



St. Luke's Episcopal Church

Where all are welcome at the Lord's table

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Greetings!

Many of you know that we have just moved into the house we bought in West Warwick. I feel like we've become our own mini-economic stimulus package between trips to the Home Depot, Lowe's, Ikea, and Starbucks, (because honestly, this work is much easier to take on while properly caffeinated). My husband has diligently removed bolts from the walls and patched the holes they've left behind. I've arranged and rearranged our furniture, trying to figure out where things work best in the space. We've been reminded that we're really different people- I bring enthusiasm, Tim brings discipline.

The best part of our house is the big backyard, which has brought us a lot of joy as we watch our little dog blissfully run around it. The previous owners fenced in a terrific garden; but when we moved in, it was basically a display space for weeds. And there was so much straw. Tim was pretty exhausted by all the work required inside our home; he was not inspired to take on the garden area. But I was super excited. Some of you know that by the time I was 18 years old I'd moved 18 times. Moving that much does not allow for the cultivation of a garden - it's hard to commit to any home when every home is temporary - but here was a space that was meant for planting things and watching them grow! I cleared out three garbage bags full of weeds and straw...and after all that work it looked like I had barely touched the space. So I spent some time intentionally clearing out one small corner, and I planted one little strawberry plant, imagining that at least something good would happen in our garden this year.

Seeing my enthusiasm, Tim bought bags meant for yard waste, found attachments to his weeder to allow for tilling, and he went to work. Tim was raised in Idaho, and he takes proper tilling and creating rows very seriously. At first I was annoyed - his methodical process interrupted my play and I was very protective of the tiniest of strawberry plants in the far corner of the garden.

But Tim persisted, clearing out weeds and rocks, filling three more enormous bags with yard waste. As he continued to work, I went around the edges and planted marigolds, which made me happy and hopeful. He amended the soil. I thought we were ready to plant. Then he smoothed out the soil. I thought finally we could plant. Then he made his rows. I was frustrated - why couldn't I plant yet? He finished and...the rows were perfect. It was so easy to plant my vegetable seeds, and it made me happy knowing that they were going into fertile soil and that they would not be competing with rocks and weeds as they spread their roots. And he had lovingly protected my tiny strawberry plant. Tim was so delighted to prepare the space for me; he saw that I loved it, and my loving it inspired him to care for it. Without his work, my enthusiasm would have yielded next to nothing; but without my enthusiasm, he wouldn't have taken on the work.

I thought of that while spending time in the dining room at St. Luke's Tuesday amidst the hustle and bustle of people getting ready for the yard sale on Saturday. So many people had gathered together, helping unload items as they arrived, sorting and pricing. The energy in the room was good and happy, with people really enjoying each other's company as they worked. The room is absolutely full of things for sale; it would be overwhelming for one or two people to try to manage. While a few people have anchored the effort, (thank you Deborah, Laura, Bill, Jon, and Pam!), they have not had to do it alone. Many people have brought their enthusiasm, their discipline, their desire to help in whatever way they can. Some people are donating items, some are lifting heavy things, some people are separating out boutique items, some people are sorting and pricing. Not everyone can do everything, but when we each do what we can, the work gets done.

I'm reminded of Paul's letter to the Corinthians: "Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone...For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ." I'm so grateful for the saints of St. Luke's, where when we each of us faithfully offers the gifts we're given, the needs of the church are abundantly met and good things find the room to grow.

Blessings on this beautiful day,
Mtr. Tanya

[The Day of Pentecost](#)

Click above for the lessons

7:45am Holy Eucharist with Sermon

10:15am Holy Eucharist with Sermon - Outdoor Service

We will Livestream our 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. Tanya Watt, assistant rector, preaching

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!

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.

Adult Faith Formation

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We will resume our Adult Faith Formation via Zoom on Wednesday, June 9.

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 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

ST. LUKE'S YARD SALE



Save the
Date!

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**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

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

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

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 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).



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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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