



St. Luke's Episcopal Church

Where all are welcome at the Lord's table

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Greetings!

Hail, glad festival day! We have a kitchen and dining room opening date -- **Sunday, December 5, 2021 !!** And, to mark this joyous occasion, we are honored to have Bishop Knisley preach and preside over the 7:45 am and 10:15 am services. Immediately following the 10:15 am service, we will all go down to the kitchen and dining room, where Bishop Knisley will offer a blessing upon our newly renovated facilities. This will be a wonderful family event as we gather around our new kitchen -- like all families do. I hope you will join us.

The support from all of you that has brought us to this point has been an inspiration. And not just in your financial giving -- which has been so incredibly faithful and generous. But in your belief in the ministries that our kitchen and dining room support. In your understanding of the importance of having a rejuvenated facility that will allow us continue and enhance what we do. In your enthusiasm for the vision we share of being a place that comes together and shares Christ's love with one another and with our neighbors. And in your PATIENCE through these challenging times. There is so much to celebrate and be thankful for!

And like many special family occasions, we will be blessed to reunite with members returning from afar. Al and Linda Potter, whose original substantial gift turned this project from hopeful dream into attainable reality, will be traveling back from Colorado to join us. We will also remember and honor those who have passed and blessed us with memorial gifts that were a significant part of reaching our fundraising goals.

Our Contractor is working hard to have everything ready by December 5th. The cabinets have arrived and are being installed. The drywall taping and sanding is complete and most of the paint priming is done. We have selected paint colors and painting will soon begin. Of course, Covid-19 is not done with us yet. Like so many aspects of our lives, this project has not escaped the turbulence that this pandemic continues to throw out. Only yesterday I learned that the dining room chairs that were to arrive this week have been delayed until January. Not enough ships, not enough drivers, not enough workers, not enough plastic! Also, we may or may not have one half of our paired refrigerators. There will undoubtedly be other items that are not quite complete. But our Contractor and Architect are undeterred and remain committed to our opening date.

And so too are we -- as a family who have learned to adapt, recalibrate, and redouble our efforts to be Christ to one another over

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these past two years. We too are not going to be deterred from this long-awaited celebration. Our new kitchen and dining room are nearly at hand. I look forward to seeing all of you on December 5th as we rejoice in our gleaming new kitchen and in the radiant presence of one another!

Peace,
Gary Schweizer

This Sunday at St. Luke's

[**The Twenty-third 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**](mailto:tanya@stlukeseg.org).

[**Click Here**](#) to download a copy of the parish prayer list.

The Rev. Timothy T. Rich, rector, preaching

Mark Your Calendars!

Mark Your Calendar!

**Sunday, October 31st, our 10:15 Celebration
will be outdoors behind Swift Gym - Weather Permitting!
If we move to indoors, costumes are still encouraged!!!**

Children are invited to come in costume!
Adults are welcome to do the same 😊

We are inviting our children to process in their costumes
before sitting with their parents!

Bring your own chair or blanket for comfort.

Fall Back!



St. Luke's Commitment Campaign

**All year long, St. Luke's gives to you and through you
to help others. So please make a pledge for 2022. It's a gift you can see and feel
making a difference every day.**



Reopening Announcement

St. Luke's has Reopened!

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

[Click Here](#) to view Fr. Tim's message regarding updated COVID protocols.
As of Sunday, August 1, we have resumed our mask-wearing and contact tracing practices.

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!

Treasurer's Notes

From the Treasurer

September Month End

Sep-21	2021 YTD	Budget	Var	2020 YTD	Var
Pledge Income	\$359,914	\$324,000	35,914	\$312,281	\$47,633
Loose Plate	\$24,388	\$15,000	9,388	\$14,234	\$10,154
Other Personal Inc.	\$54,102	\$44,750	9,352	\$46,537	\$7,565
Total Personal Inc.	\$438,404	\$383,750	54,654	\$373,052	\$65,352
Total Other Inc	\$120,227	\$126,489	(6,262)	\$91,909	\$28,318
Total Income	\$558,631	\$510,239	48,392	\$464,961	\$93,670
Staff Expenses	\$331,153	\$336,880	(5,727)	\$312,777	\$18,376
Facilities Expenses	\$78,358	\$87,990	(9,632)	\$94,078	(\$15,720)
Program Expenses	\$14,841	\$27,125	(12,284)	\$17,201	(\$2,360)
Outreach Expenses	\$9,529	\$8,447	1,082	\$11,698	(\$2,169)
Total Expenses	\$494,497	\$520,365	(25,868)	\$506,740	(\$12,243)
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Net Income	\$64,134	(\$10,126)	74,260	(\$41,780)	\$105,914

End of the 3rd quarter, and the St. Luke's team (that's all of you!) continues to perform well!

Dave Savage had a busy month coordinating some repair work:

- Stained Glass Window has been repaired
- Flat roof has been repaired near the tower
- Ceiling and some plaster repair was done

[Vanco and PayPal QR Codes If You Would Like To Donate](#)



Vanco



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



<p>Online Banking Bill Pay – 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. Benefits: 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. No cost to you or the Church.</p>	<p>Zelle Transfer Zelle Payment – with Zelle payment transfer, you can add St. Luke’s Church by using the giving@stlukeseg.org address. Benefits: 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. No cost to you or the Church</p>	<p>VANCO Payment Solutions VANCO Payments – 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 Benefits: 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 Transaction Fees for the Church</p>	<p>Direct Payment From IRA Direct Transfer – If you are 70 ½ or older, you can instruct your IRA provider to make a Qualified Charitable Distribution directly from your IRA. Benefits: 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</p>
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Adult Faith Formation

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The Adult Faith Formation Steering Committee invites you to a screening of *My Name is Pauli Murray* in the sanctuary on Wednesday, November 10th, from 7:00 - 9:00pm. Following the movie, St. Luke's parishioner and steering committee member Dr. Patricia Warburton and Mtr Tanya, our Assistant Rector, will facilitate a period of reflection and conversation.

Writing for the Episcopal News Service, Egan Millard notes: “ In the new documentary ‘ My Name Is Pauli Murray,’ filmmakers Betsy West and Julie Cohen paint a picture of an unsung trailblazer who remains relatively unknown despite her lasting influence on American society. Episcopalians know her as the first African American woman to be ordained a priest and as a pioneer in the struggles for racial and gender equality. But many may not know about other important aspects of her life, such as her struggle to come to terms with her gender identity in an era long before transgender people were accepted in mainstream society.

...The film, which incorporates excerpts from Murray’s diaries and memoirs, shows how she laid the groundwork for future achievements for racial and gender equality. Murray is celebrated on July 1 in The Episcopal Church’s ‘Holy Women, Holy Men’ calendar of saints.”

We hope you will join us as we watch this documentary and reflect together on what we can learn from Pauli’s story.

On November 17, the AFF class will begin reading Barbara Brown Taylor’s *Learning to Walk in the Darkness*. In this book Taylor writes, "Darkness is shorthand for anything that scares me-- either because I am sure that I do not have the resources to survive it or because I do not want to find out. (But) I have learned things in the dark that I could never have learned in the light, things that have saved my life over and over again, so that there is really only one conclusion. I need the darkness as much as I need light."

About the author, Time magazine writes, "Few souls are as synched to the world's mysteries as Barbara Brown Taylor's... Taylor writes spiritual nonfiction that rivals the poetic power of C.S. Lewis and Frederick Buechner."

Please join the AFF class as she guides us through a spirituality of the nighttime and teaches us

how to find God even in darkness.

Read the introduction and chapter 1 in preparation for the first class.

Nursery and Godly Play

Nursery

We are happy to welcome your children back! Our nursery has reopened for both services. Please sign-up on our Sign-Up Genius page found [Here](#). We are limited to six children per service.

Godly Play

Godly Play has begun!

We're excited to welcome your children! We have two sessions: 9:30 and 10:15 in the auditorium. To join us, you need to complete two steps:

1. Please complete the youth registration form [Here](#) or pick up a hard copy form from the atrium at the church.
2. Please sign up for the dates your children will attend using our Sign-Up Genius - [Click Here](#).

Questions? Contact Theresa Deiters, Director of Youth Formation, at (415) 233-0761.

Advent Blog

St. Luke's Advent Blog

It's hard to believe, but the season of Advent is nearly here! As we experienced together last year, our St. Luke's Advent Blog is a wonderful resource for prayer and reflection. Posts are based on the lectionary Scripture assigned for the day, with writers reflecting on a theme, phrase, or even word that has struck them in a particular way. You don't need to be an expert or even have experience writing about Scripture; just an open heart and willingness to share.

We are in need of writers! If you would like to write a short (1-3 paragraph) reflection for our blog, please email Mtr Tanya at tanya@stlukeseg.org, and she will send you a set of daily readings and more detailed instructions.

Choral Evensong

CHORAL EVENSONG

*Featuring music of William Mundy,
Richard Sheppard, Charles Villiers Stanford,
and H. Balfour Gardiner*



*Sung by the combined choirs of Grace Church and
St. Luke's, East Greenwich*

Sunday, November 14 at 4 PM
Grace Church in Providence ~ 300 Westminister Street

Women of Grace

Women of Grace – November Meeting

November is just around the corner as we look forward to our next Women of Grace meeting on Monday, November 1. Mtr. Tanya will guide us in an Examen, a practice developed more than 400 years ago by St. Ignatius Loyola to encourage prayer-filled mindfulness. Mtr. Tanya will also share a variety of different, creative, reflective prayer practices and resources that we might incorporate into our own or our families lives. Please join us to learn and share with others about prayer and mindfulness.

Unless otherwise noted, Women of Grace meets on the first Monday of each month. Our meetings start at 7pm with some social time and a prayer/reflection, followed by the evening's discussion, and closing with prayer by 9pm. Our November meeting will be held in-person at the home of **Elizabeth McNamara: 18 Prospect Street, East Greenwich, RI** . We are grateful to Elizabeth for opening her home to us and look forward to her warm hospitality. Going into homes urges us to take the utmost care in holding these in-person meetings. Thus, we respectfully ask that all who come are fully vaccinated.

Please respond via email or phone to Deborah Collins (collinstn01@gmail.com; 401-885-4116) to confirm your attendance, or to be added to our mailing list. This will help ever so much in planning

our evening together. See you then!

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

Afghan Evacuees

Afghan Evacuees Arriving Soon

In the coming weeks Rhode Island will welcome around 50 Afghan families who were evacuated when the U.S. withdrew from Afghanistan. Dorcas International Institute of Rhode Island is coordinating their placement, but finding suitable and sustainable housing for so many newcomers at once is proving very difficult in our extremely tight housing market.

Here's how you can help!

- Do you know of any low-cost rentals?
- Are you a realtor, or do you know any realtors specializing in rentals who could be on the lookout for suitable properties?
- Do you have a vacant property, in-law apartment, garage apartment, etc., that you could spare for a time?

If you have any hot leads, please contact Ann Rheault, 401-218-2383 or annrheault@gmail.com and I will pass them on to our contact at Dorcas.

Stay tuned for more ways to help out.

For more info visit diiri.org/proudly-welcoming-all-to-rhode-island.

Dorcas Donations

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We are now collecting donations for our Dorcas Ministry! We are looking for better sportswear and clothing suitable for job interviews. Please drop off in the atrium under the mosaic and label as Dorcas. Thanks so much for your support!

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

St. Luke's RaiseRight Program

Embrace The Fall Season And Raise Additional Funds For St. Luke's!

Fall is officially here; the season of warm drinks, cozy sweaters and home-made comfort food. Use RaiseRight E-cards to purchase all the things you need to embrace the season and raise additional funds for St. Luke's!



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 (401-884-4116). Happy Celebrating!

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).



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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