



# St. Luke's Episcopal Church

Where all are welcome at the Lord's table

weekly

December 4, 2022

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As if we need a reminder that in the darkness of Advent we are awaiting the fulfillment of God's Kingdom, the evil of antisemitism has been prominent in recent news stories.

Over the past two months, one entertainment personality and one professional athlete have been in the news for tweets endorsing a documentary which promotes antisemitic notions. And just last week, an aspiring political leader shared a private dinner with a renowned White Nationalist and Holocaust denier. Make no mistake, all these activities either explicitly or tacitly legitimize the hate speech and conspiracy theories which endanger Jewish individuals.

And lest you think such developments are playing out only in distant parts of this country, closer to home there also has been a frightening flurry of antisemitic activity. In the last two months alone, antisemitic leaflets have littered the communities of Newport, Warwick, and North Providence.

I am reminded by these events that we should not wait passively for the fulfillment of God's Kingdom or the celebration of God's love born anew into our world. We should, we can, we must wait actively—actively spreading God's love and actively carrying God's light into the darkened corners of our existence.

Despite different beliefs and traditions, the East Greenwich clergy community sought to bear love and light into the darkness of antisemitism by drafting the following statement. Please give it a read.

**In recent days antisemitic acts have been increasing again, and the East Greenwich clergy community joins with many interfaith communities, including "The Interfaith Coalition to Reduce Poverty," in unequivocally standing against antisemitism and all hate speech. With antisemitic attacks and hate speech against the Jewish community on the rise nationwide, we are reminded and emboldened in the belief that there is no space for bigotry, hate, oppression and violence in our society. We are an organization of faith leaders and advocates of diverse traditions that fights against inequality and poverty, and we know how dangerous normalizing hateful rhetoric is. We are particularly mindful that antisemitism has often appeared in insidious forms to undermine and divide movements for social justice. We must fight against such hateful rhetoric with love and acceptance of all people, faiths and traditions."**

Agreed upon by: Rev. Thom Blackstone, Pastor, United Methodist Church, East Greenwich; Rev. Eric Cherry, Minister, Westminster Unitarian Church; Rabbi Jeff Goldwasser, Rabbi, Temple Sinai; The Rev. Linda Forsberg, Pastor, First Evangelical Lutheran Church; Rev. Jonathan Malone, Pastoral Associate, St. Luke's Episcopal Church; The Rev. Tim Rich, Rector, St. Luke's Episcopal Church.

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## This Sunday at St. Luke's

**[The Second Sunday of Advent](#)**

Click above for the lessons

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

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

**We are glad to offer YouTube livestream for our 10:15 Sunday Service.**

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

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

The Rev. Dr. Jonathan Malone, pastoral associate, preaching

## Covid Update

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

"We must fight against such hateful rhetoric with love and acceptance of all people, faiths and traditions," the statement concludes. I hope and pray this Advent you too will find some way to join in the fight.

Advent blessings,  
Tim

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.

## **Town Hall Meeting**

### **Town Hall Set for December 11**

Come one, come all to a town hall meeting taking place at 9:00, December 11!

The substance of our conversation will include an update regarding the parish finances as well as the stained-glass window deliberations.

Please come down to the dining room for the next in our series of important conversations regarding the finances, mission, and life of the parish. We hope to see you there.

## **Greening of the Church**

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**December 18 – Immediately Following the 10:15 Service**

Many Hands Make For Light Work – Everyone Is Welcome To Join Us  
If They Would Like To Help!

## **Join St. Luke's For Advent**

# Join the **ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**



faith community for the season of Advent,  
beginning on Sunday, November 27th

## **Special Services & Events:**

**Sunday, December 18th**

Christmas Concert at 4:00pm

**Saturday, December 24th - Christmas Eve**

Family Service with Holy Eucharist at 4:00pm

Service with Holy Eucharist at 7:00pm

Choral Prelude at 10:30pm with Holy  
Eucharist following at 11:00pm

**Sunday, December 25th - Christmas Day**

Holy Eucharist at 10:00am

**Sunday, January 1st**

A Service of Lessons and Carols with Holy  
Eucharist at 10:15am

**Sunday, January 8th**

Holy Eucharist at 7:45am

Epiphany Children's Pageant at 10:15am

**Join us on Sunday mornings at 7:45 & 10:15**

St. Luke's Episcopal Church  
99 Peirce Street  
East Greenwich, RI 02818  
(401) 884-4116

  @stlukeseg



Advent Blog

## **Advent Blog Series – 2022**

**Beginning November 27 and Running Thru December 25**

The season of Advent is here! Our St. Luke's Advent Blog is a wonderful resource for prayer and reflection. Posts are written by members of our St. Luke's community and based on the lectionary scripture assigned for each day from the beginning of Advent (November 27th) through Christmas (December 25th). Our faith community is a wonderful treasure, and it is a gift to be able to share this blog with you. Posts can be found on our Facebook Page.





2022 Advent Blog

Christmas Concert

ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH PRESENTS



# A JOYFUL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

featuring The St. Cecilia  
and Canterbury Choirs  
and the Four Amigos

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18 AT 4PM**  
cookie reception to follow

99 Peirce Street, East Greenwich  
[www.StLukesEG.org](http://www.StLukesEG.org) | 401-884-4116  
f @stlukeseg

The Giving Tree

St. Luke's Giving Tree



Thank you very much for supporting the Giving Tree by taking a tag from the tree. Please return everything by December 15. The presents should be wrapped and the tag taped to the gift. It is important that the tag be on the present so we know what family and which child will receive the gift. Please leave the presents under the tree after Sunday Services or drop off in the office during the week. Currently we have 9 families asking for help. Hopefully with your kindness and thoughtfulness we will be able to assist them. We realize we are asking a lot from you but these families are truly in need. Please give the gift cards to Christina in the office or put them in the offertory plate. You may also mail the gift cards or send a check to St. Luke's with Giving Tree on the memo line.

Thank you!  
Giving Tree Committee

## Epiphany Pageant

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**Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 10:15am**

Calling All Children, Teens, And Those Who Are Young At Heart!

All people of St. Luke's from pre-school through high school and beyond are welcomed and encouraged to be part of this year's Epiphany Pageant, the telling of the Christmas Story.

**Costumes are provided and there are no lines to memorize!**

**There will be only one rehearsal for the pageant. It will be on Saturday, January 7, from 10 am - Noon.**

**A sign-up sheet is available in the Atrium. For more information, please speak with Rodney Ayers at [rodney@stlukeseg.org](mailto:rodney@stlukeseg.org)**

## Christmas Flower and Music Memorials

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As in years past, we invite you to remember loved ones this Christmas season by making a memorial gift to St. Luke's. Simply make out your check to St. Luke's Church and let us know both how you would like it directed and for whom your contribution has been given. Please submit names to the office by **Sunday, December 11.**

Suggested donation for the Poinsettias and Music Memorials is \$10 per name. You can email names to Christina in the office at [cimondi@stlukeseg.org](mailto:cimondi@stlukeseg.org) or fill out this form and mail or drop off with your check to St. Luke's.

Thank you for your generosity. May your loved ones continue to rest eternal with the communion of saints and may God bless you in the weeks to come.



## Adult Faith Formation Book Study

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#### ***OUR ADVENT BOOK STUDY TO BEGIN A BIT EARLY!***

##### *SCARRED BY STRUGGLE. TRANSFORMED BY HOPE*

Everyone goes through times of pain and sorrow, depression and darkness, stress and suffering. It is in the necessary struggles of life, however, that we stretch our souls and gain new insights enabling us to go on. Building on the biblical story of Jacob wrestling with God and on the story of her own battle with life-changing disappointment, **Sister Joan Chittister** deftly explores the landscape of suffering and hope, considering along the way such wide-ranging topics as consumerism, technology, grief, and the events of September 11, 2001.

We struggle, she says, against change, isolation, darkness, fear, powerlessness, vulnerability, exhaustion, and scarring; and while these struggles sometimes seem insurmountable, we can emerge from them with the gifts of conversion, detachment, faith, courage, surrender, limitations, endurance, transformation, and (perhaps most important) hope. Each of these struggles and gifts is discussed in a chapter of its own. Meant to help readers cope with their own suffering and disappointment, *Scarred by Struggle, Transformed by Hope* is, in Sister Joan's words, an anatomy of struggle and an account of the way hope grows in us, despite our moments of darkness, regardless of our regular bouts of depression. It is an invitation to look again at the struggles of life in order that we might remember how to recognize new life in our souls the next time our hearts turn again to clay.

Neither a self-help manual nor a book offering pat answers, but supremely practical and relevant, this book will richly reward those readers seeking solace in the empathic, wise, and accessible meditations of a fellow struggler.

**Please join the Adult Faith Formation class Wednesdays at 7:00PM. Classes will be held by way of Zoom.**

**Our reading assignment is Chapters 8 & 9.**

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

Meeting ID: 867 3899 9469  
Passcode: 427552

## Treasurer's Notes

### From the Treasurer

November Month End

Nov, 2022	2022 YTD	Budget	Var	2021	Var
Pledge Income	\$424,735	\$417,000	\$7,735	\$425,875	(\$1,140)
Loose Plate	\$48,419	\$26,000	\$22,419	\$32,712	\$15,707
Other Personal Inc.	\$69,828	\$26,067	\$43,761	\$61,019	\$8,809
Total Personal Inc.	\$542,982	\$469,067	\$73,915	\$519,606	\$23,376
Total Other Inc	\$130,893	\$80,681	\$50,212	\$122,314	\$8,579
Total Income	\$673,875	\$549,748	\$124,127	\$641,920	\$31,955
Staff Expenses	\$411,673	\$422,158	(\$10,485)	\$405,057	\$6,616
Facilities Expenses	\$214,824	\$109,821	\$105,003	\$93,770	\$121,054
Program Expenses	\$21,412	\$32,258	(\$10,846)	\$17,415	\$3,997
Outreach Expense	\$81,866	\$82,038	(\$172)	\$83,136	(\$1,270)
Total Expenses	\$729,816	\$646,275	\$83,541	\$599,677	\$130,139
Net Income	(\$55,941)	(\$96,527)	\$40,586	\$42,243	(\$98,184)
Capital Expenditures Sewer Lining	\$55,000			Includes 65,000 PPP Money	
Fund raising Proceeds Used: New South Door AC in Choir Loft, Computer Network, New Auditorium Floor, Parking Lot Seal/Stripe	\$43,475				

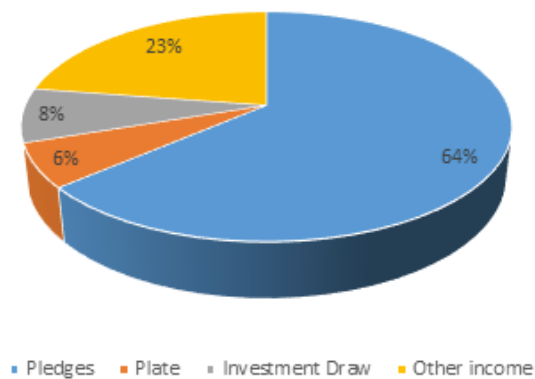
**Notes:** I want to take a moment and offer a sincere thank you to each and every one of you. Your continued loyalty and support of St Luke's seems to never waver. Our finances during the past 3 years of the pandemic have remained relatively strong, and between the kitchen campaign and fund-raising events, we have been able to invest roughly \$800,000 to enhance and maintain this beautiful facility. You are all amazing – and I can't thank you enough.

- **Income** – Pledge and Loose Plate income are over budget by \$30,000
- **Expenses** – Overall expenses are actually slightly under budget, when you take out the capital expenses and fundraising investments we've made.
- **Bottom line** – we are \$40,586 ahead of budget. Budgeted loss at years end was \$73,999, so if we can continue the loss will be less (\$33,413)
- **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 \$89,038. (January – November) in expenses.

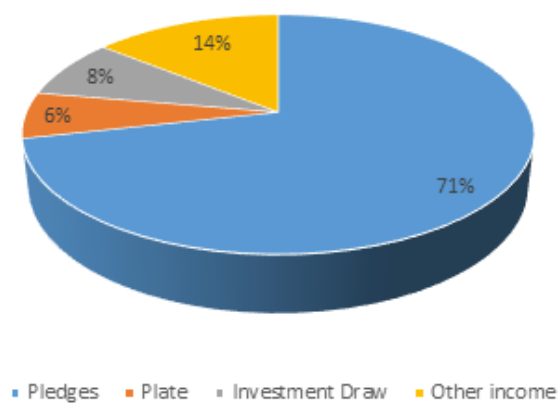
Peace and Grace,  
Mike



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!**

**zelle****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.**

**Zelle Transfer**

**Zelle Payment** – with Zelle payment transfer, you can add St. Luke's Church by using the [giving@stlukeseg.org](mailto: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**

**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**

**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**

## 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](mailto:treasurer@stlukeseg.org)

### **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.

## Women of Grace

### **Women of Grace**

Dear Parish Ladies,

If you long for a deeper relationship with God; if God's grace draws you to connecting our spiritual practices to everyday life, come to our December 5th Women of Grace meeting. Using the Celtic Tradition as a foundation, we will explore tools that can be used to facilitate emotional well-being during the holidays and how to be fully present to the love, peace, and holiness of Christmas. Patricia Warburton, a psychologist and parish member, will facilitate the conversation. You don't want to miss this opportunity to learn how to stay spiritually connected during the hustle and bustle of the holidays.

We will meet Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00pm in the parish dining room. Kindly RSVP to [deblukens73@gmail.com](mailto:deblukens73@gmail.com) or (908) 500-4573 if you plan to attend. It is helpful to know how many are coming so we can plan accordingly. As usual, we are looking for volunteers to bring a savory or sweet food item to share. Please let me know if you are able to do that as well.

Looking forward to sharing and caring in God's grace.

Deb

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:smcloughlin2@aol.com), 401 225 5540

## **CCK Dinners**

### **Christ’s Community Kitchen**

### **St. Luke’s Church Dining Room**

**December 19, 2022**

**From 5-6:30 pm**

Please join us for Dinner at St. Luke's!

Free Will Offering – All Are Welcome

For information contact Paul Brookes – [phbrookes@cox.net](mailto:phbrookes@cox.net)

## **Theology on Tap**

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**Our Next Meeting will be December 12 @ 7:00pm  
At Greg & Judy DeGroot’s Home**

## *All men of St. Luke's are invited*

Many of you will recall that, pre-Covid, Greg & Judy DeGroot would open their home to TOT for our Christmas Meeting. This year the DeGroot's have offered to revive this tradition and Father Tim Rich will join us for a discussion and a unique, intimate celebration of the Eucharist, around the dining room table.

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)

## Loaves and Fishes

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Thank you for your contributions and participation to our November run. It was the first time in over two years that we were able to serve hot food; hot dogs and hamburgers were served from the heated bins of our truck.

Additionally, there was a generous response for blankets as approximately forty were donated.

For December, we will continue with the same menu as shown in the SignUp Genius. We are also asking for winter gloves and hats to help people in the winter which will soon be upon us. These items will be added to the gift bags that we distribute in Woonsocket. You will note that we are only asking for men's sizes as women are also able to use those sizes. Please note that we need to have the gloves and hats dropped off at St. Luke's by December 10<sup>th</sup>.

**[Click Here](#)** to sign up!

**In signing up, there is no expectation that one person needs to fulfill the total amount. When using the SignUp Genius, please indicate the quantity you will be donating.**

Your generosity is most appreciated and allows St Luke's to continue helping those in need. Thank you.





## Food for Backpacks!

Our Food for Backpacks ministry is delivering to East Greenwich food insecure families. The appreciation and gratitude was deeply felt by both the receiving and the giving. For many of the families weekends are especially difficult as school breakfasts and lunches are not provided. Our first team of volunteers all expressed it was a moving experience, were grateful to participate, and are excited to continue the service. If you are already on the volunteer list, we will be contacting you as we developed a rotating schedule. If you're not on the list and would like to know more about it or would like to join with us, please contact:

Caroline Sparhawk : [cdsparhawk@gmail.com](mailto:cdsparhawk@gmail.com)

Joyce Harvey: [joyce836@gmail.com](mailto:joyce836@gmail.com)



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

## Dorcas Donations

### Dorcas Donations

Dorcas has temporarily suspended their collection of donations.

### **Photos Wanted!**

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](mailto:nancearnold@yahoo.com)

(Our next meeting of the group will be Saturday, December 17, 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!

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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