



St. Luke's Episcopal Church

Where all are welcome at the Lord's table

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Greetings!

Sometimes current events parallel the ancient Church calendar-- and this is one of those times.

After our upcoming celebration of Trinity Sunday (this Sunday), we will be entering that expanse of time on the Christian calendar often referred to as "Ordinary Time." Ordinary Time is the longest season for the Church, still filled with celebrations and story, but less driven by a particular theme or concern.

As I think about where we are in this nation regarding the COVID pandemic, it seems to me like we are close to entering once again "ordinary time."

Sure enough, the weeks to come will include COVID-related stories and struggles-let's never forget those not yet vaccinated, those who have not yet returned to work, and those whose lives are forever changed because of post-COVID hardships and losses. But it now appears that in terms of our activities, practices, and patterns of life, we are returning to some sense of normalcy.

Given that the CDC, medical experts, and research recently suggested that the vaccines are incredibly effective in preventing illness, and, equally important, that those vaccinated are not likely to spread the virus to unvaccinated individuals, the Governor, the Bishop, and our own re-opening committee have approved an almost complete resumption of our "normal" worship practices.

In (relatively) short form, let me detail for you what that means at St. Luke's:

Re Masks: Mandated if not vaccinated and protected; optional if fully protected.

Re Singing: We will return to congregational and choral singing beginning this Sunday.

Re Social Distancing: Because current recommendations indicate maintaining 3 ft of distancing if we are singing and generally mask-less, we should continue this practice at the 10:15 service.

Re Communion: We will resume communion in both kinds on June 13. (The following Sunday, June 6, is "Corporate Communion Sunday," at a 9:00 service, where we celebrate the completion of communion studies for our 3rd and 4th graders, followed by a Rite 13 Celebration at an 11:00 service. It occurs to me that they definitely will not be vaccinated, so, for the sake of safety and simplicity, we will begin offering the chalice on June 13.

Re Communion Delivery: We will continue to administer communion in the pews until June 13. Once we begin offering the sacrament in both kinds, we will return to the rail for administration of the sacrament.

Re Coffee Hour: We will begin coffee hours June 6.

Re The Receiving Line: We will not do this for the foreseeable future because it creates a bottleneck for those who would like to skip it. Tanya and I will head out directly to the atrium instead.

Re Sign-Ups For Church: We will continue with sign-ups and expanded but still slightly limited numbers for the 10:15 as long as we are maintaining the 3ft distance to sing. There is no longer any need to sign up for the 7:45.

Re Passing The Plate: We will resume passing the plate this Sunday.

Re Contact Tracing Cards: We will continue with this practice for the foreseeable future.

Re Books In The Pews: Returning June 6.

Re Pew Cushions: We need to figure out how to clean them before returning them to the pews. Stay tuned!

So there you have it-- I warned you, this was in relatively short form. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email me.

As I imagine this return to "ordinary time" I am moved by two things. First, I am so very grateful to all of you who have been respectful, responsible, and patient

with the various protocols. Second, I am mindful of how indebted we all are to the wise counsel of our Re-opening Steering Committee (Rodney Ayers, Margaret Clifton, Kathy Lynch, Steve McLoughlin, Gary Schweizer, and Tanya Watt).

Truly, I feel throughout this extraordinary time I have been in the company of extraordinary people. And for that, among many things, I thank God.

Peace,
Tim

This Sunday at St. Luke's

Trinity Sunday

Click above for the lessons

7:45am Holy Eucharist with Sermon

10:15am Holy Eucharist with Sermon

We are glad to offer a Facebook livestream for our 10:15 Sunday services. To access the livestream, please follow the instructions below:

1. Our Facebook page can be accessed by [Clicking Here](#).
2. You do not need a Facebook account to access this page. If you do have an account, 'liking' our page ahead of the service will allow Facebook to send you a notification when the livestream begins. If you do not have an account, Facebook will ask if you would like to set one up. Simply click the 'x' at the top right corner to close that box or click 'not now'.
3. The livestream will be accessible from St. Luke's Facebook page near the time the prelude begins. If you have liked our page, simply click on the notification you will receive from Facebook when it starts to view the video.
4. If you have not liked our page, you may have to scroll down the page to find the livestream while it is happening due to the way Facebook works. Once the livestream concludes, the video of the service will be available at the top of our page, (so you will not have to scroll to find it).

Please contact our Assistant Rector, Mother Tanya, with any questions. She can be reached at tanya@stlukeseg.org.

[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!

Make A Note! Three Services on Sunday, June 6th

Please help us to celebrate our Youth Groups!

In addition to our regular service at 7:45, we will be celebrating our Corporate Communion service at 9:00 am and our Rite 13 service to at 11:00 am! There will be no 10:15 service. We look forward to celebrating with you!

Reopening Announcement

St. Luke's is Reopening!

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

To Sign Up for Sunday Services using Sign-Up Genius, please

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

[Click Here!](#) for our June 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!

Adult Faith Formation

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Our Adult Faith Formation will take a break until June 9.

At that time, we will begin a book study of Henri Nouwen's *Following Jesus: Finding Our Way Home in an Age of Anxiety*. You may purchase the book at your local bookstore or online. Expense should be no obstacle to participation -- if you need assistance in acquiring the book, please let Tim or Tanya know.

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

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 Augratin, Corned Beef Hash, Chili, Spam, Italian Dressing, Oil and Crackers.

Thank you!

EG Interfaith Food Cupboard

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