



St. Luke's Episcopal Church

Where all are welcome at the Lord's table

Week of September 29th, 2024

Interim Rector Jarrett's E-pistle

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Admiration and Emulation

Admiration and emulation are gifts I celebrate. When someone does a noble act or shows wisdom or courage or vulnerability, I am quick to praise and admire. I seek out such people. Often I can be heard to say, "I want to be like that person when I grow up!" When traffic pulls over to the right to let an ambulance through, even then, my heart grows warm.

When I served in New York, I met Seth and Emily who I admire and try to emulate. Seth led my worship band at Church and Emily, his wife, is a school principal in the New York public schools. Among the many character traits I admire in them, the foremost is the way they parent their three children in the Way of Jesus Christ.

Because Emily needs to get to school early, Seth staffs breakfast and morning walks to school. Every breakfast includes prayer and bible study. The kids and Seth go passage by passage through one of the Gospels. Last I checked, they were enjoying Luke, and Seth was bringing me stories of the wonderful insights his children would share. In the evening, the family would do Compline from the Prayer Book together. When I knew the children they were 12, 10, and 8; they knew Compline by heart!

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How to join us this upcoming Sunday:

All the information you need to participate in either in-person or virtual offerings is provided below.

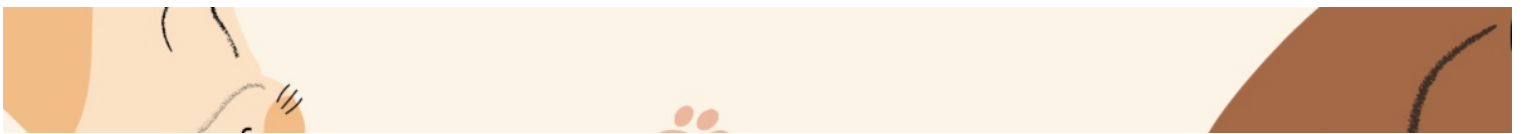
The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost: Click [here](#) for the lessons.

Sunday Worship: Please join us to celebrate Holy Eucharist on September 29th 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](#).

Want to see what else is going on at St. Luke's this week? Scroll down to the bottom for our weekly calendar!

Save the Date: St. Luke's Pet Blessing



BLESSING OF THE PETS

St. Luke's Episcopal Church
October 6, 2024
Included in our 10:00 AM Service

Arkfull Coffee House: Open Mic Night



Don't miss out on St. Luke's Arkfull Coffee House's Open Mic this week.

All ages and talents are welcome! Come join us for some fun and fellowship.

Friday, October 4th at 6:00 PM in the St. Luke's Dining room

For more info: email amy@stlukeseg.org

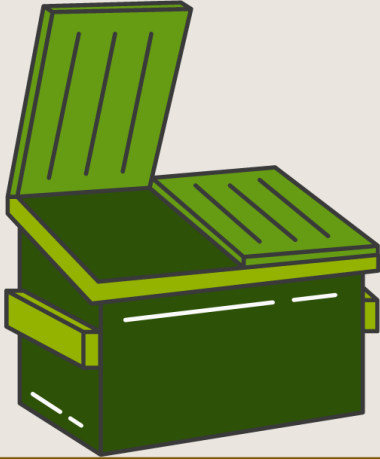
Missed our Ministry Fair? Didn't get to sign-up for everything you wanted to?

If you weren't able to attend our Ministry Fairs, or didn't get the chance to sign up for everything you wanted to, please use the form below to sign up for St. Luke's ministries. We are particularly looking for more help and participation in the following ministries.

- Acolytes
- Lay Eucharistic Ministers (Must be baptized, confirmed, and a regular attendee to become licensed)
- Ushers
- Nursery volunteer
- Bible study
- Adult Faith Formation

Bless This Mess: St. Luke's Cleanup

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On September 30 and October 1, we will have a dumpster on site (Church Street sidewalk) to provide convenient removal of debris and trash from the tower.

While we are cleaning out the tower, we invite other ministry/program groups to collect and organize their debris, trash, and 'long-overdue-for-the-dump' items for disposal.

Please contact Bill Warburton and John Lukens to coordinate collection and removal of said items for disposal. As importantly, do let Bill and John know if you are available and willing to help with the collection and removal of items.

Email Bill at: bill.warburton@cox.net

Email John at: johnlukens@live.com

Christ's Community Kitchen

Theology on Tap (TOT) will be hosting CCK on Sept 30.

Volunteers are still needed between 3:00 and 6:30 for:

- setup
- serving
- cleanup

Let Brent know if or when you can help out on September 30th!

Email:
brentbostick1@gmail.com

Sept TOT meeting will follow at 7:00 pm in the Dining Room

Christ's Community Kitchen





St. Luke's Episcopal Church will be hosting a
Oven Roasted Chicken Dinner
with mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, salad and dessert!

We extend a warm welcome to all our brothers and sisters.

Monday, September 30, 5 – 6:30 PM

99 Peirce Street, East Greenwich, RI
Enter parish hall via the parking lot up from Peirce Street
and follow the hallway straight to the dining room.

Adult Faith Formation

Lectionary Bible Study: Lectionary Bible Study takes place at 11 am on Tuesdays in the Church Transept. Another Bible study will be starting on Saturday mornings at 9:30 am on October 5 in the Church Transept. Both offerings are lead by the Interim Rector.

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. Snacks and Drinks Provided! Nursery care will also be provided. Facilitated by the Interim Rector. Civil Discourse Seminar will be reconvening on October 6th in the dining room.

Wednesday Evening Book Discussion will be starting October 16th at 7 pm on Zoom to discuss The Book of Forgiving, 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.

Our new Name Tag System

We have switched to magnetic name tags! Our parish admin, Suzie, has been in the process of shifting all existing name tags over.


Don't see your name-tag? Don't worry! We are continually making more as needed. Please check on Sunday for your

name and send admin an email or write your name on the form in the atrium by the admin office for a new name tag.

One caveat: These CANNOT be used with a pacemaker. If you have a pacemaker, please contact Admin so we can set you up with a lanyard name-tag!

Email Admin at admin@stlukeseg.org






Liturgical Volunteers Needed

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

- Ushers
- Lay Eucharistic Ministers (LEM)
- Acolytes



We are now using SignUpGenius for our liturgical participants. This change prevents 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 SignUpGenius up until 4 days before your sign-up.

New dates are revealed after each Sunday passes. Lay Readers should sign up once a month.

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

If you have not volunteered for a liturgical role before, but would like to learn how, please send an email to admin@stlukeseg.org to learn more.

[Click here to sign up](#)

Children & Youth Programming

Amazon Wishlist

If you would like to help support Youth Faith Formation at St. Luke's, we have created an Amazon Wishlist. Just click [HERE!](#)

Items on this list will be used in our new playground, sensory box, and classrooms. Items will automatically ship to the church when purchased. Thanks for checking out!

Rite-13

Do you have a child who will turn 13 years old this year?

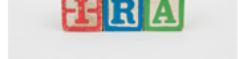
The Rite-13 Celebration marks a significant milestone for children as they begin their journey toward adulthood and independence. During this event, the St. Luke's community gathers to acknowledge and honor their remarkable creative power and potential.

The three preparation classes for Rite-13 will be on 9/29, 10/13, and 10/20 at 9:45 am, the dinner and retreat will be in the evening of 10/26, and the celebration will take place in our one service at 9:00 am on 10/27.

If interested or would like to know more, please email Amy Weigand, our Director of Youth and Family Ministries: amy@stlukeseg.org

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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

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An Update from the Treasurer

August	2024 YTD	Budget	Var.	Ann. Budget
Total Income	\$492,122	\$448,308	\$43,814	\$721,925
Total Expenses	\$502,444	\$531,155	(\$28,711)	\$788,483
Net Income	(\$10,322)	(\$82,846)	\$72,524	(\$66,558)

The Week Ahead

Sunday - September 29th

- Holy Eucharist - 8:00 am
- Holy Eucharist - 10:00 am
- Newcomers' Brunch - 11:30 am
- Handbell Choir - 11:30 am

Monday - September 30th

- Christ's Community Kitchen - 6:00 pm
- Theology on Tap meeting - 7:00 pm

Tuesday - October 1st

- Morning Prayer - 8:30 am
- Bible Study - 11:00 am
- Healing Service - 12:00 pm

Wednesday - October 2nd

- Morning Prayer - 8:30 am

Thursday - October 3rd

- Morning Prayer - 8:30 am

Friday - October 4th

- Morning Prayer - 8:30 am
- Arkfull Coffee House - 6:00 pm

This week

at

St. Luke's

Saturday - October 5th

Bible Study (NEW) - 9:30 am

Sunday - October 6th

Holy Eucharist - 8:00 am

Holy Eucharist & Blessing of the Pets - 10:00 am

AFF Civil Discourse Seminar- 11:30 am

Adult Faith Formation - 11:30 am

Handbell Choir Rehearsal - 11:30 am



September 29 - October 6
2024

E-pistle Continued from above

Emily and Seth are equipping their children for a lifelong walk with God by instilling the basic practices of faith; bible study, bible fluency, prayer, conversation about God complete with doubts, curiosity and wonder. Sundays and Holy Days are observed and other activities forgone so God is properly honored and so their spiritual lives are renewed in community at least once per week. Seth and Emily will talk to a coach and explain their commitments and set expectations for practice schedules and games.

Saints, Holy People, and Wise Souls are given to us by God to show that the life of faith - which sometimes feels impossible - is actually possible within the limits of our humanity. Emily and Seth remind me that parents and family are the primary site of Christian Formation for our children. Our programs are excellent at St. Luke's and at most we see your children for up to three hours per week. The rest of life is at home and at school.

We had a wonderful Baptism on Sunday where we renewed our vows and were reminded of our commitment to raise our children into the full stature of Christ. What is your family plan for raising your children and grandchildren to know the love of Jesus and to learn to love Jesus in return?

-Reverend Jarrett

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