



St. Luke's Episcopal Church

Where all are welcome at the Lord's table

weekly

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The experience of last Sunday at St. Luke's has stayed with me throughout this week. In short, it was an example of church and St. Luke's at its finest.

To begin with, I was moved that so many of you showed up to say farewell to Tanya. Simply being present is perhaps one of the greatest gifts we can give one another, and the "ministry of presence" is one of the most important ministries a faith community can provide its members. St. Luke's engages in this ministry often and last Sunday was just such an example.

Equally revealing about St. Luke's was last Sunday's worship, filled with appreciation, joy, and more than a few tears. If you attended the 7:45 service, then surely you felt the appreciation as we all gathered around Tanya for a farewell picture. And if you were at the 10:15 service, then surely you appreciated the four young men who sang two pieces, their offering the culmination of a week spent in a choral camp of sorts, organized and led by Rodney (our minister of music) and his husband, Vince Edwards (of Grace Church, Providence). What an extraordinary summer experience for these fine four teenagers and what a treat for all of us to benefit from their talents!

Of course, their contributions weren't the only extraordinary elements of the day. To share in the celebration of Tanya and (her) Tim's wedding anniversary was one of the most joy-filled experiences of church I can recall in a long time (perhaps reaching all the way back to when Arielle and Taylor were married in the context of a Sunday service). Not only was I moved in the moment by their renewal of vows, but in reflection afterwards, I was moved equally by our communal response. It was so supportive and loving—a response not universally replicated in a religious tradition that can take its worship very seriously.

And the love and support did not end upon the conclusion of the service, now did it? After crowding around Tanya and Tim for a final photo, we moved down to our dining room where the celebration continued. Besides once again being filled with gratitude for the kitchen/dining room renovations, I delighted at the sight of so many of you and so much fabulous food. (Thanks to our organizers, Dottie Fleming, Lois McLoughlin, Anna Pilkington, and Deborah Collins.). It also should be mentioned, I was awed both by the youth group's beautiful gift and the purse Bill Warburton presented Tanya on behalf of the entire parish. Truly, the generosity of this parish no longer surprises me anymore, but it still amazes me, nonetheless.

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Stay Connected



Do you understand now why I say, "Last Sunday was an example of church and St. Luke's at its finest?"

In her sermon Tanya said, "*When we wall off our hearts, we wall off the means of connecting with one another in the fullness of our community and humanity.*" She is so right about this. Which I why I am grateful to be a part of a church where there are no such walls. I am grateful to be a part of a church that celebrates connections. And I am blessed to be a part of a church that so often reflects the fullness of community and humanity.

Peace,
Tim

This Sunday at St. Luke's

[The Ninth 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.

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

The Rev. Timothy T. Rich, 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.

Church Picnic

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Sunday, August 21st

10:15 – Worship Service

Followed by a Church BBQ and Picnic

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

St. Luke's will be providing the hamburgers & hot dogs, lemonade & water. Sign up through Sign-up Genius online by [Clicking Here](#), our sign-up sheet in the atrium, call the church at 884-4116, or email at cimondi@stlukeseg.org by Wednesday, August 17th. We want to make sure there will be enough hot dogs and hamburgers for everyone.

Also, we need a few men to help transport the grill, tables, folding chairs, and miscellaneous items from the church on Saturday, 8/20, and return them after the picnic on Sunday. A few volunteers will also be needed at the carousel to arrange and clean the tables and chairs at 8:15 am before the church service.

Are you good at cooking hamburgers and hotdogs? We will need people to help grill. We also need people to bun and plate the burgers and hotdogs, to hand out hamburgers and hotdogs to parishioners, helpers to assist parishioners in the food line if needed, and will also need help cleaning up after the picnic. Please sign up via Sign-Up Genius if you are able to help.

Please contact Lois McLoughlin at 401-527-2926 or Christina in church office at 884-4116 if you have any questions.

The 7:45 service will be held at St. Luke's as usual.

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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.

Save The Date!

Comedy Show

Save The Date – September 24

St. Luke's will be hosting a Comedy Show on September 24 – Please save the date to join us for a night of fun and laughter!

Treasurer's Notes

From the Treasurer

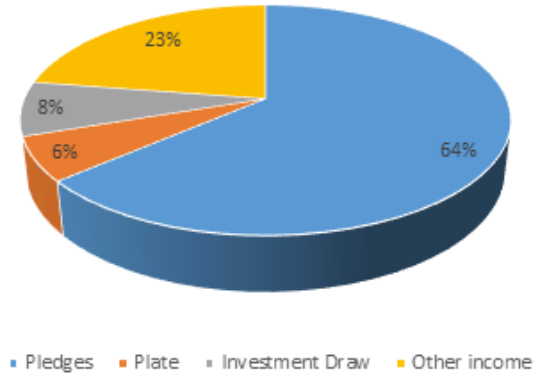
July Month End

July, 2022	2022 YTD	Budget	Var	2021	Var
Pledge Income	\$293,562	\$292,000	\$1,562	\$294,610	(\$1,048)
Loose Plate	\$31,395	\$15,700	\$15,695	\$18,032	\$13,363
Other Personal Inc.	\$68,871	\$21,567	\$47,304	\$47,068	\$21,803
Total Personal Inc.	\$393,828	\$329,267	\$64,561	\$359,710	\$34,118
Total Other Inc	\$48,987	\$56,631	(\$7,644)	\$100,696	(\$51,709)
Total Income	\$442,815	\$385,898	\$56,917	\$460,406	(\$17,591)
Staff Expenses	\$273,144	\$278,403	(\$5,259)	\$256,610	\$16,534
Facilities Expenses	\$113,197	\$72,219	\$40,978	\$53,307	\$59,890
Program Expenses	\$12,381	\$21,291	(\$8,910)	\$12,584	(\$203)
Outreach Expense	\$54,496	\$54,606	(\$110)	\$55,766	(\$1,270)
Total Expenses	\$453,391	\$426,520	\$26,871	\$379,375	\$74,016
Net Income	(\$10,577)	(\$40,622)	\$30,045	\$81,031	(\$91,608)
Capital Expenditures Sewer Lining	\$55,000			Includes 65,000 PPP Money	
Golf Tour. Funds Used: New South Door AC in Choir Loft, New Auditorium Floor	\$34,924				

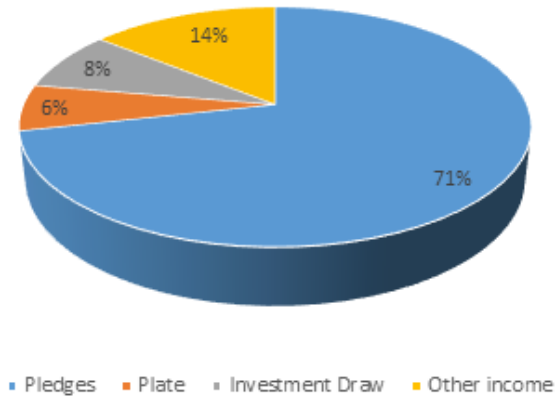
Notes:

- **Income** – Pledge Income has caught back up Rental income is still down. We have received some gifts and fund raising, so total income is \$56,917 (14.7%) ahead of budget.
- **Expenses** – We've now spent \$34,924 of the golf tournament money with the new Auditorium floor, so that has been brought into the P&L as noted. Staff expenses and Program expenses are under budget by a total of \$14,169 (4.7%) while Facilities expenses are over budget by \$40,978 (56.7%). Total expenses are over budget by \$26,871 (6.3% - this includes the \$34,924 of spending from the golf fund raiser)
- **Bottom line** – we are \$30,045 ahead of budget. Budgeted loss at years end was \$73,999, so if we can continue the loss will be less (\$43,954)
- **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 \$63,705 (January – July) in expenses.

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>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 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.

Clergy Leaders' Congressional Candidates Forum



**Clergy Leaders'
Congressional
Candidates Forum**
August 18, 2022
10:00 to 11:30 AM
Temple Sinai, Cranston

Register to attend in person or on Zoom:
www.templeinari.org/candidates

Loaves and Fishes

Loaves and Fishes Run

Our July run had more participants than before and those attendees stated they would spread the word that the truck would be there Saturdays. At this time there are three other Churches participating on Saturday and consistency is key to adding more participants.

We want to thank Dick Kelly for his devoted commitment and humor to our Loaves and Fishes team. Dick and his wife have moved to South Carolina and he will surely be missed. Our team is small and we would appreciate having new members. The phrase “many hands make light work” is most applicable. As the numbers of Woonsocket participants increase, we would like to revert to offering burgers, hot dogs and peanut butter and jelly sandwiches. Today, we do not have the help needed to do this.

In August we will be preparing 80 sandwiches and the bag contents are noted in the SignUp Genius. They will go to Woonsocket and the East Greenwich Hotel. When signing up, it would be most helpful if you indicate the quantity you will be donating. We recognize that this is not always possible using a cell phone to sign up but can be done on the computer.

[Click Here](#) to sign up for our August run!

Your generosity is most appreciated and allows us to continue helping those in need.

Thank you.

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 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.

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, August 20, 2022 – 10 am)

St. Luke's Birthdays, Anniversaries, and Special Days of Thanksgiving

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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.

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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