



# St. Luke's Episcopal Church

Where all are welcome at the Lord's table

weekly

**June 5, 2022**

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Please join us this Sunday at 4 pm for St. Luke's spring concert "How can I keep from singing." 2019 was the last time we were able to have an end-of-program year offering. But happily, we've been able to keep the choirs going strong again this season all the while adapting to ever updated Covid protocols. This program will feature the St. Cecilia Choir, the Canterbury Choir, the Three Amigos, and a variety of soloists all joining forces to provide a treat for the whole community. Our musical offerings will traverse the globe, including offerings in Latin, Hebrew, Swedish, and of course, English. From the formal glory of Handel to the powerfully spiritual arrangements of Paul Halley, the St. Luke's musicians will bring you music of love and joy, hope and peace.

Leonard Bernstein once said, "music, because of its specific and far-reaching metaphorical powers, can name the unnamable and communicate the unknowable." During these unsettled and trying times, may music soothe our souls and give us hope and inspiration to help make the world a better place. In the words of one of our first pieces, "through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing...since Love is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing."

Peace,  
Rodney

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

### [The Day of Pentecost](#)

Click above for the lessons

**9:00 am** Holy Eucharist with Sermon

**We are glad to offer Facebook livestream and YouTube livestream for our 9:00 Sunday service.**

**To access the livestream for Facebook or YouTube, [Click Here](#) for the link found on our website.**

**Please contact Mtr. Tanya with any questions at [tanya@stlukeseg.org](mailto:tanya@stlukeseg.org)**

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

The Rev. Tanya Watt, assistant rector, preaching

## **Covid Update**

### [St. Luke's Has Shifted to a Mask-Optional Practice](#)

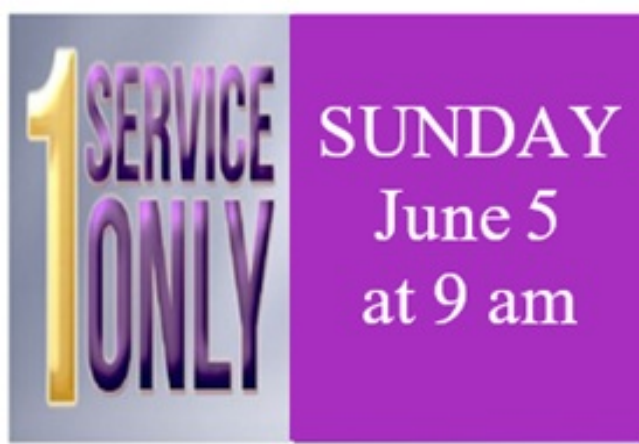
Please [Click Here](#) to view Fr. Tim's message regarding our new COVID protocols.

### [Our Healing Service Has Resumed](#)

Every Tuesday at Noon St. Luke's will be offering a healing service with Eucharist.  
All are invited to attend.

**One Service Only**

***PENTECOST SERVICE!***  
***Wear Red!***



## Treasurer's Notes

### From the Treasurer

May Month End

May	2022 YTD	Budget	Var	2021	Var
Pledge Income	\$234,457	\$230,000	\$4,457	\$235,664	(\$1,207)
Loose Plate	\$23,334	\$12,100	\$11,234	\$10,237	\$13,097
Other Personal Inc.	\$28,209	\$18,133	\$10,076	\$38,561	(\$10,352)
Total Personal Inc.	\$286,000	\$260,233	\$25,767	\$284,462	\$1,538
Total Other Inc	\$27,671	\$36,388	(\$8,717)	\$85,190	(\$57,519)
Total Income	\$313,671	\$296,621	\$17,050	\$369,652	(\$55,981)
Staff Expenses	\$193,486	\$198,697	(\$5,211)	\$182,775	\$10,711
Facilities Expenses	\$56,487	\$50,806	\$5,681	\$36,186	\$20,301
Program Expenses	\$9,293	\$15,058	(\$5,765)	\$9,998	(\$705)
Outreach Expenses	\$40,812	\$40,890	(\$78)	\$43,531	(\$2,719)
Total Expenses	\$300,241	\$305,451	(\$5,210)	\$272,489	\$27,752
Net Income	\$13,429	(\$8,820)	\$22,249	\$97,163	(\$83,734)
Capital Expenditures Sewer Lining	\$55,000			Includes 65,000 PPP Money	

Notes:

- **Income** – Personal Offerings (Pledge and Loose Plate) are up slightly while rental income is down. We have received some gifts, so total income is \$17,050 (5.7%) ahead of budget. If you exclude the \$65,000 from 2021, we would be \$9,019 (3.0%) ahead of last year.

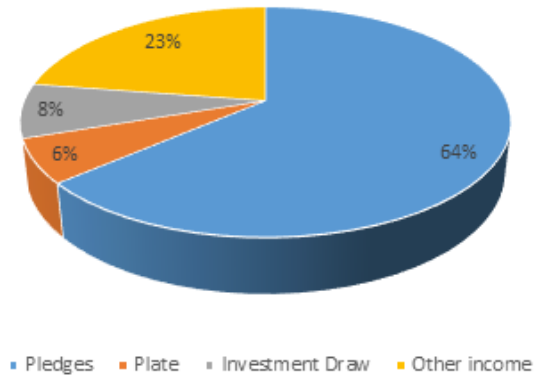
- **Expenses** – Staff expenses and Program expenses are under budget by \$5,211 (2.6%) and \$5,765 (38.3%) respectively while Facilities expenses are over budget by \$5,681 (11.2%). Total expenses are under budget by \$5,210 (1.7%).

- **Bottom line** – we are \$22,249 ahead of budget. Budgeted loss at years end was \$74,000, so if we can continue the loss will be less.

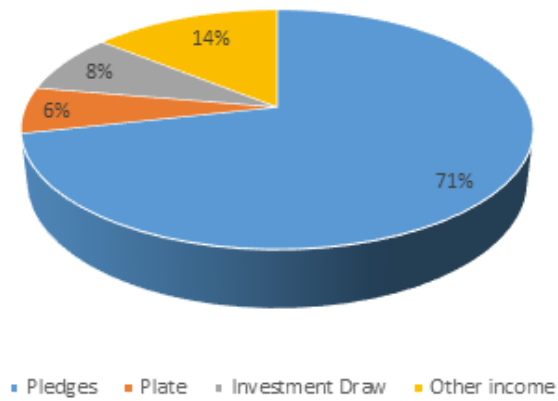
- **Ideal Staffing** – If St. Luke's were staffed at the level we discussed at the town hall meeting in April, it would have meant an additional \$45,503 (January – May) in expenses.

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!**



<p><b>Online Banking</b>  <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.</p> <p><b>No cost to you or the Church.</b></p>	<p><b>Zelle Transfer</b>  <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.</p> <p><b>No cost to you or the Church</b></p>	<p><b>VANCO Payment Solutions</b>  <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</p> <p><b>Transaction Fees for the Church</b></p>	<p><b>Direct Payment From IRA</b>  <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.</p> <p><b>No cost to you or the Church</b></p>
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## Adult Faith Formation Book Study

### Adult Faith Formation invites you to Sabbath in the Summer

Over this summer, Adult Faith Formation invites you to join us as we read from *Sabbath: Finding rest, renewal, and delight in our busy lives* by Wayne Muller. We will meet for dinner and discussion from 6:00pm - 8:00pm in the dining room on June 15th, July 20th, and August 17th. You’re invited to bring a dish to share as we reflect together on a chapter and practice from the book. You’re asked to read the chapter (3-5 pages) and spend time on the practice before coming together.

- June 15th: “*It is Good*”
- July 20th: “*A Life well Lived*”
- August 17th: “*The Pursuit of Happiness*”

As we orient our lives following the intensity of the pandemic, join us as we reflect on how we can honor our need for rest, re-creation, and renewal. We look forward to sharing this time with you!

## St. Luke's Spring Concert



St. Luke's Episcopal  
Church Presents

# A Spring Concert

## *How Can I Keep From Singing*

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Featuring the Canterbury Choir,  
the St. Cecilia Choir, the Three Amigos,  
& a variety of soloists



Sunday, June 5, 2022 at 4:00 pm



99 Peirce Street  
East Greenwich, RI 02818



### Theology on Tap

#### **Theology on Tap (TOT) Meeting**

Monday, June 6, at 7 pm  
All men of St. Luke's are Invited!

We're Back! In Person! St. Luke's Men's group, Theology on Tap: We are now meeting once a month, On Monday's, in the Church Dining Room, in person and following the Covid protocols currently in effect. You are invited to join us on Monday, June 6, at 7 pm, for conversation and community. We're planning on talking about our plans and experiences for now traveling in this "post Covid" world and how to prepare for and manage the new and changing rules.

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 get added to the email distribution list, contact Brent Bostick at 908-230-7569 or [brentbostick1@gmail.com](mailto:brentbostick1@gmail.com)



## Women of Grace – June Potluck!

We will complete our 'year' of Women of Grace with a celebration! Per our tradition, we will gather for a potluck dinner, reviewing our year together, and looking ahead. Please mark your calendars for Monday, June 13, at 6PM with location to be determined. **In the meantime, consider a favorite dish to share and RSVP with your contribution so that we may balance out entrees, sides, desserts, and drinks.** To confirm your attendance, please email or text Deborah Collins ([collinstn01@gmail.com](mailto:collinstn01@gmail.com); 401-864-4116). More soon!

## Loaves and Fishes

### Loaves & Fishes Run

The truck is back!



Yes, after fifteen months we will be serving the Woonsocket Community from the Loaves & Fishes canteen truck. We are most excited to be able to advise you of this event. Our mission is preparing and delivering food and clothing to those in need. For the past fifteen months we have struggled to achieve the personal contact with you and those whom we serve. Now that opportunity has returned, and we hope that you can join us on Saturday morning, June 18, 2022. For more information on the role of Loaves and Fishes please visit their web site: <https://www.lfri.org/our-mission/>

**For June we gather together at St Luke's in the auditorium, not at your homes,** and will be preparing bag lunches. We will meet in the Auditorium and the SignUp Genius details our needs and delivery time. We will be preparing sixty bags for delivery to Woonsocket and twenty bags for the Hotel in East Greenwich. [Click Here](#) to sign up!

We are continuing to support the Women's Shelter in Woonsocket and Dorcas in Providence. Their needs are detailed in the SignUp Genius and include socks, underwear, diapers and wipes. Donations for the Women's Shelter and Dorcas can be dropped off at St Luke's atrium any time up to 11:00 AM on June 18th.

We want to thank you for all of your support because without you we cannot carry out our mission.

### **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!

## St. Luke's Usher Ministry

**Ushers are needed for both the 7:45 and 10:15 services.  
Additional information on requirements is detailed below.**

Please reach out to Steve McLoughlin or any of the ushers if you would like to know more or would like to be an usher. 401 225 5540 /smcloughlin2@aol.com

Dear friend, when you extend hospitality to Christian brothers and sisters, even when they are strangers, you make the faith visible. ... It's good work you're doing, helping these travelers on their way, hospitality worthy of God himself! (3 John, vs 5-6)

### **Our Mission**

The usher ministry offers the hospitality of Christ to people who come to worship, to collect and secure the gifts of the people, and to assure the order, comfort, and safety of the congregation. Making St Luke's an inviting place to worship.

### **Talent**

Must like meeting and greeting people.  
The ability to be friendly while dignified and appreciative of the setting.  
Attentiveness to needs and poise in the unexpected.

### **Time Involved**

Usher teams serve on a rotational basis about every 4 -5 weeks.  
Ushers may specify a preference for 7:45 am, 10:15 am, services.  
Arrive 30 minutes before service

## Help Ukrainian Families

### Help Ukrainian Families

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](http://episcopalrelief.org) for more information.

## Dorcas Donations

### Dorcas Donations

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

## 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](mailto:Emma@StLukesEG.org).

## Pastoral Care

### Pastoral Care Ministry



**Our next Pastoral Care Meeting will be held on June 8 at 10 am 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

## 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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, June 18, 2022 - 10 am!)

## 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](mailto: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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