



# St. Luke's Episcopal Church

Where all are welcome at the Lord's table

weekly

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I was kind of cranky (or more truthfully, ticked off) when I went into the church this past Tuesday for our noon-time healing service. Just before leaving my house, I had been catching up on the news and read about a recent GOP rally in Kansas where attendees punched, kicked, and took a baseball bat to an effigy of President Biden.

Now before you accuse me of engaging in partisan politics, let me acknowledge that both parties seem all too inclined towards mean-spirited attacks on the opposition side. And I also want to note that in this particular case one former GOP leader immediately denounced the event as “shameful” and “wrong.”

So regardless of party, I have to say I am disappointed, horrified, and, if honest, angry at the quality of our political discourse and conduct these days. What’s the matter with us? How have we lost all sense of respect and decorum? Why are we so animated by anger these days? (And yes, I do hear the irony in my question as I ask it with my own simmering anger.)

These were my thoughts and feelings as I sat down on Tuesday to do some quick research on the saint of the day, Gregory the Great. Often, I like to Google famous quotes from these saints and here is what I read from Gregory: *“You cannot acquire the gift of peace if by your anger you destroy the peace of the Lord.”*

Imagine that?! I could not help but think that this 6<sup>th</sup> century saint was speaking directly to me, to us, today.

As we head into the 2024 election process, which now appears to be a do-over of the 2020 election, interviews suggest not only a great deal of disappointment but a fair amount of anger. And it occurs to me at least one of the questions we must consider is, “What will we contribute to the content, tenor, and tone of discourse?” Despite the overwhelming images and news stories, we do have some agency; we do play some part in how these next several months will unfold.

I, for one, will be attempting to pay attention to my pulse and emotions. I will strive to listen and to engage respectfully, even when in the company of those with whom I vehemently disagree. And I will try to remember the wisdom of Saint Gregory, who also wrote, *“Moreover, because the slothful mind is typically brought to its downfall gradually, when we fail to control our speech, we move on to more harsh words. Thus, at first, we are happy to speak of others kindly; afterwards, we begin to pick at the lives of those of whom we speak, and finally our tongues break into open slander against them.”*

Lenten blessings.  
Tim

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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 Fifth Sunday in Lent**

Click above for the lessons.

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

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

**Nursery Opens at 7:45 am**

**Godly Play and Youth Faith Formation classes begin at 10:00 am and 9:45 am.** This Sunday continues the series on racial justice for our Youth Faith Group with a focus on *Inclusive Spiritual Practices -- 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**

Transition - What's Ahead?

**Transition – What's Ahead?**

As we complete our Lenten journey to Easter, we will embark on our transition to a new rector. A weekly communication will begin in April to outline the transition process and share informational updates. In the meantime, mark your calendars for an **April 14th Town Hall between the 8:00am and 10:00am services.** Dena Cleaver-Bartholomew, Canon to the Ordinary and the diocesan liaison to Office of Transition Ministry, will preach at both services and facilitate a Q&A session during the Town Hall. We look forward to seeing you there.

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



St. Luke's Episcopal Church  
99 Peirce Street  
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

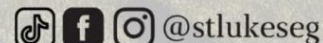
### **The Great Vigil of Easter - March 30th**

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)



## 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.

We now have all of our authors. Thank you!

### **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.



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?"***

## 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 5 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.

### Corporate Communion

#### Corporate Communion

Dear Parents,

We are in the planning stages for the Corporate Communion program at St. Luke's Church. It is open to all children in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade.

Children understand the symbolism and significance of the Eucharist in ways that are often surprising and delightful. It is no wonder that Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me!"

Since the 1991 *Prayerbook*, our church has lived into the theology that Baptism is full initiation into the Body of Christ, moving away from the idea that Confirmation and “understanding” are the bench marks for participation in the Eucharist.

Corporate Communion is a remarkable communion instruction , *not preparation class* . It is designed to offer age-appropriate theology, liturgy and tradition to children. **Children are not the future of the church; they are the church today.** This class honors their full membership in the Body of Christ, and equips us grownups for the vows we made at their Baptism that we would support them in their life in Christ.

**Corporate Communion classes at St Luke's will begin at 9:00am to 10:00am on the following dates in the Blackburn Room on the first floor:**

4/21 Meet and Greet/Sharing a Meal  
4/28 Storing Telling  
5/5 These Holy Things  
5/12 Church Tour with Father Tim  
5/19 These Holy Things/Praying Together/Angels  
5/25 Rehearsal 11:30-12:30 & Ice Cream Social at St.Luke’s  
5/26 Corporate Communion Celebration at the 10:00 Service

Please contact me at [theresa@stlukeseg.org](mailto:theresa@stlukeseg.org) for a registration form or call me at 415 233 0761 if you have any questions or concerns.

Blessings,  
Theresa Deiters Muscat

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



St. Luke's Episcopal Church  
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Our Host  
**SHANE LEE**  
DIRECTOR OF TRAINING  
& SPECIAL PROJECTS

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.  <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.  <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  <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.  <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

## Theology on Tap - Upcoming Meeting March 18

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.

Let's offer a big thanks to Harry Waterman for all of the work he put into organizing and hosting the trip down to the Varnum Armory on Monday, February 26, when we had 30+ St. Luke's men and women who were all fascinated by the quality of the RI history on display and quite impressed with the insights provided by the tour guides.

**Our Next Meeting will be on Monday, March 18, at 7:00pm  
in St Luke's Dining Room**

Mike Cerullo has offered to lead a discussion around a topic based on the book, **Guilt, Anger and God**, by Bishop C. Fitzsimons Allison. I hope you'll join us for a reflective conversation on the theme of the ways the feelings of Guilt and Anger manifest and the promise of God's redeeming wisdom supports us as we encounter mortality at this time in our lives.

I hope you can join us. Any Questions: text or email Brent Bostick: [brentbostick1@gmail.com](mailto:brentbostick1@gmail.com) or 908-230-7569

Thanks,  
Brent

## Christ's Community Kitchen Dinner



**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!

## 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.

### **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

### **Pastoral Care Ministry**

**Our next Pastoral Care Meeting will be held on April 10 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 B0X
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	Baby Wipes
Laundry Detergent	Fabric Softener
Toilet Paper	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 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

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Would you like to celebrate your birthday, anniversary, graduation or other special day with St. Luke's?

We are compiling a list of parishioners' birthdays, anniversaries, and other important dates. If you would like to have a thanksgiving offered during the weekly Prayers of the People, **please complete this form.** An appropriate thanksgiving will be included during the prayers.

Any questions? Please email Christina (cimondi@stlukeseg.org) or call the parish office (401-884-4116). Happy Celebrating!

## 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**

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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