



# St. Luke's Episcopal Church

Where all are welcome at the Lord's table

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Greetings!

Yesterday was Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the season of Lent. I had the joy of being present at St. Luke's at noon to impose ashes on those who wished to receive them. Joy feels like such a funny word to use as we enter into this season of repentance, but it was a true joy to get to see people who felt they could safely come in person, to get to talk with people about their hopes for the season, to get to meet some people for the very first time. It was quite cold outside, but the sun was shining and the wind was calm, and the warmth emanating from the line of people waiting for ashes reduced the chill to a mere afterthought. Gloves and a heavy shawl probably helped a little too.

As we enter into Lent, I am given pause to think of all we've already been asked to give up over this year. I had to stop myself from hugging people, from reaching out to people as we shared a moment of prayer or holy conversation. Our need for touch, for physical connection, is so deeply human and holy, and its absence is one of the things we've missed most. Many people asked me if we would be reopening soon. I shared my hope with them that we could, but also my gratitude that my hope and eagerness is tempered by the wisdom of our reopening committee. Our committee is driven by science and solid leadership that puts the well-being of our community over any other priority. And yet I share the sense of sadness that our in-person worship had to be suspended. That we cannot see one another in person very often, if at all, made the moments in the parking lot of the church yesterday all the more precious.

As I got to speak with people, I heard stories of hope that this season of Lent might be a season to hit the reset button in anticipation of many good things to come. This pandemic has been hard on us all, and we have done what we needed to in order to make it through, to continue to put one foot in front of the other. Perhaps instead of the traditional taking something on or giving something up, the best thing that we can do this season is

to pause with intention, to take stock of our lives as they are in this moment, to express what we hope our lives will be like in the future, and then to make adjustments based on that hope. I heard about the desire to walk outside more, to modify some eating and drinking habits, to be more present to family members we love. These desires are based in hope, hope that this long Lent has been a cocoon that we can now imagine emerging from, transformed, ready for the Easter we know is coming.

One thing this pandemic has showed us is that we cannot rush any timeline, we cannot make the calendar move any more quickly than it does, and so we are invited to live into this Lent, this season of repentance and transformation, this period of rededication to the hope that lives in each of us by virtue of our shared baptism into the Body of Christ. God knows each one of us by name, calls us beloved, and beckons us to turn again to the love from which and for which we are created. This year especially, that is cause for great joy.

With prayers for a good and holy Lent,  
Mtr Tanya

## This Sunday at St. Luke's

### [The First Sunday in Lent](#)

Click above for the lessons

Streaming Service of Morning Prayer.

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

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

The Rev. Timothy T. Rich, rector, preaching

## Sunday Social Hour

### [Virtual 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: 889 7757 6106

Passcode: 860459

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

## Lent Blog

## Lent Blog

Seeking writers! We look forward to continuing our seasonal blog series where members of our community share their reflections on the day's scripture readings. If you would like to participate, we would love to hear from you! Whether you have written before or want to try it out for the first time, this is an opportunity for us to walk the road of Lent together even while we are physically apart. We were blessed by the thoughtful insights and wisdom shared by our parish during our Advent and Christmastide blogs, and we are eager to hear from you during this Lent season. Please contact Mtr Tanya if you'd like to join in: [tanya@stlukese.org](mailto:tanya@stlukese.org)

Please [Click Here](#) to view our Lent Blog!

## Kid's Compline

### Kid's Compline Service via Zoom

We will be offering a new family friendly prayer service in the spirit of compline on Thursday nights at 7:00 via Zoom, crafted especially with children in mind.

Compline is a meditative night prayer that marks the closing of the day. During Lent, we are invited to consider giving something up or picking something up, and this is an opportunity for families to pick up a spiritually enriching practice. (And we promise to be done no later than 7:30!)

[Click Here](#) to join the service! Meeting information is below:

Meeting ID: 838 6319 3679

Passcode: 136624

## Pledge Envelopes

If you have requested pledge envelopes,  
they are located in the atrium.

## Covid Vaccine Update

### EAST GREENWICH NEWS

#### Updated Article on Covid-19 Vaccination Appointments

#### **State Expands Vaccination Program To 65+ Starting Monday**

by Elizabeth McNamara | Feb 17, 2021

The state will open up vaccinations to everyone 65 and older starting Monday (2/22). On Thursday (2/18), state vaccination locations in Providence and Cranston will start vaccinating members of the general public age 75 and older. The move marks a departure from the slower, more measured approach the state has taken up to now, one state health officials insist has yielded tangible results but also a lower number overall of people vaccinated....

[Click Here](#) to view the rest of the article!

## Adult Faith Formation

## Adult Faith Formation - Wednesday Nights at 7 pm

We will be reading *Seven Last Words: An invitation to a deeper friendship with Jesus*, by Fr. James Martin. Even the titles of the chapters are a source of comfort: *Jesus Understands the Challenge of Forgiveness*, *Jesus Understands Doubts about the Afterlife*, *Jesus Understands a Parent's Love*, *Jesus Understands Feelings of Abandonment*, *Jesus Understands Physical Pain*, *Jesus Understands Disappointment*, *Jesus Understands Self-Offering*.

What wonderful news! Jesus understands. We hope you will join us as we dive more deeply into this welcome invitation. Please read Chapter 2 in preparation for our discussion.

[Click Here](#) to join the meeting! Log-In information is below:

Meeting ID: 867 3899 9469

Password: 427552

## 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. 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@stlukesg.org](mailto:tanya@stlukesg.org) or 684-2844.

## St. Luke's RaiseRight Program

### February Bonuses for You and St. Luke's!

Chocolates for the kids, flowers for your significant other, a cup of coffee for a dear friend. Do all your Valentine's Day shopping using gift cards that double the love by giving back to St. Luke's. Also, check out the extra bonuses during Random Acts of Kindness Week (Feb. 13 -19). Purchase RaiseRight ecards and gift cards now to lock in bonuses for everyday purchases, game days and special occasions!



So, please, add the RaiseRight app to your phone today and help raise additional funds for St. Luke's! Scan the QR code below to get more details on the app. Most importantly, when downloading the app, please enter the following enrollment code to specify St. Luke's as your charitable organization of choice: FEB88LAC73L81



Create opportunities for what matters most to you—right from your phone. Buy gift cards from 750+ brands to earn on your daily purchases. It's simply the right way to fundraise.



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

## Pastoral Care

### Pastoral Care Ministry

Prayer is a powerful way for us to support each other and build community. If you would like to add someone to our parish prayer list, please use the online Prayer List Request Form. It is available on our website under our Parish Life tab and here in our Weekly Newsletter. The prayer list is updated weekly. 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 form, you will help us to keep in touch. [Click Here](#) for our Prayer List Request Form.

Thank you and stay well.

The Pastoral Care Ministry

## St. Luke's Choirs

### St. Luke's Choirs Sing for You!

As a special gift from the Canterbury, St. Cecilia, and Angel Choirs to our St. Luke's family and friends, choir members compiled a special 'arrangement' of "How Can I Keep From Singing". The music is from an American folk song originally composed by Baptist minister Robert Wadworth Lowry in 1868 with the four-part arrangement published by Jeffrey Honoré in 1991. The choirs performed this piece at their 2019 Spring Concert and happily recreated that performance in this video (also available on St. Luke's website and Facebook page).



St. Luke's Choirs Sing For You!

## Big Brothers and Big Sisters

### Big Brothers and Big Sisters Donations

In our continuing efforts to be a good neighbor and serve our local community, we have added a new addition to the St Luke's parking lot! The clothing bin is a result of joining in a new partnership between the Episcopal Diocese and Big Brother Big Sister of Rhode Island. It will serve as a collection point for community donations of clothing, shoes and other cloth items. Please drop off your bagged items at your convenience.



## 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 mandarin oranges, canned pineapple, chicken and beef stock, hash, kidney beans, Italian dressing, ranch dressing, vegetable oil, regular instant coffee, and beef and chicken gravy.

Thank you!  
EG Interfaith Food Cupboard

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