

SAINT LYDIA'S

2017 ANNUAL REPORT

2017 has been a year of transition.

In the spring, we said good-bye to Pastor Emily Scott, who founded St. Lydia's 9 years ago. While Emily's gifts to our congregation are too numerous to count, we are especially grateful that she prepared us so well to continue St. Lydia's ministry without her.

We are excited to see how God continues to show up in Emily's journey and in the life of St. Lydia's.



Easter 2017

In August St. Lydia's welcomed our interim Pastor, and we continue to welcome new congregants.

"I did not expect to come out of retirement to serve as interim pastor. But I am glad for this call and delight in the many young adults with whom I serve. The worship and service continue to be vigorous and joyful.

—Interim Pastor Bob Wollenburg



I came to St. Lydia's my second weekend in the US. I felt very welcome from the first second. We celebrate communion in a living way. —Luka

St. Lydia's Call Committee is leading the process of calling St. Lydia's next permanent pastor. Please pray for the work of the committee and for our next pastor.

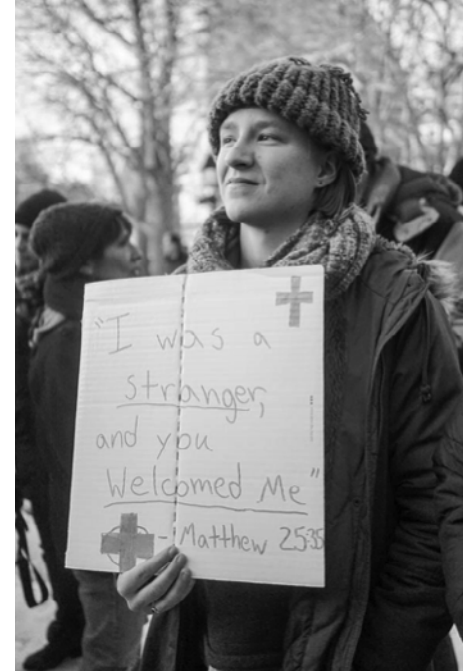
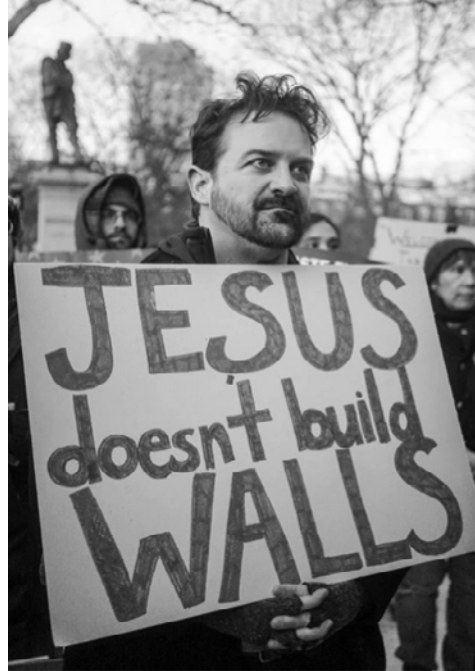


The Call Committee members are:

- Hannah Soldner (Chair)
- Burke Gerstenschlager
- Drew Peterson-Roach
- Ula Barrack
- Angela Morris
- Phil Fox Rose
- Betsy Cannon
- Elizabeth Nelson



St. Lydia's Waffle Church service continues to thrive and grow, welcoming families from all over New York City



2017 has been a year of partnering with our allies to stand up, speak out and resist. We are especially grateful for the leadership of Faith in New York, Gowanus Houses Arts Collective and Families United for Racial and Economic Equality (FUREE). Together we join with other people of faith as we work to build the beloved city.

We stand for faith over fear.



It was important for us to be present at Brooklyn Pride to show folks that the God of Love is present for us all, especially those often excluded by the church community.

—Craig





Calling our new pastor!

Interested candidates please contact ELCA assistant to the Bishop, MNYS

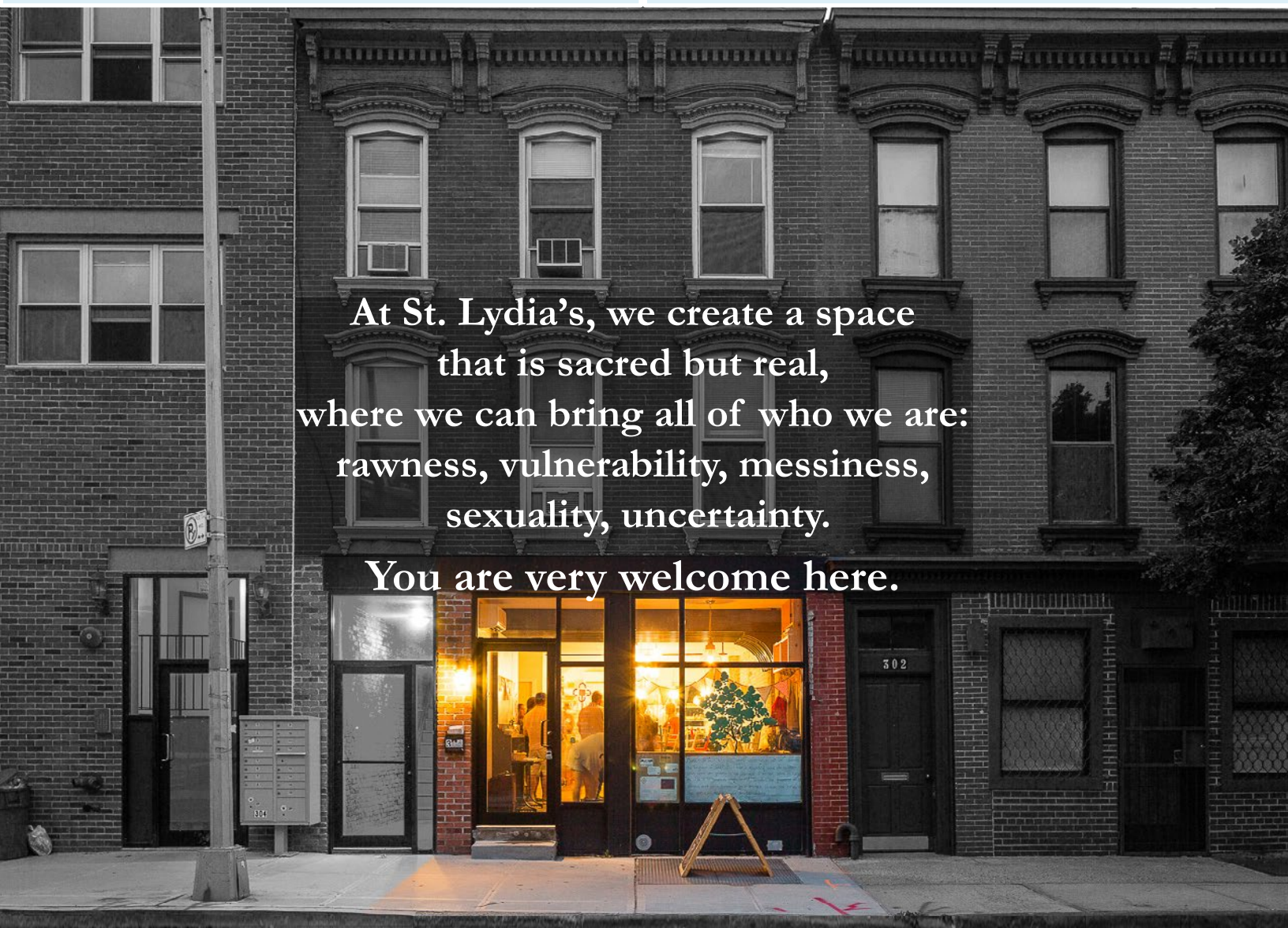
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Lutheran Theology Group



We began the work of transforming St. Lydia's backyard into a beautiful, usable space



At St. Lydia's, we create a space
that is sacred but real,
where we can bring all of who we are:
rawness, vulnerability, messiness,
sexuality, uncertainty.
You are very welcome here.



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