



# St. Luke's Episcopal Church

Where all are welcome at the Lord's table

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Greetings!

Things are heating up in the St. Luke's Community Kitchen! The design and cost estimating phase of the project has been more drawn out than expected, but we are very nearly there. Construction is just within reach! But we're not *quite* there yet. Sounds a lot like the past year we've been living, doesn't it? Let me bring you up to date.

## WHERE WE'VE BEEN

As I shared at the Annual Meeting, our first professional cost estimate came in quite high. The Kitchen Improvements Committee went to work looking for ways to simplify and trim scope while staying true to our original vision. Some of the design changes we made were:

\* We brought the kitchen back to its current size rather than expanding into the adjacent utility room.

\* We went with moveable tables instead of a fixed island in front of the serving area in the dining room (a more flexible solution anyway).

\* The built-in dining room benches will receive a fresh coat of paint instead of new wood cladding.

\* Screens to hide stacked furniture in the corners of the dining room were eliminated.

\* We went to a non-ducted commercial dishwasher and eliminated dining room air conditioning (although we are leaving in provisions for it to be added in the future).

We felt that none of these changes substantially diminished our original vision.

\* We will have a new sanitary-grade and code-complaint kitchen with new commercial equipment and

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\* We will have a new dining room ceiling with energy efficient light fixtures that don't emit a harsh glare.

\* We will have new dining room tables and chairs.

\* We will have a modest ceiling-mounted projector and screen for classes and presentations.

Meanwhile, our architect, Peter Lofgren, engaged a new contractor, Holdenworks, to help tighten the estimate. Peter and Mark Holden worked closely with us. They sharpened the design documentation and obtained more precise pricing from subcontractors and suppliers.

**The result of this effort is a new estimate that is much lower. When you add design fees, permits, furniture, AV equipment and some contingency to the construction cost, the total comes to about \$588,000. We have raised \$513,000 to date which puts us \$75,000 (13%) short of our goal.**

In the process of getting here, we wrestled some more difficult scenarios. One of them would have postponed the elevator replacement, as it is a costly item that is not essential to the upgrade of the kitchen. But it *is* essential to our vision of access and inclusion. In fact, it is the very essence of the first of our five project goals - - which are to have a facility that allows us to *embrace, prepare, serve, gather and learn.*

When we saw that we were within \$75,000 of being able to keep the elevator in the project, we entertained the possibility of reactivating the kitchen fundraising campaign in order to get everything done this summer. Restoring the elevator now is the just and right thing to do. It allows us to "complete the embrace" as we reach out to our neighbors with feeding ministries and other community events. It also allows us to be more inclusive in our own St. Luke's family gatherings.

**The Vestry approved this plan of action this week. We will be entering into contract with Holdenworks to begin construction while we seek to raise the final 13% of the project cost.**

**WHERE WE'RE HEADED**

Things are going to start happening quickly! Peter Lofgren will be submitting for building and health department permits next week. We will begin to procure

long lead items such as kitchen and mechanical equipment and the elevator.

The last of the pricing will be nailed down and we will enter into contract with Holdenworks. Not only has Holdenworks been very collaborative during the design and cost estimating process, they came highly recommended by Peter Lofgren who has worked with them on past projects. Holdenworks has done work for St. Paul's in Wickford and is restoring parts of the Old Narragansett Meeting House. They have a strong working relationship with experienced subcontractors. They have been engaged in our project and are ready to begin work. If any of you have attempted to have construction work done recently, you will understand how valuable it is to have a contractor engaged and ready to go in this current market.

**We hope to obtain permits and begin construction in June. The project should take about 8 weeks to complete and be finished in early September.**

### **HOW WE'LL GET THERE**

In addition to the incredibly generous \$300,000 gift from Al and Linda Potter, 55 of you pledged an amazing \$123,000. Thank you so much for your generosity. Additionally, \$28,000 from the golf tournament, \$18,000 in grants, and other funding sources increased our tally. And recently, our three major food ministries allocated their \$5,000 portion of the Easter offering to the kitchen renovation. Their program expenditures have been low due to COVID-19 suspensions, and supporting the kitchen renovation underpins everything they do.

But we still have \$75,000 to raise to make the dream of our new kitchen come true. Two initiatives are underway to help close this gap:

\* On May 22, 2021, St. Luke's is participating in the Hill and Harbour Yard Sale. We will use this as an opportunity to share the story of our feeding ministries with our neighbors. We will distribute an information flyer with a QR code and will set up a donation box.

\* We have applied for a Resource Fund grant from the Episcopal Diocese of Rhode Island and expect to hear back next week.

But we are not going to reach our goal without additional support from our parishioners. The pledge campaign started out strong last year, but because of the

disruptions of COVID-19, we never had the focused close to the effort that we planned. Many of you have shared that you had intended to give but just got sidetracked (and understandably so!) by all that went on last year.

**So, we will be sending out new pledge cards to those who have not yet donated to the kitchen campaign. We are hoping that we can receive 100% participation and demonstrate a solidarity of support for our feeding ministries and community outreach.**

I continue to be amazed, time and again, by the generosity and deep faith of our St. Luke's family. Thank you for being part of this ambitious project. We are going to have a beautiful new kitchen and dining room this fall. And those with mobility issues will be able to reach our events with greater ease and dignity. Thank you for helping us complete the embrace, as we seek to reach out to be good neighbors and serve one another.

Gary Schweizer,  
Senior Warden  
Kitchen Improvements Committee  
Chairperson

## This Sunday at St. Luke's

### The Seventh Sunday of Easter

Click above for the lessons

Streaming Service of Morning Prayer:

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

Livestream In-Person 10:15 Service:

Our Livestream In-Person Services are also available on our Facebook Page. You don't have to have a Facebook account to join us. [Click Here](#) to access our page. If you have a Facebook account and you like our page, (click the button with the "thumbs up"), you'll be notified when our livestreams begin. It is our shared prayer and worship that binds us together as the body of Christ in this world, and we look forward to you joining us!

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

The Rev. Timothy Rich, rector, preaching

## St. Luke's 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!

## 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 Services using Sign-Up Genius, please**  
**[Click Here!](#)** for our May Sign-Up Genius

We will also be 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!

## Pentecost Service

### **PENTECOST SERVICE!**

***SUNDAY - MAY 23***

***Wear Red!***

Our 10:15 Service will be held outdoors at Swift Gym Field!

Please bring your masks, chairs or blankets!

We look forward to seeing you! Don't forget to wear red!

The 7:45 service will be livestreamed from the church and available on our Facebook page. The 10:15 service will not be livestreamed.

## Covid Vaccine Update

### **Rhode Island COVID-19 Vaccination Update**

Governor Dan McKee and the Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH) are writing to provide an update on Rhode Island's COVID-19 vaccine efforts. As of this afternoon, 547,248 people have received one dose of vaccine and 381,996 people are now fully vaccinated.

We are now seventh in the country for the number of people who have received at least one dose and seventh the country for the number of people fully vaccinated. We are also third in the country for vaccinating people age 65 and older.

As of Thursday, 63% of Rhode Islanders have received at least one dose of vaccine and 43% of the population is fully vaccinated. This is remarkable progress from where we started in early February to now; it is all thanks to you.

Everyone should get vaccinated. Every shot in the arm gets us all closer to fireworks, parades, and summer celebrations with our families and friends.

**No Appointments Needed** - We are working to make vaccination as easy, convenient, and accessible as possible. Resources needed to book an appointment should not be a barrier to getting vaccinated. If you want to get vaccinated at one of the State-run sites, making an appointment in advance at [www.vaccinateRI.org](http://www.vaccinateRI.org) is still the best way to go, but starting Thursday, April 29, appointments are no longer needed to get vaccinated at three State-run sites:

- 100 Sockanosset Cross Road, Cranston, which is open Tuesday through Saturday from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Parking is available behind the building.
- Dunkin' Donuts Center, 1 La Salle Square, Providence, which is open Tuesday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Three hours of free parking are available in North Garage at 114 West Exchange St. Accessible parking is available in front of the Dunkin' Donuts Center. Volunteers are available to direct people to the clinic.
- 1400 West Main Road, Middletown, which is open Wednesday through Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Also, beginning Thursday, April 29, appointments will no longer be needed to get vaccinated at 80 select CVS, Walgreens, Walmart, and Stop & Shop pharmacy locations throughout the state.

To find a vaccine site near you, view RIDOH's Vaccine Site Locator.

## Adult Faith Formation

### **Adult Faith Formation**

The Adult Faith Formation Group is reading *Love Is the Way*, by our presiding bishop, the Most Rev. Michael Curry. About this book the Archbishop of Canterbury writes, "Drawing on his own life and experiences, (Curry) shows us that time and time again, when love is threatened by circumstances-- be it poverty, racism, violence, injustice, or the abuse of power-- that same love has the power to shine through."

Come and celebrate the Easter season with us by reflecting upon the power of this love to change our lives.

As in recent months, the class will meet over Zoom on Wednesdays from 7:00-8:30PM. Please read Chapter 12 and if you would like take a look at the Appendix in preparation for our meeting. And, as always, expense should be no obstacle to participation. If you need assistance in acquiring the book, let Tim or Tanya know.

We look forward to sharing the discussions with you!

Please [Click Here](#) to join! Please see below for meeting information:

Meeting ID: 867 3899 9469

Passcode: 427552

## Treasurer's Announcement

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	2021 YTD	Budget	%	2020 YTD	Var.
Pledge Income	\$201,135	\$188,000	106.99%	\$183,625	\$17,510
Loose Plate	\$7,439	\$7,400	100.53%	\$9,078	(\$1,639)
Other Personal Inc.	\$30,875	\$22,233	138.87%	\$26,592	\$4,283
Total Personal Inc.	\$239,449	\$217,633	110.02%	\$219,295	\$20,154
Total Other Inc.	\$82,630	\$87,945	93.96%	\$13,623	\$69,007
Total Income	\$322,079	\$305,578	105.40%	\$232,918	\$89,161
Staff Expenses	\$145,450	\$149,019	97.61%	\$147,448	(\$1,998)
Facilities Expenses	\$31,454	\$41,663	75.50%	\$46,621	(\$15,167)
Program Expenses	\$6,498	\$12,750	50.96%	\$8,227	(\$1,729)
Outreach Expenses	\$2,137	\$737	289.96%	\$737	\$1,400
Total Expenses	\$108,251	\$74,777	144.77%	\$234,578	(\$126,327)
Net Income	\$108,251	\$74,777	144.77%	(\$1,600)	\$109,851

We've had another good month. May we pray it continues.

Notes:

- Big Sister Bin brought in \$206.40!
- We have rented out a parking space for \$75 monthly to a local neighbor - \$450 pre-paid
- Quarterly water bill was down over 50% - no idea why, other than the dehydrated staff

Again, we give all of you our continued thanks for all the blessings you share!

Peace and Grace,  
Mike

## Pledge Envelopes

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

## Celebrating Our Graduates

Please let us know who may be graduating in your family from high school or college so that we can celebrate this wonderful accomplishment!

Reach out to our office at 884-4116 or [cimondi@stlukeseg.org](mailto:cimondi@stlukeseg.org) and let us know their names!

## St. Luke's Bag Lunches for Buddies

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When was the last time you lovingly packed a bag lunch for your kids? Yesterday? Yesteryear?

Well, St. Luke's has begun a new "feeding ministry" to make 30+ bag lunches weekly and deliver them to Community Care Alliance in Woonsocket, a day shelter located just around the corner from our Loaves & Fishes truck run stop (on hold during the COVID pandemic).

If you would like to participate in this outreach to our friends in need, [Click Here](#) for our SignUpGenius where you will find all the details.

And, thanks in advance from the many folks we help nourish and who help nourish us, spiritually.

Rob Walsh



# ST. LUKE'S YARD SALE



Save the  
Date!

**MAY**

—  
**22**

—  
**2021**

**7AM TO  
NOON**

St. Luke's is taking part in the Annual Hill & Harbor Yard Sale!

We are looking for donations of gently used items such as toys, books, DVD's, clothing, tools, sporting equipment, home goods, small working appliances or electronics, and furniture.

Drop off dates/times for donations:  
Sunday, May 16 - 8AM to Noon  
Monday, May 17 -- 4PM to 6PM  
Tuesday, May 18 -- 4PM to 6PM

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## How else can you help?

**VOLUNTEER** ... to sort/price items or work the day of the sale.

**VOLUNTEER** your truck for clean-up and clear-out!

[Click Here](#) to volunteer online via Sign-Up Genius or contact Jon Jacaruso at [jonjacaruso@live.com](mailto:jonjacaruso@live.com)

### Property Committee

#### Property Committee

Our Property Monthly Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 20, from 8-11:30 am.

All are welcome to join us as we clean up our grounds, plant new colors and make small repairs inside. Masks still required, bring your own drinks.

We are a small but mighty group and would welcome newcomers to join us!

Contact Cindi at [benem@cox.net](mailto:benem@cox.net)

### 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 RaiseRight Program

### More Spring Bonuses for You and St. Luke's!

Get ready for graduation season and raise funds for St. Luke's!

Party planning, gift buying, outfit shopping - there's plenty to do before graduation season begins. Get gift cards to make your prep more impactful.



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

## 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!](#)

### 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:

Jello Pudding Mix, Flour, Coffee, Cookies, Juice, Spices, Potato Salad, Scalloped Potatoes, Potatoes Au gratin, Corned Beef Hash, Chili, Spam, Italian Dressing, Oil and Crackers.

Thank you!

EG Interfaith Food Cupboard

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