



# St. Luke's Episcopal Church

Where all are welcome at the Lord's table

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Hello, friends!

Wow! This week has been crazy busy for me. Anyone else? I can't believe I'm writing this invitation already and our whole church field trip is only two weeks away! You may be asking yourself... What field trip? I am here to explain.

Many of you know, I am a full-time visual arts teacher at a high school located in Warren, RI. It is a state charter school, serving primarily children from Providence, Pawtucket, Central Falls, and Bristol/Warren. I absolutely love my school and the work I do daily. Highlander Charter School was named in honor of the Highlander Folk School in Tennessee, which served as a powerful advocate during the civil rights movement. We are highly focused on racial justice and equity in education as catalysts for social change. One of our most treasured partnerships is the Nonviolence Institute, located just around the corner from our lower school campus in Providence. It is because of this partnership that I felt encouraged to share their work with everyone at St. Luke's.

If you've been following along with our Racial Justice module in our youth faith formation offerings at St. Luke's, you know that the lessons are inspired by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s vision of the Beloved Community. Our field trip to the Nonviolence Institute will serve as the culminating event for this module. The mission of the Nonviolence Institute is to "create, by word and example, a community that uses the principles and practices of nonviolence to prevent, interrupt, and heal violence and to uplift community. In the Beloved Community, everyone can thrive, there is an abundance of love and enough resources for everyone, community members share power, the value of every person is recognized and engaged, and conflict is handled productively."

I would like to formally invite YOU and your loved ones to join us on Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, for a field trip to the Nonviolence Institute. We will meet at 1:00PM in the parking lot of St. Luke's. From there, we will carpool to the Nonviolence Institute. We will take a tour and learn more about the institute from their team. Afterward, we will carpool home. If you would like to attend but want more flexibility, you can join us at the institute located at 265 Oxford Street, Providence. Either way, if you plan to attend, please email me at [amy@stlukeseg.org](mailto:amy@stlukeseg.org) so I know to look for you and I can inform the institute how many we can expect.

I really hope you will consider joining us if your schedule allows. It will be a great way for the entire community of St. Luke's to get together in fellowship, to learn, and to begin this very necessary and important work. Please let me know if you have any questions and I look forward to seeing you soon!

Peace and blessings,  
Amy

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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 Fourth Sunday in Lent**

Click above for the lessons.

**8:00 am** Holy Eucharist with DR Trip Witness

**10:00 am** Holy Eucharist with DR Trip Witness

**Nursery Opens at 7:45 am**

**Godly Play and Youth Faith Formation classes begin at 9:45 am.** This Sunday continues the series on racial justice with a focus on *Bias -- Practicing the Way of Love*.

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

[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 At Your Own Discretion Practice**

Fr. Tim Will Be Away

**FATHER TIM WILL BE AWAY FROM MARCH 3 - 8**

Father Tim will be away from the office from March 3-8. If you have a pastoral emergency, please contact Rev. Jonathan Malone by calling our office at 884-4116.

St. Luke's Journey To Easter

# JOIN THE ST. LUKE'S FAITH COMMUNITY AS WE JOURNEY TO EASTER

All are welcome to join us at St. Luke's Episcopal Church as we journey through Lent. Come experience the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus through song, prayer, and reflection.

## **Ash Wednesday - February 14th**

Holy Eucharist with imposition of ashes  
12pm & 7pm

## **Wednesday Evenings at 7pm beginning February 21st**

Adult Faith Formation Book Study  
via Zoom, "Another Story Must Begin:  
A Lent Course Based on Les Miserables"  
by Jonathan Meyer

## **Thursday Evenings at 6pm**

Simple Eucharist with reflection

## **Evensong**

Sunday, March 10th at 4pm



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East Greenwich, RI 02818  
401.884.4116

## **HOLY WEEK SERVICES:**

### **Palm Sunday - March 24th**

Holy Eucharist 8am & 10am

### **Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday**

Holy Eucharist at 7pm

### **Maundy Thursday - March 28th**

Holy Eucharist at 6pm with supper,  
foot washing, & stripping of the altar

### **Good Friday - March 29th (Two Services)**

from the Prayer Book at 12pm  
with music from Taize at 7pm

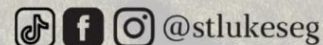
### **The Great Vigil of Easter - March 30th**

First Eucharist of Easter at 7pm

### **Easter Sunday - March 31st**

Holy Eucharist at 8am & 10am,  
both with choir, trumpet, and timpani

[www.stlukeseg.org](http://www.stlukeseg.org)



St. Luke's Evensong



As people have worshipped for centuries,  
come join in this timeless experience of  
sung Evening Prayer – a respite of prayer,  
scripture, beautiful music, & meditation.

# Evensong

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT  
MARCH 10 AT 4:00 P.M.

Sung by the Canterbury and St. Cecilia Choirs  
featuring Evening Canticles by George Dyson  
and anthems by Stephen Paulus, James Kent,  
and Daniel Gawthrop



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Journey Through Lent Blog Series

**Journey through Lent**  
**Blog Series – 2024**

Beginning Ash Wednesday, February 14th,  
and running thru Easter, March 31st

In what has become a tradition at St. Luke's, parishioners are invited to be our blog authors  
as they reflect and write on our daily scripture readings.

**Become a Lenten Blog Writer**

Interested in writing a Lenten blog?

### Subscribe to the Lenten Blog Series

To receive daily email notifications of daily blog posts, subscribe by clicking on the QR code below and entering your email address on the 2024 Lenten blog page.

Or go to <https://stlukeseg.org/lenten-blog-2024>



2024 Lenten Blog

## Maundy Thursday Service/Dinner



### MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE/DINNER

**March 28 @ 6 pm**

**PLEASE RSVP FOR THOSE  
PLANNING ON ATTENDING**

If you are attending the Maundy Thursday Dinner, Service, and Foot-Washing, please contact Christina in the office by either calling 884-4116 or by email - [cimondi@stlukeseg.org](mailto:cimondi@stlukeseg.org), by using Sign-Up Genius, or by signing up in the atrium.

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

It is **VERY IMPORTANT** that you RSVP as soon as possible so our cooks know how much food to prepare.

**We are also in need of volunteers to help with the dinner. If you would like to help, please sign up through sign-up genius, call the office at 884-4116, or email Christina at [cimondi@stlukeseg.org](mailto:cimondi@stlukeseg.org).**

**ALSO, Sign up for THE WATCH**

by signing up in the atrium or by using sign-up genius, or email Christina at [cimondi@stlukeseg.org](mailto:cimondi@stlukeseg.org) with the time slot you would like to participate in between 9 pm and midnight.

A response to Christ's question in the Garden of Gethsemane:

*"...could you not stay awake with me one hour?"*

## Easter Flower Memorials

### Easter Flower and Music Memorials

Checks should be made payable to St. Luke's Church, Indicating "Flower Memorials". Suggested Donation is \$10 per name. Email requests to [cimondi@stlukeseeg.org](mailto:cimondi@stlukeseeg.org), drop checks in the Sunday Offertory, bring by the Office, or Drop in the Mail to: 99 Peirce Street, East Greenwich, RI 02818



## Spring Forward!



## St. Luke's Annual Report

### St. Luke's Annual Report

Electronic copies are available on our website and you can also [Click Here](#) to view our Annual Report.

## Pledge Envelopes

If you have requested pledge envelopes, they are located in the atrium.

Save The Date

## SAVE THE DATE!

Potowomut Golf Tournament

May 6, 2024

Adult Faith Formation

### Adult Faith Formation Book Study

#### Join Us for a Lenten Study Like No Other

*Another Story Must Begin* is an original Lenten course based upon the film, the novel, and the stage adaptation of Victor Hugo's *Les Miserables*. Through discussion of some of the themes and principal characters of this epic narrative, the course explores the grace of God alongside our imperfect state and opportunities for redemption. It asks us to reassess what we can do with our lives, both for ourselves and for those around us.

**Please read Session 4 for our next meeting. Each class will take place on Zoom, from 7:00-8:30. Please join us!**

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

Meeting ID: 867 3899 9469

Passcode: 427552

If you wish to participate, please see Tim on Sundays or Christina during the week and they will provide you the study guide.

Youth Faith Formation

### Youth Faith Formation

#### Field Trip to the Nonviolence Institute

**March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1:00 pm**

Please join us on Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 1:00PM in the church parking lot for a field trip to the Nonviolence Institute, located at 265 Oxford Street in Providence. This is the culminating event of the Racial Justice module we have been working on in youth faith formation and we decided to open it up to the larger congregation.

We'd love it if you could join us! If you would rather meet us there so you can make a day of it and go to dinner in the city, no problem! Either way, please email [amy@stlukeseg.org](mailto:amy@stlukeseg.org) to let us know if we should look for you!

[Click Here](#) to view our **St. Luke's Youth Faith Newsletter!**



# CHURCH

TO THE  
*Field Trip*  
NONVIOLENCE INSTITUTE



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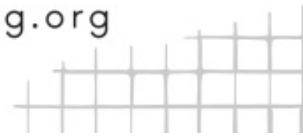
265 Oxford Street, Providence, RI 02905

**MARCH | 23<sup>RD</sup> | 2024**

Meet at St. Luke's at 1:00PM to carpool OR meet us there!

Either way, RSVP: [amy@stlukeseg.org](mailto:amy@stlukeseg.org)

so we know to look for you!



**Youth Faith Sponsored Open Mic Night!**



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# THE ARKFULL COFFEE HOUSE

## OPEN MIC NIGHT

ALL AGES AND TALENTS WELCOME!

Friday  
April

# 5

Doors Open at  
**6:00PM**

Downstairs  
Dining Room



For more information, email [amy@stlukeseg.org](mailto:amy@stlukeseg.org)

St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 99 Peirce Street, East Greenwich, RI

### Treasurer's Notes

#### From the Treasurer

February Month End

February	2024 YTD	Budget	Var.	Ann. Budget
Total Income	\$151,243	\$127,758	\$23,485	\$716,650
Total Expenses	\$129,552	\$126,252	\$3,300	\$767,967
Net Income	\$21,691	\$1,506	\$20,185	(\$51,317)

Notes:

- Income - \$23,485 ahead of budget – most of this is found in pledge income (\$21,371).
- Expenses - \$3,300 over budget - \$2,055 in utilities and \$8,169 in copier cost are the largest culprits. The old copier vendor was bought out, and the new copier vendor has increased the cost per copy significantly.

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!



<p><b>Online Banking</b>  <b>Bill Pay</b> – with online bill pay, you add St. Luke’s Church as a payee, enter our address of 99 Peirce St. East Greenwich, RI 02818 and schedule your payment.  <b>Benefits:</b> Ease of use – if you already use online bill pay, then you are familiar with making payments this way. You can schedule single payments, or set up regular payments in advance.</p> <p><b>No cost to you or the Church.</b></p>	<p><b>Zelle Transfer</b>  <b>Zelle Payment</b> – with Zelle payment transfer, you can add St. Luke’s Church by using the <a href="mailto:giving@stlukeseg.org">giving@stlukeseg.org</a> address.  <b>Benefits:</b> Ease of use – if you already use Zelle, then you are familiar with making payments this way. This only makes one payment at a time, so you have to initiate each payment.</p> <p><b>No cost to you or the Church</b></p>	<p><b>VANCO Payment Solutions</b>  <b>VANCO Payments</b> – With VANCO payments, you create your individual account on the VANCO site, set up how you want to pay, and the funds are deposited in the Church’s account  <b>Benefits:</b> If you like points or miles, then this is your site! VANCO is the only option that accepts credit cards. Like Online Banking, you can set up recurring payments or make single payments</p> <p><b>Transaction Fees for the Church</b></p>	<p><b>Direct Payment From IRA</b>  <b>Direct Transfer</b> – If you are 70 ½ or older, you can instruct your IRA provider to make a Qualified Charitable Distribution directly from your IRA.  <b>Benefits:</b> Any funds paid this way are not reported as taxable income to you. You can make your entire yearly pledge with one payment, help satisfy your required distribution, and incur no tax on the income.</p> <p><b>No cost to you or the Church</b></p>
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## St. Luke's Live Stream Ministry

### Live Stream Ministry

We have a busy year ahead and would love to invite volunteers to help operate our live stream videos that are posted on St. Luke’s YouTube channel. If you are comfortable with computers and setting up camera shots, we need YOU!

Please contact Deborah Collins ([collinstn01@gmail.com](mailto:collinstn01@gmail.com)) if interested and we will get you trained and online shortly. In the meantime, check out St. Luke’s videos at:  
<https://www.youtube.com/@StLukesEG/streams>

## St. Luke's Church Directory

### St. Luke’s Church Directory – A Great Way to Connect!

Our 2023 Church Directory was distributed last year, and we have shared access to the mobile version of the directory to all households listed in the directory. As we move forward into 2024, we would love to add the many new households who have graced our pews since December 2022. So, we invite all newcomers who are not currently in our directory to contact us, confirm their household information, and share a photo so that we may add you to the mobile directory. Being able to remind ourselves of that nice person we met last Sunday...or at a church brunch, or at one of our concerts, is one of the primary benefits of the directory and we hope all will participate.

For those of you currently listed in the directory AND who have yet to access the mobile version, it is not too late! Unique identifiers were sent to all listed households last September. If you have lost your identifier code, let us know and we will resend it to you. If you have your identifier but lost the instructions ... see below. Finally, it is not too late to add a picture to your listing – the more we have, the better to connect with each other. If you have any questions -- please contact Jan Burch ([jburch1608@yahoo.com](mailto:jburch1608@yahoo.com)). Looking forward to seeing your faces in the directory!!

## myUCD App Start Guide

1

### 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](http://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

St. Luke's Parishioners Visit The Iconic Varnum Armory Museum!



## **St. Luke's Parishioners Visit The Iconic Varnum Armory Museum!**

On a cool, but comfortable, February 26th evening, the men of Theology on Tap (TOT) invited the Women of Grace and adults of the Senior Choir to a visit of the iconic Varnum Armory Museum.

Located at the corner of Main and Division Streets, 32 parishioners marveled at the many wonders and surprises that are held within the historic rooms of the downstairs museum. Following a discussion of the history of the Armory completed in 1914, President and Curator Patrick Donovan presented several of the items on the main floor including Civil War cannons, the Colt Gatling Gun of 1883, an American flag that was flown with the American forces in Germany, 1913, and a poster and celebration of an African-American National Guardsman from 1975 following the Vietnam War.

Mr. Donovan and docent, Richard August, led us downstairs to the Museum to view the 3 rooms of artifacts, uniforms, weapons, artillery and historic writings from the Revolutionary War, the Civil War and World War I & II.

Most noteworthy is a display of the oldest flag in America, the "Byfield Flag," circa 1696. A photo of the flag is shown below.

A personal favorite of Curator Donovan is a smaller display case showing the personal Bible of Alfred Gardner, a 2nd Gunnery officer of Battery "B" who died at the Battle of Gettysburg in 1863. He stated, in his last words, "Glory be to God! I am Happy!" This Bible was retrieved, given to his wife in Providence and purchased by the Museum to be displayed. (There is a greater story to be told and heard related to this Bible and Mr. Gardner's intentions to his wife and children).

Of common interest was a donation of a rifle/musket by Parishioner, Robert Sloan, to the Varnum Armory Museum! It was displayed at the very top of several other muskets of the era!

Throughout the museum are up to 600 posters reflecting the patriotism and propaganda during the years surrounding World War I & II.

So much more was seen by our parishioners and so much work ahead by the caretakers of the artifacts that are donated or purchased by the museum, but so little space to show here!

Tour organizer, Harry Waterman, overheard Curator Donovan stating how thrilled he was leading the St. Luke's men and women and would be willing to lead another group from St Luke's if there is an interest to do so in the future!

Below are photos from the museum tour!







Christ's Community Kitchen Dinner



# Christ's Community Kitchen



## St. Luke's Church Dining Room

March 25, 2024

From 5-6:30 pm

Our Lady of Mercy will host their Legendary Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner  
in our Dining Room!

Please join us!

Free Will Offering – All Are Welcome

## Lunch on the Hill

### 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....*

### **“Lunch On The Hill” Offers Lunches On The 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays Every Month**

Saint Luke's/ EG Food Pantry provides lunch on the 2nd Wednesday. Saint Luke's prepares sandwiches, sides, salads, dessert etc. The EG food Pantry assists in providing food to prepare. Olive Garden provides delicious soups to supplement our meals on both Wednesdays.

Our Lady of Mercy (OLM)/ Wild Harvest provides lunch on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday. Wild Harvest provides sandwiches and soup or a side. OLM provides additional sides, salad, dessert etc.

Our lunch guests have grown to see our gathering as a warm community of support during tough times as well as celebration of good times together. The “Community /Family” we provide is possible because of all the wonderful people that volunteer and support this outreach.

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

Volunteers (3 or 4) from 9:30 to 12:30 needed to assist in the preparation and serving of lunch on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month.

Donations of desserts, 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**

Thank you for your generous support last month with the coats, sweatshirts, hats and gloves. They were most appreciated and we wish you could have seen the happy faces learning that we had these items to share.

For March we will maintain the bag count at 120 with 20 bags going to the Hotel in East Greenwich. We will continue to ask for socks and underwear for men and women as shown in the SignUp Genius.

The offerings will be cheeseburgers, hot dogs, peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, and the regular other items included in the bag are shown in the SignUp Genius. **It is appreciated if all donations can be in the St Luke's kitchen by 10:00 AM on March 16<sup>th</sup>.**

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**.

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

If you are not receiving the SignUp Genius in your e-mail and would like to do so, please send an e-mail to: [saintslukesfeedingministry@gmail.com](mailto:saintslukesfeedingministry@gmail.com).

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

Thank you.

### **COATS, HATS, AND GLOVES NEEDED URGENTLY!**

Due to the frigid weather many of the people seen on our last run were without coats, hats, and gloves. We are desperate to help alleviate this situation. We greatly appreciate anything you can do to help.





### **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 **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!



### Pastoral Care Ministry

**Our next Pastoral Care Meeting will be held on March 13 at 10 am in the Blackburn Rm.**

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

### Property Questions

#### Property Questions

Ways to contact the property manager concerning property issues and future projects:

1. LEAVE A NOTE IN MY OFFICE BOX
2. CELL PHONE 401-523-6414
3. EMAIL [djmaceg@verizon.net](mailto:djmaceg@verizon.net)
4. EMAIL CHRISTINA

That will give me time to reflect on your concerns and come up with some solutions.

Thanks for your attention,  
Doug Macpherson

### 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

Thanks to the team, pictured below, an entire car full of clothes was sent to the Clothing Collaborative of Dorcas International. They were so appreciative and tell us they love working with St. Luke's.

Currently they need diapers, cleaning supplies and toiletries. Families served by Dorcas arrive with very little and most of them speak very little English. Picture the challenge of trying to shop when you can't read the labels! They are very thankful for the things we provide.

#### **Current Needs:**

Diaper Size 4, 5, & 6  
Laundry Detergent  
Toilet Paper

Baby Wipes  
Fabric Softener  
Paper Towels

Shampoo & Conditioner      Body Lotion  
Men's clothing is still needed.

Questions?

Email Nancy Rudicil - [aer39th@netzero.net](mailto:aer39th@netzero.net) or Cathi Sloan - [cathisloan@gmail.com](mailto:cathisloan@gmail.com)



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 4th 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  
March 23, 2024 – 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.

## 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!](#)

## East Greenwich Food Cupboard

### East Greenwich Food Cupboard

We are in need of canned hash, ground coffee, mashed potatoes, potato sides, flour, gravy, jelly/jam, canned chicken, pasta sauce, and brownie mix.

Thank you for your support!

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