



# ST. JOHN'S WINDOW

## | A VIEW OF OUR LIFE |

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## We Are Not a UNESCO Heritage Site

Years ago I had a professor in high school who taught Latin and Greek as well as the Humanities called Richard T. DeBrau, who always wore a double-breasted suit to class as well as wire-rimmed glasses and a handkerchief in his pocket. As a young boy I had never left the state of California, and I loved the days when he would show slides of his travels to places like Greece. Sometimes he would show pictures of himself sitting on a big ancient stone in ancient places such as the Parthenon. I was inspired but never thought I would be able to go to places where there were ancient ruins.

It turns out I was wrong. I have been to many ancient ruins and many places in the world. When you are visiting places that go back thousands of years in history, you see remains of life that used to inhabit these spots. There are rocks, stones and remnants of freezes with letters and reliefs on them that send you a message that this site was once full of life, swirling with commerce, festivals, temples, churches, and real life people.

Sometimes there is not much of an indication that these are places where people like Alexander the Great, Anthony and Cleopatra, or Aristotle lived and made history. I remember being in Izmir, Turkey, where all that remained of the rich and luminous life of Bishop Polycarp is his name on a piece of granite on a sidewalk.

After you have gone to a number of these places you begin to see that life somehow evaporates, although some memories hang on as chapters in history books. Things seem to vanish as we walk through rocks and hollowed-out, broken-down buildings of what used to be.

Wherever I go, I come upon UNESCO World Heritage sites. Whether you are in Jerusalem or Split, Croatia, you will discover a plaque or a sign or a designation that says *UNESCO World Heritage Site*. There are hundreds of them all around the world.

Kathy and I were walking around the ruins of Byblos in Lebanon and saw that familiar sign. Kathy told me it brings joy to her heart to see this designation because it means that this place will not be destroyed. When I see World Heritage I think of something people treasure and try to preserve for future generations, if only the memory sometimes. This is absolutely the right thing to do because we need to have unique places in history that will always be remembered and never forgotten. In fact, more than that, they need to be visited so we can be enriched by them.

I am also pleased when I see that Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris is being rebuilt from the awful fire that destroyed it. It is *more* than a World Heritage Site. It is a church where people still worship. As it lay burning, there were shouts from

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8.15 am Early Worship

9 am Adult Forum

10 am Worship & Sunday  
School

**Teen Parenting Seminar**

March 19

**Midnight Run**

March 22

**Holy Week & Easter**

March 24-31

*see inside for times*

**Book Club**

April 2

**Concert**

April 7



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all over the world and, of course, France especially, saying that it was a symbol of Paris and France itself. These were secular voices, non-believers, who want this building to remain in its beauty as if it were the Eiffel Tower. It is *not* the Eiffel Tower or the Taj Mahal; it is a church, a sacred space. Work is progressing quickly, and church services are being held surrounded by the wreckage. On Sundays and other times, there is life beyond just the workmen.

The message is that the Church is more than buildings; it's the people who inhabit the buildings, the "living stones". Church is the gathered people of God, together in person. They come with their neediness, their hopes and dreams, their tears, grief, and sorrow. They come with their humanity, unafraid to share it. Christianity may come to us with a wonderful heritage, but there is nothing more wonderful than live people, praying, singing hymns, and hearing the word proclaimed in person.

Whether we are a child participating in a children's sermon, or an adult kneeling to receive bread and wine, nothing beats something that is alive, vibrant, caring, loving, and thriving. That is my hope for us. I can't wait for Easter.

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*4 Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and 5 like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.  
1 Peter 2:4-5*



### **Keep in Your Prayers**

*Brian Bentley, Tricia Berwick, Brian Caldwell, Wenche Delfino, Sophia English Edwards, Patricia Gabriel, Richard Geminn, Jorge & Carmen Gómez, Diane Hagedorn, Eric Hahn, William Halpern, Mary Jachner, Eleanore McCaffery, Jim McCullough, Bill Nunnink, Bruce Quinn, Alexander Rauls, Jeannette Schneider, Joyce Schumacher, Patricia Torpie, Jill & Anthony Valentino, Jim Wills, Fred Zito*

### **Sympathy**

We extend our deepest sympathy to Jane and Jordan VanLare and their family over the death of Jane's father. Please keep them in your prayers.

### **Thank You for Your Special Offerings in February**

#### **Endowment Fund/Memorials**

Carla & Brian Hofland  
Kathy & Pastor Henk  
*in memory of Norman Block*  
Kathy & Pastor Henk  
*in memory of Millie Brandon*

#### **Sunday School**

Jennifer & Eddie Riguardi

#### **Discretionary Fund**

Beverley Broodie-Stewart

#### **Capital Fund**

Jim Wills

#### **Refugee Fund**

Jennifer & Eddie Riguardi

## Upcoming Events & Announcements

### HELP THE HOMELESS

**Midnight Run**  
Friday, March 22

From preparing items to take, to going into the city, participating on the Midnight Run is a wonderful opportunity to help the less-fortunate among us.

Please go to [bit.ly/48mqTo9](https://bit.ly/48mqTo9) to sign up to pack a lunch, drive a car into the city, or donate items.

...and, as you can see when you click on the link, we still need help, especially with the following:

- **Help sort clothing and pack the van.**  
Note, we will start at 7:30pm this time!!!
- **Join us on the Run!** If you can drive, great! If not, we'll arrange a ride for you. Please be here by 8.30 pm.
- **Donate plastic and reusable grocery bags-** the people we serve are always asking for bags to carry the clothing and items they are given
- **Used men's clothing: gently worn jeans, T-shirts, sweat shirts/hoodies, sweat pants, and sneakers ONLY** (no dress clothes)
- **New men's underwear** (underpants - BOXERS PREFERRED - and undershirts) **and tube socks.** Sports bras and underwear for women also welcome.
- **6 or more bag lunches:** each lunch should include a juice box/water bottle, sandwich, soft fruit, hard-boiled egg, snack (chips etc) , and a treat (bag of cookies etc), all packed in a Ziploc bag.

Please join us. You'll be glad you did! Questions? Please reach out to Amy at (917) 438-8562 - text is best!

### SAVE THE DATE

<b>TAG SALE</b>	June 1
<b>PICNIC</b>	June 23
<b>SUMMER WORSHIP</b>	starts June 30
<b>OKTOBERFEST</b>	October 19



### Supporting your Teen Through Adolescence: Identifying and Managing Anxiety and Depression March 19, 7pm

*Joanna A. Robin, PhD, Director of Westchester Anxiety  
Treatment Psychological Services, PC*

More than one out of every 10 youth struggle with an anxiety disorder or depression during childhood or adolescence. This presentation will help parents learn to:

- Distinguish between normal stress and problematic anxiety
- Identify symptoms of depression in youth
- Talk to their teens about anxiety and depression
- Support their children in decreasing avoidance and facing their fears
- Increase behavioral activation to combat symptoms of depression

Dr. Robin, a licensed clinical psychologist, specializes in the treatment of anxiety, mood, and behavioral problems in children, adolescents, and adults. Dr. Robin was a senior psychologist at the Columbia University Clinic for Anxiety and Related Disorders. She also served on the voluntary faculty at New York Presbyterian Hospital Weill Cornell.

### The Life We're Looking For



### BOOK CLUB

**Tuesday, April 2 @ 7.30 pm**

We will read **The Life We're Looking For** *Reclaiming Relationship in a Technological World* by Andy Crouch.

"A masterpiece, a gem, a treasure. Andy is a generative and creative thinker, a wise guide, inviting us to ponder things in fresh ways. You've not read anything like this, and more than even his other good books, he has written elegantly and artfully. One of the best books of recent times." *Hearts and Minds Books*

Read it and join us on April 2!

## Holy Week

### Palm Sunday

March 24

8.15 & 10.30 am Worship

### Maundy Thursday

March 28

7.30 pm Worship

### Good Friday

March 29

7 am Men's Prayer Breakfast

12 noon Worship

8 pm Tenebrae Service

### Easter Sunday

March 31

8 am & 10.30 am Worship

9 am Easter Breakfast &

Easter Egg Hunt



### Good Friday

Calling all men to join us Friday morning at 7.30 am for a sumptuous breakfast and a brief devotion to follow. You will be on your way in an hour. All men are welcome. Please email [office@stjohnsny.org](mailto:office@stjohnsny.org) to let us know you will attend.



### Easter Egg Hunt

Calling All Children!

For all children through 4<sup>th</sup> grade. The hunt is held between the two Easter morning services on the side lawn. We have bags for each child and plenty of eggs for them to find.



You are cordially invited to St. John's Annual Easter Breakfast!

**When:** 9 am

**Where:** St. John's Fellowship Hall

**Cost:** \$10 per person (kids under 6 are free)

Please join us for this unique and wonderful fellowship opportunity on Easter morning. Enjoy a delicious, hearty, and homemade breakfast before heading upstairs for a triumphant Easter service.

Sponsored by our Youth Group! All proceeds will help send us to New Orleans for the 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering this July.

## EASTER FLOWERS ORDER

Easter morning is filled with hope and joy. Part of that hope and joy is expressed when we adorn the sanctuary with flowers showing our great hope in the resurrection of our Lord. You are invited to participate in this day by contributing to the Easter Flower Memorial Fund.



I/we, \_\_\_\_\_, would like to contribute the following flowers:

Daffodils (\$20) \_\_\_\_\_ Tulips (\$20) \_\_\_\_\_ Lilies (\$20) \_\_\_\_\_ (Please indicate the number of plants)

( ) In memory of ( ) In honor of ( ) In celebration of \_\_\_\_\_

( ) For all God's blessings ( ) To the glory of God Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Total amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check ( ) Cash ( )

**Order by March 24** and submit this slip with your payment or email [office@stjohnsny.org](mailto:office@stjohnsny.org). Note Easter flowers.



## Miscellany

### Concert



St. John's will present a delightful concert of music for French Horn and Lever Harp on **Sunday, April 7 at 3 pm**, featuring the Reit Duo. The program will include traditional Scottish, Welsh, and Irish folk tunes, as well as compositions by Thomas Morley, John Playford, and William Byrd.

*Harpist Alyssa Reit is an independent composer, arranger, performer, teacher, and storyteller. She has performed with the Orchestra of St. Lukes, Metropolitan Opera, and Pittsburgh Symphony. French Hornist Peter Reit performed in the Broadway Production of Phantom of the Opera for 32 years, as well as many other ensembles including the New York Philharmonic, Orpheus, American Ballet, New York City Opera, and Metropolitan Opera.*



**Saturday, June 1**

**WE WANT YOUR UNWANTED "STUFF"!**

We need household items; jewelry; toys; men's, women's, and children's clothing - all in good condition. No books, computers, electronics, stuffed animals.

Please don't bring anything before mid-May if possible since we don't have enough storage space. If you have any questions, email Kathy Henk at [kathyhenk2021@gmail.com](mailto:kathyhenk2021@gmail.com) or Carla Hofland at [carla.hofland@gmail.com](mailto:carla.hofland@gmail.com).

**SAVE THE DATE:** We will need a lot of help with set-up, selling, and clean-up!



**Every Sunday  
at 9 am**

All are welcome!

Adult Forum is designed for those who would like to learn more about their faith and share their opinions, beliefs, and doubts with an open mind, to be enriched by the thoughts of others. For 45-60 minutes you have the luxury of discussing ideas along with a cup of coffee. Join us and feed your mind.

Our new book is **Zero at the Bone: Fifty entries against despair** by Christian Wiman.

"Christian Wiman braids poetry, memoir, theology and criticism to create an inspired, career-defining work. Few contemporary writers ask the questions about faith, morality, and God that Christian Wiman does, and even fewer—perhaps none—do so with his urgency and eloquence. As Marilynne Robinson wrote, '[Wiman's] poetry and his scholarship have a purifying urgency that is rare in this world ... [It] enables him to say new things in timeless language, so that the reader's surprise and assent are one and the same.' (...) Zero at the Bone is a revelation." *City Lights Bookstore*



### From Faith Lutheran Church

Last year many of you responded to our call for help for Faith Lutheran Church in Cambridge, Mass., which was destroyed in an Easter evening fire, and donated generously to help the church rebuild. You made it possible for us to send a \$4,540 check to Faith Lutheran in July last year. We have just received a thank you letter:

(...) Because of your kind and generous donation and the care and love you have shown us, we have continued in our spiritual and community life without interruption. As always, through all of this extraordinary year you have played an important role in the continuing mission of Faith Lutheran Church. Thanks to your generous contributions this past year, Faith has continued to grow and continues to be an important part of the community, despite the devastating fire in April. Faith could not have done any of this without your support (...).

## Sunday School

Hi everyone!

The teachers and I are busily planning Lenten events and special projects. Some items are:

- New curriculum focusing on the New Testament
- The younger children are working with our 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> graders, under the guidance of their teacher Ms. Kim, to learn new music and to prepare to sing on Easter Sunday.
- Preparations are under way for Holy Week
- Two outreach programs, first – ELCA sponsored Buck a Chick program, for every picture of a chick that is colored by a student or adult, they donate \$1 toward the purchase of a chick that will go to a needy family here at home and abroad. This will help the families have eggs to eat, to sell, which will help make their lives a little easier. Second - Midnight Run with Sunday School making up 60 to 70 toiletry bags for the homeless
- Palm Cross Making on Friday, March 22. It's a fun activity for the kids and their parents. Join us!
- Easter breakfast, then the Easter egg hunt for the children, followed by the special Easter service at 10:30am

Attendance for Sunday school is very important as there is so much to teach the children and so little time to get everything accomplished. So, parents, please make your best efforts to have your children with us weekly, first at service with you where Pastor provides such wonderful children's sermons, followed by singing and then to class for their lessons. We love that this new Church Service/Sunday school combined schedule gives you the opportunity to worship as a family then to enjoy the service until you join the children again for coffee hour.

Out of the mouths of babes:

One four-year-old prayed, "And forgive us our trash baskets as we forgive those who put trash in our baskets." This one brought a smile to my face.

Hope you are enjoying these wintery days,

*Dorothea*

Christian Education Chairperson



Kensington K. 03/22

Bette H. 03/01

## Our New Church Council Members



We welcome **Cheryl Cipro**, who is our new financial secretary, **Carla Hofland**, who is our new vice president, and **Wendy Kihn**, who is in charge of evangelism.

**Wendy** currently works at an Actuarial Firm which designs retirement plans for small businesses. She has been attending St. John's for ten plus years with her husband Heath. Their two children are part of the wonderful Sunday School program, which Kensington and Logan look forward to attending every Sunday. St. John's has become an important part of their lives, and Wendy is looking forward to giving back by serving on the Church Council, inspired by the many members that do serve and she hopes to be as impactful.

**Carla** is recently retired from the Montessori organization but is still doing consulting work all over the U.S. She has been a member of St. John's for over 20 years, along with her husband Brian, and has served on the Church Council before. She is also the chair of the Finance Committee and has been co-chair of our tag sale for many years. Carla attends Adult Forum,

serves as worship assistant in many capacities, and regularly brings the food bags to the food pantry.

**Cheryl** is the Director of Regional and Special Programming at Sarah Lawrence College in Bronxville. She and husband George Groth have been members of St. John's for many years. They are both members of our choir (and George plays the piano at worship when Kasia is not here). Cheryl is also an active worship assistant in several positions, from communion assistant to teller. She is no stranger to the Church Council and she has even been its president in the past.

## Recent Goings-on at St. John's



The Manly Men had a great time at Augie's in Larchmont. The food was plenty as the men moved giant plates around the table. It was only surpassed by the wonderful conversation that brought laughter and smiles to the faces of all. A big thank you goes to Dan Armstrong for organizing the gathering and bringing everyone together... The next gathering is being organized by Matt Sullivan. His and his family's photo was seen on the wall of the Rye YMCA with wonderful words



they said about its nursery school in our building... Furthermore, congratulations to Matt on the opening of the LMC-TV Studio on Mamaroneck Avenue at the entrance of Mamaroneck Cinemas, scheduled for Saturday, March 2nd, at 12 pm. Matt is the CEO of LMC-TV and making things happen for Mamaroneck!... Anton Dvořák would have been proud to listen to our recent chamber music concert here at St. John's, which featured his music played by the Studio Seven Trio. Its members are our own Kurt Coble on violin, Annette Perry on cello, and Vitas Baskys on piano. The concert had a great turnout - our sanctuary was filled with very happy people. It was

great to see so many people from the community and bring them the joy of beautiful music. A very big thank you to Kurt, Annette, and Baskys for playing and to Kurt for organizing it all. Note that we will have another Kurt-organized concert on April!... We had a special coffee hour for our organist Kasia Kluczykowska-Moeckel, who will go on maternity leave this month. Her baby is due very



soon. We can't wait to welcome Kasia and husband Andrew back with their new baby!...



## HELPING THE PEOPLE OF GAZA - OUR LENTEN MISSION PROJECT

Each year St. John's chooses a mission project for Lent. So far we have raised over \$4,000 but would like to raise more in the next couple of weeks for Lutheran World Relief to help bring humanitarian aid to people in Gaza who have been left homeless, injured, starving, and without medical help. We hope that you will include making an offering to this Lenten mission project a part of your Lenten journey. If you would like to contribute, you can return your check made out to St. John's and with LWR: Gaza in the memo line in the enclosed return envelope.

### Thank you to all who have given to our Lenten mission project already:

Catherine & Ralph Block

Lisa Brandon-Colón

Jeanhee Chung & Niels Ringstad

Sarah & Kurt Coble

Violet & Greg Haviland

Kathy & Pastor Henk

Lynn & John Hillman

Carla & Brian Hofland

Detlef Joerss

Lisa Johansen & Greg Cushna

Yourha Kang

Genene Kluck

Carol & Ryan LaHurd

Mara Lakis

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Maria Martins

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March 22

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