



St. Luke's Episcopal Church

Where all are welcome at the Lord's table

weekly

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

By the time you read this you already might have celebrated Easter. Or perhaps it is the Saturday before Easter and you're busy preparing for the day to come. At the earliest, it might be Friday, Good Friday, and the movement from the shadow of the cross to the light of the empty tomb still awaits.

A little more than forty days ago I invited you into a "Holy Lent." I hope and pray these past several weeks have been just that for you—holy days filled with reflection, conversation, prayer, and most especially, a sense that the divine was near and even active in your life.

I know that the nearness of God has been palpable for me this Lent, made real in large part because of the life we share. So it is, as Easter dawns, that I write this note to express my deep and profound thanks to you.

I am so grateful to our staff who has worked tirelessly since Ash Wednesday. To Tim, who has set up, taken down, and cleaned, the demands on his time amplified as our activities have increased. To Christina, who has tended to a million details, recruited an army of service participants, produced countless special bulletins, and somehow managed to greet us with a smile each day. To Emma, whose fabulous Instagram and Facebook posts have told our story to an ever-growing number of followers. To Theresa, who has made it possible that our children, too, would know a Holy Lent. To Rodney, who began selecting music for Lent and Holy Week just after Christmas and has directed the choirs with his wonderful blend of challenge and love. And to Tanya, who has woken daily to receive and post your Lenten blog.

I feel so very blessed to work with these talented and dedicated people.

Likewise do I feel blessed to share church with you.

Although I am grateful to so many of you who have participated in our Lenten efforts, I must note the tremendous work of a few in particular. A special thanks to the choirs, and not just for Friday's Taize service, but really for your voices each week, which have provided peace and comfort. Thanks also to the Lenten bloggers, whose voices each day have inspired and amazed. (And thanks to Rob Walsh, who so faithfully posted the blogs each and every day!) Thanks to our Holy Week preachers, Dick, Theresa, and Nance, who beautifully reminded us that we all can proclaim the gospel! Thanks to the altar guild, busy behind the scenes, coming in to set up

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and clean up after not only our Sunday worship but also our extra Lenten services. And a great and hearty thanks to our Maundy Thursday teams, orchestrated by Lois McLoughlin and captained by Arlene Serdakowski, Steve McLoughlin, Fran Gammell-Roach, and Paul Brookes. (I could not be happier that we finally were able to celebrate Maundy Thursday in all its glory this past week!).

Finally, I want to offer my great thanks to any and all of you—all of you have worshipped with St. Luke's in person or from afar... all of you who presented yourself faithfully and humbly for ashes now several weeks ago... all of you who have contributed your voices to our weekly confession, all of you who have shared in the weekly prayers (especially the additional prayers for Ukraine), all of you who have participated in the adult faith book study, and all of you who have told me of your Lenten practices. All of you have been to one another faithful companions this Lent-- and a part of my Lenten journey—and because of this fellowship, God's nearness has been palpable.

Thank you.

So, as this Easter is celebrated, if you find yourself still standing in the shadows of the cross, I pray you can find comfort in knowing you stand not alone. And I pray you can find hope in knowing that after every Good Friday there can be an Easter.

And if you find your heart filled with wonder and joy in these Great Fifty Days of Easter, make sure to share that gladness with others. Because, God knows, our world needs the evidence that hope can overcome despair, light will shine into the darkness, and love always will conquer hate.

Easter blessings,
Tim

This Sunday at St. Luke's

[**Easter Day**](#)

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 of our Holy Week 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. Timothy T. Rich, rector, preaching

Journeying to Easter with St. Luke's

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Ash Wednesday

March 2, 2022

Holy Eucharist
with imposition of ashes
12pm & 7pm

Wednesday Evenings

7pm beginning March 9th

Adult Faith Formation
Book Study via Zoom

*The Scandalous Gospel of Jesus:
What's so Good about the Good News?*
by Peter J. Gomes

Thursday Evenings at 6pm

Simple Eucharist
with reflection

Evensong

Sunday, March 27th at 4pm

Follow Our Lenten Blog

<https://stlukeseg.org>

99 Peirce St. | East Greenwich
www.stlukeseg.org

Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday, April 10th

Holy Eucharist
7:45am & 10:15am

Monday

Holy Eucharist at 7pm

Tuesday

Holy Eucharist at 7pm

Wednesday

Holy Eucharist at 7pm

Maundy Thursday

Holy Eucharist at 6pm
with supper, foot washing,
& stripping of the altar

Good Friday Two Services

from the Prayer Book at 12pm
with music from Taizé at 7pm

Easter Vigil

Holy Eucharist Saturday at 7pm

Easter Sunday, April 17th

Holy Eucharist at 7:45am &
10:15am, both with choir,
trumpet, and timpani



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Covid Update

St. Luke's Has Shifted to a Mask-Optional Practice

[Click Here](#) to view Fr. Tim's message regarding updated COVID protocols.

Our Healing Service Has Resumed

Treasurer's Notes

From the Treasurer

March Month End

March 2022	2022 YTD	Budget	Var	2021 YTD	Var
Pledge Income	\$163,853	\$148,000	\$15,853	\$153,246	\$10,607
Loose Plate	\$14,091	\$5,600	\$8,491	\$3,463	\$10,628
Other Personal Inc.	\$14,519	\$8,800	\$5,719	\$21,426	(\$6,907)
Total Personal Inc.	\$192,463	\$162,400	\$30,063	\$178,135	\$14,328
Total Other Inc	\$22,123	\$26,915	(\$4,792)	\$81,604	(\$59,481)
Total Income	\$214,586	\$189,315	\$25,271	\$259,739	(\$45,153)
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Staff Expenses	\$114,832	\$118,991	(\$4,159)	\$108,888	\$5,944
Facilities Expenses	\$34,256	\$33,877	\$379	\$24,675	\$9,581
Program Expenses	\$4,356	\$8,225	(\$3,869)	\$5,402	(\$1,046)
Outreach & Appor.	\$20,527	\$20,574	(\$47)	\$23,790	(\$3,263)
Total Expenses	\$173,986	\$181,768	(\$7,782)	\$162,754	\$11,232
Net Income	\$40,600	\$7,547	\$33,053	\$96,984	(\$56,384)

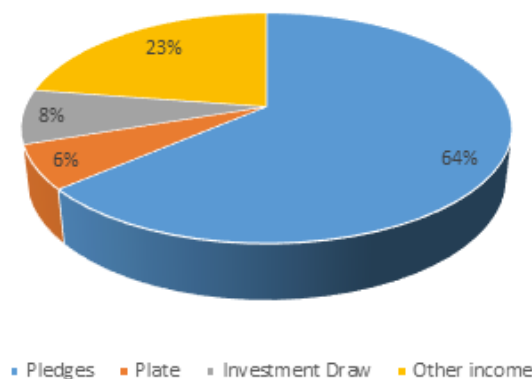
Notes:

- Income is continuing its strong trend
- Expenses for the most part are in line and under control
- Utilities are roughly \$3,500 over budget

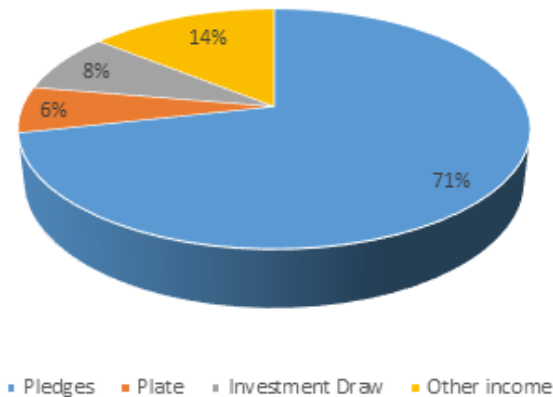
First quarter has come to a close – I'd like to join the leadership team in thanking all of you. Your continued love of this Parish is always amazing!

Peace and Grace,
Mike

2021 St. Luke's Income Mix



2022 Projected St. Luke's Income Mix



Vanco and PayPal QR Codes If You Would Like To Donate



Vanco



PayPal

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
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.	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.	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	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.	No cost to you or the Church	Transaction Fees for the Church	No cost to you or the Church

Adult Faith Formation Lenten Book Study

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Class will resume on April 20.

"Jesus came preaching, but the church wound up preaching Jesus. Why does the church insist on making Jesus the *object* of its attention rather than heeding his *message*? (The late) Harvard minister, Peter J. Gomes, believes that excessive focus on the Bible and doctrines about Jesus have led the Christian church astray. To recover the transformative power of the gospel Gomes says we

must go beyond the Bible and rediscover how to live out Jesus' original revolutionary message of hope."

(Gomes writes,) "... *Hope is not merely the optimistic view that somehow everything will turn out all right in the end if everyone just does as we do. Hope is the more rugged, the more muscular view that even if things don't turn out all right and aren't all right, we endure through and beyond the times that disappoint or threaten to destroy us.*"

This Lent, I hope you'll join me and others in reading Peter Gomes' *The Scandalous Gospel*. Please read Chapter 6 in preparation for our next class.

All classes will run by way of Zoom, Wednesday evenings from 7:00-8:30.

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

Meeting ID: 867 3899 9469

Passcode: 427552

I look forward to sharing this part of my Lenten journey with you all.

Lenten blessings- Tim

St. Luke's Lenten Blog

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The season of Lent has traditionally been one of reflection and repentance. Repentance, *metanoia* in Greek, literally means a physical turning around; as Christians repentance is the call to turn back to our God who loves us.

Our St. Luke's Lenten Blog is a wonderful resource for prayer and reflection during the season. Posts are written by members of our St. Luke's community and based on the lectionary Scripture assigned for the day. Our wonderful writers reflect on a theme, phrase, or even word that has struck them in a particular way. **Our blog is available on our website and Facebook page.** The blog will go through Easter Day.

Loaves and Fishes

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Undie Sundays!

As things start to improve around the state, the community we serve is in need of certain items, so we will be reinstating "UNDIE SUNDAYS". On the first Sunday of every month we are calling on your generosity to provide us with new underwear and socks for men and women. You can leave these items in the church atrium where a basket will be provided in front of the office. Thank you!

Help Ukrainian Families

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As we pray for an end to violence and for those fleeing Ukraine, please also pray for Episcopal Relief & Development and other ecumenical agencies working to respond to the current crisis. Specific needs will change as the crisis evolves. As of right now, there is a need for cash, blankets and hygiene supplies. Let's support Episcopal Relief & Development as they help families fleeing the violence. Visit episcopalrelief.org for more information.

Ways to Support Community Embrace Golf Classic

Community Embrace Golf Classic

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Potowomut Golf Club

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**Monday
May 9, 2022**



SAVE THE DATE ... And Get Involved!

- Contribute to the Silent Auction
- Connect us with or be a Sponsor
- Share the date and ask your friends and neighbors to sign up for a day of golf and/or dinner, and auction surprises

To learn more about the tournament, please scan the QR code below or go to:

<https://communityembracegolfclassic.eventbrite.com>



Contact Tournament Co-Chairs: Bill Warburton (bill.warburton@cox.net) or Jon Jacaruso (jonjacaruso@live.com) to help with sponsors or learn more about the event.

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*Contact Marcia Gladue (marciagladue@gmail.com), Mimi West (mimiwest@aol.com), or Corie Jacaruso (coriemaloney@hotmail.com) to discuss ideas for the Silent Auction. **They will be present in the atrium on two Sundays, March 20 and April 1, from 9-11:30am to receive your contributions. Nothing should be left in the office.***

Photos Wanted!

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Do you have photos of St Luke's church or at any events that we have hosted? As we work to increase our digital footprint, we would love the opportunity to share photos from our parishioners on our social media and communication channels. If you have photos that you'd like to share with us, please email them to Emma Peterson, our Social Media Specialist & Digital Evangelist, at Emma@StLukesEG.org.

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

Coffee Hour is Back!

We are pleased to announce that Coffee Hour is back! As Covid restrictions are being lifted somewhat, we feel it's the right time to bring back Coffee Hour.

We need your help! There is a quarterly sign-up sheet posted across from the office under our beautiful mosaic. Both services have spots to sign up to host a Sunday. We will continue to host in the atrium until our kitchen is ready. Our sexton makes the urn of coffee in the morning. The host provides juice, creamer for the coffee (although powdered coffee creamer is available in a pinch), and some baked goods of some sort. All supplies like cups, napkins, sugar, utensils are all located in the cupboard in the Blackburn Room. There are a few platters you can use to put goodies on. A table is set up in the atrium with a tablecloth on it. Afterwards, we ask that the coffee urn be washed out and set out to dry in the sink area of the Blackburn Room.

You can host with a friend, you can host with your kids, you can host solo - it's a wonderful way to be part of our St. Luke's hospitality – welcoming new faces and encouraging us all to reconnect in person after so many months of being apart. Jesus equated our love for each other and our neighbors with our love for Him. "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." (Matthew 25:40)

Thank you for your help making St. Luke's a loving and welcoming space!

In His Service,
Tracy Sampson (10:15am service)
401-447-0472
Marcia Gladue (7:45am service)
401-241-1821

Grief Support Group



Grief is hard work!

It is even more difficult when we feel like we need to
figure it out all on our own!

But ...

We Need Not Walk Alone!

St. Luke's has just started a Grief Support Group for Widows and Widowers.
If your spouse has died within the last few years, this group is for you!

Please join us in the Blackburn Room on the 3rd Saturday each month at 10 am and
let's navigate through this challenging journey of grief together!

I work as a Bereavement Specialist for Southcoast VNA and a large portion
of what I do is to facilitate Grief Support Groups.

I am so very grateful for the opportunity to facilitate a group
with my St. Luke's family.

Feel free to reach out if you have any questions!

Nancy Arnold - nancearnold@yahoo.com
(Our next meeting of the group will be Saturday, April 23, 2022 - 10 am!)

East Greenwich Recycling Day

EAST GREENWICH E-WASTE RECYCLING & PAPER SHREDDING DAY

Presented by:

East Greenwich
Chamber of Commerce



Rotary
Club of East Greenwich



**Saturday
April 23rd
9AM-NOON**

New England Tech

**1 New England Tech Blvd
East Greenwich, RI**



To benefit:



FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
Harry Waterman
401-515-2011 ext.1004
harryw@cartridgeworldri.com

*Suggested donation: \$5 per box of paper (\$15 max) • \$1 per e-waste item (\$10 max)

*Pick up available (e-waste only) from 4/18 to 4/22 (contact above) charges may apply

*Donations of non-perishable food for the RI Community Food Bank will also be accepted!

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, & 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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