



St. Luke's Episcopal Church

Where all are welcome at the Lord's table

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Greetings!

In case you haven't already heard, this Sunday, July 11, we will be celebrating the 10:15 Eucharist under the Goddard Park carousel, with a picnic to follow. It is one of my favorite celebrations of the year.

I love the beauty of the setting, the bay and woods surrounding us. To my thinking, it is a reminder that God's church is not solely defined by bricks, pews, and stain glass windows.

And there's something about the celebration that not only loosens us up but livens us up too. Perhaps it is the music, provided by the Three Amigos. Perhaps it is the comfort and casualness of our attire, many decked out in Hawaiian shirts and shorts. Perhaps it is the smell of burgers and dogs, a picnic incense, which drifts over from the nearby grill. Whatever the contributing factors, they make for a grand celebration.

Henri Nouwen, the priest and author of our current adult faith formation book study, writes, *"To celebrate means to lift up the moment and say, 'This is God's moment.' To celebrate is to lift up today and say, 'This is the day the Lord has made.'"*

I think these words beautifully sum up the joy and power of our Goddard Park celebration. Sure, it is good fun to be outside and picnic with one another. But more so, in the sights, sounds, and scents of the day, there is no missing the notion that "This is God's moment!"

Sometimes, I believe, we scurry about, running from moment to moment. Sometimes we hang on (barely), just trying to get from moment to moment. In either case, too often we pass from moment to moment with little recognition that this, this very moment, whatever the moment, can be God's moment-if but only we let God in.

Now, you might think, "How can I find the time

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or energy to make it God's moment?" But the good thing is, we don't need to do anything to make it God's moment. It already is. The only thing we have to do is realize it.

Which leaves me wondering not, "How can I find the time and energy..." but more, "How can I not?!"

I hope you'll find the time and energy to join in our celebration this Sunday.

Summer's blessings,

Jim

This Sunday at St. Luke's

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

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 am 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 T. Rich, rector, preaching

Church Picnic

SAVE THE DATE! - Church Picnic

Sunday, July 11th

Goddard Park Carousel

10:15 - Worship Service

Followed by a Church BBQ and Picnic

Please save the date and join us for a wonderful day!

St. Luke's will be providing the hamburgers & hot dogs. Remaining cautious, we are asking each family to bring your own side dish and dessert. St. Luke's will also provide Lemonade and Water as beverage.

[Click Here](#) to sign up through Sign-up Genius, sign-up on the sheet in the atrium, call the church at 884-4116, or email at cimondi@stlukeseg.org by Wednesday, July 7th. We want to make sure there will be enough hot dogs and hamburgers for everyone.

We also need a few volunteers to arrange and clean the tables and chairs at the Carousel at 8:15am before the church service. This year, we need a few helpers to serve Hamburgers and Hot dogs and a few helpers to clean up after the picnic.

Thank you to the men of Theology on Tap for transporting the grill, tables, and other equipment to the park, and prepping the burgs and dogs and cooking them.

Please contact Lois McLoughlin at 401-885-3104 or Christina in church office at 884-4116 if you have any questions.

**The 7:45 service will be held at St. Luke's as usual, and it will be live-streamed.
The 10:15 service will not be live-streamed on July 11.**



Reopening Announcement

St. Luke's is Reopening!

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

[Click Here](#) to view Father Tim's Reopening Letter!

SignUpGenius is no longer necessary!

When not totally shut down for in-person worship this past year, the SignUpGenius helped us remain compliant and safe upon our return to in-person worship.

Beginning June 20, parishioners will no longer be required to "sign-up" to attend either the 7:45am or 10:15am services.

Hallelujah!

We are 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!

Summer Office Hours

CHRISTINA'S SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

July through Labor Day, Christina will be in the office from 8 am - 4 pm, Monday - Thursday.
The office will be closed on Fridays.

Treasurer's Note

From the Treasurer

	2021 YTD	Budget	%	2020 YTD	Var
Pledge Income	\$265,360	\$248,000	107.00%	\$231,612	\$33,748
Loose Plate	\$14,302	\$10,000	143.02%	\$10,692	\$3,610
Other Personal Inc.	\$42,984	\$33,750	127.36%	\$31,718	\$11,266
Total Personal Inc.	\$322,646	\$291,750	110.59%	\$274,022	\$48,624
Total Other Inc	\$99,371	\$105,792	93.93%	\$76,593	\$22,778
Total Income	\$422,017	\$397,542	106.16%	\$350,615	\$71,402
Staff Expenses	\$220,107	\$224,037	98.25%	\$208,662	\$11,445
Facilities Expenses	\$49,060	\$61,095	80.30%	\$61,437	(\$12,377)
Program Expenses	\$10,822	\$18,500	58.50%	\$11,923	(\$1,101)
Outreach Expenses	\$8,976	\$7,894	113.71%	\$4,095	\$4,881
Total Expenses	\$330,227	\$351,474	93.95%	\$334,260	(\$4,033)
Net Income	\$91,790	\$46,069	199.24%	\$16,354	\$75,436

Financial results continue their encouraging trend. I am overwhelmed, but then I am often overwhelmed by the generosity of the parishioners around here!

Mike

Adult Faith Formation

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Wednesdays at 7 pm via Zoom

Our book study is on **Henri Nouwen's *Following Jesus: Finding Our Way Home in an Age of Anxiety***. One reviewer notes: "...this book will not only soothe your soul, but also reinvigorate your faith." Please read Chapter 6. In the Introduction, you'll find the following beautiful prayer:

Dear Lord,

Be with me today. Listen to my confusion and help me know how to live it. I don't know the words. I don't know the way. Show me the way. You are a quiet God. Help me to listen to your voice in a noisy world. I want to be with you. I know you are peace. I know you are joy. Help me to be a peaceful and joyful person. These are the fruits of living close to you. Bring me close to you, dear Lord. Amen.

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. We look forward to seeing you then!

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

Meeting ID: 867 3899 9469

Passcode: 427552

Pledge Envelopes

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

Coffee Hour

Coffee Hour Volunteers

People don't come to coffee hour just for a cup of joe; they want a human connection, something we all have missed during the pandemic! Here's a place where we build community one cup at a time.

We need your help! Father Tim would like to resume Coffee Hour. For now, we are only offering coffee and juice- no food.

As usual, our sexton, Tim, will set up the coffee urn in the morning. The Coffee Hour host simply needs to set up the coffee "station" with cups, sugars, creamer and napkins. These supplies (except the creamer) are all kept in the armoire in the Blackburn Room. There will be a table set up in the narthex near the stairs where you can set up a juice "station" with small juice cups and napkins. Tablecloths can be found in the armoire also.

So, the host would bring half and half as well as some type of juice. Everything else is provided. After the 10:15am service's coffee hour, the urns would need to be cleaned out and stored in the Blackburn Room and you would need to ensure that coffee grounds go in the trash.

Please consider signing up for an upcoming Sunday so we can properly extend our hospitality and reconnect. Christina put the sign-up sheet on the wall across from the office. You can sign up at church or call Christina in the office at 401-884-4116 and she'll add you to the list.

We look forward to seeing you all soon,

Tracy
401-447-0472

Marcia
401-241-1821

Seeking Lay Eucharistic Ministers

Seeking Lay Eucharistic Ministers!

Reopening the church has been such a joy! As we continue to move closer to our normal pattern of worship, we look forward to returning to the communion rail during the Eucharist. Part of that move will include welcoming Lay Eucharistic Ministers back to the altar to help in the distribution of communion. Serving as a LEM is a simple but gratifying way of participating in feeding the gathered Body of Christ during our worship services. If you have any questions about this ministry, please talk with Fr. Tim or Mtr. Tanya. If you're interested in joining our list of volunteers, please let Christina know! (cimondi@stlukeseg.org).

Property Committee

Property Monthly Meetings

Share the Love! We have just celebrated the new beginnings of our country that allows us the freedom to believe, to work at what we love, and to speak the truth. As Christians, Christ has given us the freedom to love unconditionally, to forgive, and to be his servants - so join us and share the love of God's creation as we create warm and welcoming places for our weary

community to sit awhile, to enjoy a few moments of solitude and peace, and to move forward refreshed.

We will be meeting on Thursday, July 15, from 9 am-Noon for outdoor work. There will be no breakfast, but individual snacks will be available. Please bring your own drink. Masks recommended for those who are not vaccinated.

All are welcome to come regardless of experience, including high-schoolers set loose for the summer! We would love to see some new faces and could use some help finishing up our new gardens! Indoor tasks can range from simple cleaning to re-gluing baseboard protectors. Outdoors we will be mostly weeding, watering, and preparing a few new beds for planting.

If you are not able to come in the morning, perhaps you would like to be part of a watering crew to come and water once a month.

Questions can be addressed to Jack Newton (jncn10954@verizon.net) or Cindi Lovejoy (benem@cox.net) for outdoor tasks.

** Work on inside tasks will take place on July 22 at 9 am. Email Bob Brockway (rwbrockway@verizon.net) for inside tasks.

We look forward to seeing you!

Tribute To Our 2021 Graduates

Upcoming to St. Luke's Facebook!

Look for a video tribute to our 2021 graduates this weekend! Enjoy learning of their transition from high school to college, from college to pursuing next steps, and the many varied accomplishments of these wonderful young people.

Congratulations and Godspeed to them and their families!



[Click Here](#) this weekend view St. Luke's videos page and the graduates' tribute!

Loaves and Fishes

Return of Loaves & Fishes!

After two months of making and delivering lunches (Bags for Buddies) to Safe Haven Warming Center in Woonsocket, we will be redirecting our energies toward a soft relaunch of Loaves & Fishes on Saturday, July 24. More info to come!

This will be our triumphant return to this cherished ministry, which made its last run in February 2020.

Thank you to everyone who made bag lunches and provided clothing for the past two months!

Be on the lookout for more details about our July 24 run!



Pastoral Care

Pastoral Care Ministry

Our next Pastoral Care meeting will be held on July 14 at 1 pm in the Blackburn Room!

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

Main Street Strolls

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St. Luke's Takes to Main Street!

It's official !!

East Greenwich will once again host its highly popular **Main Street Strolls** each month from June to September!

St. Luke's and The Three Amigos will be there to celebrate this community wide event -- singing, greeting and enjoying our neighbors. You will find us each month at 294 Main Street -- home of Walsh & Associates.

Mark your calendar and join us!

Dogs on Parade Thursday, June 24, 5pm - 8pm

To participate in parade with your pet, meet behind Back to Basics at 5:30pm ...
parade starts at 6pm and ends at Town Hall

Arts on Main/Chalk the Block Thursday, July 15th, 5pm - 8pm

Music on Main Thursday, August 19th, 5pm - 8pm

Taste of EG Thursday, September 16, 5pm - 8pm

If you would like to volunteer with hosting the St. Luke's booth,
please contact Deborah Collins at collinstn01@gmail.com

Casting Call!

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On July 27 St. Luke's will be the filming site for the upcoming indie movie, "Poor Paul", a romantic comedy/musical. They will be filming a wedding scene in and around our sanctuary.

The director is looking for extras to attend the wedding as well as youth for a children's choir to sing a short song. As I said to the director, you have come to the right place!

For the youth, they will need to be at St. Luke's from 3:00-5:00PM. They will need a waiver signed by parent or guardian, per SAG requirements. I will pass that waiver on to any interested parties.

For the wedding guests, they will need to be present from 3:00-6:00, dressed in your most glorious wedding attire (glamorous dresses and fancy hats appreciated for the women; suits, ties, for the men-- no tuxes though).

The more the merrier for the adults. He is hoping for 10 or more for the youth choir. I told him I thought we could accommodate.

Come and participate in this fun day! Maybe this will be the start of a new career for you?!!

If you have any questions, let me know. Please call the office or email Christina, cimondi@stlukeseg.org, if you are interested in participating.

I'll see you in the film!!

Peace,
Tim

St. Luke's RaiseRight Program

Summer Bonuses for You and St. Luke's!

Go on a summer adventure and give back to St. Luke's!

Camping trips, weddings, family reunions and traveling to bucket list destinations. Raise money for St. Luke's on all your Summer Adventures when you buy flight, gas, hotels and more, using RaiseRight E-Gift Cards.



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:

Kidney beans, cannellini beans, baked beans, pasta sauce, rice/pasta sides, ramen noodles, cooking stock, canned pineapple, hash, chili, yellow cake mix, Italian or ranch dressing, ketchup, juice (64 oz), crackers, cookies and mayonnaise.

Thank you!

EG Interfaith Food Cupboard

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