



# St. Luke's Episcopal Church

Where all are welcome at the Lord's table

weekly

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Thich Nhat Hanh, the late Buddhist monk and writer, is known to have said, *"Because of your smile, you make life more beautiful."* I am not sure if he was addressing anyone in particular when he first spoke these words, but he certainly could have been talking about our assistant rector, the Rev. Mother Tanya Watt. For all of us who have seen Tanya's smile in these pandemic-challenged past two years, our lives have been a bit more beautiful.

I suppose this truth should come as little surprise. As I first met Tanya by way of a Zoom interview, the warmth of her smile and personality came beaming through my laptop screen. Little did any of us know that we would be limited to such "virtual" contact for much of her first year.

Whether on-line or in-person, her great pastoral heart has been evident for all who would come to know her. Over these past twenty-four months, Tanya's visits with many parishioners limited to their homes has helped individuals maintain a sense of connection not only with St. Luke's but more importantly, with God. Likewise, her support of our lay pastoral care committee has helped nurture the faith of those dedicated volunteers. And more recently, her growing connections with our fledgling youth group has offered both compassion and joy to these younger members of the church.

I imagine I speak for many when I say she will be greatly missed. I will miss her easy laugh. I will miss her creative input. I will miss her thoughtful preaching. And I will miss her constant smile.

It has been a "beautiful" thing watching her exercise her ministry at St. Luke's. And I should add here, it has been a "beautiful" thing watching all of you with her. (One of the things I love most about St. Luke's is how ready you are to embrace newcomers, whether they be parishioners or priests).

So it is with mixed feelings that I write this letter. I am grateful for the time we have shared with Tanya. I am sad that her time at St. Luke's has come to an end. And I am excited by the prospects for her future ministry. Not only has St. Luke's been permanently reshaped by our time with Tanya, so too has her priesthood been informed and formed by her time with St. Luke's.

This Sunday in church we will give thanks for her tenure. Then, immediately following the 10:15 service, we will share with her well-wishes for what is to come. I imagine, despite the mixed feelings, there will be plenty of smiles to go around. And I have no doubt, with all our smiles and gratitude, Sunday will be a "beautiful" day.

## Food Cupboard

I hope to see you there.

## **Quick Links**

Summer blessings,  
Tim

## St. Luke's Church

## Episcopal Diocese of Rhode Island

## The Episcopal Church

## The Anglican Communion

Stay Connected



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

### The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Click above for the lessons

**7:45 am** Holy Eucharist with Sermon

**10:15 am** Holy Eucharist with Baptisms

**We are glad to offer Facebook livestream and YouTube livestream for our 10:15 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.

## **Brunch for Mother Tanya**

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**Immediately Following Our 10:15 Service -  
July 31**

**Please join us for brunch to celebrate Mother Tanya!**

As many of you know, our Assistant Rector, The Rev. Tanya Watt, concludes her ministry at St. Luke's on July 31. In her two years with us, she has won the hearts of many with her great pastoral gifts and warm smile. We have been blessed to be able to work with her, and she will be greatly missed!

Please [Click Here](#) to RSVP through Sign-Up Genius!



**Church Picnic**

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**Sunday, August 21st**

Goddard Park Carousel

**10:15 – Worship Service**

**Followed by a Church BBQ and Picnic**

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE AND JOIN US FOR A WONDERFUL DAY!



**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.

From the Treasurer

June Month End

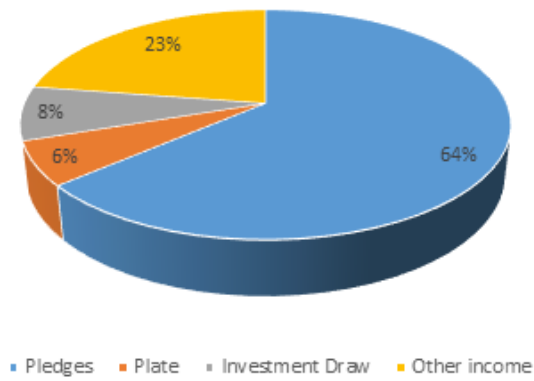
June	2022 YTD	Budget	Var	2021	Var
Pledge Income	\$254,316	\$262,000	(\$7,684)	\$265,360	(\$11,044)
Loose Plate	\$28,856	\$13,900	\$14,956	\$14,302	\$14,554
Other Personal Inc.	\$44,783	\$19,900	\$24,883	\$42,984	\$1,799
<b>Total Personal Inc.</b>	<b>\$327,955</b>	<b>\$295,800</b>	<b>\$32,155</b>	<b>\$322,646</b>	<b>\$5,309</b>
<b>Total Other Inc</b>	<b>\$46,850</b>	<b>\$53,065</b>	<b>(\$6,215)</b>	<b>\$99,371</b>	<b>(\$52,521)</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$374,805</b>	<b>\$348,865</b>	<b>\$25,940</b>	<b>\$422,017</b>	<b>(\$47,212)</b>
Staff Expenses	\$233,747	\$238,550	(\$4,803)	\$220,107	\$13,640
Facilities Expenses	\$82,662	\$63,735	\$18,927	\$49,060	\$33,602
Program Expenses	\$11,997	\$18,550	(\$6,553)	\$10,822	\$1,175
Outreach Expense	\$47,748	\$40,890	\$6,858	\$48,924	(\$1,176)
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$376,228</b>	<b>\$368,583</b>	<b>\$7,645</b>	<b>\$330,227</b>	<b>\$46,001</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>(\$1,422)</b>	<b>(\$19,718)</b>	<b>\$18,296</b>	<b>\$91,790</b>	<b>(\$93,212)</b>
Capital Expenditures Sewer Lining	\$55,000			Includes 65,000 PPP Money	
Golf Tour. Funds Used: New South Door AC in Choir Loft	\$12,857				

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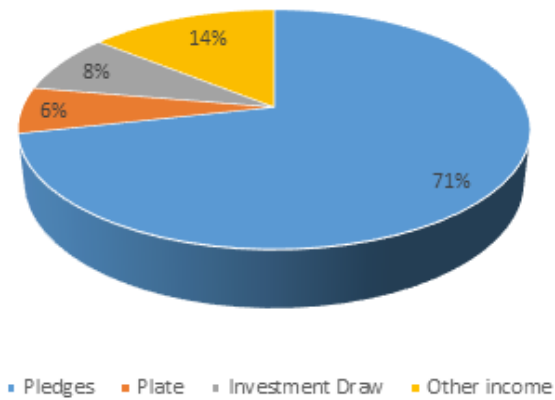
- **Income** – Pledge Income has fallen behind slightly – not alarming, but bears watching. Rental income is better, but still down. We have received some gifts and fund raising, so total income is \$25,940 (7.4%) ahead of budget.
- **Expenses** – We’ve spent \$12,857 of the golf tournament money, so that has been brought into the P&L as noted. Another \$3,865 of the boiler repairs have been made (total to date \$7,430). Staff expenses and Program expenses are under budget by a total of \$11,356 (4.4%) while Facilities expenses are over budget by \$18,927 (28.7%). Total expenses are over budget by \$7,645 (2.1% - this includes the \$12,857 of spending from the golf fund raiser)
- **Bottom line** – We are \$18,296 ahead of budget. Budgeted loss at years end was \$73,999, so if we can continue the loss will be less (\$55,703)
- **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 \$54,604 (January – June) 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



**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.  <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.  <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  <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.  <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 continue to 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 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.

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!

## Job Opening

### Job Opening - Part-time Coordinator for Youth and Family Programs

**While it is Fr. Tim’s policy not to hire parishioners, if you have any friends who may be interested, please let us know.**

St. Luke’s Church, an inclusive, thriving, multi-generational, and joy-filled church, located in the heart of East Greenwich, is looking for a part-time program coordinator (15-18 hours per week) to expand our ministries with youth and their families.

Essential hopes and expectations include oversight of our youth faith formation offerings (curriculum selection and preparation, teacher recruitment and support), enhanced activities of a fledgling youth group, weekly communication with parents regarding how they might further their children’s faith formation at home, and the development of a one-week summer Vacation Bible School.

Additional responsibilities include regular collaboration with the ministry team, the creation of seasonal offerings, assisting the rector with confirmation classes (February through May), and planning for our every-other-year mission trip to the Dominican Republic.

Appropriate candidates must have a love for youth, and a comfort and familiarity with the Christian tradition. Experience working in a youth-related setting a must; a background in education is helpful but not required.

Other important qualities and attributes include:

- Creativity
- Good sense of humor
- Strong interpersonal skills
- Flexibility
- A demonstrated capacity to work well with others
- An energetic and energizing disposition

The weekly hours are flexible, although presence most Sunday mornings is required. With the exception of a Vacation Bible School, Faith Formation classes pause from June through August, allowing for 6 weeks of vacation time.

## Loaves and Fishes

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

## Dorcas Donations

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We are no longer accepting donations. We will resume in September. 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

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, August 20, 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!

During the summer months, donations to the Food Cupboard usually fall off. At the same time, the need remains high. Please consider donating these items:

Oatmeal, baked beans, pasta sauce, canned potatoes, mashed potatoes, coffee, canned chili, crackers, beef & chicken gravy, canned peaches, pears and mandarin oranges, beef & chicken broth, Italian dressing.

Thank you!  
EG Interfaith Food Cupboard

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