



# St. Luke's Episcopal Church

Where all are welcome at the Lord's table

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I subscribe to a monthly magazine called *Christian Century*. Maybe you do too? ☺

Ok, although I was asking that question with tongue firmly planted in cheek, I am more serious when I say, maybe you should. It is a wonderful monthly that regularly lives into its tagline of “*Thoughtful, Independent, Progressive.*”

Each article captures the intersection between faith and our daily lives. Generally, I read it from the back to the front as the concluding pieces are one-page columns offering reviews on arts, cinema, and books. The September issue introduced me to the *Sister Holiday* mysteries, featuring a New Orleans based nun, characterized as “a queer, punk nun who is all in on her vocation.” (Full disclosure: I haven’t read it yet.)

Besides reviews, there are feature articles by guest writers. One honors “the mothers of environmental justice.” Another, “An old man dreaming of psalms,” discusses how singer/songwriter Paul Simon awoke from a dream in which he heard a voice saying, “You’re working on a piece called *Seven Psalms.*” Although at first befuddled by the meaning, the dream ultimately led Simon to his latest album of the same title.

And still a third article is titled, “A Better Response to the Decline of the Christian West.” In this piece, the author, a PhD candidate at Harvard studying the relationship between Christian theology and political thought, asks, “What if we saw Christianity not as a fragile artifact to be clung to and defended, but as something waiting to be made?” Hmmm, imagine that.

But typically, it is the first page, a letter from the editor, Peter W. Marty, which I enjoy most. He rarely fails to either inform or challenge, and this month was no exception. His column headline, “Words to avoid at church” was followed by the warning, “They might not be what you’d expect.” I have to admit, some of them caught me by surprise. (Truthfully, I admit this to you with a touch of embarrassment—since I use a few of these words regularly.)

At the top of his list was the word “visitor.” Yikes!! He points out that “... nobody entering a church deserves to be labeled a visitor. In most settings, visitors hold second class citizenship. Newcomers may be guests in the House of the Lord but they’re not visitors.” I wonder how our response to the new faces who venture through the doors might be warmer, even more hospitable, if we saw them as our guests? I’ll leave you to think about that.

He also notes that the frequently-used metaphor, describing churches as families “doesn’t work.” Then he goes on to explain, “Families are closed social units. Families have scores of customs and conventions that aren’t always obvious or welcoming to newcomers. Scripture reminds us that... Jesus called people out of

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their families into a larger life.” He makes a good case here—all without even mentioning how often our biological families might be experienced as dysfunctional.

His observations on both terms gave me plenty to consider, but it was his commentary on the phrase “attending church” that moved me most. While we use these words regularly, Marty suggests, “... when you attach yourself to a faith community, you’re not an attendee. Rubbing shoulders with people with whom you may have nothing in common except your humanity and God, but whom you’re willing to let impact the shape and substance of who you are, means it’s time to speak of belonging. I wonder,” he goes on to ask rhetorically, “if people who talk of *attending* their church for years have yet to discover the beauty and significance of *belonging*.”

Wow.

As I consider the differences between these two words, I am moved by how “belonging” conveys such a richer experience. It suggests relationship, it implies “love” (in the form of “agape,” the highest form of love), and it even gets at identity. The late great Archbishop Desmond Tutu often spoke of “ubuntu,” which is loosely translated to mean “I am because we are.” Belonging offers us the “we are,” and profoundly enhances the “I am.”

So are you ready to subscribe yet? Perhaps not. But if you’re ever interested, I’d be happy to pass along my already-read copies. And until then, let me share with you this poem, another regular feature in the *Christian Century*.

*Leaves fall, they fall as from a distant place,  
as if far gardens withered in the skies;  
they fall with a denying attitude.*

*And in the nighttime falls the heavy world  
out of all stars into the solitude.*

*We all are falling. Falling, here, this hand.  
And look at others: it is in them all.*

*Yet there exists One who all of this falling  
forever softly holds hands within his hands.*

~Rainer Maria Rilke

September blessings,  
Tim

Stay Connected



St. Luke's TikTok, Instagram and Facebook



Stay up to date with all things St. Luke's, and follow us on **TikTok, Instagram, & Facebook** @StLukesEG

This Sunday at St. Luke's

**The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Click above for the lessons.

**8:00 am** Holy Eucharist with Sermon

**10:00 am** Holy Eucharist with Sermon

**We are glad to offer YouTube livestream for our 10:00 am Sunday Service. Please [Click Here](#) to worship with us via YouTube.**

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

The Rev. Dr. Jonathan Malone, Pastoral Assistant, Preaching

New Sunday Service Schedule

**NEW SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE**

Our Sunday Services now start at **8 am and 10 am**

Please join us!

Covid Update

**St. Luke's Has Shifted to a Mask At Your Own Discretion Practice**

Blessing of the Animals

# St. Luke's Episcopal Church Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 1st, following 10am worship

Academy Field behind Swift Gym

All are welcome- please bring a chair or blanket!



So God created the great creatures  
of the sea and every living thing  
with which the water teems and  
that moves about in it, according  
to their kinds, and every winged  
bird according to its kind.

And God saw that it was good.

Genesis 1:21



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St. Luke's Directory is Online!



## St. Luke's Online Directory Launched September 10!

If you are listed in the St. Luke's Church Directory, you received an email from Universal Church Directory ([ucdaccts@byucd.com](mailto:ucdaccts@byucd.com)) on September 10 with your Unique Identifier that will allow you to upload the mobile app version of the directory. See below for more detailed instructions from UCD. If you have any questions in the meantime, please contact Jan Burch ([jburch1608@yahoo.com](mailto:jburch1608@yahoo.com)) or Deborah Collins ([collinstn01@gmail.com](mailto:collinstn01@gmail.com)).



# myUCD App Start Guide

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## Download The App From The App Store or Google Play



- With your smart phone touch the App Store icon for your type of phone (Apple Store -or- Google Play) then search for: 'Universal Church Directory'
- The App is called *myUCD*
- Click on the "GET" -or- "INSTALL" button
- When the App has finished installing, click "OPEN"

2

## Enter Your Family's UNIQUE IDENTIFIER

- A **Unique Identifier** was sent to the heads-of-household whose email was listed.
- \*If you did not receive an email please see your church administrator*
- Enter unique Identifier
- Click on the gray "Download My Church Directory" button (there may be a few seconds delay)

3

## Begin Using Your Church App Features

- Video link
- Email the church
- Call the church
- Church announcements
- Calendar of events
- Online giving
- Link to Facebook, Twitter, Instagram
- Staff contacts
- YouVersion Bible App
- Directory of all members
- \*Some features may -or- may not be available for your church*

## myUCD Desktop Directory

1. Go to **directory.ucdir.com**
2. Enter unique identifier and hit **GO**
3. Prompts will appear to create your own Username & Password.
4. Click on '**CREATE ACCOUNT**'

2020 HOW TO GUIDE - END USER

Save The Date!

# Step Out Step Up !

A Charity Event to Enhance  
Spaces for Engaging  
Our Community

September 30, 2023  
6:00pm - 10:00pm

Potowomut Golf Club

Tickets @\$100 per person

An Evening of  
Good Music,  
Great Food,  
Live & Silent Auction  
Festivities &  
The Harvest Moon

To register, scan the QR image or see  
below for the link to our  
EventBrite Registration site



**[Click Here](#)** To Register At EventBrite!

## Sachuest Point Wildlife Refuge Hike

### **St. Luke's Hike - Sachuest Point Wildlife Refuge**

Experience the beauty and wonder of God's creation on Saturday, September 23, 2:00pm, at Sachuest Point (in Middletown, RI). Pastor Malone will be leading the 3-mile hike with time for reflection, conversation, and enjoying the wonder of the wilderness. We will meet in the parking lot/visitor center. Cost is \$20 per adult, \$10 per child (with a \$30 cap for more than three children). For more information, contact Jonathan: [jonathan@stlukeseg.org](mailto:jonathan@stlukeseg.org). To sign up contact the church office.

### Adult Faith Formation

**Adult Faith Formation resumes in the dining room with an in-person offering, Sunday, September 24, from 11:30-1:00. Lunch will be provided. Jeremy Langill, the Executive Minister at the Rhode Island Council of Churches, will be our guest presenter. Below is a brief description of what we will be discussing. Please join us!**

Every Sunday, sandwiched between the sermon and the prayers of the people, are those ancient words of faith, the Nicene Creed, a theological statement equally foreign and familiar to us. The creed that we recite together was developed in 381, from an earlier draft written at the Council of Nicaea in 325. This short presentation will explore the historical and theological developments that led to the first ecumenical council of the church universal, and consider its broader impact on theology and the institution of the church in the years following. All are welcome!

### Youth Faith Formation

#### Youth Faith Formation Resumes

"Blessed are those who find wisdom, those who gain understanding." Proverbs 3:13

We are looking forward to a wonderful year of Faith Formation at St. Luke's! **Our first Sunday classes will be September 17th.** Every year our hearts are warmed as we watch your children grow in height and spirituality.

#### **Grades Pre-K through 5th grade**

**Godly Play** at St. Luke's is **for grades Pre-K through 5th grade. Please bring your child to the classroom at 9:45.** (Note: This is a change in scheduling from last year.) The children are brought into the church, reuniting with their parents, after the passing of the Peace.

To have your child participate, please complete the youth registration form by [Clicking Here](#) or stop by and pick up a hard copy of the registration form in our atrium.

Questions? Contact Theresa Deiters, Godly Play Coordinator, at (415) 233-0761.

**Our older youth classes (6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grade and 9<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> grade) also will meet at 9:45, before reuniting with their parents after the passing of the Peace.** (Note: This is a change from last year.)

**6th - 8th Grade** will meet upstairs in Room 9.

**9th - 11th Grade** will meet upstairs in Room 7.

We are excited to be offering these youth newly designed, theme specific, 8-week "modules." For more information, please contact Amy Weigand, our Director of Youth and Family Ministries. She can be reached at [amy@stlukeseg.org](mailto:amy@stlukeseg.org)

Again, to have your child participate, please complete the youth registration form by [Clicking Here](#) or stop by and pick up a hard copy of the registration form in our atrium.

We're excited to share these opportunities with your children!

### Treasurer's Notes

#### From the Treasurer

August Month End

Aug, 2023	2023 YTD	Budget	Var	2022 YTD	Var
Pledge Income	\$325,037	\$320,000	\$5,037	\$319,585	\$5,452
Loose Plate	\$26,931	\$30,500	(\$3,569)	\$34,982	(\$8,051)
Other Personal Inc.	\$27,169	\$14,850	\$12,319	\$68,871	(\$41,702)
Total Personal Inc.	\$379,137	\$365,350	\$13,787	\$423,438	(\$44,301)
Total Other Inc	\$55,934	\$58,283	(\$2,349)	\$54,013	\$1,921
Total Income	\$435,071	\$423,633	\$11,438	\$477,451	(\$42,380)
Staff Expenses	\$291,075	\$306,558	(\$15,483)	\$306,312	(\$15,237)
Facilities Expenses	\$78,433	\$95,032	(\$16,599)	\$130,346	(\$51,913)
Program Expenses	\$19,062	\$22,683	(\$3,621)	\$15,253	\$3,809
Outreach Expense	\$74,073	\$75,314	(\$1,241)	\$61,515	\$12,558
Total Expenses	\$463,642	\$499,588	(\$35,946)	\$513,427	(\$49,433)
Net Income	(\$28,571)	(\$75,954)	\$47,383	(\$35,976)	\$7,405

#### Notes:

#### Income

- Total Income is \$11,438 over budget. August income was down slightly, but still over budget YTD.

#### Expenses

- Expenses are under budget by \$35,946. We had a bill from the electrician hit for \$3,700, covering repairs dating back to early spring through current day.

#### Other Thoughts

- Full Time Staffing additional expense – these are the additional costs we would have incurred had we been fully staffed as of 1/1/2023:
  - o 2<sup>nd</sup> Clergy - \$45,853
  - o Full Time Sexton - \$25,546
  - o Youth Faith Coordinator - \$11,757
  - o Total - \$83,156

Peace and Grace,  
Mike

#### 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!



<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>	<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>	<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>	<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>
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## Calling All Singers!

### Calling All Singers! Come sing in a choir!



Our choirs resume after Labor Day. Have you considered participation in one of our choirs for you and/or your children? St. Luke's supports an active choral ministry, and new members of all ages are invited to sing.

Contact Rodney Ayers, Minister of Music, for more information ( [rodney@stlukeseg.org](mailto:rodney@stlukeseg.org) )

### REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

#### Angel Choir

PreK - 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders – Wednesdays at 4pm - beginning September 13

#### St. Cecilia Choir

3<sup>rd</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade Choristers – Fridays at 4pm - beginning September 8

#### Canterbury Choir

Adult Choir – Thursdays at 7pm - beginning September 7

## Acolyte Ministry

### Acolyte Ministry

Hello St. Luke's,

I am writing today in an attempt to rebuild and revitalize the Acolyte ministry. This is a rewarding ministry for not only our youth, but now also adults. Traditionally we have filled it with youth starting at grade 5 and going through grade 12. In the not too distant past, we had over 20 acolytes serving in St. Luke's ministry, but our numbers have dwindled. As many of you know, my 4 daughters have served as acolytes and they will tell you they have many fond memories of this

ministry.

Acolytes are a vital part of our worship ceremony, starting with ushering in the service and leading the procession out at the conclusion. It is a fun and behind the scenes ministry which engages you more in the service. It still brings a smile to my face every time I see an acolyte hold that cross up proudly and process down the aisle.

Perfection is not required. We will train you and you will get cues from Father Tim and others if needed. This ministry not only involves you in the service, but also looks great on applications to college and honor societies.

For adults interested, we can also train you.

A special thank you to the few acolytes we have that do an outstanding job every Sunday and serve many services.

God Bless,  
Charlie and Julie Cronin



## Altar Guild

### Altar Guild Ministry

#### **Looking for new members to join Altar Guild!**

Altar Guild is a rewarding experience as we prepare the Lord's table each week. We have about a 6-week rotation, so the commitment is not too much to handle. It's a great way to help out, make new friends, and also learn about the various components of worship.

Won't you consider joining us?

Thank you! Please let Liz Fox [tljzfox@cox.net](mailto:tljzfox@cox.net), Lisa Johnson [lbj124@verizon.net](mailto:lbj124@verizon.net) or Fr. Tim know if you are interested.

## Christ's Community Kitchen Dinner

### Christ's Community Kitchen

**St. Luke's Church Dining Room**

**September 25, 2023**

**From 5-6:30 pm**

St. Luke's is hosting a wonderful dinner! Please join us!  
Free Will Offering – All Are Welcome

## 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 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

## **Loaves and Fishes**

### **Loaves And Fishes**

The August run had the largest participation since the start of Covid. We were greeted by approximately fifty people with thirty more coming during our stay. Unfortunately, we ran out of bags and this is frustrating to the recipients and ourselves as it is so hard to see their disappointment. For September we will increase our bag count to 120, with 20 going to the Hotel in East Greenwich. The offerings will be cheese burgers, hot dogs, peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, and the regular other items included in the bag are shown in the SignUp Genius. All quantities have increased accordingly. **It is appreciated if all donations can be in the St Luke’s kitchen by 10:00 AM on September 16th.** If you are dropping off items before September 16th please mark them for Loaves and Fishes.

In signing up, there is no expectation that one person needs to fulfill the total amount of a particular item. When using the SignUp Genius, **please indicate how many of an item you will be donating .**

For clothing we will continue to ask for mid weight socks and women and men’s underwear and tee shirts. With the cooler Fall weather coming we will also ask for sweatshirts. The details are shown in the SignUp Genius.

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

Your generosity is most appreciated. It 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!

## **Theology on Tap**

### **Theology on Tap**

Theology on Tap (TOT) is St. Luke's men's group who meet monthly for exploration of spiritual and secular topics, occasional service projects and mostly community and conversation. Regardless of the event or topic, TOT is an experience where we all feel connected and uplifted when we leave.

On Monday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, the men of TOT plan to revive one of our most meaningful activities – helping with food insecurity and connection in our community, by preparing and serving a home cooked meal for our friends in the community, by hosting the monthly Christ Community Kitchen (CCK) dinner. We plan to meet in St. Luke's kitchen at 3:30 on Monday afternoon to assemble and serve the meal.



Following the CCK dinner, we want to kick off our year for TOT, also on the 25<sup>th</sup>, with John Lukens graciously offering to talk to the group about his trip this year to visit Jerusalem.

All men of St. Luke's are invited to join us!

If you would like to participate, text or email Brent Bostick: [brentbostick1@gmail.com](mailto:brentbostick1@gmail.com) or 908-230-7569.

## Women of Grace

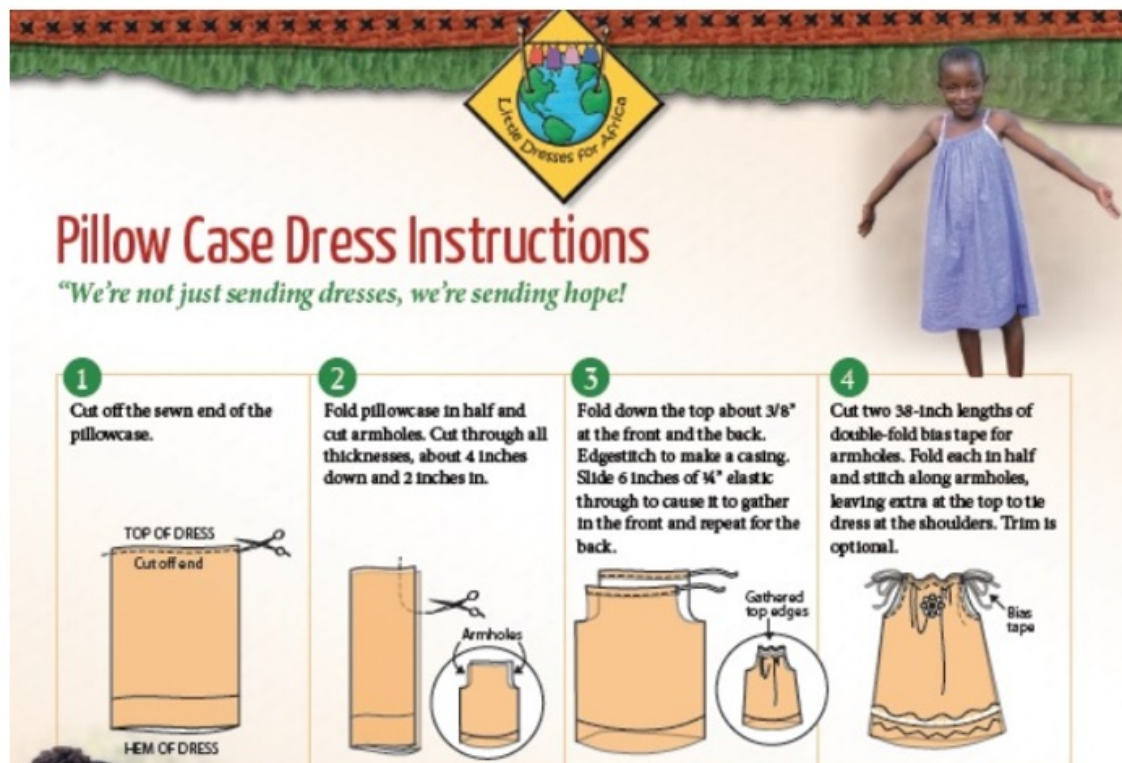
### Women of Grace

**Women of Grace is collecting pillowcases** (standard or king) to make dresses for girls in Africa. "Little Dresses for Africa is a registered Christian non-profit 501c3, founded in 2008, which sends relief to all parts of Africa and many countries beyond, through the distribution of little dresses made by volunteers from all over the world. We're not just sending dresses, we're sending hope. Our goal is: **"to plant in the hearts of little girls that they are worthy."**

Please donate your gently used or new pillowcases. Prints that will tend to hide dirt are suggested. There is a WofG bin in the church lobby for the pillowcases with a sample of the dresses we will be making at our October 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

For the same group, we are **also collecting women's cotton brief panties in all sizes** for the sani-pani's we will be making as well.

If you have any questions, please contact Sue Clement (401) 524-4955 or Deb Lukens (908) 500-4573.



## 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

## 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

#### **School Supplies needed for Adult ESL Students**

Thank you again for your generous support for the ESL students at Dorcas. These students pictured below represent only a few of the many countries in the Basic Literacy Class. They have amazing stories to tell and are a joy to be around.  
Thank You, Cathi Sloan



## Photos Wanted!

### 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).

## 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, September 19, 2023 – 10 am, after summer break)

## 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

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Food Cupboard

### **Greetings from our Food Cupboard!**

As we head into summer, the shelves are getting bare as the need goes up.

Needed this month: Cans of Hash, Chili, Spam, Beef Stew, Hearty Soups, Ravioli, Jelly/Jam, Mashed Potatoes, Cans and Jars of Pasta Sauce, Ground Coffee, Large Bottles of Juice, Vegetable Oil, Cans of Beef and Chicken Gravy, Cereal, Pancake Mix, Peanut Butter, and of course Monetary Donations are always welcome.

Thank you!  
EG Interfaith Food Cupboard

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