



St. Luke's Episcopal Church

Where all are welcome at the Lord's table

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Greetings!

I am not a morning person. But on Sunday mornings I wake up at 5:40, which I am glad to share with anyone who will listen, because it is truly a mark of the grace of God in my life that I am *ever* able to get up that early. I stumble around and get ready, then head out across the Newport and Jamestown Bridges and up Route 4, arriving at St. Luke's ahead of our 7:45 service. My commute is almost 23 miles each way, which was a revelation to me. 23 miles sounds like a long haul, but it has been the most stunning, glorious drive, especially the last couple of months.

Autumn has been my favorite season since I was a little girl. Living in Phoenix, I desperately missed the changing seasons. Our first year there, my husband took me away up to the north of the state so that I could see the "changing colors" in Sedona and Flagstaff. It was nice to get away and out of the persistent heat, but it wasn't a truly autumnal experience. Tim grew up in Idaho, and his sense of fall was when the aspen groves turned yellow, which is truly beautiful, but not really...captivating. I always longed for that rhythmic pattern of seasonal change, the beauty of the earth put on magnificent display in the hushed tones of spring, the brilliance of summer, the glittering winter, and especially the fiery shades of fall.

Every Sunday morning, I pull out of my driveway and turn down quiet streets as I make my way to the Newport Bridge. The view from the bridge is stunning. Sometimes the water is choppy and churning, sometimes it is glittering and inviting. Boats often dot the bay. From the top of the bridge, the scene unfolds like a tapestry. I can't believe I get to live here and see this view every time I leave Aquidneck Island. Last Sunday, the sun was rising as I left our house. The sky turned brilliant shades of blue, orange, and gray; the water looked almost purple against it, recalling Homer's reference to a wine-dark sea. As I journeyed on, I could not help but think of the generations of people who have seen these wonders,

though they are brand new to me. Though my experiences are unique, they are also shared across generations. I was surprised to recognize the gray waters of the stormy sea a few weeks ago; I knew them from artists' renderings that are at least a hundred years old. Our experiences are shared across the ages.

As Christians, we are also bound together across time and space. In different languages, with different styles of worship, Christians the world over celebrate the unending hope that emerges from the knowledge of our resurrected Lord. There are Christians who, across two thousand years, have sought to live faithfully, loving God and loving their neighbor. Our faith is part of their legacy. We know the path because they have walked it. I knew the stormy sea before I saw it for myself because of the witness of the artists who were here before me; we know the love of God and the story of a light that darkness cannot overcome because of the saints who attest to it across the generations.

This Sunday, I will rise at 5:40 and stumble around to get ready for church. I will drive 23 miles to celebrate All Saints Day with the saints of St. Luke's. I will drive across the bridges, knowing that generations before me have driven these roads and generations after me will also. I will give thanks to God for the grandeur of creation, for the sea, for the sky, for the red and golden leaves that linger. I will give thanks for the light of Christ that has illuminated our path, and I will give thanks for those who have walked that path before us and those who will continue on the path after our time on earth is finished. This life is an incredible gift, and I'm so glad to share this season of life with you.

Blessings,
Mother Tanya

This Sunday at St. Luke's

All Saints' Day

Click above for the lessons

Streaming Service of Morning Prayer.

Watch our worship service this weekend on [Facebook](#) or on [YouTube](#).

[Click here](#) to download a copy of the parish prayer list.

The Rev. Tanya Watt, assistant rector, preaching

Sunday Social Hour

**Please join us for a virtual Sunday Social Hour at 5:00 pm this Sunday!
We look forward to seeing our St. Luke's Family!**

Zoom Meeting Information is below:

[Click Here](#) to join meeting. See below for Meeting ID and Password that will be needed to join.

Meeting ID: 854 6603 4320

Password: 429381

This information will also be posted on our Weekend Invitation to Worship!

St. Luke's New Fundraising Program

RaiseRight- Simply the Right Way to Fundraise for St. Luke's



RAISERIGHT INTRODUCTION

During this difficult time, all of us have had to find alternative ways to make our resources go further. St. Luke's Church is no different!

Thankfully, there's a new, contactless, way to raise funds. "RaiseRight" from ShopwithScrip, is a new mobile App that makes raising additional funds for St Luke's quick, easy and safe. RaiseRight involves just a little change to your daily habits while using money you are already spending.

RaiseRight turns everyday purchases, like grabbing your morning coffee or buying groceries and merchandise, from over 750+ brands, such as Starbucks, Amazon and Walmart, into Fundraising opportunities to support St. Luke's.

The RaiseRight App lets you earn in just 3 simple steps;

1. Shop the brands you love. With over 750 retailers listed, you can always find the brands you need & love.
2. Buy E-cards for immediate use or physical gifting cards to use later. Some are even reloadable.

3. Earn for St. Luke's: brands offer rebates of up to 20% of the card's value, so earnings add up fast. You get the full value of the card, St. Luke's gets the rebate amount.

[Click Here](#) to watch the RaiseRight Video and stay tuned for more information on this exciting opportunity to support St. Luke's.

Thank you,

Mark & Susan Cordle, Deborah Collins & Jeremy Stowe
Your Faithful RaiseRight Project Team

A Season Of Prayer: For An Election

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We come together, asking God for courage and wisdom, thanking God for love and joy. As we move toward the election of leaders for the United States, may we all join in a season of prayer, committing to offer to God our fears and frustrations, our hopes and dreams.

[Click Here](#) for a link to these prayers. God Bless!

Daylight Saving Time

Don't Forget To Set Your Clocks Back!



From The Treasurer

A Note From Our Treasurer

	2020 Loose Plate	2017 - 2019 AVG	2020 Pledge	2017 - 2019 AVG	2020 Total Personal Income	2017 - 2019 AVG	2020 Total Income	2017 - 2019 AVG
Jan	\$2,160	\$2,299	\$63,078	\$78,622	\$72,657	\$88,895	\$75,342	\$90,776
Feb	\$3,437	\$2,912	\$50,603	\$37,426	\$61,819	\$47,474	\$63,443	\$49,902
Mar	\$1,940	\$2,761	\$27,369	\$34,891	\$36,159	\$40,825	\$44,954	\$52,128
Apr	\$1,541	\$7,067	\$43,101	\$44,440	\$49,185	\$74,924	\$49,705	\$78,053
May	\$930	\$2,782	\$24,607	\$35,205	\$29,163	\$42,481	*\$84,382	\$44,702
Jun	\$684	\$2,079	\$22,756	\$32,083	\$24,940	\$38,559	\$32,690	\$48,461
Jul	\$597	\$1,923	\$20,868	\$35,309	\$23,465	\$43,115	\$24,829	\$44,344
Aug	\$1,676	\$1,076	\$37,988	\$24,154	\$45,887	\$35,947	\$52,263	\$37,215
Sep	\$1,269	\$3,094	\$21,844	\$33,417	\$29,709	\$42,647	\$37,284	\$53,458
Sub	\$14,234	\$25,993	\$312,214	\$355,547	\$372,984	\$454,867	\$464,892	\$499,039
Oct	\$0	\$3,758	\$0	\$36,707	\$0	\$46,492	\$0	\$50,515
Nov	\$0	\$2,909	\$0	\$31,988	\$0	\$42,370	\$0	\$45,522
Dec	\$0	\$8,435	\$0	\$45,205	\$0	\$80,007	\$0	\$96,269
Total	\$14,234	\$41,095	\$312,214	\$469,447	\$372,984	\$623,736	\$464,892	\$691,345

*PPP Loan received May

2020 has been a challenging year in more ways than we care to think about. It is certainly *not* the New Year we dreamed of or expected to see as we raised a toast at midnight on 12/31/2019.

Since the pandemic hit, we have shared results as we went along, ever thankful for the support the members of St. Luke's were able to provide. Our cash flow was sufficient for us to pay the bills without drawing down our endowments.

But the pandemic has hurt us, as you can see from the chart above - income is down across the board. And while we were able to curb some spending and bring in money from the PPP program, we will still face a shortfall (currently projected at \$20,000) at year end, and an uncertain financial picture going forward in 2021.

If you are behind in your pledge, and can catch up in the fourth quarter, it would help us. We know some can't - layoffs and furloughs didn't pass over our congregation. If you are able to provide support, please do.

St. Luke's means many things to our parishioners - I'm sure we all can provide a different story on what we derive from it.

But again, I and the rest of the leadership team are so grateful for all you give and do for our Parish!

Thank you,

Michael Sullivan

Sign-Up Genius

Please Remember To Use Sign-Up Genius!

Now that we are approaching maximum capacity for attendance, please

remember to sign up for Sunday Worship!

[Click Here](#) for Sign-Up Genius!

Reopening Announcement

Father Tim Announces Our Reopening!

We are so excited to welcome everyone back to St. Luke's!

Please **[Click Here](#)** to read Father Tim's Reopening Letter to the parish!

[Click Here](#) to view Father Tim's video message!

**To Sign Up for Sunday Service using Sign-Up Genius, please
[Click Here!](#)**

We will also begin using a QR Code for our Sunday Bulletin which can be scanned by using a SmartPhone! This will give worshipers the option to view our bulletin on their phone during Sunday Service or to print the bulletin and bring it to the church.

We will provide hard copies as well.

Here Is The Sunday Bulletin QR Code:



OR

[Click Here](#) to view our Sunday Bulletin!

Adult Faith Formation

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AFF is offering a study of Jim Wallis' *Christ in Crisis? Reclaiming Jesus in a Time of Fear, Hate, and Violence*. About this book it was written:

In *Christ in Crisis* Jim Wallis provides a path of spiritual healing and solidarity to help us heal the divide separating Americans today. Building on "Reclaiming Jesus"-the declaration he and other church leaders wrote in May 2018 to address America's current crisis-Wallis argues that Christians have become disconnected from Jesus and need to revisit their spiritual foundations. By pointing to eight questions Jesus asked or is asked, Wallis provides a means to measure whether we are truly aligned with the moral and spiritual foundations of our Christian faith.

"Christians have often remembered, re-discovered, and returned to their obedient discipleship of Jesus Christ-both personal and public-in times of trouble. It's called coming home," Wallis reminds us. While he addresses the dividing lines and dangers facing our nation, the religious and

cultural commentator's focus isn't politics; it's faith. As he has done throughout his career, Wallis offers comfort, empathy, and a practical roadmap.

Please join us for what promises to be a timely and important study.

You can order the book on Amazon. If you need help obtaining a copy, please email Father Tim.

[Click Here](#) to join our Adult Faith Zoom Meeting. See below for Meeting ID and Password:

Meeting ID: 833 8135 7997

Password: 814047

Peace,
Tim

Youth Faith Formation

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Fr. Tim has put together an excellent group of people to thoughtfully consider how to offer formation in the safest way possible. As we move through this season of uncertainty, we continue to walk in faith and hope. So that we can continue to be in touch with you as our plans progress, please fill out a registration form for each of your children. The form is online only this year and can be found in our weekly and on our website. Questions? Feel free to reach out to Mother Tanya: tanya@stlukese.org or 684-2844.

Pastoral Care

Pastoral Care Ministry - Prayer List Request Form

[Click Here](#) for our new convenient way to request to add someone to our Prayer List. Our new form is also available on our website under our Parish Life tab and is available at the back of the church where the prayer list is kept. Our online form is easy to fill out or you can fill out the hard copy at the back of the church and return it to the office or put it in the basket on Sunday. The prayer list is updated weekly and available for all of us to view in this newsletter. The Pastoral Care Ministry continues to pray for all on the prayer list and send cards to the homebound and those in the hospital. By filling out the information on this new form, you will help us to keep in touch.

Thank you and stay well.

The Pastoral Care Ministry

Women of Grace

Women of Grace and The Virus Unmasked!

Please join the Women of Grace on **Monday, November 2**, to discuss the science and latest research on the coronavirus. Dr. Deborah Britt, St. Luke's own microbiologist and Assistant Professor of Biology at Rhode Island College, will lead the discussion. She summarizes her upcoming remarks as follows:

Covid-19: the disease has upended our lives, there's news about it every day, but the deluge of information can be confusing and contradictory. Let's talk about the novel coronavirus, and explore how scientific research 'unmasks' details of the virus and disease transmission. We'll look at the outbreak in a church choir practice early in the pandemic, and consider the importance of current testing and safety measures for our own faith community, and

communities at large.

Women of Grace meets once a month via Zoom. Each gathering begins with a period of fellowship, followed by the evening's discussion, and ends with a prayer or reflection. We start at 7pm and promise to say our final AMEN by 9pm! Details for linking via Zoom and any additional information for the discussion will be emailed to the WOG list the week prior to the meeting. If you are not currently on our mailing list, please email Deborah Collins (collinstn01@gmail.com) to add your name and email address and receive updates on meetings.

Especially for Children

To watch Godly Play online please [Click Here!](#)

Looking for Helpers / Looking for Help

Several of you have already reached out, volunteering to help those in need. If you are healthy and in a low risk category, and would like to be added to a volunteer list please email our [Church Administrator](#). We are working on creating a team of individuals who can help out as the need arises.

With all of the precautions and guidance coming from the Governor, CDC, and the Department of Health, we are aware that some members of our community may have difficulty getting access to basics like food, medication, and other necessities. If you find yourself in need, please contact our [Church Administrator](#) for assistance.

Food Cupboard

Greetings from our Food Cupboard!

We are reaching out to update you on some of our needs during this challenging time. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of our families that they are able to stay healthy and safe.

Please consider donating these items:

Canned Hams, Mashed Potatoes, Chicken/Beef Broth, Vegetable Oil, Flour, Sugar, Stuffing Mix, Hearty Soups, Hash, Beef Stew, Spam Luncheon Meat, Canned Peas, Ramen Noodles, Oatmeal, Cake Mixes (Chocolate or Yellow), Chicken/Turkey/Beef Gravy

Thank you!

EG Interfaith Food Cupboard

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