



# St. Luke's Episcopal Church

*Where all are welcome at the Lord's table*

September 1st, 2024

Sign up for the Theology on Tap's upcoming retreat!

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Join the Men's Theology on Tap's group for their upcoming men's retreat, an inclusive, intimate gathering, on October 22-24 for all St. Luke's Men who can attend. With an outdoor backdrop, we want to form, foster, and deepen lasting friendships while growing the trust we have with each other, examining how our faith influences and guides our lives.

Our agenda will include a variety of optional outdoor activities, service work, guided group discussions, and time for conversation and meditation while enjoying comfortable accommodations in an outdoor retreat setting (our own beds, toilets, and space for group and private discussions). The Rev. Dr. Jonathan Malone has agreed to be the facilitator for the retreat, and we hope Fr. Jarrett will be able to join us as well. Sign up at the upcoming kick-off meeting! Reservations accepted until September 20th.

### **TOT Fall Kickoff Meeting**

Tuesday Sep 3 - 7:00 Dining Room

Discussion of TOT October Retreat - Program logistics, venue and expectations

We will be accepting reservations and deposits at this meeting so bring your checkbooks!

Any questions call, ping, or email Brent Bostick at (908)230-7569 [brentbostick1@gmail.com](mailto:brentbostick1@gmail.com)

## Worship and Formation at St. Luke's -- Week of September 1st

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**The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost:** Click [here](#) for the lessons.

**Sunday Worship:** Please join us to celebrate Holy Eucharist on September 1st at 8:00 am or 10:00 am. To view or print the service bulletin, [click here](#). Printed copies of the bulletins will be provided at each service. For a copy of the prayer list, [click here](#).

**Livestream Worship:** Sunday's 10:00 am service of Holy Eucharist will be livestreamed via YouTube. To join us on YouTube, please [click here](#).

**Weekday Morning Prayer:** Weather permitting, parishioners 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 move the service to the Church Transept. Please feel free to come once a week or any combination of days. All Welcome!

**Lectionary Bible Study:** Lectionary Bible Study returns on Tuesday September 10 at 11 am in the Church Transept. Lead by the Interim Rector.

**Healing Service:** Our healing services are offered every Tuesday at noon in the church sanctuary. Please join us as you are able.

**Adult Faith Formation:** Two AFF series will be offered this fall — one in-person after Sunday worship and another via Zoom on Wednesday evenings. See next section below for details.

**Youth Faith Formation:** Godly Play and Youth Faith Formation classes will resume September 15th - stay tuned and check your email for this week's newsletter, The Rhode to Emmaus!

## Adult Faith Formation Announces Fall Programs

**Wednesday Evening Book Discussion:** Beginning October 16 at 7 pm on zoom. The Book of Forgiving: The fourfold path for healing ourselves and our world. by Desmond and Mpho Tutu.

Join with us on Wednesday nights beginning October 16, 7-8:30p by Zoom to discover pathways to forgiveness. Written by Archbishop Desmond Tutu and his daughter, the Rev. Mpho Tutu, The Book of Forgiving provides us with practical and personal ways to embrace forgiveness for ourselves and our communities. Their life experiences, formed in the boiling caldron that was South Africa during apartheid, have led them to forgiveness as a way to mend tears in the social fabric of their country. We have much to learn from them as we work to keep our own families and communities from unraveling due to partisan and other differences.

As always, our discussions bring us wisdom well beyond the pages of the book. Please join us as we grow in our understanding of what we can do to bring healing to our families, communities, nation, and world.

**Sunday Formation Opportunity: Civil Discourse Seminar - Short Videos, Training, and Discussion.**

Many of us are feeling pain and despair when it comes to the state of civility between neighbors, within families and in the country at large. Here is an opportunity to grow in our "Love of Neighbor" virtues and build our skills for empathy, listening, and sharing even when deeply held concerns are at stake and we feel vulnerable. Starting on September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 11:30 am in the Dining Room. Snacks and Drinks Provided! Facilitated by the Interim Rector.

## Back-to-Church Season

Kick-Off Sunday will be September 8 - Following the 10 am service we will have a special Coffee Connections in the Parish Auditorium and a Ministry Fair for Liturgical Ministries and Children & Youth Formation. We encourage all Liturgical Ministries - Choirs, Altar Guild, Acolytes, LEMS, Readers, Ushers, Newcomers, etc. to prepare a recruiting table. Tips and ideas below!

On Sunday, September 15 - Following the 10 am service we will have a second Coffee Connections in the Parish Auditorium and a Ministry Fair for every other non-liturgical ministry that wants to recruit - Adult Faith Formation,

Feeding Ministries, Morning Prayer, Bible Study, Dorcas, Women of Grace, Properties, Gardens, Office Volunteers, etc.

Be sure to bring some attractive snacks for your tables to attract a crowd, wear name tags, and always stand in front of your table to connect with people actively. BYO Signup sheets and attractive materials to explain your ministry and the level of commitment required.

Following these ministry engagement activities, we will send out a Time and Talent survey to the whole parish to make sure no one is missed! Data from this survey will be shared with ministry leaders to follow-up.

## How to Make our Ministry Fair Fun and Inviting - A Note from Father Jarrett

The Holy Spirit inspires joy, creativity and fun as God re-forms the world through the Church. So, let's make Ministry Fair Fun and Inviting on September 8 and 15! In discernment we know we have found our vocation when we experience the joy of all of our gifts coming together to find full expression in service. So, let's model joy.

**Coffee Hour/Hospitality Table** can offer quick lessons in how to use the Coffee Urn in the Kitchen. Learn the Urn!

If I was at the **Gardening and Grounds** table, I would make "Dirt Pudding" - chocolate pudding with broken up Oreos and gummy worms.

If I was at the **Altar Guild** table- I would have silver that visitors could polish and small communion sets for children to explore.

At the **Children & Youth Registration Table**, I would have coloring pages and a place for parents and grandparents to write blessings for their children and grandchildren.

**Handbells** - If I was at the Handbell Table I would have Bells and Chimes for visitors to ring!

**Adult Faith Formation** - I would have sticky notes so people could write down what they want to learn at St. Luke's this year and copies of the book we will read this Fall.

**Loaves and Fishes** - I would have Loaves and Swedish Fish candies.

**Acolytes** - I would have Torches for perspective acolytes to try out and cinctures so everyone can learn how to tie that knot!



**Liturgical**  
**Volunteers**   
**Needed**

Interested in taking part in our Sunday services? We currently have open slots for the following:

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- Ushers
- Acolytes
- Lay Eucharistic Ministers (LEM)



If you have experience, click the button below to sign-up



Email [admin@stlukeseg.org](mailto:admin@stlukeseg.org) for more info

We are now using a Sign-up genius for our liturgical participants. This change is to prevent any scheduling conflicts and confusion--and long email threads!

The system will automatically send you a reminder email 5 days in advance of your sign-up. You are able to cancel or switch with someone using Sign-up genius up until 4 days before your sign-up. If you have not participated before, but would like to learn how, please email Steve McLoughlin at [steve.mcloughlin2@gmail.com](mailto:steve.mcloughlin2@gmail.com)

If you have trouble signing up, please stop by the Church office. We are happy to teach people how to use Sign-up genius for those who are unfamiliar or sign you up manually if necessary. Click the button below to sign up!

[Click here to sign up](#)

## Calling All Singers! Choirs resume in September!

The Choirs of St. Luke's resume their full schedule just after Labor Day. Have you considered participating in one of our choirs for you and/or your children? St. Luke's supports an active choral ministry and new members of all ages are invited to sing. Please contact Rodney Ayers, Minister of Music, for more information 401-884-4116 ext. 107 or [rodney@stlukeseg.org](mailto:rodney@stlukeseg.org)

### REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

#### Canterbury Choir

Adult Choir - Beginning September 5  
Thursdays at 7 pm

#### St Cecilia Choir

3rd-12th grade Choristers - Beginning September 6  
Fridays at 4 pm

#### Angel Choir

PreK - 2nd Graders - Beginning September 11  
Wednesdays at 4 pm

*Come add your voice to the musical prayers and praises that resound throughout our St. Luke's community!*

## Handbell Choir

St. Luke's is happy to announce the start of our new handbell choir under the direction of parishioner and handbell expert Jeremy Langill. No prior experience is necessary. Rehearsals will be Sundays from 11:30am- 12:15pm beginning in late September and childcare will be provided. Please contact Rodney Ayers to sign up or for more information, [rodney@stlukeseg.org](mailto:rodney@stlukeseg.org)

## Updating Our Prayer List

As of September 8th the current prayer list will be completely revised and updated. Please communicate with Suzie through either the Google form, prayer list document in the back of the church, email, or in person if you have someone you would like to have the church pray for or if you would like someone to remain on the list past September 8th. We would also like to know how long you would like them to stay on the list going forward.

[Click here for form](#)

## Youth Census

We are working to update our church database for youth ages 5-18. Please fill out a Google form for each of your children. There are also paper forms on the tables outside the office if preferred. This form is for ALL youth, regardless of whether or not they are currently attending any of our faith formation offerings. We are working to create a variety of new programs and events, and this information will help with scheduling and family communication.

[Click here for form](#)

## Volunteer Teachers Needed

Godly Play and Youth Faith Formation classes restart on September 15th! This year we will have three classes: Godly Play (PK-3rd grades), Youth Faith Formation 1 (grades 4 & 5), and Youth Faith Formation 2 (grades 6-8). We are looking for adult volunteer teachers in all three classes. Time commitments vary, but we're very flexible! Safe Church training is required. If interested or would like to know more, please email Amy Weigand our Director of Youth and Family Ministries: amy@stlukeseg.org

## Ways to donate to St. Luke's



### 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

### 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 will have to initiate each payment.

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### PayPal and VANCO Payment Solutions

**PayPal and VANCO Payments** – With PayPal and VANCO payments, you create your individual accounts on their sites, 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 these are your sites! They are the only options that accept credit cards. Like Online Banking, you can set up recurring payments or make single payments.

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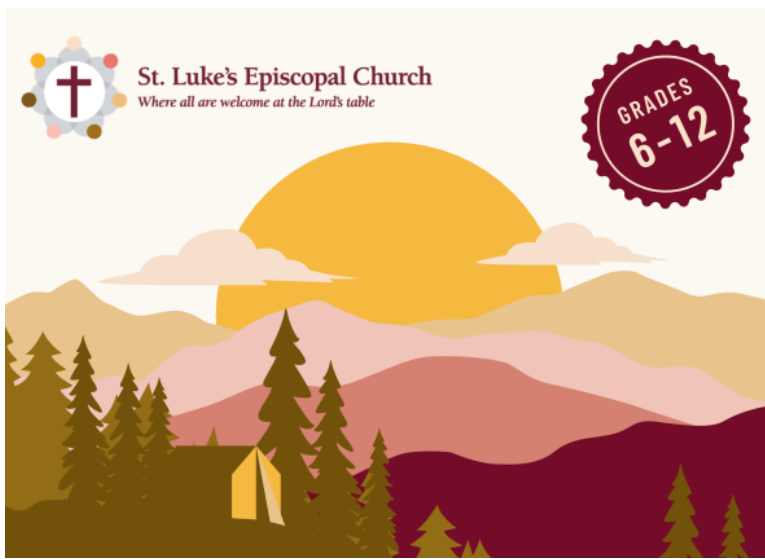
### Direct Payment From IRA

**Direct Transfer** – If you are 70½ 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.

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## Save the Date for a Fall Youth Retreat at ECC!



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# FALL YOUTH RETREAT

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