



St. Luke's Episcopal Church

Where all are welcome at the Lord's table

weekly

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This past Sunday, while reading and leading the prayers of the people, I got stuck in the midst of the reading. I have started to anticipate and value the particulars of those prayers and the ways that they connect with various aspects of our faith. I wasn't reading the prayers out of rote, but out of a growing sense of comfort having an idea of what was coming. Then, as I started to read the names on the prayer list and I found I got stuck.

It wasn't a long pause, or a stumble over words. I doubt anyone even noticed, but for my own internal eternity, I was stuck and it was because I recognized some of the names that I was reading. I am still fairly new to the St. Luke's community, and for the most part I did not know who the individuals and couples were we were praying for. But this past Sunday I recognized a number of the names. I have been visiting people, especially those who cannot make it to church on a Sunday. In those visits I have been learning names and stories and hearing about various experiences and challenges. I have been sharing communion with individuals and praying with them. And this past Sunday I recognized that some of the very people that I have been visiting were on prayer list.

I realized that I could picture a face with the name. I had a story to go with the name. I had a history, a relationship with the individuals because of my visits. And this made me stumble because I could see their faces, I could hear their stories, and it was profound. In that moment, I was experiencing a wonderful facet of the St. Luke's community; the ways in which we pray for each other, think of each other, and lift each other up. That moment of saying and hearing the names of people is a wonderful and necessary part of the community. Through my visits, and the reception of the people I have been visiting, community was made possible. In the act of hearing and reading the names, and of everyone in the congregation praying for each person mentioned, community is made possible. In a liturgical act, community is happening in the midst of worship. And it is because of everyone in the congregation.

This next Sunday, I encourage you to look at the prayer list that we will hear during the service and look for two names. First, look for a name of someone you know, and take the time to really picture that individual, to think of who they are, and hold that individual in your prayer. Second, look at a name of someone you do not know, and lift them up in prayer. You don't need to know what it is that they are struggling with (and in fact for the sake of privacy it is often better if you don't). You don't need to know them at all. But you can hold that one name in your heart as you pray. Community will be deeper, and more profound in that moment.

It is a small thing. It is a great thing. It is a way that we make community possible.

Peace,
Rev. Dr. Jonathan Malone

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This Sunday at St. Luke's

[The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost](#)

Click above for the lessons

7:45 am Holy Eucharist with Sermon

10:15 am Holy Eucharist with Sermon

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

Mark Your Calendar!

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Sunday, October 30th Services - Halloween Costumes Are Encouraged

Kids are invited to come in costume!
Adults are welcome to do the same 😊

One Service - November 6



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.

Treasurer's Notes

From the Treasurer

September Month End

Sep, 2022	2022 YTD	Budget	Var	2021	Var
Pledge Income	\$353,526	\$357,000	(\$3,474)	\$359,914	(\$6,388)
Loose Plate	\$39,116	\$20,000	\$19,116	\$24,388	\$14,728
Other Personal Inc.	\$68,958	\$25,867	\$43,091	\$54,102	\$14,856
Total Personal Inc.	\$461,600	\$402,867	\$58,733	\$438,404	\$23,196
Total Other Inc	\$69,513	\$74,531	(\$5,018)	\$120,227	(\$50,714)
Total Income	\$531,113	\$477,398	\$53,715	\$558,631	(\$27,518)
Staff Expenses	\$339,386	\$350,281	(\$10,895)	\$331,153	\$8,233
Facilities Expenses	\$141,425	\$92,132	\$49,293	\$78,358	\$63,067
Program Expenses	\$16,815	\$26,775	(\$9,960)	\$14,841	\$1,974
Outreach Expense	\$68,181	\$68,322	(\$141)	\$9,529	\$58,652
Total Expenses	\$565,807	\$537,510	\$28,297	\$494,497	\$71,310
Net Income	(\$34,870)	(\$60,112)	\$25,242	\$64,134	(\$99,004)
Capital Expenditures Sewer Lining	\$55,000			Includes 65,000 PPP Money	
Golf Tour. Funds Used: New South Door AC in Choir Loft, Computer Network, New Auditorium Floor	\$38,979				

Notes:

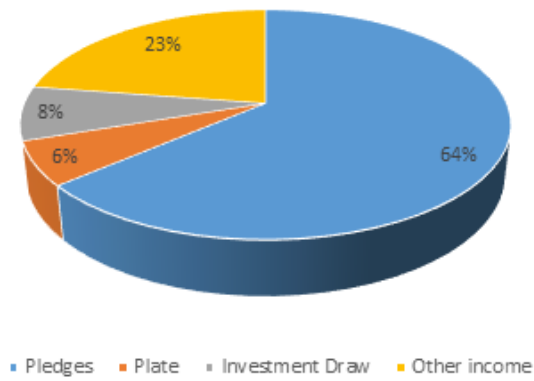
- **Income** – Small miss on income – rent was light. Our fundraising event was successful, and I will show the income once we spend it. The intention is to reseal and stripe the parking lot.
- **Expenses** – We’ve now spent \$38,979 of the golf tournament money, so that has been brought into the P&L as noted. Staff expenses and Program expenses are under budget by a total of \$20,855 (5.5%) while Facilities expenses are over budget by \$49,293 (53.5%). Total expenses are over budget by \$28,297 (5.3% - this includes the \$38,979 of spending from the golf fund raiser)
- **Bottom line** – we are \$25,242 ahead of budget. Budgeted loss at years end was \$73,999, so if we can continue the loss will be less (\$48,757)
- **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 \$81,906 (January – August) in expenses.

Next Meetings:

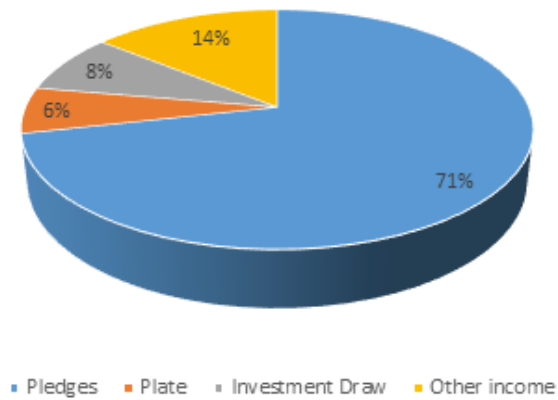
- Finance Committee – October 6th, 6 PM
- Vestry – October 11th, 7 PM

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>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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</p> <p>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.</p> <p>No cost to you or the Church</p>
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IRA Qualified Charitable Distributions



Give to St. Luke's Through Your IRA

Did You Know?

The IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) allows for direct gifts to St. Luke's Church through your IRA:

- An easy way to make a gift or fulfill your pledge from your IRA
- A tax-free rollover is excluded from your gross income
- A great way to meet your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) at 72 years of age

The Rules of IRA Qualified Charitable Distributions:

- It must be from an IRA (other retirement accounts are not eligible)
- Transfers must go directly to St. Luke's from your IRA
- You must be 70 ½ at the time of your gift
- Your total IRA gifts cannot exceed \$100,000

To Learn More

- Consult with your financial advisor or attorney
- Contact Michael Sullivan, St. Luke's Treasurer, by email at treasurer@stlukeseg.org

Advent Blog Series – 2022

Beginning November 27 and running thru December 25

In what has become a tradition at St. Luke's, parishioners are invited to read, reflect, and write on daily readings. Interested in writing an Advent blog? Contact Christina Imondi at cimondi@stlukeseg.org



2022 Advent Blog

Adult Faith Formation Book Study

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RECONCILIATION, HEALING AND HOPE: Sermons from Washington National Cathedral edited by Jan Naylor Cope

Join us as we explore this collection of powerful sermons preached at our National Cathedral in the midst of the pandemic. These sermons preached by Cathedral clergy and guest preachers such as Presiding Bishop Michael B. Curry and Bishop Mariann E. Budde offer lasting guidance for difficult times and reinforce that even in the midst of loss and chaos, God is at work among us, lifting us up and giving us hope for the future. We look forward to hearing these different voices describe their experience of the presence of God during these times of distress. We hope you will be with us!

The order of reading is as follows:

Oct. 26 – The Story We Write (p. 129)

[Click Here](#) to join the Zoom Meeting! Meeting info is below:

Meeting ID: 867 3899 9469

Passcode: 427552

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.

St. Luke's New Directory

Dear St. Luke's family,
It's time for a New Directory!



*Celebrating faith.
Connecting families.
Sharing hope.*

When people enter the doors of our church they are looking for a place to belong. Our directory brings us together to develop new relationships, connect with our own families and reconnect with those we haven't seen in a while. Join us for this "Connections Event" and be part of what God is doing right here at our church!

Directory Committee

Connections Event

Our church directory will not be complete without you. Join us to celebrate faith and family with our new church family album.

- Schedule your professional photography session when you stop by the sign-up table at church on Sundays or simply go online and follow the instructions below.
- Everyone who is photographed by Universal will receive a complimentary 8 x 10 portrait and a directory!
- Universal provides a complete professional portrait studio right here at our church! You'll enjoy a variety of poses, backgrounds, portrait sizes, finish and framing options AND have the opportunity to purchase portraits to give to family and friends.

Set your appointment with Universal today!

Photo sessions take place at St. Luke's from 2-8:30pm on
Nov. 29-30 and Dec. 1



Gathering families,

Connecting generations.



Online Scheduling Available!

1. To schedule your photography appointment online, simply go to www.ucdir.com and click on the box labeled "Photography Appointment Scheduling Login" on the right side of the screen.
2. In the Login box, enter **ri101** in the Church Code field and enter **photos** in the Church Password field.
3. Follow the prompts to schedule your family's appointment time. If you have 6 or more in your family, please use 2 consecutive time slots. The online scheduling option is available 24hrs/day except Sunday mornings between 7am and noon while in-church sign-ups are being registered. Appointments fill up quickly, so schedule as soon as possible to secure your preferred date and time.

Festal Choral Evensong

FESTAL CHORAL EVENSONG

for the
FEAST OF ALL SAINTS



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH, 2022

4:00 PM

The combined choirs and choristers of Grace Church and St. Luke's Church, East Greenwich sing music of Sir C.H.H. Parry, Richard Ayleward, Basil Harwood, Alan Gray and others. A reception follows in The Pavilion.

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Twilighters

Join us Wednesday, October 26, from 3-5pm, as we continue to put our grounds to bed for the winter. We are a small but mighty group of God's children working in God's garden to bring a smile to others as they walk by. Cindi Lovejoy (benem@cox.net).

Theology on Tap

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Our Next Meeting will be November 14 @ 7:00pm

All men of St. Luke's are invited

St. Luke's Men's group – Theology on Tap will be meeting in the Dining Room. You are invited to

join us on for conversation and community.

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

Women of Grace

Women of Grace

Women of Grace will be creating blessing bags at our November 7th meeting at 7:00pm in the church dining room. All women are invited to join. What is a blessing bag you might ask? It is a bag that is filled with essential items that gets distributed to those in need. If you can't join us, you can still help in this ministry by donating toiletries for the bags. Suggestions are:

- toothbrush/paste
- comb/brush
- razor
- shaving cream
- lotion
- soap
- deodorant
- wet wipes
- feminine products
- hand sanitizer
- band aids
- floss/floss pics

There will be a container in the church lobby marked WOG to drop off items. Any questions, please see Ruth Haynsworth or Deb Lukens.

Lunch on the Hill

Welcome Back – "Lunch On The Hill"

Matthew 25:35

I was hungry and you gave me food,

I was thirsty and you gave me drink,

I was a stranger and you welcomed me.....

Prior to shut down due to Covid, Saint Luke's "Lunch on the Hill" offered lunches every Wednesday to our surrounding community with a focus on the clients of the Food Pantry. **"Lunch On The Hill" has resumed lunches on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday every month.**

You may recall that in the past lunches had been provided by local restaurants with sides being provided by the host Church. Due to the current economy and shortage of labor, we will be moving ahead with a combination of lunches provided by a restaurant and lunches prepared in Saint Luke's Community Kitchen.

Saint Luke's/ EG Food Pantry will provide lunch on the 2nd Wednesday. Saint Luke's will prepare Sandwiches, sides, salads, desert etc. The EG food Pantry will assist in providing food to prepare.

Our Lady of Mercy (OLM)/ Wild Harvest will provide lunch on the 4th Wednesday. Wild Harvest will provide sandwiches and soup or a side. OLM will provide additional sides, salad, desert etc.

We are excited about resuming our outreach to our community and support to our neighbors.

Saint Luke's Here's how you can help:

Volunteers (3 or 4) from 9:30 to 12:30 needed to assist in preparation and serving of lunch on the

2nd Wednesday of the month.

Donations of deserts, baked goods, fruit by 10:00 am on the second Wednesday of the month.

For more information on how you can be part of this outreach ministry you can contact:

Steve McLoughlin
smcloughlin2@aol.com, 401 225 5540

CCK Dinners

Christ's Community Kitchen

St. Luke's Church Dining Room

October 31

From 5-6:30 pm

Thanks to St. Luke's Church for hosting!
Dinner will include oven roasted chicken breast, potatoes,
buttered carrots and salad.

Free Will Offering – All Are Welcome

For information contact Paul Brookes – phbrookes@cox.net

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

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 for more information.

Dorcas Donations

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Dorcas has temporarily suspended their collection of donations.

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, November 19, 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) 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!

As we head into fall the shelves are getting bare as the need goes up. We've seen more than a 50%

jump in client visits the last two months over the first seven months of the year.

Always on our list of needs are Luncheon Meat, Hash, Beef Stew, Chili, Hearty Soups, Canned Chicken, Canned Tuna.

Needed this month: Oatmeal, Ramen Noodles, Baked Beans, Sugar, Flour, Ground Coffee, Cereal, Canned Peaches, Pasta Roni side dishes, Chicken/Beef Stock, Chicken/Beef Gravy, Peanut Butter, Jam/Jelly, Vegetable Oil and Flour.

Thank you!
EG Interfaith Food Cupboard

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