



# St. Luke's Episcopal Church

Where all are welcome at the Lord's table

weekly

July 14, 2024

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As Orphan Annie sings in her musical, "I think I am going to like it here!"

One Sunday into my service at St. Luke's and I already have so much gratitude in my heart! Thanks to you all for such a warm welcome! Special thanks to the amazing acolytes - Catherine and Savannah - who shepherded me through the liturgies and saved my bacon more than once. Thanks to Rodney for picking music that amplified the scripture so well and to the whole congregation for singing in praise of God. Thank you to the wardens for stepping up for the announcements and for serving as such excellent leaders and wise advisors. Great thanks to Christina who has been so generous, thoughtful, kind, well organized and patient as she has oriented me to this place. She is so capable and I understand the loss as she moves on!

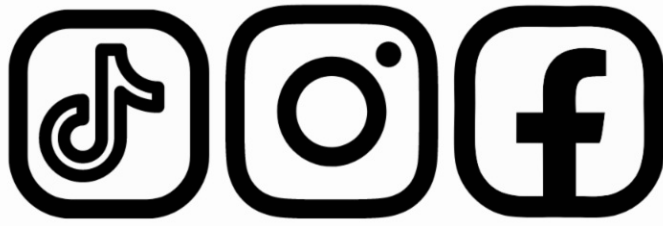
As I remarked on Sunday, whenever I feel a bit spiritually lost or empty I turn to gratitude to jump start my prayer life. Making a gratitude list each day is an excellent habit and a great way to forestall the doldrums. One person I advised to try this practice blanched and said, "What if it is just the same things every day?" I replied, "Then those are the things that will sustain your gratitude!"

During this season of transition at St. Luke's I want to be sure to support everything we do with a firm foundation of prayer and discernment. You are off to a great start with a truly inspired transition prayer which will be integrated into every meeting and occasion in our common life. I ask you as well to include the church and the priest God is calling to you in your personal prayers each day as well.

One of my favorite scriptures on prayer is Romans 8.26: "Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes\* with sighs too deep for words." A wise elder priest taught me that God prays through us and lifts our souls into the interior life of love and full communion shared by the Trinity, between Father, Son and Holy Spirit. This is my experience and I believe it to be true and a truly awesome gift and invitation that God provides to us.

Lastly, for the purposes of discernment we will need to be faithful in worship and attentive to God guiding us through Holy Scripture. When I figure out the right time or times to offer it, I will be leading bible study for whoever wants to attend. In the meantime, I hope you will join me in reading Paul's letter to the Ephesians. This particular Epistle is full of inspiration and instruction to the church and will do much to train our spiritual senses as we tune in to the movement of the Holy Spirit at St. Luke's.

Rev. Jarrett Kerbel



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 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

Click above for the lessons.

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

**10:00 am** Holy Eucharist with Sermon at Swift Gym Field and Picnic to Follow at St. Luke's Dining Room

**Nursery Opens at 7:45 am**

**Godly Play and Youth Faith Formation will resume in September.**

**There will be no livestream for our 10 am Holy Eucharist Service. Please [Click Here](#) to worship with us via YouTube most Sundays.**

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

The Rev. Jarrett Kerbel, Interim Rector, 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](mailto: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.**

Sign Fr Tim's Photo Frame

**Make Sure To Stop By Our Table In The Atrium Under The  
Mosaic To Sign Fr. Tim’s Photo Frame!**

Name Tags

**Please Wear Your Name Tags 😊**

**As a way of welcoming our new  
Interim Rector, Rev. Jarrett Kerbel, please wear your  
name tags moving forward!**

## The Interim Rector Is On Call

The Interim Rector is ON-CALL for Pastoral Care, Counseling and Spiritual Care. Pastoral Care for individuals, couples, families, neighbors and folks who just drop in is one of my highest priorities as a pastor. Extending the loving-kindness and gentle attention of Jesus is an essential mission of the church and one way God is working to heal God's beloved world. So, please ALWAYS let me know if you or someone you love is in the hospital or otherwise in need of a visit. Jonathan or I will always respond. Please feel free to call or text me at: 215 704 5499, or email me at jarrett.kerbel@stlukeseg.org. I keep the ringer on 24 hours a day. I also love to bring home communion if you cannot make it to worship on Sunday or Tuesday.

## Weekday Morning Prayer With The Interim Rector

Weekday Morning Prayer with the Interim Rector, Tuesday through Friday at 8:30 am. Weather permitting, we will meet in the Lychgate on Church Street. The Lychgate is the covered entrance to the church burial ground, also called a Resurrection Gate! Inclement weather will have us move to the atrium. Please feel free to come once a week or any combination of days. We will follow the Book of Common Prayer and set aside ten minutes to reflect on the readings together as well as time for intercessory prayer. As a priest, I pray the Daily Office every day, so I will be there no matter what. You can drop in or email me at jarrett.kerbel@stlukeseg.org. All Are Welcome!

## 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.



## Transition - What's Ahead?



## 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 (stlukese.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 ...

## Adult Faith Formation

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Adult Faith Formation presents...

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24, 7-8:30pm

**Video and Dessert!** Come into the coolness of our air-conditioned church to view and discuss Rob Bell's video, **Rediscovering Wonder!** This video invites us to recapture our child-like wonder of all that is around us. As Rob so clearly says, "What you look for, you will find." Come and see!

**Rob Bell** is a bestselling author, speaker, playwright, musician, and former pastor. Rediscovering Wonder is part of a collection of spiritual short films called NOOMA which we have been enjoying over the past six years. His books, speaking engagements and videos led Time Magazine to name him as one of the 100 Most Influential People in the World in 2011.

Treasurer's Notes

From the Treasurer

June Month End

June	2024 YTD	Budget	Var.	Ann. Budget
Total Income	\$418,315	\$372,550	\$45,765	\$721,925
Total Expenses	\$394,563	\$413,965	(\$19,402)	\$788,483
Net Income	\$23,752	(\$41,415)	\$65,167	(\$66,558)

Notes:

- Income – Pledges continue to lead the way, currently \$36,839 ahead of budget. Thank you all, this is a big help! Loose plate is also almost \$6,000 ahead of budget.
- Expenses – Our copier vendor agreed to reduce our last bill by almost half, saving over \$7,000. We’ve switched to black and white programs, which will save us 70 cents per program. Utilities are trending down, although still slightly over budget for the year.

Peace and Grace,  
Mike

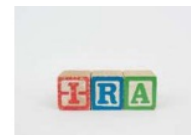
Vanco and PayPal QR Codes If You Would Like To Donate



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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

## 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

## 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

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The June run was a very festive affair and we were greeted by approximately 80 people with a few more coming during our visit.

For July we will maintain the bag count at 120 with 20 bags going to the Hotel in East Greenwich. With the warmer weather we are now asking for summer tee shirts as shown in the SignUp Genius.

Food 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 July 20, 2024.**

[Click Here](#) to sign up!

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** .

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!**

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](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** 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!



## 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

## 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 (10:00am service)  
401-447-0472  
Marcia Gladue (8:00am 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

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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!

### 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/](http://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](mailto:aer39th@netzero.net) or Cathi Sloan at [cathisloan@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://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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