



St. Luke's Episcopal Church

Where all are welcome at the Lord's table

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Greetings!

"There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place, and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord."

So began our parish picnic at Goddard Park last Sunday, with the Three Amigos gathering us together with their gift of song. A gentle breeze floated through the edifice of the carousel, the smell of the grill being made ready was in the air, and the look of happy, relaxed faces all around as we entered into our Eucharistic feast before beginning our picnic feast. It was so good to see everyone, so good to hear the sounds of children running around together, so good to be reminded of the unconditional persistence of God's love in Fr. Tim's sermon.

In our Adult Faith Forum, we just finished reading Henri Nouwen's *Following Jesus: Finding our Way Home in an Age of Anxiety*. In his final chapter, Nouwen draws our attention to the mystery of presence revealed in absence; that we sometimes come to know or feel the presence of someone more when they're not physically present with us. We know one another in our coming and in our leaving, or as Rob humorously put it in paraphrasing Bruce, "How can I miss you if you never leave?" Nouwen writes that: "...Jesus had to leave for us to understand who Jesus truly was." It was after Jesus left that we received the gift of the Holy Spirit. Jesus is God with us, the Holy Spirit is God in us. That kind of love, a love that lives within us and is as close to us as our own breath, is an utter miracle. When we realize God has *that* kind of love for us, our hearts are filled with gratitude that moves us to want to share that love with others.

While presence revealed in absence may remain a spiritual mystery, the pandemic made it physically quite real for many of us. Isolation and lockdown immediately altered the connections we had in our daily lives. The absence of physical presence with one another made us appreciate our connections in a new way. We longed to

Communion

Stay Connected



see one another, to gather together, to see each other's faces, to have a casual conversation in the grocery store or coffee shop instead of skirting around people we encountered as quickly as possible, to have physical contact with one another. Before we moved away from Arizona, my mom and I tried to safely adhere to the rules but embraced tightly with a hug we knew would have to tide us over until it was safe to see each other again. I can't wait to hug her when she comes to visit in October- it will have been more than a year.

At our parish picnic, I saw happy faces full of gratitude at being able to be present with one another again. Last year, Christian love required that we care for one another by staying apart. This year, Christian love allowed us to be present with one another, knowing the gift of fellowship in a deeper way because we have known the absence of that fellowship. The gift of our presence with one another was revealed in a new way because of our absence from one another.

I am grateful for your presence in our community; St. Luke's is better because you are part of it. In his book, Nouwen tells us to be patient, to be present to the moment in which we are living, to recognize the fullness of this very moment. I give thanks for this moment we share together, and for the fullness of the moments we shared together last Sunday.

Blessings and peace to you,
Mtr Tanya

This Sunday at St. Luke's

The Eighth 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. Tanya Watt, assistant rector, preaching

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!

**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

Pledge Envelopes

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

Adult Faith**Adult Faith**

"We see what we look for and we look for what we know." How can two people look at the same thing and see something completely different? Join us for Adult Faith Formation via Zoom on Wednesday, August 4th as we view the video Conversations on Hidden Bias, Pt. 1 with Howard J. Ross. We are grateful that St. Luke's parishioner and Adult Faith Formation Steering Committee member, Dr. Patricia Warburton, will facilitate a reflection period following the video. We look forward to an intellectually engaging evening and hope to see you there!

We will not have Adult Faith Formation on July 21st or 28th.

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

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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).

Tribute To Our 2021 Graduates

Tribute to Our Grads on St. Luke's Facebook!

Enjoy a video tribute to our 2021 graduates! Learn 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](#) to view St. Luke's videos page and the graduates' tribute!

Loaves and Fishes

Loaves & Fishes Run - July 24!

Welcome back everyone! It has been so wonderful to see so many of your beautiful faces in person again! We kept community and kept faith and here we are, slowly, coming out on the other side of it all. I am so excited to inform you all that as we are able to gather together once again, we are officially starting up our monthly Loaves and Fishes runs!

As so many of us know, the pandemic has affected everyone's lives so deeply, but none more so than those groups that were already marginalized pre-COVID. Please join us in reuniting with our brothers and sisters in Woonsocket on Saturday, July 24th. It will be a time filled with joy, as we catch up with old faces (and probably meet some new ones!).

Just a friendly reminder, if you can only sign up for a portion of a slot, do not let it deter you, any and all offerings are greatly appreciated! If you are new to the ministry, there are several ways to be involved, including donating items, helping prep and going on the run. If you'd like to come on the run but aren't sure how to help, there will be experienced volunteers on hand to guide you. Hope you can join us!

[Click Here](#) to sign up for our run on July 24!



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

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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