



St. Luke's Episcopal Church

Where all are welcome at the Lord's table

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Greetings!

I know often when we enter the weeks of our commitment campaign, parishioners are moved to consider their personal finances-to consider both their expected income and their annual expenses. I've also learned, after many years in the parish, that at the same time many of you are similarly moved to wonder about the church finances-how are we doing with income and are we able to meet expenses? Perhaps more than ever before, these conversations are so necessary and important.

So I have asked Michael Sullivan, our *fabulous* treasurer, to provide the report which follows. For the benefit of "our house" and your house, please take a look. These times are challenging, to be sure, but by the grace of God and the faith we share, I believe we will not only endure but also come to find unexpected blessings.

Peace,

Tim

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	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

This Sunday at St. Luke's

[The Feast of St. Luke the Evangelist](#)

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: 843 3853 1659

Password: 085925

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

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!

Flu Vaccine Clinic

Flu Vaccine Clinic - Sunday, October 18 - CANCELLED

We regret to inform you that our Flu Vaccine Clinic scheduled for this Sunday has been **cancelled.**

Adult Faith Formation

Adult Faith Formation

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: 820 1912 4292

Password: 179676

Peace,
Tim

Youth Faith Formation

Youth Faith Formation

Fr. Tim has put together an excellent group of people to thoughtfully consider how to offer formation in the safest way possible. Masks will be required, 6 feet of distance will be between people, classes when possible will be held outside, and we hope to establish stable groups. Keep your eyes open for more details on our plan from Fr. Tim! We want you and your children to be as safe as possible, and we are eager to resume formation so that we can *grow in hope and faith* together!

But we need your help. **Please fill out a registration form for each of your children as soon as possible to help us plan.** Even if you're not completely sure you'd like your child to participate this year, by filling out the registration form you give us a way to stay in touch with you as our plans progress. The form is online only this year and can be found **here**. Questions? Feel free to reach out to Mother Tanya: tanya@stlukeseg.org or 684-2844.

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:

Mashed Potatoes, Potato Sides (AuGratin, etc), Chicken/Turkey/Beef Gravy, Canned Pears, Canned Mixed Fruit, Pasta Sauce (Canned/Jars), Apple Sauce, Hearty Soups, Canned Hash, Canned Beef Stew, Ramen Noodles, Sugar, Ketchup, Flour, Italian or Ranch Salad Dressing

Thank you!

EG Interfaith Food Cupboard

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