coming – both in celebrating His birth, and in His promised Second Coming.

There is much to be done, but also we wait, with expectation. On December 4th, the Women of Grace will gather to discuss the concept, indeed the discipline, of **waiting**. Do we have the excited impatience of children, counting down the days to Christmas, numbered on the Advent calendar, or the stress of adulthood, with too much to do in too few days? How do we ‘wait upon the Lord’, trusting in His plan, and in His timing? How do we cast aside dread and fear with eagerness and hope?

All women of the parish are welcome to attend. Bring a guest, too! Ellen Abell will host us at her home at 126 Pine Glen, East Greenwich. As usual, we will gather at 7 p.m. for 30 minutes of conversation and light *hors d'oeuvres*. The formal program begins at 7:30 and lasts about one hour. We conclude with a closing prayer. Everyone is out the door by 9 p.m.

So that we may prepare accordingly, please let Elizabeth McNamara (emac6660@gmail.com) know if you plan to attend.

We may just discover anew that the best things are indeed worth waiting for!

Acolytes needed to serve – Christmas Eve and Christmas Day!

If your family is planning to go to one of the services below, and you can help and serve on the altar, please get in touch with Julie or Charlie Cronin. Let them know if you are available. The Christmas schedule will be ready soon! Thank you!

Tuesday December 24th 11 pm
Wednesday December 25th 10:00 am

Commitment Campaign Update

As we continue to give thanks for the life of our community, we wanted to give an update on the current status of our commitment campaign. Thank you to everyone who has already pledged. We are grateful for every pledge that comes in, and are particularly excited to see how many pledges have increased.

Here are the numbers to date: We have 137 pledges for a total of \$334,994. Of those 137 pledges, 66 have increased, 8 have decreased, 53 have remained the same, and 10 are new.

If you have not already pledged, please consider doing so. This information is important and helpful for us as we continue with our budget deliberations for 2020. Thank you again for all who have taken the next step on their journey of faith. We are privileged to share this journey together.

Property Committee

Property Breakfast meets December 19, 2019

Our Property Breakfast this month is on December 19 at 8:00 a.m.

Please join us as all are welcome no matter your level of experience. Join us when you can for however long you are able. We meet the third Thursday of each month from 8:00 a.m.-Noon. We begin with breakfast and fellowship and move into tasks after cleanup. We work on indoor as well as out of doors tasks that need to be done to keep our building and grounds a safe, warm and welcoming place.

If you see a need for repair or have a suggestion, please communicate with us by:

- 1) Placing a note in the Property mailbox in the office
- 2) Catching someone after the service on Sunday
- 3) Email one of us at: Doug - djmaceg@verizon.net
Bob - rwbrockway@verizon.net
Cindi - benem@cox.net

Advent & Christmas at St. Luke's

CHRISTMAS CONCERT: December 15 4pm

GREENING OF THE CHURCH: December 22 11:30am

CHRISTMAS EVE: December 24

4pm Family Service

with St. Cecilia Choir, Trumpet, & Timpani

7pm Quiet Service with St. Cecilia Alumni Choir

11pm Traditional Midnight Mass

with Canterbury Choir & Harp

choral prelude beginning at 10:30pm

CHRISTMAS DAY: December 25

10am Holy Eucharist with hymns

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS: December 29

Holy Eucharist 7:45am

Christmas Lessons & Carols 10:15am

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS: January 5

Holy Eucharist 7:45am

Epiphany Pageant with Holy Eucharist 10:15am



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