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A Note From Rev. Jarrett Kerbel



Dear People of St. Luke's,

I am deeply grateful and very excited for the opportunity to serve you as your Interim Rector. Your wardens, vestry and staff have been so welcoming, spirit-filled, faithful, and fun during the interview process and I am confident that I will continue to be blessed when I meet the whole congregation! For now, I want to introduce myself by way of a brief autobiography. The short version is this: I am a collaborative, prayerful leader with a warm pastoral heart, a creative spirit, and the courage to name and face the challenges.

I preached my first sermon when I was the 12-year-old chaplain of Boy Scout Troop 1776 in Neshanic Station, New Jersey. Almost every Sunday I served as an acolyte at Christ Church, New Brunswick, New Jersey, where I first understood that God is love. In the late 70s my mother attended seminary and I poked through her books and went to class with her. My calling was clear from an early age.

At Northwestern University I majored in Religious Studies and earned a Varsity Letter on the Fencing Team. My next stop was on the South Side of Chicago when the University of Chicago offered me a full scholarship for my Masters of Divinity degree which I finished at Union Theological Seminary in New York City. At Union I met my wife of 30 years, the Rev. Dr. Alison Boden.

Alison's career took the lead and I followed her. We started in Central Pennsylvania where I served as a Hospital Chaplain and a Head Start Teacher while serving four congregations as a Deacon. Then it was back to the University of Chicago when Alison became the Dean of Rockefeller Chapel. In Chicago I served as a school chaplain at St. Edmund's in Washington Park, followed by Associate Rector positions in Flossmoor and Hyde Park before becoming Rector of St. Mary's, Park Ridge. During this time, we adopted our children Tim and Martha from Guatemala. They are now 25 and 26 years old and launched! Tim works in Corporate Recruiting and Martha works in guest services at the Clark Art Institute.

Princeton University was the next stop for Alison and I followed, finding work first at a great bookstore and then as the Executive Director of the Crisis Ministry of Princeton and Trenton. Now called Arm in Arm, we were the largest provider of emergency food and homelessness prevention services in Mercer County, New Jersey. From Trenton I was called to Chestnut Hill, Philadelphia, where I served as Rector for 11 years and learned that prosperous families shared many struggles in common with less resourced people. We started a major feeding program that spread to four other churches and became heavily involved with our local schools.

My last call was to All Angels' Church in New York City. After completing some hard interim work at All Angels' I was thrilled to be contacted by the Canon to the Ordinary of the Diocese of Rhode Island and introduced to St. Luke's. I was immediately attracted to a church community that seemed to be active in ministry, warm and welcoming, supportive of each other, and full of joyful faith.

My wife and I are empty nesters, but we share our nest with two cats and a dog. We are avid hikers, gardeners, readers, and kayakers. The opera, a play, live music, or a musical is our ideal night out. My hobbies are cross country skiing, running, and forestry (ask me about my chainsaws!). I am a theology nerd who loves to study the bible and lead bible studies and an Associate of the order of the Holy Cross Monastery following a rule of life. Contemplative Christianity has been central to my faith in Jesus Christ since college.

In Christ,
Fr. Kerbel

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 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost](#)

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 will resume in September.

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. Dr. Jonathan Malone, Pastoral Associate, Preaching

Summer Office Hours & New Church Administrator Email

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

July through Labor Day, the Parish Office will be open from 8 am - 4 pm,

Monday - Thursday.

The office will be closed on Fridays.

Please make note of a new email address
for our Church Administrator. It is
admin@stlukeseg.org



Church Picnic

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Sunday, July 14th

**10:00 – Worship Service At
Swift Gym Field
Followed by a Church BBQ and
Picnic in St. Luke's Dining Room**

(If raining, Worship will be in the Sanctuary)

Mark your calendar and join us for our annual service in Swift Gym Field and Picnic following in St. Luke's Dining Room on Sunday, July 14. Invite your family and friends, bring your favorite camping chair or blanket and be sure to stay after the 10:00 service for our BBQ and Picnic.

Sign up through Sign-Up Genius online, sign-up sheet in the atrium, or call the church at 884-4116 by Wednesday, July 10. This will help in planning for having enough hot dogs and hamburgers for everyone.

St. Luke's will be providing the Hamburgers and Hot Dogs, Lemonade & Water.

Here is how you can help:

- You can bring one of the side dishes in the sign-up genius.
- Set up tables and chairs in the dining room.
- Sign up to pitch in to help grill, bun and plate the burgers and hotdogs.
- Assist serving food.
- Cleaning up after picnic.

[Click Here](#) to sign up via Sign-up Genius!

Please contact Lois McLoughlin at 401-527-2926 or the church office at 884-4116 if you have any questions.

The 8:00 service will be held at St Luke's as usual.

Name Tags

Please Wear Your Name Tags! 😊

**As a way of welcoming our new
Interim Rector, please wear your
name tags for our service on July 7
and moving forward!**

Transition News

A Note from Rev. Jonathan

In this time of transition a number of folks have asked me what I will be doing next and if I will be staying around. Let me assure you all that I have met with the Vestry and with their support I will be remaining at Saint Luke's for at least this time of transition. Having said that, I will be taking a little break.

As many of you know, my other ministry is leading hiking and backpacking trips. The summer is a very busy time for me, so I will not be around for the months of July and August. I'll be in the wilderness all around the United States, so pray for me! I will return to my duties at Saint Luke's in September which includes helping out in worship, preaching occasionally (once a month), visiting our homebound, and helping out the interim rector any way that I can.

I have come to cherish my time at Saint Luke's and feel so fortunate to have a place with all of you as a pastoral associate. I'm very grateful for all of the love and grace you all have shown to me and my family in these past two years and I am glad to be able to walk with you all during this time of transition. It is truly a joy to be a part of Saint Luke's family!

Peace,
Rev. Dr. Jonathan Malone

Transition Journey

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Follow our transition journey ...

We invite you to visit St. Luke's website for periodic updates of the Rector search and transition process. You can scan the QR code to view the latest. As always, please feel free to reach out to the Wardens and Vestry members as you have questions or want to discuss further.





St. Luke's transition to a new Rector ...

The Rev. Pam Gregory & Pastor Jonathan Malone will lead our service on June 30.
ON JULY 7 – WE WELCOME OUR INTERIM RECTOR, THE REV. JARRETT KERBEL!
Visit our website for continued updates and information about our transition.
Please feel free to reach out to your wardens and vestry as you have questions.

Fr. Tim's Announcement

- March 1: Wardens met with Canon Dena Cleaver-Bartholomew to review transition process
- April 14: Canon Dena Cleaver-Bartholomew met with Parish to preach, pray and conduct Town Hall
- April-May: Prayer team began drafting prayer to share in June
- Mid-May: Wardens and vestry began review of Interim candidates
- 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

- May 26: Sr. Warden confirms selection of Interim Rector
- June 21: Transition page launched on St. Luke's website (stlukeseg.org)
- June 23 & 30: Pastor Jonathan & The Rev. Pam preach/officiate -- Transition Prayer begins
- July 7: Interim Rector, Fr. Jarrett Kerbel, officiates first service at St. Luke's
- Mid-fall: Interim & Wardens make recommendations to Diocese regarding transition timeline
- Late fall: Diocesan-led History Event with parish
- Late fall/early winter: Profile and Search Committees established
- Winter: Diocesan-led small-group parish conversations to inform church profile ...

We are here



The Search Begins

- December/January: A national search will be initiated
- Rector applications will come from the national church to the Diocese; the Diocese vets and sends qualified applicants to our Search Team and vestry
- More to come as the search process commences ...

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As most of you know by now, Christina Imondi, our Parish Administrator, will soon be leaving St. Luke's. She was recently approached with an amazing job opportunity that will provide her enhanced financial security and professional growth. Her last day will be July 11. On Sunday, June 30, we will recognize Christina's eight years of service at the 10am service, after which we will host a reception in her honor in the Atrium. A gift fund (or 'purse') is being collected for Christina and you may contribute by using PayPal or Zelle on our website or by leaving a check in the Wardens' box in the church office (remember to note 'Christina' in the memo field). We look forward to seeing you Sunday and sharing in the celebration of Christina and all she has done for

St. Luke's!

As much as we find it difficult to say goodbye to Christina, we are fortunate to confirm Amy Weigand, our current Youth Faith Coordinator, as a temporary replacement between July 1 and mid-August. Amy and Christina have been working together this past week to help make this transition as smooth as possible.

In gratitude for Christina, Amy, and God's presence as we navigate yet another transition...
Your Wardens and Vestry

Treasurer's Notes

From the Treasurer

May Month End

May	2024 YTD	Budget	Var.	Ann. Budget
Total Income	\$349,133	\$315,746	\$33,387	\$716,650
Total Expenses	\$319,954	\$321,374	(\$1,420)	\$767,967
Net Income	\$29,179	(\$5,628)	\$34,807	(\$51,317)

Notes:

We continue to perform well against the 2024 budget.

- Income is \$33,387 ahead, of which \$32,407 is pledge income.
- Expenses are slightly under budget overall.

Thank you for all you continue to do!

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

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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 2nd and 4th 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 4th 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 2nd 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

401 225 5540

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!

Loaves And Fishes

Food for Backpacks!

The Food for Backpacks mission would like to thank its many volunteers this past year. With their dedication and overwhelming generosity we have been able to provide enough food for 5 meals for 17-20 families each month. The East Greenwich School Department greatly appreciated the incredible efforts of our enthusiastic team of 14 volunteers.

Astonishingly we provided over 3,000 meals during this school year! This averaged \$5 per person per meal, totaling over \$15,000 in food donations. Food in-secure families with children in our school system were guaranteed 1 weekend each month when they were generously fed by the support of our amazing team.

We are looking forward to restarting The Food for Backpack Program at the beginning of the new school year in September. Please consider joining us and becoming part of this passionate mission.

Caroline Sparhawk : cdsparhawk@gmail.com

Joyce Harvey: 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** for men and women.

We are also in need of **T-Shirts, 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!

Plates Looking For Owners

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Our Saint Luke’s family has been really active lately with celebrations and dinners together. Several plates are still in the kitchen, looking for their owners to take them home. If you’re missing your plate, please take a look and see if it’s there.

After two weeks, they will be donated to Savers.
Thank you for your generosity providing delicious treats for our gatherings.



Property Questions

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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
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

Coffee Hour

Coffee Hour - Help Needed

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

Pastoral Care

Pastoral Care Ministry

Our next Pastoral Care Meeting will be held on August 14 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

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
July 27, 2024 – 10 am**

Conservation Tip For June

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Interested in doing a fun and educational project with your children, grandchildren or neighbors' children? Consider taking them on a Foraging Trip to search for edible plants such as...sassafras for tea, wild cherries for pies, walnuts for snacking and many more surprising plants.

Your young ones and teens will have a great time and learn about new foods and how our earth provides nourishment. For information on how to do this successfully, check out the website: <https://www.sierraclub.org/sierra/2023-2-summer/material-world/art-modern-foraging>

Especially for Children

To watch Godly Play online please [Click Here!](#)

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-

Dorcas Donations

Donations Needed!

Men, Women's & Children's Sizes Needed

Underwear & Socks (New Please)

Athletic Shoes

Summer Clothes

www.diiri.org/what-we-do/donate-goods/

Dorcas International needs the items listed above to help our refugee families get through the summer. Please place items in the Dorcas bin in the church atrium.

Questions? Please reach out to Nancy Rudicil at aer39th@netzero.net or Cathi Sloan at cathisloan@gmail.com

Help Ukrainian Families

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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 for more information.

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.



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