



# St. Luke's Episcopal Church

Where all are welcome at the Lord's table

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Dear Friends,

As stewards of God's creation, we are thrilled to share with you the array of Creation Care activities happening this month and beyond at St. Luke's. As a longtime parishioner, I know that Creation Care has been discussed as a needed parish priority for years. It is exciting to see this translate into action!

April's Women of Grace gathering was a remarkable event, featuring Bill Gianni from Rhode Island Resource Recovery (RIRRC). Bill's enlightening presentation on The Recycling Right program opened our eyes to the immense impact of proper recycling practices. Inspired by this, we are excited to announce an upcoming field trip to tour the RIRRC and the landfill. Stay tuned for more details!

Our Youth Faith Formation has embarked on a Climate Justice module, empowering our young members to advocate for environmental stewardship and justice while exploring the relationship between their faith and this work.

Newly introduced last week, Nora Hall's monthly tips in the Sunday bulletin offer practical advice on incorporating eco-friendly practices into our daily lives. This month's tip focused on reducing plastic waste through mindful purchasing decisions.

The Garden Committee has been hard at work building and planting new garden beds at St. Luke's. The produce grown will not only nourish our community through our feeding ministries but also support our food cupboard.

Mark your calendars for Jonathan's upcoming hike on June 1st, concluding our Climate Justice series with a meaningful outdoor experience. This hike is open to all bringing together our youth and adult parishioners in intergenerational learning.

On May 5th, we have two exciting events lined up! At 9:45 am the Roger Williams Park Zoomobile visit promises an engaging and educational experience for our Godly Play and Youth Faith Formation participants. Following our 10am service, there will be a meet & greet with the Zoomobile animal ambassadors for the congregation. And that's not all! Does the mere mention of climate change overwhelm you? You won't want to miss our afternoon workshop "Stewards of Creation: Understanding Climate Change and Taking Action," led by Andrea Stein from Roger Williams Park Zoo. This empowering program will equip us with the knowledge and tools to address climate change in our daily lives and communities. Pizza will be provided, please bring a side dish to share!

Let us come together as a community to deepen our commitment to caring for our planet, reflecting our love for God and all creation. Join us as we learn, discuss, and take action for a sustainable future.

Blessings,  
Amy Weigand & Shareen Knowlton

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This Sunday at St. Luke's

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

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 9:45 am.** April 28 continues the series on climate justice for our Youth Faith Group with a focus on *My place on earth is part of God's Creation..*

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

Save The Date!

**Save the Date!**

Celebration of Our Ministry With Fr. Tim and Diane  
June 9, 2024 - 5:00pm

Pentecost Service - One Service Only!

*Pentecost Service*

*Wear Red!*



### **Calling All Linguists!!**

For our Pentecost Service on May 19, we will be reading one of the lessons in as many languages as possible! We are looking for readers who can speak another language and who would like to participate. Please let us know by contacting our office administrator, Christina Imondi, through email at [cimondi@stlukeseg.org](mailto:cimondi@stlukeseg.org) or by calling at 884-4116.

Golf Classic

# Community Embrace Golf Classic

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## Potowomut Golf Club

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**Monday - May 6, 2024**



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Don't miss out on this amazing opportunity to raise funds for our community spaces that embrace, serve, and entertain our community! Mark you calendar now and *invite your friends and neighbors* to ...

- Register a foursome or sign up as an individual player to participate in the full day's events:  
Foursome ticket - \$680      Individual ticket - \$170
- Don't Golf? Then, register just to attend our social hour, dinner, and evening festivities!  
Dinner & Social tickets - \$85 per person
- Cannot attend the event? Please support the Community Embrace mission by being or identifying a sponsor, purchasing or inviting others to purchase a tee sign, or making a tax-deductible donation...  
Sponsor opportunities: Pro - \$3,000 Eagle - \$2,500 Birdie - \$1,000 or 19th Hole - \$500  
Tee Sign - \$150

To register for golf *or* for the dinner/silent auction *or* a donation, please scan the QR code below or go to:  
<https://SLGolf2024.eventbrite.com>



Please contact Tournament Co-Chairs, Bill Warburton or Jon Jacaruso, at [slgolfclassic@gmail.com](mailto:slgolfclassic@gmail.com) to learn more about the event.

Transition - What's Ahead?



## We are embarking on a transition to a new Rector ....

The Wardens and Vestry are currently interviewing Interim candidates, which should continue into May. In the meantime, we invite your questions and comments as the transition process continues to unfold.

Deborah Collins, Sr. Warden & Jacob Trombino, Jr. Warden

### Fr. Tim makes his announcement

- March-April: Wardens met with Canon Dena Cleaver-Bartholomew; Canon Dena met with Parish and led Town Hall
- April-May: Prayer team begins work on prayer to share in June
- **Mid-April into May: Wardens and vestry receive materials and complete interviews with Interim candidates** ★ We are here
- May: Vestry reviews process for filling/completing teams -- Prayer, Communications, Profile, and Search
- May-June: Communications team starts website review and Search site
- Overall transition process estimated to be 12-18 months, more to come ...

### The Transition begins

- Early-mid summer: Interim Rector identified -- supply clergy fill in as needed
- Summer: Vestry reviews profile & search committee processes aligned with Diocesan activities to engage parish at large
- Mid/late fall: Interim & Wardens make recommendations to Diocese regarding transition timeline
- Late fall/early winter: Diocesan-led History Event with parish to provide foundation for online profile
- Winter: Diocesan-led parish small-group conversations to further inform online church profile
- More to come on Interim selection, team formation, Diocesan engagement with congregation, and church profile development ...

### The Search Begins

- A national search will be conducted -- we expect to attract many amazing candidates as St. Luke's is considered a highly favorable site
- Rector applications will come from the national church to the Diocese, who vets and sends qualified applicants to our Search Team and vestry
- More to come as the search process commences ...

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.

## Adult Faith Formation

**An Easter Study:  
Wednesdays on Zoom May 1, 8, 15**

### **DANCING FROM THE INSIDE OUT: Graceful reflections on Growing Older by Westina Matthews**

This collection of essays about ordinary events invites the reader to reflect on how God can be found throughout life. Matthews offers a personal and authentic voice that resonates with a wide audience in an easily accessible and understandable manner. These timely reflections are in keeping with the Most Rev. Michael B. Curry's call to "live into being the Jesus Movement by committing to evangelism and the work of reconciliation across the borders and boundaries that divide the human family of God."

Through thoughtful, poignant, humorous, and authentic reflections—shared from her journal and weekly email blogs—Matthews invites the reader to redefine themselves.

For May 1 - Read Chapter 7, "The Thin Place"  
For May 8 - Read Chapter 8, "One Step Closer to God"  
for May 15 - Read Chapter 10, "Remember to Breathe"

**Each class will take place on Zoom, from 7:00-8:30. [Click Here](#) to join!**

**Zoom information is below:**

**Meeting ID: 867 3899 9469  
Passcode: 427552**

## 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:**

4/28 Story 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**

#### **The ArkFull Coffee House Open Mic Night**

All Ages and Talents Welcome!

Back by popular demand our ArkFull Coffee House will be held on  
**Friday, May 3, at 6 pm, in St. Luke's Dining Room!**

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





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# THE ARKFULL COFFEE HOUSE

OPEN MIC NIGHT  
ALL AGES AND TALENTS WELCOME!

Friday  
May

**3**

Doors Open at  
**6:00PM**

Downstairs  
Dining Room



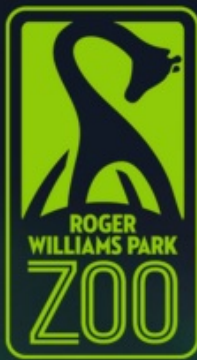
For more information, email [amy@stlukeseg.org](mailto:amy@stlukeseg.org)

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

## **Roger Williams Park Zoo Mobile Visit!**

**Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> @ 9:45 and After 10:00 Service**

Roger Williams Park Zoo Mobile will visit St. Luke's at 9:45 am for our Godly Play and Youth Faith Formation Group and then again after our 10:00 Service for our Corporate Communion Class, Choir and Congregation. If you have any questions, please contact [amy@stlukeseg.org](mailto:amy@stlukeseg.org).



Meet some animal  
ambassadors!

You're invited to a  
**RWP Zoo**  
**Zoomobile**  
visit at St. Luke's!

Focusing on biodiversity and the  
importance of all living creatures

**Sunday, May 5th, 2024**

TWO SESSIONS

9:45AM: GODLY PLAY AND YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

AFTER CHURCH: MEET AND GREET FOR CORPORATE  
COMMUNION CLASS, CHOIR, AND CONGREGATION

QUESTIONS? EMAIL [AMY@STLUKESEG.ORG](mailto:AMY@STLUKESEG.ORG)



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**Stewards of Creation Meeting**

**Understanding Climate Change And Taking Action**

**Sunday, May 5**

**11:30 am to 1:30 pm – In Auditorium**

Join us for an enlightening workshop on climate change basics  
and our role in stewarding God's creation.

Pizza will be provided, please bring a side to share!

# STEWARDS OF CREATION: UNDERSTANDING CLIMATE CHANGE AND TAKING ACTION



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11:30AM – 1:30PM**

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## Treasurer's Notes

### From the Treasurer

March Month End

March	2024 YTD	Budget	Var.	Ann. Budget
Total Income	\$230,226	\$201,638	\$28,588	\$716,650
Total Expenses	\$200,701	\$200,472	\$229	\$767,967
Net Income	\$29,526	\$1,165	\$28,361	(\$51,317)

## Notes:

- Income – \$22,626 ahead of budget in pledge income. Providence Sports Bar has taken over the Revival restaurant space and picked up the parking lot lease. Be sure to visit them when they open!
- Expenses – Utilities remain high - \$4,128 over budget – but for overall expenses, we are at budget for now.

Thank you all for sharing in our Easter week! Our attendance levels were the highest we've had since 2018!

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!



Online Banking	Zelle Transfer	VANCO Payment Solutions	Direct Payment From IRA
<p><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.</p> <p><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>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.</p> <p><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>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</p> <p><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>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.</p> <p><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>
No cost to you or the Church.	No cost to you or the Church	Transaction Fees for the Church	No cost to you or the Church

## 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 – 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. We would love to add the many new households who have graced our pews since December 2022...and, update information for those of you who have moved, changed emails, or any other contact info. So, we invite all newcomers who are not currently in our directory, and all those whose info needs to be updated to contact us. 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 at [jburch1608@yahoo.com](mailto:jburch1608@yahoo.com). Looking forward to seeing your faces in the directory!!

### Theology on Tap

#### **Theology on Tap**

**April 29 @ 7 pm**

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, April 29<sup>th</sup>, the men of TOT plan to meet at 7:00pm in the dining room at St. Luke's. It will be a time for lively conversation and camaraderie.

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**

**May 13 at 7 pm in St. Luke's Dining Room**

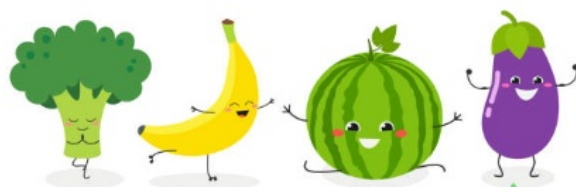
Women of Grace will be meeting May 13, 2024, when Laura Sullivan will facilitate a discussion on the book *You are a Wonder Woman: How to Restore the Wonder and Reveal the Hero in Your Life*, By Adrienne Raptis. You do not need to read the book to be a part of the discussion. However, it is available on Amazon.com and Abebooks.com. As women, we attempt to do it all. Sometimes the stress of it all can cause us to lose sight of ourselves. Do you want to live a more joyous purposeful life? "This book is here to remind you that you can stop all that stress. You already are a Wonder Woman. You are a child of God, who has forgotten her true identity." No doubt this will be an insightful discussion.

Please join for fellowship at 7:00pm in the dining room, program to begin at 7:30pm. For planning, an RSVP is helpful to [deblukens73@gmail.com](mailto:deblukens73@gmail.com) or (908)500-4573. A savory or sweet to share is welcomed.

### Gardens and Grounds

#### **Gardens and Grounds**

***It's Time to Grow!***



We all know how expensive food has become, especially fresh veggies. To honor our commitment to our Creator in caring for all Creation, Gardens/Grounds is planting a salad garden! It will provide lettuce, tomatoes, cucumbers, peppers, and radishes for Lunch on the Hill; and even some for the Food Cupboard recipients!

It truly takes a village... We have been gathering wood and supplies, and now it is time to build some elevated raised beds (no bending over!) in which to plant our produce.

April 23-26 we will be constructing these beds – and we need your help!

Starting with building the beds, we will then paint, line, and fill our beds with soil.

Then on Wednesday, May 1, from 3-5, we will be able to do some planting!

Come join us! Bring your saws, drills, and hammers, and anything else you think we will need. We have the wood, the paint, brushes, screws, nails, and plastic liners. If you can't help with building but would like to participate, you can still donate a bag of soil (about \$5 each) to help nurture our plants and seeds.

We will be at the church on the following days/times (weather permitting):

Tuesday 4/23, 3-5 pm

Wednesday 4/24, 3-5 pm

Thursday 4/25, 9-11 am

Friday 4/26, 4-6 pm

If there is a better time for you, please email me, we are very accommodating.

Any questions, please contact me at [benem@cox.net](mailto:benem@cox.net) or 401-280-5132.

– Cindi Lovejoy

Christ's Community Kitchen Dinner

## Christ's Community Kitchen



## St. Luke's Church Dining Room

April 29, 2024

From 5-6:30 pm

St. Luke's is hosting a wonderful baked ham 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

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#### **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)



### **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** for men and women.

We are also in need of **Sweatshirts and Hoodies**. 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 May 8 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.

At this time, these are the only items Dorcas can accept.

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  
April 27, 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.

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).



## Conservation Tip For April

This might seem like a small thing but in reality, every single American household wastes roughly 290 pounds of plastic per year! Purchasing your cleaning products in a dry form and adding it to water in your own reusable container can save a significant amount of plastic debris.

## 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

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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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