



St. Luke's Episcopal Church

Where all are welcome at the Lord's table

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Greetings!

I woke up this past Monday, my usual day off, so happy to see my wife still sleeping beside me. She too had the day off, this in recognition of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Rather than sipping tea and eating breakfast alone that morning, I was excited to begin my day alongside Diane.

On the occasions that we can go through the mornings together, part of our routine is to watch the early news. So there we sat, tea in hand, listening to a story which connected the current administration's efforts to protect voting rights with the past efforts of the late Dr. King, when it occurred to me: in church the day before, there had been no mention of Dr. King's commemoration nor of his prophetic concerns. I had not included him in our prayers; I had not referenced him in my sermon.

Thankfully, Rodney had made several thoughtful musical selections with Dr. King in mind, including Arielle's brilliant solo and our closing hymn, *Lift Every Voice and Sing*. But beyond that recognition, I and our liturgy were silent.

And I am sorry.

More than a federal holiday, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day is—and should always be—a call for all persons, especially Christians, to consider how we succeed and fall short of being God's Beloved Community. The Beloved Community, as imagined by Dr. King, "... was a realistic, achievable goal that could be attained by a critical mass of people committed to and trained in the philosophy and methods of nonviolence. Dr. King's Beloved Community is a global vision, in which all people can share in the wealth of the earth. In the Beloved Community, poverty, hunger and homelessness will not be tolerated because international standards of human decency will not allow it. Racism and all forms of discrimination, bigotry and prejudice will be replaced by an all-inclusive spirit of sisterhood and brotherhood. (As described by The King Center)

Frankly, I think the fact that I failed to invite us into that consideration reflects both the privilege of comfort and standing that I, as a White man, enjoy, and also the overall makeup of our congregation.

I, as many at St. Luke's, do not face the daily insults and injustices of racial bigotry. So the pains of how we fall short of being God's Beloved Community all too easily can move from the forefront to the recesses of my thinking. Last Sunday's silence was a reflection of

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that “privilege.” You can bet that the majority of Black religious leaders, as well as the majority of multi-racial congregations, included some mention of Dr. King and his teachings in their services.

But at St. Luke’s, nary a word.

Of course, we have talked about matters of race and Jesus’ hopes for community before. But this conversation is not something we can check off our to-do list-- it requires our continued efforts and attentions.

I share all of this with you not so much to stir up guilt or shame as to invite your own introspection and awareness. How are you actively participating in the building of God’s Beloved Community?

To seed your thinking on this question, let me end by providing you a few of Dr. King’s most profound words. If you read none other, please make sure to read the final quote.

** Our goal is to create a beloved community. And this will require a qualitative change in our souls as well as a quantitative change in our lives.*

** We must learn to live together as brothers or perish together as fools.*

** Change does not roll in on the wheels of inevitability but comes through continuous struggle.*

** Life’s most persistent and urgent question is, “What are we doing for others?”*

And finally, *“History will have to record the greatest tragedy of the period of social transition was not the strident clamor of the bad people but the appalling silence of the good people.”*

In the future I will redouble my efforts to make sure my privilege does not render me silent on the day we celebrate the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.—not to mention all the other days of the year. I hope you will join me in these efforts.

Peace,
Tim

This Sunday at St. Luke's

[The Third Sunday after the Epiphany](#)

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.
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 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.

Healing Services Resumes

Every Tuesday at Noon St. Luke's will be offering a healing service with Eucharist. All are invited to attend. Like for the Sunday services, we ask that you wear your mask.

Here Is The Sunday Bulletin QR Code:



OR

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

St. Luke's Annual Meeting

ST. LUKE'S ANNUAL MEETING - ONE SERVICE ONLY

Sunday, January 30th, at 9 am

Followed by St. Luke's 187th Annual Meeting

St. Luke's Annual Report

A limited number of the annual reports are available in hard copy under the mosaic in the atrium and at the back of the church. [Click Here](#) for an electronic copy of our annual report. More hardcopies will be available at the meeting next Sunday, January 30.

Treasurer's Notes

From the Treasurer

December Month End

Dec-21	2021 YTD	Budget	Var	2020 YTD	Var
Pledge Income	\$450,083	\$435,000	15,083	\$416,321	\$33,762
Loose Plate	\$44,230	\$25,000	19,230	\$19,920	\$24,310
Other Personal Inc.	\$84,654	\$74,325	10,329	\$78,143	\$6,511
Total Personal Inc.	\$578,967	\$534,325	44,642	\$514,384	\$64,583
Total Other Inc	\$140,662	\$151,885	(11,223)	\$128,938	\$11,724
Total Income	\$719,629	\$686,210	33,419	\$643,322	\$76,307
Staff Expenses	\$443,900	\$450,774	(6,874)	\$421,668	\$22,232
Facilities Expenses	\$108,974	\$122,114	(13,140)	\$118,278	(\$9,304)
Program Expenses	\$27,938	\$37,750	(9,812)	\$24,493	\$3,445
Outreach Expenses	\$13,498	\$14,000	(502)	\$16,776	(\$3,278)
Total Expenses	\$674,277	\$704,534	(30,257)	\$675,854	(\$1,577)
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Net Income	\$45,352	(\$18,324)	63,676	(\$32,532)	\$77,884

Overall, the year was financially positive. And here comes the but:

- When you combine **last year's loss** and **this year's profit**, we **net +\$12,820**
- We were able to do this mainly because of **\$120,000 in PPP money**. Take away that, and the Church would have been a **combined \$107,180** in the red. **That's how the pandemic hit our bottom line.**
- We have also been conservative in our spending – **we should take a moment and acknowledge the staff and leaders that worked within their budgets**, controlling expenses whenever possible.
- Rental income is still experiencing a slump due to Covid – while some groups can work with our layouts and provide proper spacing, groups like the music school really can't do much in a small classroom while being in closer confines with students.
- We also used ALL the income from the invested funds – some \$43,000 more than usual for the two years.
- In short, we're not quite where we need to be.

Michael Sullivan
Treasurer

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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Pledge Envelopes

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

Adult Faith Formation

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The AFF class is 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.

This week we will be finishing our book, *Learning to Walk in the Darkness*.

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

Meeting ID: 867 3899 9469

Passcode: 427552

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 a 10:15 session 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.

Loaves and Fishes

Loaves & Fishes

Covid has made our society adapt to many changes, and the year 2022 is proving to be no different. The mission of our Loaves and Fishes ministry is to prepare and deliver food and clothing to those in need. We adapted our work in 2021 and after a delayed start, were able to do that work with your generous assistance. In 2022, we need to continue in that vein.

For our run on January 22, 2022, we will be asking for forty bag lunches to be prepared at your home and delivered to St Luke's by 12:00 PM on that date. The SignUp Genius details the needs for each bag. These bags will be delivered to the West Warwick site and our neighbors at the East Greenwich Hotel.

[Click Here](#) to sign up for January!

Our efforts at the Women's Shelter in Woonsocket have been well received and most helpful to their residents. As we have seen throughout this past year, many people have offered support to such organizations and the Women's Shelter finds that they do not have any requests for us for the month of January. We will continue to be in touch with them for their future needs. Your generosity is most appreciated and allows us to continue forward. Thank you.

Save The Date!

Community Embrace
Golf Classic
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Potowomut Golf Club
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Monday
May 9, 2022



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SAVE THE DATE!

And Help Prepare for our SILENT AUCTION!

How might you make the auction a HUGE success?

You can donate your tickets to a sports event, concert or the theater. If you have a family cottage--consider donating a week or weekend stay. Or, offer up a special item such as a beautiful lamp, artwork, or a family heirloom. Consider donating a service -- a chef to prepare a small dinner party, music or computer lessons, photography or artist renderings of your family, home or pet ... or, an outing to one of our nearby vineyards, garden tours, or other local attractions

Contact Silent Auction Co-Chairs Marcia Gladue (401-241-1821) or Mimi West (401-480-8022) to discuss your possibilities. If there is a need to reach out to a business, please let them know so that these efforts can be coordinated with our sponsorship outreach. Marcia and Mimi welcome all suggestions that you might have to make this a successful and fun event!

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*For further information about the Embrace Golf Classic,
contact Tournament Co-Chairs:
Bill Warburton (bill.warburton@cox.net)
Jon Jacaruso (jonjacaruso@live.com)*

Theology on Tap

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Monday, January 31 @ 7 pm

All Men of St. Luke's are invited to a Zoom Meeting this month!

St. Luke's men's group – Theology on Tap – have decided that we'll shift our meeting plans and meet via Zoom for the next few months while this wave of Covid passes. We don't expect this to last long but want to be careful and prudent about everyone's health. So this month you are invited to join us via Zoom on Monday, January 31, at 7 pm for conversation and community. I plan to send out a written piece to those on the distribution list for discussion.

TOT is a casual group of St. Luke's men, who enjoy meeting monthly for occasional service projects, guided discussions and mostly good conversation and fellowship. Everyone is welcome and we all leave feeling enriched. If you have questions, suggestions, or want to be added to the email distribution list, contact Brent Bostick at 908-230-7569 or brentbostick1@gmail.com

[Click Here](#) to join the meeting! Here is the Meeting Info:

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

Coffee Hour

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Coffee Hour has been put on hold for the moment with hopes of returning soon.

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!

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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