



St. Luke's Episcopal Church

Where all are welcome at the Lord's table

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Greetings!

We're in the thick of it down in the kitchen and dining room! Construction is moving along and lots of different pieces are being worked on and coordinated.

Electrical rough-in is in full swing. The main electrical panel boxes have been set and primary conduit is being installed that will connect to the new 3-phase electrical service National Grid is bringing in from the street. Junction boxes for new outlets, appliances and equipment are being installed throughout the kitchen and dining room. And wiring is being run to power new light fixtures.

Plumbing rough-in has begun too. A concrete scan of the kitchen floor revealed that there is a wide field of electrical conduit embedded in the slab. Subsequently, our plumbing subcontractor scoped out the existing under-slab drain pipes with a small camera and determined that they are in good condition. So fortunately, we will be able to tie the new kitchen plumbing fixtures into the existing under-slab drains and avoid any conflict with saw cutting and trenching of the slab.

To accommodate future installation of air conditioning, we are installing ductwork, condensate drain piping, empty PVC conduit and access panels above areas of new drywall ceiling in the dining room. Installation of this infrastructure now will allow the AC system to be installed in the future without having to disturb the drywall.

Some boarding of soffits and walls has begun -- the rest awaits completion of electrical and plumbing rough-in. The contractor expects to be able to have building department rough-in inspections in a couple of weeks.

The concrete block dining room walls between the windows have been faced with new drywall and the

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wall heater covers adjusted to attach cleanly to the face of the new finish. We will be boxing out the base under the heaters to conceal existing conduit that runs beneath the benches.

The pull-down kitchen counter pass-through windows have been fabricated and will be installed next week. We have enough in the budget to replace the exterior doors that open out under the loggia with ones that will be wide enough to accommodate a wheelchair. We will also be facing the lower half of the windows on either side of the doors with translucent film to block the view of the recycling bins outside.

The elevator equipment arrives next week and installation will begin then. Preparation work inside the elevator shaft has already begun.

As is common across the construction industry these days, we are experiencing significant supply-chain delays. I have just learned that the cabinetry will not be delivered until late September. Hopefully that is the outlier, but our architect and contractor have been unable to get firm delivery dates for other major pieces of equipment and material. This despite persistent efforts. Everyone (including me) wants to know when the project will be complete, but it is not possible to set a firm date until we get some of these delivery dates confirmed. At this time, however, it looks like the project will not be fully complete before early to mid-October. I will keep you posted.

Kind of a dry, matter-of-fact report this time. But in this crazy up and down time we are living in, dry, matter-of-fact is nice for a change. I end this update, as always, with such a huge thanks for the generosity and support of all of you who are making this project possible. Each of you is a partner in bringing this project into being. Your financial contribution and your shared dedication to the vision of what this kitchen means to our church, our outreach, and our community are just as essential as every board laid and every nail hammered.

Thank you for being on this journey with us together!
More updates to come!

Peace,
Gary Schweizer

This Sunday at St. Luke's

[The Eleventh 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

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 Are The Sunday Bulletin QR Codes:

7:45 Service



10:15 Service with Baptism



OR

[Click Here](#) to view our 7:45 Sunday Bulletin!

and

[Click Here](#) to view our 10:15 Sunday Bulletin with Baptism!

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	\$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

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](#).

There will be no Adult Faith Formation on Wednesday, August 11th.

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

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Seeking Lay Eucharistic Ministers

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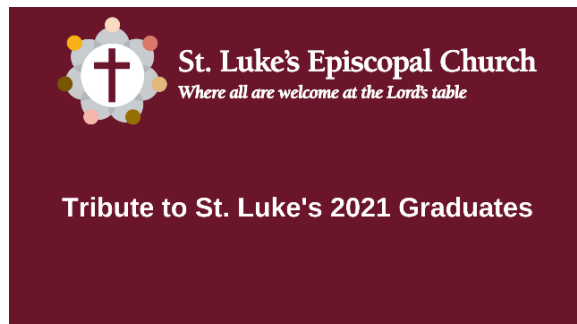
Reopening the church has been such a joy! As we continue to move closer to our normal pattern of worship, we look forward to returning to the communion rail during the Eucharist. Part of that move will include welcoming Lay Eucharistic Ministers back to the altar to help in the distribution of communion. 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!

Pastoral Care

Pastoral Care Ministry

Our next Pastoral Care Meeting will be on August 11 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

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).



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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:

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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