



St. Luke's Episcopal Church

Where all are welcome at the Lord's table

Week of October 6th, 2024

Interim Rector Jarrett's E-pistle

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Treasures Among the Trash

Many thanks to all who made our Fall Dumpster Days such a success! A special shout-out to our Properties Committee and the men of Theology on Tap, as well as Laura Sullivan, from our Records Management Team!

As we filled the dumpster on Church Street we discovered some treasures among the trash. In one dark closet we found a reredos - the decorative panel positioned behind an altar - from the original St. Luke's building. Next to the reredos we also found a catafalque which is a wooden device used to carry a casket into and out from the church before burial.

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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.

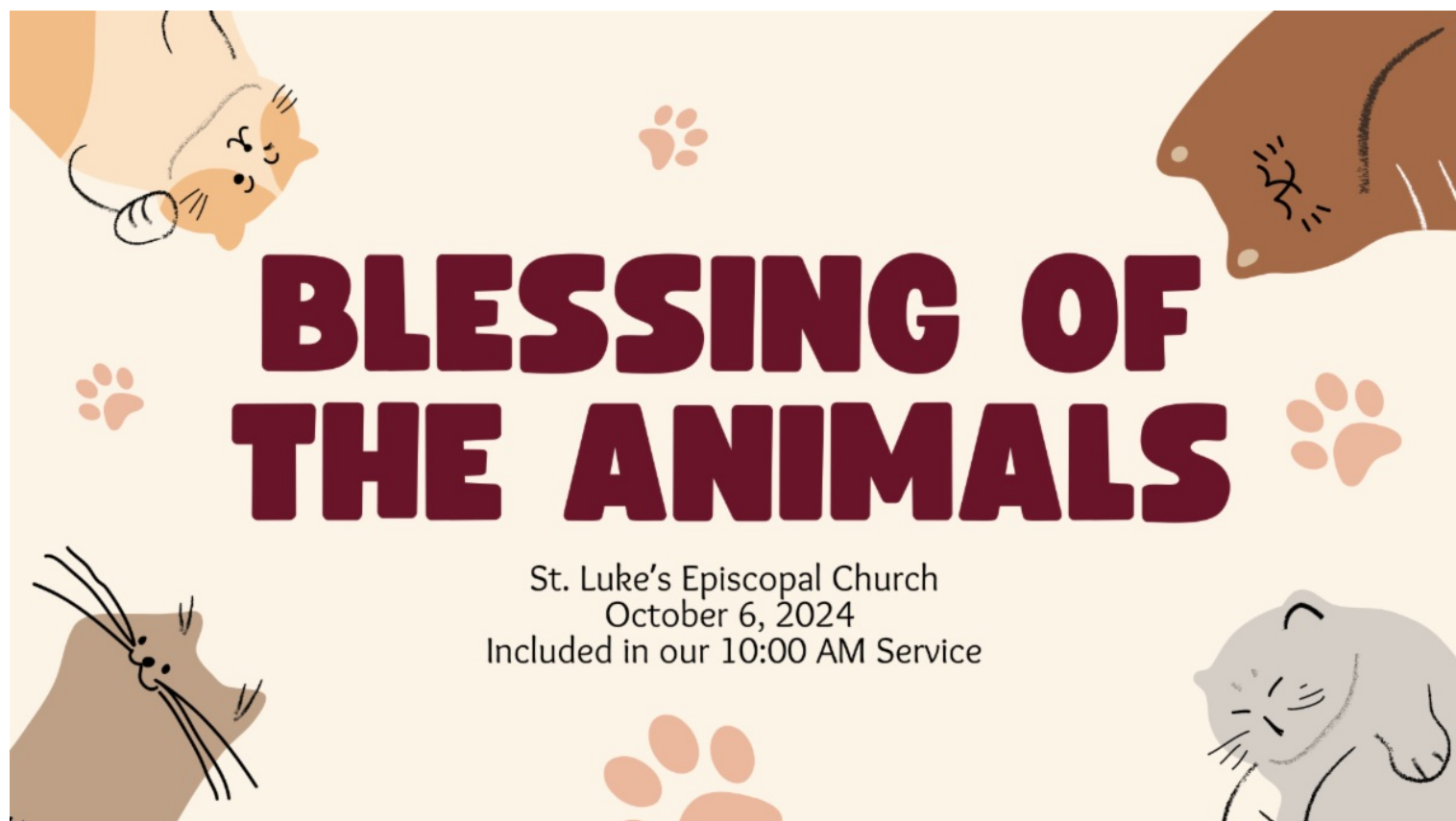
The Feast of St. Francis of Assisi: Click [here](#) for the lessons.

Sunday Worship: Please join us to celebrate Holy Eucharist on October 6th at 8:00 am or 10:00 am. Our

Blessing of the Animals will be part of our 10 am service. To view or print the 10 am service bulletin, [click here](#). Printed copies of the bulletins will be provided at each service. For a copy of the prayer list, [click here](#).

We have many exciting upcoming events this month--scroll down to save the dates!

Only 3 days until St. Luke's Blessing of the Animals!



If you cannot bring your beloved animal, feel free to bring a picture of your animal so that we may also bless it this Sunday. Don't forget to bring a chair or blanket!

Are you planning to bring an animal to our service this Sunday?

Yes!

Not this time :(

Arkfull Coffee House: Open Mic Night

Join us at Arkfull Coffee House for a warm and welcoming open mic night!

Whether you're a seasoned performer or just want to share a favorite poem, this is the perfect space to express yourself and connect with others. Enjoy a cozy atmosphere filled with great coffee, laughter, and uplifting fellowship. Bring your friends, your talent, or simply your love for the arts, and let's



celebrate our community together! Don't miss out on this beautiful evening of creativity and connection—see you there!

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

For more info: email amy@stlukeseg.org

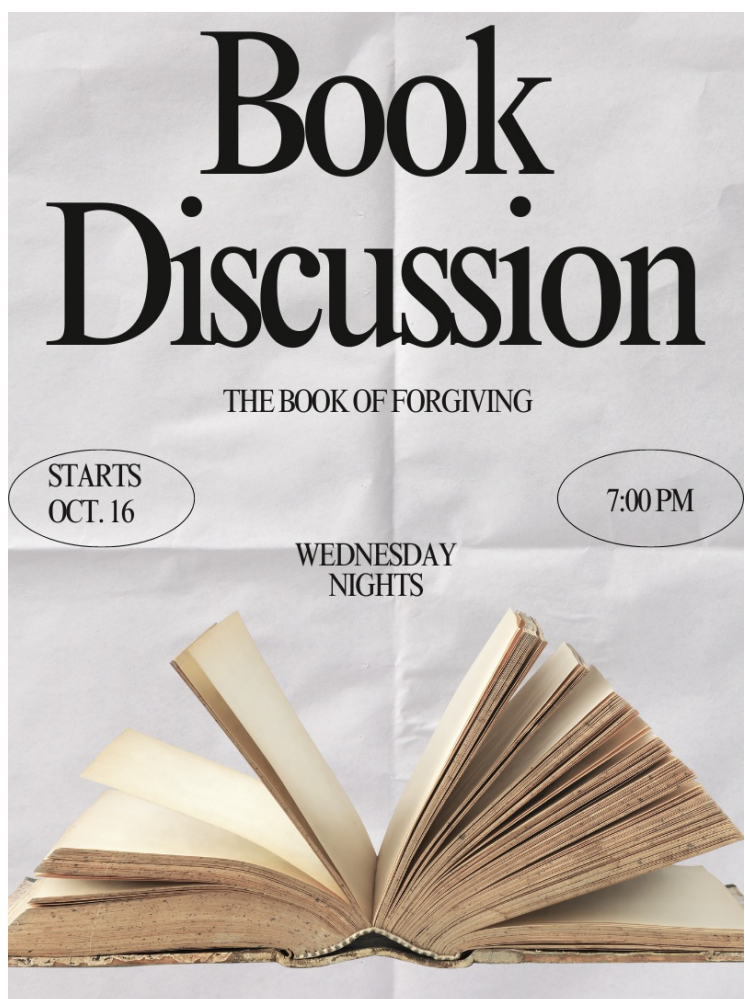


St. Luke's
Arkfull Coffee House
Open Mic Night

Friday, October 4th
Doors open at 6 pm



Adult Faith Formation



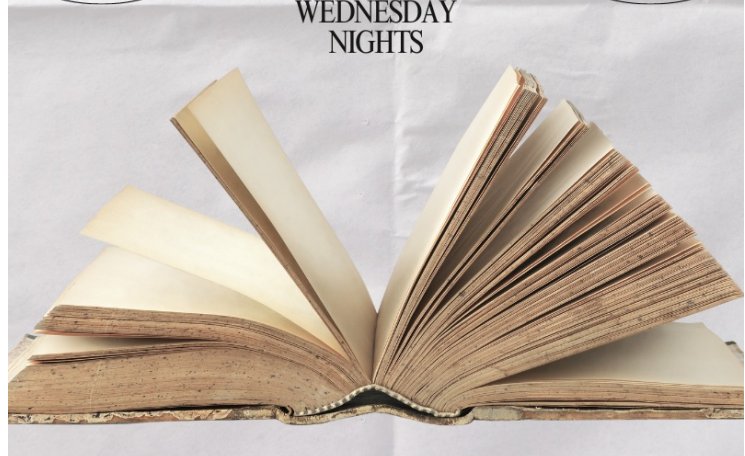
Book Discussion

THE BOOK OF FORGIVING

STARTS OCT. 16

7:00 PM

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS



[Sign up for Wednesday Book Discussion](#)

Lectionary Bible Study: Lectionary Bible Study takes place at 11 am on Tuesdays in the Church Transept and Saturday mornings at 9:30 am 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. Click the button to the left to sign-up!

The Month Ahead

Sunday - October 6th

10:00 am – Blessing of the Animals

Sunday - October 20th

11:00 am – Stewardship Brunch

This month
at

St. Luke's

Sunday - October 27th

One 9:00 am service

10:00 am History Timeline

Parish-wide Meeting

UPCOMING:

Nov. 3 – Evensong at Grace Church

St. Luke's



October 2024

Children & Youth Programming




GRADES
6-12

NOVEMBER 15 - 17

FALL YOUTH RETREAT

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Don't miss out on our Fall Youth Retreat! The deadline to sign-up is October 27th!

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

Liturgical Volunteers



Liturgical

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.

If you have not volunteered for a liturgical role before, please send an

Volunteers Needed

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

[Click here to sign up](#)

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.

No cost to you or the Church

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.

Transaction Fees for the Church

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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Conservation Tip

Green playgrounds on our elementary school grounds can help our children learn better, while improving their health and our environment. We can petition our local governments to provide green playgrounds on our elementary school grounds for their health and our environment.



For tips on making this happen, consider this article on Gristmill:

[Read more](#)

An Update from the Treasurer

September	2024 YTD	Budget	Var.	Ann. Budget
Total Income	\$565,350	\$510,338	\$55,012	\$721,925

Total Expenses	\$563,909	\$594,707	(\$30,798)	\$788,483
Net Income	(\$1441)	(\$84,370)	\$85,811	(\$66,558)

Notes:

- Income continues to outpace the budget – with pledge income \$45K ahead of budget. I join the leadership and thanking each of you for your continued, timely support! (Yes, I think you are all amazing!)
- Expenses are pretty much on budget at this point – we have some property expenses coming up that will hit in the 4th quarter.

E-pistle continued from above:

My favorite discovery is a sign board that had been affixed to the doors of the original church, which states:

To all who are young and need counsel;
to all who are strong and want a taks;
to all who are weary and need rest;
to all who are lonely and want companionship;
to all who mourn and need comfort;
to all who are grateful and want to give thanks;
to all who are sinful and need a Saviour
– to whosoever will;
this Church opens wide its doors
and in the name of Christ our Lord says –
WELCOME.

What a lovely statement of generous welcome! To me, this says our church is alive with God’s relational availability and we want you to experience God’s welcome here, from us! To me, this explains my experience of St. Luke’s as a genuinely welcoming community.

When I served as Rector at St. Mary’s in the suburb of Chicago called Park Ridge, we had a formal greeting program and an organic greeting program. The organic program boiled down to one wonderful, faithful woman named Jeanne Marshall. Along with her husband Stew, Jeanne sat near the back so she could exercise her charisma for welcoming visitors and newcomers. A member of the church for 30+ years, she could spot a newcomer by the opening collect and make a beeline to them at the passing of the peace. After the dismissal she would warmly welcome them in the aisle and escort them to coffee in the Library Lounge.

If you asked any group of newcomers who they met first at St. Mary's, they would always say Jeanne Marshall. We are blessed at St. Luke’s to have a number of ‘organic greeters’ who extend a warm welcome to newcomers. Please feel free to join in if you have this particular charisma from God!

-Reverend Jarrett

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