



# St. Luke's Episcopal Church

Where all are welcome at the Lord's table

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Greetings!

## Episcopal Charities: 2021 Loving Those "Cheerful Givers"!

This past Spring, the Bishop kicked off the 2021 annual Episcopal Charities campaign with his letter of Hope. In it he quotes from the liturgy of our Morning Prayer:

*Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.*

Hope, the Bishop says, has manifested itself this year in multiple ways, - from the widespread availability of virus-fighting vaccines, to economic help for small businesses and the unemployed, to fair and equitable treatment for all. This year, gifts to Episcopal Charities are providing hope to Rhode Islanders, now with two options:

First, the traditional Episcopal Charities' **Annual Fund**, which provides agencies with sustainable, program grants, distributed yearly.

Next, to **Charities NOW**, the immediate-needs arm of Episcopal Charities. Launched last year, gifts to **Charities NOW** continue to help feeding ministries in our Episcopal churches. Like many other Rhode Island non-profit agencies, this new initiative was bridging the gap during challenging times.

Now, in Summer, the needs continue for Rhode Islanders, even as, *especially as*, we are again in the midst of a resurgence of COVID-19 and the Delta variant. If you've recently received a message from our Diocesan office of Charities, we are reminded, in the words of St. Paul, that *each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.*

**Your gift makes a difference!** To make that

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difference, or for more information, go to [Episcopalri.org](http://Episcopalri.org). You may also send your check to Episcopal Charities, 275 North Main Street, Providence 02903. Please indicate in the memo section of your check if you are giving to the Charities Annual Fund or **Charities NOW**.

Historically, St. Luke's has been one of the largest contributors to Episcopal Charities, and we are so grateful for your continued generosity. As of June 30, 2021, 51 of you have contributed \$11,465 to Episcopal Charities. As we keep all these nonprofit agencies and ministries in our prayers, let us always be mindful of those in need of food, support, love...and HOPE!

Pam Dresselhouse & Laura Sullivan  
*Episcopal Charities Co-Chairs*



### **This Sunday at St. Luke's**

#### The Twelfth 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!

## 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.

## Treasurer's Note

### From the Treasurer

July Month End

	2021 YTD	Budget	%	2020 YTD	Var
Pledge Income	\$294,610	\$270,000	109.11%	\$252,380	\$42,230
Loose Plate	\$18,032	\$10,800	166.96%	\$11,289	\$6,743
Other Personal Inc.	\$47,068	\$37,383	125.91%	\$33,718	\$13,350
Total Personal Inc.	\$359,710	\$318,183	113.05%	\$297,387	\$62,323
Total Other Inc	\$100,696	\$108,341	92.94%	\$77,956	\$22,740
Total Income	\$460,406	\$426,524	107.94%	\$375,343	\$85,063
Staff Expenses	\$256,610	\$261,568	98.10%	\$238,959	\$17,651
Facilities Expenses	\$53,307	\$68,998	77.26%	\$66,400	(\$13,093)
Program Expenses	\$12,584	\$21,375	58.87%	\$12,911	(\$327)
Outreach Expenses	\$9,160	\$8,078	113.39%	\$5,089	\$4,071
Total Expenses	\$379,375	\$406,626	93.30%	\$379,573	(\$198)
Net Income	\$81,031	\$19,899	407.21%	(\$4,230)	\$85,261

Your continued support of St. Luke's has kept us on track. All this AND the capital campaign for the kitchen is a tremendous testament to all of you - the Parishioners that make it all happen. I Join Fr. Tim and Mtr. Tanya and the leadership team in thanking each and every one of you!

Grace and Peace,  
Mike

**Here are some other options available if you would like to donate to St. Luke's!**



Online Banking	Zelle Transfer	VANCO Payment Solutions	Direct Payment From IRA
<b>Bill Pay</b> – with online bill pay, you add St. Luke's Church as a payee, enter our address of 99 Peirce St. East Greenwich, RI 02818 and schedule your payment. <b>Benefits:</b> Ease of use – if you already use online bill pay, then you are familiar with making payments this way. You can schedule single payments, or set up regular payments in advance.	<b>Zelle Payment</b> – with Zelle payment transfer, you can add St. Luke's Church by using the <a href="mailto:giving@stlukeseg.org">giving@stlukeseg.org</a> address. <b>Benefits:</b> Ease of use – if you already use Zelle, then you are familiar with making payments this way. This only makes one payment at a time, so you have to initiate each payment.	<b>VANCO Payments</b> – With VANCO payments, you create your individual account on the VANCO site, set up how you want to pay, and the funds are deposited in the Church's account <b>Benefits:</b> If you like points or miles, then this is your site! VANCO is the only option that accepts credit cards. Like Online Banking, you can set up recurring payments or make single payments	<b>Direct Transfer</b> – If you are 70 ½ or older, you can instruct your IRA provider to make a Qualified Charitable Distribution directly from your IRA. <b>Benefits:</b> Any funds paid this way are not reported as taxable income to you. You can make your entire yearly pledge with one payment, help satisfy your required distribution, and incur no tax on the income.
No cost to you or the Church.	No cost to you or the Church	Transaction Fees for the Church	No cost to you or the Church

## Pledge Envelopes

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

## Adult Faith

### Adult Faith Formation

Please join us for Adult Faith Formation Wednesday, August 18th, from 7:00 - 9:00 pm as we watch *Traces of the Trade* together in the church sanctuary. Following the movie, we'll have the opportunity for shared reflection facilitated by Michelle Jones, Director of Equity and Belonging at Rocky Hill Country Day School. From the film's synopsis:

"In *Traces of the Trade*, Producer/Director Katrina Browne tells the story of her forefathers, the largest slave-trading family in U.S. history...The film follows Browne and nine fellow family members on a remarkable journey which brings them face-to-face with the history and legacy of New England's hidden enterprise...The issues the DeWolf descendants are confronted with dramatize questions that apply to the nation as a whole: What, concretely, is the legacy of slavery-for diverse whites, for diverse blacks, for diverse others? Who owes who what for the sins of the fathers of this country? What history do we inherit as individuals and as citizens? How does Northern complicity change the equation? What would repair-spiritual and material-really look like and what would it take?"

We hope that you will join us as we learn and reflect together on these important questions.

For those who would like the link to the video on hidden bias we viewed and discussed during our Adult Faith Formation on Wednesday, August 4th, it can be found [here](#).

## Youth Faith Formation

### Youth Faith Formation

"Blessed are those who find wisdom, those who gain understanding." Proverbs 3:13

We are looking forward to an exciting year of Faith Formation at St. Luke's! Our first Sunday in class together will be September 19th. Every year our hearts are warmed as we watch your children grow in height and spirituality.

PreK-2nd Grade will meet at 10:15 downstairs in the Godly Play Room. Please try to be there by 10:05. Children will join their parents in our 10:15 service before Eucharist, at the Peace.

3rd - 5th Grade will meet 9:30 - 10:10 downstairs in the Godly Play Room. Please try to get them there by 9:25 so we can start on time.

6th - 8th Grade will meet 9:30 - 10:10 upstairs in Room 9 with leaders Mike Grady and Stacey Nakasian.

9th - 11th Grade will meet 9:30 - 10:10 upstairs in Room 7 with leaders Tom Sprague and Ali Poirer.

There is no registration fee! We are looking for some new Godly Play storytellers and greeters this year. If you'd like to learn more about serving in that ministry, please contact Theresa Deiters Muscat, our Director of Youth Faith Formation, at (415) 233-0761.

To help us as we prepare for the upcoming year, please complete the form located [here](#) or look for a paper form coming in the mail to you soon. We will also have forms available in our atrium. Our faith teaches us to care for the most vulnerable among us, and in keeping with that we will be observing CDC, State, and Diocesan guidelines to keep our classes as safe as possible.

Please contact Theresa at the number above or Mtr Tanya at (401) 684-2844 with any questions or concerns. We look forward to growing in our faith together!

## 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



## 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](mailto:cimondi@stlukeseg.org)).

## Property Committee

### Property Committee

We will be meeting on Thursday, August 19, from 9 am-Noon for outdoor work. Members of our Youth Group will be joining us!

Masks recommended for those who are not vaccinated.

All are welcome to come regardless of experience. We would love to see some new faces! 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.

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

Email Bob Brockway ([rwbrockway@verizon.net](mailto:rwbrockway@verizon.net)) for inside tasks.

We look forward to seeing you!

## Loaves and Fishes

### Loaves and Fishes - August 28 Run

As we continue our efforts to sort out the best ways for Saint Luke's Loaves & Fishes ministry to serve our neighbors and community, we will be focusing our efforts on specific locations. This allows us to continue our outreach and service while being considerate of the precautions needed due to the ongoing presence of Covid and its variants.

For our Loaves and Fishes run on August 28, we will be collecting "Back to School" items for the Family Shelter in Woonsocket. We will also be providing bagged lunches for the residents. This shelter operates under the umbrella of Community Care Alliance and offers transitional housing for families. There are 57 current occupants, 27 of which are school-aged children.

Here is the list of the School & Lunch supplies needed:

27 Backpacks with a notebook, pencils, colored pencils, pencil sharpener and eraser (no crayons please)

10 infant bibs

5 boxes of magic erasers (to get marks off walls)

Women's and men's underwear - all sizes but especially Large and XL

57 bagged lunches (detail in SignUpGenius)

Contribute to the effort using SignUpGenius or you can drop off donations at the church office. Your ongoing support of this ministry is appreciated.



## 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

## 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](mailto:collinstn01@gmail.com)

## St. Luke's RaiseRight Program

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

Enjoy the rest of summer and raise funds for St. Luke's!

Make the most of the final month of summer. Whether you're squeezing in another trip, home project or party with friends, buy everything you need with e-cards from RaiseRight and raise money for a cause you care about.



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 Birthdays, Anniversaries, and Special Days of Thanksgiving

### **St. Luke's Birthdays, Anniversaries, & Special Days of Thanksgiving**

Would you like to celebrate your birthday, anniversary, graduation or other special day with St. Luke's?

We are compiling a list of parishioners' birthdays, anniversaries, and other important dates. If you would like to have a thanksgiving offered during the weekly Prayers of the People, **please complete this form**. An appropriate thanksgiving will be included during the prayers.

Any questions? Please email Christina (cimondi@stlukeseg.org) or call the parish office (401-

## 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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