



# St. Luke's Newsletter

SEPTEMBER 2017

## Calling All Singers! Choirs resume in September!

While we're still enjoying beach weather, plans for the next choir season are being made.

The Choirs of St. Luke's resume their full schedule just after Labor Day. Have you considered participation in one of our choirs for you and/or your children? St. Luke's supports an active choral ministry, and new members of all ages are invited to sing. Please contact Rodney Ayers, Minister of Music, for more information (401-884-4116 ext. 107 or [rodney@stlukeseg.org](mailto:rodney@stlukeseg.org))

### REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

#### Canterbury Choir

Adult Choir – Beginning September 7th  
Thursdays at 7:30pm

#### St. Cecilia Choir

3<sup>rd</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade Choristers – Beginning September 8  
Fridays at 4pm

#### Angel Choir

K - 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders – Beginning September 14  
Thursday at 4 pm

*Come add your voice to the musical prayers and praises that resound throughout our St. Luke's community!*



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## ENJOY A FEW OF THESE CHURCH BULLETIN BLOOPERS....

- Miss Charlene Mason sang “I will not pass this way again,” giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.
- The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility. (GOOD ONE!! :)

Dear brothers and sisters,

After enduring a stretch of days where hatred and darkness seemed to dominate, I finally found relief last week, and, no surprise, it came by being in your company.

First, it was a joy to return to church on Sunday after a couple of weeks of vacation, to see your faces, to break bread with you, and even to share painful conversations about the events in Charlottesville. I feel so blessed to spend my Sundays with you all.

But that was not the end of my Sunday at church, nor was it the end of my blessings. Later that afternoon I returned to St. Luke's to preside over the renewal of marriage vows for Sarah and Kevin Muoio. It was a small gathering but the emotions ran strong, especially as their son, Luke, powerfully read a lesson from their initial wedding and their daughter, Emeline, beautifully (and bravely) sang a song, in tribute to their marriage. There was hardly a dry eye in the church when she finished.

It was so moving to celebrate their twenty-year marriage. Such celebrations do not come often nor easily. I was deeply touched that their celebration included not only a renewal of vows but a renewal of the blessing upon the life they have shared. Perhaps most powerfully, the ceremony honored God's place in their marriage, in their family, in their daily lives. There was no mistaking God's light bursting out from it all and I felt blessed to witness it.

Likewise, I felt blessed to be part of a very different gathering that took place less than twenty four hours later—this a gathering to witness not light but darkness (although a darkness wholly different from the kind we experienced in Charlottesville).

Monday afternoon, twenty five people stood in our church parking lot to take in the near-total eclipse. The sight was as spectacular as advertised. But for me, what was happening on the ground was almost equally moving.

Two days before, parishioner Pete Haynsworth emailed me to say that he had a homemade viewing device and wondered whether folks at St. Luke's might be interested in taking advantage of it. Besides being impressed by his ingenuity, I was grateful for his thoughtfulness. Sunday Pete announced that he would be setting up in our parking lot the following day and all were invited. What followed made the eclipse experience all the more memorable.

Folks began showing up around 2:00PM for the estimated 2:47PM “best moment.” Some came alone; some came with family; and some brought friends. You could sense the excitement and anticipation in our chatter. In addition to Pete’s device—which was terrific—a few of us also brought along viewing glasses. As the peak time neared, the parking lot filled and strangers from the neighborhood joined our band of spectators. Soon, parishioners, family, friends, and strangers mingled, passing around the few glasses, lining up to look at Pete’s science project, and sharing impressions.

At one point, as I was standing on the periphery of the crowd, I found myself overwhelmed by a sense of joy and peace. Sure, the eclipse was stunning. But more beautiful to me was the kindness, the generosity, the welcome to friends and strangers alike. I thought to myself, this is what it means to be God’s family. This is how Jesus imagined strangers to become friends. This is what it looks like to let the light of Christ shine through us.

One dad had joined our group with his two daughters and a cereal box in hand. Intending to view the eclipse from the playing field, they found themselves swept up in our crowd’s invitation. Soon, he and his daughters were a part of the line looking at Pete’s display and a part of the cluster passing around the few glasses. When it all ended and they prepared to go home he said, “Thank you so much for inviting us to join you. I am so glad we came out!”

As I drove home after our viewing party, I recalled something I had said to Sarah and Kevin the day before. “There are two ways to live life,” I told them, quoting Albert Einstein, “as if there are no miracles or as if everything is a miracle.” Now, some might consider Sunday’s renewal of vows and Monday’s eclipse gathering as nice events but nothing miraculous. I, however, see God’s hand in them both.

And that, I think, is one of the great gifts of being a part of church, in general, and St. Luke’s in particular—because of my time with you, I have the eyes to see God’s hand at work in the world; I have the faith to believe in miracles.

Long and enduring marriages are a holy and miraculous thing, I believe. They require forgiveness and grace and love. They require that we look upon our spouses, knowing their faults and weaknesses, and yet still call them “my beloved.” That’s not just what God did two thousand years ago, looking upon Jesus. That’s how God lives in us and through us even today. That’s how God invites us to participate in the little miracles of now.

Similarly, strangers and friends coming together, sharing conversation and joys and wonder, that too is a holy thing. God knows (truly), and so do we, that friends and strangers can come together for hateful reasons leading to horrific results. The eclipse viewing was a timely reminder that by the grace of God, such gatherings might have very different results as well.

Some of you have been away from church these summer weeks, enjoying extra time of rest and recreation. I hope your time has been good— blessed with at least a few tiny miracles. Others of you have been around, enjoying the fellowship and Eucharist we share each Sunday. I hope you too have found that time good, rich with its own gracious and miraculous moments.

As September arrives, I look forward to us coming together weekly, in fullness of body and faith, to worship, to sing, to pray, to learn, to serve, to weep, to celebrate, to wonder.

And as we do so, may we all have the eyes to see God's light. May we all have the faith to believe in God's miracles. May we all walk away each Sunday thinking, "I am so glad we came out!"

Peace,

*Tim*

## Curate's Corner ~ Comments from Fr. Dante

Good Lord, deliver us . . .

As of late it seems that every morning as I read the paper and scan the internet to see what is going on in the world I find myself repeating the phrase, “Good Lord, deliver us.” But that sigh – that plea to God – reached a new depth as I watched the events in Charlottesville, VA unfold.

As I read article after article, as I watched news clip after news clip, I could not help but feel the weight of helplessness on my shoulders. What could I, a curate in Rhode Island, do to help? Through prayer, conversation, reading, and discernment it became clear that there are three things I – and we all – can do to make a difference.

First, we must boldly rebuke the sins of racism, bigotry, and white supremacy that are intensifying with renewed vigor in our society. Doing this is not just about standing up for political justice, it is a way to fulfill the promises made at our Baptism. The very first vows taken in the Baptismal Service are to “renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God,” and to “renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God” (Book of Common Prayer, 302). What we are witnessing is nothing less than the work of Satan, the spiritual forces of wickedness, and the power of evil in our world. This exploding level of racism is not only bad and wrong – it is evil and sinful. Therefore, by virtue of our Baptism, we are called to renounce it.

Second, we must educate ourselves. It is important for us to learn and begin to understand (at least intellectually) the full depth and painful reality of racism in our world. There are really great resources out there, and I am more than happy to share those sources with any who are interested.

Finally, we are called to pray. This might be one of the most important things that we as Christians can do. As followers of Jesus we are first and foremost people of prayer. As Episcopalians and Anglicans we believe that prayer is powerful and has the ability to transform lives and the world. Our prayer shapes and forms the way we believe and empowers us to go out and make those beliefs reality. There are amazing resources for prayer that we can turn to, but there is one in particular I would like to highlight.

Over the last several months, I have made a regular practice of praying The Great Litany every Friday. The Great Litany is one of the oldest prayers we have in the *Book of Common Prayer*. Archbishop of Canterbury Thomas Cranmer wrote it in 1544 (five

years before the first Book of Common Prayer). Cranmer composed this prayer with the intention that it would be said or sung in procession, particularly in times of division, conflict, fear, and natural disaster. It seems to me, that today our country finds itself in a time of division, conflict, and fear.

In The Great Litany we pray “Good Lord, deliver us” from all evil and sin: “from blindness of heart,” “from contempt of [God’s] Word and commandment,” and “from all oppression, conspiracy, and rebellion; from violence, battle, and murder.” We pray that God will illumine are hearts and minds to live in accordance with the will of God; we pray that God will strengthen us with God’s grace and truth; we pray that all who hold positions of power and authority will “do justice, and love mercy” (BCP, p. 149-150).

**In the weeks and months ahead I am going to continue my practice of praying The Great Litany and I invite you to join me. Every Friday at 4pm, beginning September 8, I will be in the church to pray The Great Litany. I invite you to join me in praying these centuries old prayers, surrounded by the beauty of our church, trusting that these prayers will someday transform the way I live, the way we live, and the way the world lives.**

If you cannot join me here I church, I invite you to pray the litany on your own. You can find it on page 148 of the *Book of Common Prayer*. If the litany does not inspire you, I would be delighted to help find other resources for you to use.

In these times of division and conflict we are called to gather together and pray. No matter what form you use, may we all join together turning our hearts and minds to the knowledge and love of God - the God who is the lover of justice and the lover of our souls.

*Dante*

## **Path to Peace: The Episcopal Youth Event 2017**

“Every three years, in accordance with General Convention Resolution #1982-D079, the Episcopal Church convenes an international youth event so ‘that the energy of the youth of the Episcopal Church can continue to be utilized in active ministry as members of the Body of Christ.’” These words explain what the Episcopal Youth Event is, but not why it is so important.

Every three years high school students from The Episcopal Church around the world come together to worship, learn, work, and play together. It is an amazing experience and gift to participants that will continue to enrich their lives long after they return home (just ask our curate Dante, who attend EYE 2005). This past summer two of our young people, Katrina Marek and Sabastian Borgia, attended EYE 2017 in Oklahoma City. Here’s what Katrina had to say about her experience:



## **Katrina Marek**

“Attending the Episcopal Youth Event is an indescribable experience that I have been lucky enough to attend twice, most recently this past July when the event was located at the University of Central Oklahoma in Edmond, Oklahoma. The moment we arrived on campus we were greeted by friendly faces at every turn. While most everyone there must have been tired from the journey, soon we were all infected with excitement and joy.

One of the most beautiful things about EYE is that everyone is there to explore their relationship with God and with the Episcopalian community. This makes even the shyest people as friendly and outgoing as ever. My first EYE experience is one of the many things that has taught me to come out of my shell and be a more outgoing person. It’s custom to stop anyone you see, introduce yourself, say where you are from, and exchange whatever trinkets you’ve brought from your diocese. By the end of the week, everyone is being weighed down by their bags and nametags because they’re covered in pins, stickers, bracelets, and more.

I’ve also made some amazing friends from EYE just from sharing experiences together. The most popular time to make friends is on the third day when everyone goes on a field trip to a nearby city. This year we visited Oklahoma City, travelling around to different museums, a horse show, and the Oklahoma City bombing memorial. To transport the 1500 people attending the event, we were all put onto several buses, allowing us to get to know people at the camp on a smaller scale. It’s incredible to see how close people can become in just a few short days.

The services at EYE are something you have to see to believe. They are filled with nothing but praise, singing at the top of your lungs, dancing, conga lines, and pure joy. The words said during the Eucharist have a new meaning when you are surrounded by so many people. The music, whether loud or soft, fast or slow, is vibrant and fills the entire space. Just attending one of these services will teach you what it really means to love God, love your neighbor, and love yourself.

EYE is an experience unlike any other. In only a few days you have the ability to meet hundreds of people who all share one belief, and that single connection is so strong that it has the ability to create friendships that last a lifetime. It also helps young adults better understand their faith and what God means to them. Everyone should attend EYE, whether as a youth or an adult, because it will teach you new ways to practice faith and spread the good news of Jesus.”



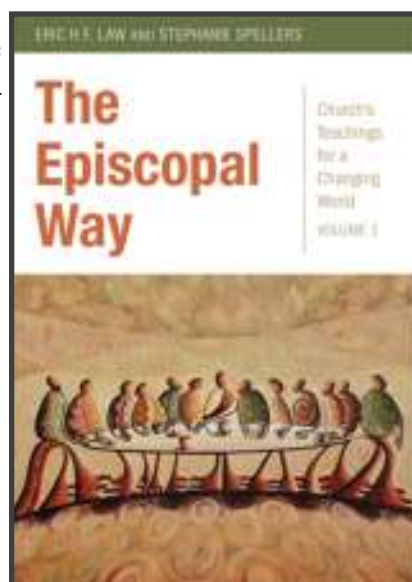
Adult faith formation will kick off on **September 24**, with a three-week book study of Eric H.F. Law and Stephanie Speller’s book *The Episcopal Way*. This short, accessible, and user friendly book is the perfect way to learn for the first time or refresh your memory on what it means to be an Episcopalian. Law and Spellers write:

“This series seek to engage Episcopal newcomers, members, and leaders in faithful, thoughtful conversations about how this particular branch of Christianity approaches God and embodies Jesus Christ. We hope you learn more about the Episcopal Church and the Episcopal Way. We hope you fall (more) deeply in love with it. We also hope you find here language *and* practices that equip you to share the church’s teachings, not just as rote history but as a captivating and life-giving story” (*The Episcopal Way*, p. V).

Join us as we seek to fall more deeply in love with our tradition and enrich our understanding of what it means to follow Jesus along The Episcopal Way.

Watch out for next month’s anchor to learn more about our second adult faith formation offering – “Episcopal 202: Opening the Book of Common Prayer” led by our curate Dante.

“The Episcopal Way” books can be purchased in the office beginning on Tuesday, 8/29 for \$12. You can shoot an email to Barbara in the office to reserve a book for you or call her at 884-4116.





## #SMS17: Social Media Sunday – Coming to St. Luke’s September 24

Often, worshippers are asked to put away their devices during worship service, but you won’t hear that on Social Media Sunday. Why? Because Jesus said so...



*Jesus said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.”*

**Mark 16:15**

With over 2.3 billion users of social media\* around the globe and 1 million new social mobile users added each day\*, going into the world to share good news requires using new tools to be where people are.

Social Media Sunday is the day set aside for Christians everywhere to use digital devices intentionally to share their life of faith with the world. Started at Trinity Episcopal Church in Tariffville, Connecticut in 2013, Social Media Sunday has grown over the years since to include people of faith everywhere. In 2016, thousands of people participated by sharing status updates, check-ins, photos, videos, and links on their social media accounts. The date for Social Media Sunday has been permanently set for the last Sunday in September.

How can you be a part of digital evangelism today (and every day)? Check out the ideas in the graphic at right.

**Whatever you do, include the hashtag #SMS17 with your post!** Simply type #SMS17 anywhere in your post or in the description of a picture or video you share.

There are more ideas and over a thousand friendly people ready to answer your questions on the Facebook group for Social Media Sunday, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/SMS15/>.

Join and learn more about how you and your church can use new tools on #SMS17 - and every day - to share the good news and be the Church online. Stay tuned for more information about #SMS17 and ways to participate in the coming weeks. \*Social Media statistics from 2016 found here: <http://bit.ly/2c9F6wR>

**NO AUDITIONS**



**Choir rehearsals resume after Labor Day.** The summer break has been great, but I've missed the choirs...haven't you? St. Luke's supports a wonderful choral ministry where there is a place for everyone – children, teens, and adults.

**Please know that new members are always welcome!**

In the choir program, we work on musical skills, reading music, vocal production and more. We also explore music in the context of Christian worship and tradition. And, by the way, we have a lot of fun!

So, is the time right for you and/or your child(ren)? I hope so! Please let me know what questions you might have. I would love to add your name to the appropriate choir roster.

In the words of Hans Christian Anderson, "where words fail, music speaks."

Come add your voice to the musical prayers and praises that resound at St. Luke's.

Rodney

Contact me at [rodney@stlukese.org](mailto:rodney@stlukese.org) or 401-884-4116 ext. 107

## **REHEARSAL SCHEDULE**

### **Canterbury Choir**

Adult Choir – beginning September 7  
Thursdays at 7:30pm

### **St. Cecilia Choir**

3rd-12th graders – beginning September 8  
Fridays at 4pm

### **Angel Choir**

K – 2nd graders – beginning September 14  
Thursdays at 4pm

## ST. LUKE'S CHOIR REGISTRATION FORM 2017/2018

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Chorister: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_ (children please give year also) Current Grade in School \_\_\_\_\_

Have you been in choir before? YES NO

Do you play an instrument or take private music lessons? YES NO \_\_\_\_\_

Do you read music? YES NO

### **For Children Choirs only – IMPORTANT**

Parents: \_\_\_\_\_

If we cannot locate you, who should we call in case of emergency?

Name and number: \_\_\_\_\_

Will you allow your child to be photographed, video taped, shown on the St. Luke's website, Facebook page or other social media, or in a St. Luke's brochure and/or newsletter?: *please circle* YES or NO

Please list any special concerns (Allergies, health issues, custody issue, etc...):

May your child have a snack?: YES or NO

Is your child enrolled in Faith Formation Classes (formerly called Sunday School?) YES or NO

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Questions? Contact Rodney Ayers, Minister of Music, [rodney@stlukeseg.org](mailto:rodney@stlukeseg.org) or 401-884-4116**

And now for your moment of zen...

Dear God,

*Grant our teachers an abundance of Your wisdom. Prepare their hearts to welcome and love our loved ones, and may we make sure to show them love and respect in return. Give them grace as they help students who aren't thriving, courage to say what needs to be said, tools and knowledge on how and when to speak love, and strength when they feel weak. When they feel unseen, remind them that no moment goes unnoticed. They are shaping the future in one million small - yet incredibly important - ways every day. We are overwhelmed with gratitude for the gift of learning they share with our children. Bless them, Lord, and may they see even just a glimpse of how their faithfulness will forever impact generations to come. Amen.*

Just as I began the process of working on getting ready for September, I read my 3-Minute Retreat that I do each day. This day had special significance for me. The reading was Luke 18:16-18 "Let the children come to me..." I bowed my head with awe and gratitude. What a perfect way to begin the year with this beautiful reminder. While there is much to be done, new carpeting, new Godly Play Unit on Saints to be unpacked and shelved, teachers to be trained and schedules to be completed, registration: what is important to remember is that it is the children who are coming and they are coming for Christ.

**Please try to register early. We are very excited to offer ONLINE REGISTRATION where you can complete the form, submit and pay online!! You will be able to register online through the St. Luke's website, by mail, or in person.**

*There are a few changes this year for you to note.*

PreK-3 will meet at 10:00 in the Godly Play room  
 4-5 Grades will meet at 9:00 in the Godly Play room  
 6-8 Grades Rite 13 will meet at 9:00 downstairs in room 5  
 9-10 Grades J2A will meet at 9:00 upstairs in room 9  
 11-12 Grades YAK will meet at 9:00 upstairs in room 7

Registration Fee is as follows. As always, scholarships are available. This fee includes all supplies needed for the year.

\$100.00 one child  
 \$175.00 two children  
 \$225.00 three children  
 \$250.00 four + children

If you haven't already heard, we are looking for a few new teachers for this year. Candidates for Godly Play storytellers will only need to commit to 2 Sundays a month. If you feel the spirit calling, please check out the curriculum on YouTube. Type in Godly Play and you will be able to see it in action. I urge you to look into volunteering your time and talent to this endeavor, you will be richly rewarded. Training is available. Dante is looking for teachers for Rite13 and J2A. This is a weekly commitment and Dante will be available to assist and direct you with your curriculum. If you are interested, please contact him as soon as possible, [Dante@stlukeeg.org](mailto:Dante@stlukeeg.org)

We are looking for an exciting year of Faith Formation. It warms my heart to watch these children grow in height and in their spirituality.

Blessings,

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Hard copy registration form on pg 14.



# ST. LUKE'S YOUTH FAITH FORMATION



# of children attending

Church School Class

## REGISTRATION FORM

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred Name \_\_\_\_\_

### YOUTH'S INFORMATION

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth date: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Current grade in school: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Youth Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s) or Legal Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Home no. \_\_\_\_\_ Cell no. \_\_\_\_\_

If you cannot be located, whom shall we contact in case of an emergency?

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any food allergies your child has:

Please list any special concerns that this child's teacher should be aware of: (health problem, custody issue, etc.)

My child may have a snack during class: Yes  No

Has child been baptized? Yes  No  If so, where/when \_\_\_\_\_

Has child been confirmed? Yes  No  If so, where/when \_\_\_\_\_

**My child is interested in...** (check all that apply)

- joining the choir      Select here if your child is already singing in the choir
- reading a lesson (lector) during worship
- in becoming a greeter
- in becoming an usher
- in becoming an acolyte
- getting involved in St. Luke's Feeding Ministries or outreach

Grade 6 – 8 interested in Youth Group? Yes  No

Please contact me as I would like to be involved in my child's classroom by:

- being a storyteller or greeter
- bringing in a snack
- substituting when a teacher is needed

Registration Fee is as follows. As always, scholarships are available. This fee includes all supplies needed for the year.

- \$100.00 one child
- \$175.00 two children
- \$225.00 three children
- \$250.00 four + children
- My family is in need of a scholarship.

Paid online on (date) \_\_\_\_\_ or Check # \_\_\_\_\_

*Please see reverse side for the Photo Release Form. Thank you.*

#### Photo Release Form

By signing this form, I give St. Luke's Episcopal Church the permission to photograph my child(ren) and post their picture solely for the church's website, Facebook page, and other promotional material. St. Luke's Episcopal Church will never publish a child's name with any of its publications.

Child(ren)'s Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# Things to look out for in September...

## **September 6**

6 pm Women of Grace

## **September 7**

7:30 pm Canterbury Choir Rehearsal begins

## **September 8**

4 pm St. Cecilia Choir Rehearsal begins

## **September 10**

### **KICK OFF SUNDAY**

9 am Church School Registration

## **September 14**

4 pm Angel Choir Rehearsal begins

## **September 17**

9 am Youth Faith Formation begins

10:15 am Holy Eucharist & Teacher Commissioning

TIME & TALENT FAIR following each service in the auditorium

## **September 24**

### **SOCIAL MEDIA SUNDAY—see page 9**

Worship in the Auditorium

7:45 & 10:15 Holy Eucharist in the auditorium instead of the church

9 am Adult Faith Formation begins





We are passionate about feeding our community. We invite you to join us in reaching out and serving our neighbors in need. We find that in feeding others we are truly feeding ourselves.

### **Loaves & Fishes RI**

Come to St. Luke's the fourth Saturday of each month to prepare food (10:00am) and load the Loaves & Fishes RI truck. You are also welcome to join us at 11:30am to distribute food and clothing to RI communities in need.



### **Christ Community Kitchen**

Between September and June, a free dinner is served to the community the first Monday of each month. St. Luke's and the East Greenwich United Methodist Church rotate in serving this monthly meal. Stop by to help, to enjoy a meal, and to meet the neighbors.

### **East Greenwich Interfaith**

#### **Food Pantry**

This local interfaith effort is housed at St. Luke's. Volunteers staff the food pantry every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10:30am to 12:00noon. Please consider joining this important effort for our community here in East Greenwich.



### **Lunch on the Hill**

Building on the efforts of the Interfaith Food Pantry, this ministry is supported by four East Greenwich churches and five local restaurants. We hope you will join us on Wednesdays at 11:30am.

In addition to these efforts we serve the community in a variety of other ways, including working with community partners such as: Dorcas International, St. Elizabeth's Home, and the Blessing Way. Contact us at [Barbara@stlukeseeg.org](mailto:Barbara@stlukeseeg.org) to learn more about the ways we strive to make a difference in the community.

St. Luke's Church

# Women of Grace

Fall 2017 gathering dates

Dear Friends:

It's almost time to begin our Women of Grace gatherings after a couple months off. We are excited to begin our third year with this wonderful group of women and recently we met with Fr. Tim and our Curate, Dante, to get some fresh ideas for topics for this fall. We think you will like them.

We are looking for hosts for the next 4 meetings which will bring us through 2017. If you are interested in taking one of those slots, we would be very grateful! As before, our evening looks like this: 7pm gather for a half hour with conversation with friends and light refreshments provided by host, followed by 1 hour of discussion on the topic of the evening, ending the evening with a group prayer (like Compline). Home by 9pm.

The dates, always the first Wednesday of the month, are as follows:

- September 6, 2017
- October 4, 2017
- November 1, 2017
- December 6, 2017

If you know of anyone new to the parish or someone who might like to be added to our distribution list, we welcome you to provide us with name and email address.

Please be in touch with one of us should you choose to host one evening or if you have any questions. We look forward to sending you more details soon on our first meeting on September 6 th !

Peace,

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Elizabeth McNamara

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## **Try the train - it's free RIDOT Free Commuter Rail**

*Free In-State Commuter Rail Service July 3 - December 29, 2017*



The Rhode Island Department of Transportation (RIDOT) is encouraging Rhode Islanders to leave their cars at home for the daily trip to work, to catch a flight, or to visit the capital city by making in-state travel free on trains between Wickford Junction, T.F. Green and Providence stations.

RIDOT is making commuter rail service free from July 3 to the end of the year to raise awareness about this convenient transit service. RIDOT hopes it will also help people decide to make the train a way of life which will relieve them of the burden of parking in the city. More transit riders also mean less congestion on the busy Route 4 highway and in downtown Providence.

"Rhode Island ranks on the bottom when it comes to the percentage of travelers who use transit as opposed to cars, yet we have the infrastructure and train service to make it easy for people to get around our state without a car," RIDOT Director Peter Alviti Jr. said, "Making it free for a period of time will make more people aware of this great service and provide them an opportunity to try it and use it on a regular basis."

Parking at Wickford Junction Station is free year-round. The facility - located minutes from Exit 5 on Route 4 in North Kingstown - includes covered garage parking, restrooms, a climate-controlled indoor waiting area, electric car charging stations and vending machines.

<http://www.dot.ri.gov/wickfordjunction/>

## **LOAVES & FISHES RI**

We have seen increased need of both food and clothing during our summer runs. Thank you for your continued support and donations of casual, in-season clothing. Donations can be left under the table opposite the office door.

### **Immediate Needs for Septembers run:**

- 1) Sneakers! All sizes, kids to adults (other casual shoes as well)**
- 2) Adults: Men's & Women's underwear (all sizes but especially men's medium), hoodies, shorts, t-shirts**
- 3) Kids: girls sizes 5-10 (all casual clothing) & teen boy – t-shirts, athletic shorts, jeans, jackets.**

The Loaves & Fishes truck will leave St. Luke's at 11:30 on Saturday, August 26th. The clothing is prepped before the run and these days vary per month.

If you would like to help with the prep or go on a run and/or follow the truck with clothing bins in your vehicle, please contact us.

Adult Clothing Contacts: Joyce Harvey [joyce836@gmail.com](mailto:joyce836@gmail.com),  
 Caroline Sparhawk [cdsparhawk@verizon.net](mailto:cdsparhawk@verizon.net)  
 Children's Clothing Contact: Linda Wegrzyn [Ldwez@cox.net](mailto:Ldwez@cox.net)

**Volunteer Opportunity:** Mentors needed for In-School Program in East Greenwich. This is a great volunteer opportunity for someone who enjoys working one to one with children in the public schools. The Strategic Support Mentoring Program provides one to one mentors for students during the day time, no summers or evenings. You can find more information on our website: [www.egsd.net](http://www.egsd.net), look at the menu on the left and click on "Mentoring Program" scan down and fill out an application and return to:

Nina Mackta, Mentoring Program Director  
 2 Chestnut Drive  
 E. Greenwich RI 02818.

or

call 398-1634 and leave a message.

## St. Luke's Refugee Ministry Happenings

### August – “Cover Their Bottoms Campaign”



St. Luke's Refugee Ministry will promote the “Cover Their Bottoms Campaign” in August this year instead of the busy time of December. Please donate **Toilet paper, diapers, and wipes**. Donations should be delivered to the bins outside the office and overflow will be stored in the basement. The St. Luke's Refugee Ministry team will deliver the donations to Dorcas each week through the end of August.

Questions? Please contact Eric [ericholms20@gmail.com](mailto:ericholms20@gmail.com) .

### PROPERTY BREAKFAST

It may be hard to think of fall but it's on the way! We'll have Property Breakfasts on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month beginning with breakfast at 8 am in the dining room – Sept. 21, October 19 and Nov. 16.

We always have a coffee break at 10 and finish by noon or before.

We have the usual fall activities outside and inside plus the new projects that just keep cropping up. There'll be raking, pruning and gardening outside as well as things inside.

New volunteers are always welcome and we look forward to getting together.

Sandy and Peggy Rubel  
884-6594  
[psrubel@gmail.com](mailto:psrubel@gmail.com)

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***East Greenwich, Rhode Island 02818***

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***Admission \$5.00 per person***

***(Children under 12 free)***

***50/50 Raffle Drawing***

***Prizes and Refreshments***

**Please bring items for Crossroads Rhode Island's Welcome Home Kits  
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*Welcome Home Kits include: pots and pans, utensils, towels, cleaning supplies, trash bags and storage  
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# Lunch On The Hill

*Courtesy of St. Luke's Church and East Greenwich Interfaith Food Cupboard*

***St. Luke's Church Dining Room***

***99 Peirce St.***

***11:15 AM to 12:15 PM***

*(Scheduled Dates Listed Below)*



***Matthew 25:35***

***I was hungry and you gave me food,  
I was thirsty and you gave me drink,  
I was a stranger and you welcomed me.....***

## ***Lunch Schedule***

September 6, 13, 20, 27

October 4, 11, 18, 25,

November 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

December 6, 13, 20, 27

## ***Thank You to our Lunch Hosts and Sponsors***

***1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday - Our Lady of Mercy & Wild Harvest***

***2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday - Saint Luke's & EGIFC & Jiggers Diner***

***3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday - Christ Church & T's Restaurant***

***4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday - Westminster Unitarian Church,***

***Encore Catering & Dave's Market***

***5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday - EGIFC***

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