

The Heart of St. Luke's St. Luke's Episcopal Church | 320 Broad St NW

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September | October | November 2022



Michelle and Evie Mazzolini tuning into worship at St. Luke's from a double-decker bus in front of Westminster Abbey, London, on Sunday, July 17, 2022.



Please keep the church office informed of any updates to your contact information. If you cannot make it to the church to pick up your copy, please let us know and we will mail one to you.

Dear Friends.

The picture to the left of this article is a snapshot of Church life in 2022. Michelle and Evie Mazzolini had our St. Luke's worship service dialed up in real time as they passed Westminster Abbey while on top of a doubledecker bus on Sunday, July 17. On that same Sunday, parishioners worshipped with us in real time from a hospital room just up the street at Tennova. Our online offerings are here to stay!

That said, St. Luke's returned to in-person worship in mid-September, 2020. In recent months, in-person attendance has gradually and steadily increased. Things are almost back to 'normal' regarding parish life. Almost.

One of the great passages in all the Bible is Ecclesiastes 3:1-8. This iconic passage begins: "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven..." I encourage you to take the time to read through this newsletter slowly, allowing yourself to take on board fully the breadth and depth of all that St. Luke's has to offer as we continue moving forward out of the pandemic. We are back to offering a full slate of worship services, Christian Education classes, youth activities, and outreach ministries.

"For everything there is a season, and time for every matter under heaven...." I am confident that future parish historians will judge that our safety protocols served us exceptionally well through the worst of the pandemic, and that the advent of our online platforms proved to be the 'silver lining' of an otherwise dark, disconcerting, and painful season. But much has changed as we approach Kickoff Sunday for 2022/23. We are entering a new time, a different season – in the words of Ecclesiastes 3:3: "a time to build up...."

Thanks be to God.

Love and peace,





You may have noticed that *The Heart of St. Luke's* is a bit more robust than usual. That is, in part, because we wanted to showcase just how much is going on in the life of St. Luke's, but—the reality is—there really is that much going on at St. Luke's!

As you read, please take note of the formation, children and youth ministries, worship and fellowship, and outreach that St. Luke's will be engaged in over the coming months. They, like the other opportunities showcased in *The Heart*, will be highlighted in weekly emails, during the Sunday morning announcements, and through various social media platforms. They are at the core of our mission and ministry, and we invite you to support and participate in them as you are able.

A highlight in our children and youth ministries include our new children's program, Club 345!, aimed at upper elementary age children, to develop their sense of the community, worship, and mission of St. Luke's. Already this group has shown an enthusiasm for 'being the Church'. Over the course of this year, Club 345! will lead a parish-wide outreach project, dive deep into the *BCP*, and learn the basics of peer ministry from their EYC 'big siblings'.

In addition to Sunday and Thursday Eucharists, we will be celebrating St. Luke's Day, Thanksgiving, and our annual Bishop's Visit and Confirmation. These moments of worship, fellowship, and thanksgiving are at the heart of what it means to be St. Luke's. We encourage you to join us in those celebrations. Please give special attention to the outreach opportunities that help address critical needs in our community and is made possible by your ministry with St. Luke's.

This fall, the Stewardship Committee will be launching 'Mission for Ministry': 2023 Stewardship Campaign that will be mailed out in early September. In it you'll be hearing more about the ministries you can be involved in with insights from various members of St. Luke's. We invite you to preview Patty Callaway's reflection in the next column.

Among other things, the ministry campaign packet will include your 2023 Pledge Card for supporting St. Luke's Mission for Ministry in the coming year. We ask you return it to the church office by Sunday, October 23rd. By refocusing the stewardship campaign on the mission and ministries of St. Luke's, we hope to illustrate the scope of who we are as a parish, and just how instrumental each of us are to its success.

PASTORAL CARE

Taking care of those in need is one of our most important activities as followers of Jesus Christ. From taking Home Communion to our homebound or sick members to providing prayer support and counseling to those who are ill or in crisis, our ongoing care of one another exemplifies our Christian community.

- St. Luke's Prayer Chain
- Caring and Sharing
- Lay Eucharistic Visitors (LEVs)
- Pastoral Counseling
- Pastoral Liturgies



In Matthew 25:34-36, 40, Jesus says, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food [Loaves and Fishes], I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink

[Coffee Hour Hosts], I was a stranger and you welcomed me [St. Luke's Greeters], I was naked and you gave me clothing [The Caring Place], I was sick and you took care of me [Caring and Sharing], I was in prison and you visited me [Pastoral Counseling]... Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."

Hospitality, Pastoral Care, and Outreach. They are all part of the same mission of the church. God, through the Holy Spirit, calls on us to act. We give of ourselves because we want, in our hearts, to make a difference in each other's lives. I encourage each of you to find a way you can reach out to others – both within and without St. Luke's.

It's what we're here for.

Patty Callaway, Caring and Sharing



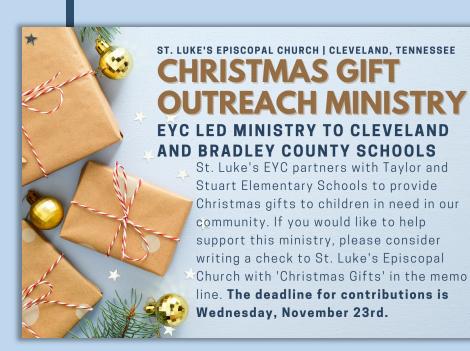
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Club 345! will be packing Blessing Bags on Wednesday, November 9th for the Cleveland Emergency Shelter.

If you would like to assist with their outreach project, please write a check to St. Luke's Episcopal Church with 'Blessing Bags' in the memo

BLESSING BAGS I EMERGENCY TO-GO KITS





BEDS 4 KIDS

Support underprivileged children in our community getting a good night's sleep.

If you would like to donate a bed, mattress, or bedding please contact the church office at (423) 476-5541. Checks can be made out to St. Luke's with 'Beds 4 Kids' in the memo line.

ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH | CLEVELAND, TENNESSEE

EPISCOPAL YOUTH COMMUNITY (6TH-12TH GRADES)

SUNDAYS | 5:00 PM-6:30 PM







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ETNYOUTH FALL RETREAT (GRADES 6-12)
SEPT. 9-11 | GRACE POINT CAMP
HAPPENING #82 (GRADES 9-12)
NOV. 11-13 | GRACE POINT CAMP
COLLEGE RETREAT (AGES 18-21)
SEPT. 18-20 | GRACE POINT CAMP

REGISTER AT WWW.ETNYOUTH.ORG/EVENTS

ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH | CLEVELAND, TENNESSEE Children and Youth Ministry

Wednesdays at 5:45 PM

1st & 3rd Wednesdays

Children's Fellowship (K-5th grades) with Mrs. Suzanne Peer Ministry Training (EYC) with Isaac Doty

2nd & 4th Wednesdays

Children's Fellowship (K-2nd grades) with Mrs. Suzanne Club 345! (3rd-5th grades) with Isaac Doty

- with EYC Mentorship Program











The Fall 2022 Inquirers' Class is "The Ongoing Life of Prayer", led by Fr. Joel Huffstetler. In it, he and others will explore the role of prayer in our spiritual lives. The series will be based on *The Book of Common Prayer*, supplemented by various other devotional books.

This series is offered to all who are interested and we encourage everyone to attend, either in-person or online, as you are able. This series will serve as the Inquirers' Class

for those seeking Confirmation or Reception into the Episcopal Church when Bishop Brian Cole visits in December.

The 8 sessions will run from 6:00-7:00 PM, and be held in the church. The series will be live-streamed on the St. Luke's Facebook page.

- Tuesdays, October 11, 18, 25, & November 1
- Thursdays, October 13, 20, 27, & November 3



This fall, St. Luke's will begin transforming the downstairs hallway outside the Parish Offices into an Art Gallery to showcase local artists from the congregation, our community, and students at Lee. The gallery will be curated by Rondall Reynoso, Assistant Professor of Art & Art History at Lee University and member of St. Luke's. If you would be interested in showcasing a work, please contact the church office at (423) 476-5541.

Note: the bulletin boards featuring newspaper clippings, event flyers, and other announcements will be relocated across from Andrea Spraggins' office door in the Parish House.

St. Luke's has an active online presence through our various website and social media platforms. These provide us with a way to connect with our church community, local and dispersed, as well as serving as a platform for welcome, worship, formation, music, and evangelism.

This fall, we've launched a YouTube page to serve as an archive for sermons, music, and formation classes, as well as to provide a new field of digital ministry. We encourage you to check it out, and, as always, share the ministries of St. Luke's with your digital community.





WEEKLY SERVICE SCHEDULE

SUNDAYS Beginning September 11

8:00 AM - Holy Eucharist, Rite I

9:30 AM - Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Choir Rehearsal | Church School

2022-23 Speaker Series

10:45 AM - Holy Eucharist, Rite II* with St. Luke's Choir

WEDNESDAYS

5:15 PM - Evening Prayer*

THURSDAYS

12:10 PM - Noonday Eucharist*

*Offered Online and In-Person







ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH ALTAR GUILD

ANNIE HADLAND, ALTAR GUILD CHAIR

The St. Luke's Altar Guild is looking for people to help with one or more of the following:

- Preparing and Clearing the Altar between services on Sundays and Thursdays,
- Care for the Linens, Brass, and Vestments,
- Holiday decorations, especially during Christmas and Easter.

If you are interested in joining the Altar Guild, please speak with Annie Hadland, or contact the church office at (423) 476-5541.

Join us Sunday, September 11th for Kickoff Sunday and the return to our Regular Sunday Service Schedule! From 8:45-9:30 AM, we'll have our Annual Kickoff Breakfast hosted by Men's Prayer Breakfast, followed by the first session of our Speaker Series at 9:30 AM with Casey Cole Higginbotham.



In Search of the Oil of Gladness A THEOLOGICAL CASE FOR JOY

SEPTEMBER 11, 18, & 25 with Casey Cole Higginbotham

BROADCAST ONLINE | MONDAYS AT 5:00 PM



Heart and Mind
THE BIBLE AS INSPIRATION
FOR SERIOUS LITERATURE

OCTOBER 2 with John Hagler



The Language of the Gospel

DIALOGUE, STORY, AND POETRY

OCTOBER 9, 16, & 23 with Dr. Matthew Melton

🐍 BROADCAST ONLINE | MONDAYS AT 5:00 PM



The Art of Translation UPDATING THE NRSV

OCTOBER 30 & NOVEMBER 6 with Dr. Michael Fuller

BROADCAST ONLINE | MONDAYS AT 5:00 PM



Faith-less or
Faith-full?
CONNECTING THE CHURCH
AND THE NONRELIGIOUS
NOVEMBER 13, 20, & 27
with Dr. Nathan Napier

🚹 BROADCAST ONLINE | MONDAYS AT 5:00 PM



Creed and Catechism
ANGLICAN STATEMENTS OF BELIEF

DECEMBER 4, 11, & 18 with Deacon Art Bass

👍 BROADCAST ONLINE | MONDAYS AT 5:00 PM



ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH CLEVELAND, TENNESSEE

KICKOFF SUNDAY

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH 8:45-9:30 AM - Kickoff Breakfast

REGULAR SCHEDULE RESUMES

8:00 AM - Holy Eucharist, Rite I
9:30 AM - Holy Eucharist, Rite II
Choir Rehearsal | Church School
2022-23 Speaker Series
10:45 AM - Holy Eucharist, Rite II*

10:45 AM - Holy Eucharist, Rite II^a with St. Luke's Choir

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SUNDAY MORNING SPEAKER SERIES

SUNDAYS AT 9:30 AM St. Luke's Parish Hall

Offered In-Person



MONDAYS AT 5:00 PM SELECTED SERIES BROADCAST ONLINE

A Note from Isaac

I have spent the last several weeks preparing our Formation offerings for the coming year and am excited about what we have on offer! As you can see on this page, our Sunday Morning Speaker Series returns for another full year of fantastic programming with a tremendous slate of presenters. Each was asked to present on something they are passionate about that intersects with their faith and would be edifying to the congregation at large, and they have more than delivered!

On behalf of Fr. Joel and myself, I would like to extend a special word of thanks to Casey, John, Matthew, Mike, Nathan, and Deacon Art for their teaching ministry with us this fall. I also want to take a moment and preview what series are coming in the spring: Ryan Lockwood will return to tell us about the seminary experience; Dr. Coral A. Norwood will be presenting a series on the spirituality of John Donne; Rondall Reynoso will be offering a series on the Image of Christ; after Easter, we'll hear from Dr. Wesley Biddy for a series exploring the Trinity. Patricia Pierce, Fred Mueller, Jeff Sellins, and others will round out the slate of offerings, ending with a series on "Spiritual Environments" with Fran Henry. My thanks to all of you as well!

Many of these series will be recorded for later broadcast on Facebook and YouTube, but I encourage you to join us in-person Sunday mornings for some truly wonderful conversations and fellowship.

Of particular note, I want to highlight that all of these series are being offered by members of St. Luke's. We are especially blessed to have so many gifted voices in our congregation and I am grateful for you all!

A Note from John Hagler

As a former Adult Sunday School Teacher, I have a few comments about the 2022-23 Sunday School Speaker Series conceived and implemented by Joel, Ryan, and Isaac this spring. Because of COVID, attendance was lower. But those who were able to attend experienced a worship-full procession of scripture, Christian art, and church architecture. Thanks to Isaac, the spring series is available online.

St. Luke's Church has always been a welcoming community. This has directly impacted our worship services because of Joel's leadership.

The first wave consisted of musicians whose talents blended so well with those who respected and loved them. They know we do not take their gifts for granted. The second wave, which has come in quietly but steadily, is composed of Christians who are products of higher education in fields directly or closely related to Christianity. I am sure that all who have taught see this as the gift it is.

The fall, winter, and spring series starts September 11, 2022, and ends May 21, 2023. As a former teacher, I hope

you can attend most of these classes. Christ tells us that we must love God with all our mind as well as heart. Loving God with our heart is also involved here because most teachers view attendance as a way the class says, "Thanks for taking the trouble." Finally, being a member of a class means "fellowship," another old Christian idea!

Please note: John will be offering a reflection on 'Heart and Mind: The Bible as Inspiration for Serious Literature' on October 2 as part of the Speaker Series. Please join us!



The Men's Prayer Breakfast meets every Friday morning from 7:00-8:00 AM in the Parish Hall. Join us for a time of food, fellowship, and prayer with a guided Bible Study led by various members of the group. *Best breakfast in town for \$1!*



The Women's Bible Study meets Wednesday mornings from 10:00—10:50 AM. The format will begin with 10 minutes of on-boarding and prayer, followed by 35-40 minutes of guided discussion on a particular topic, led by Isaac Doty, Director of Christian Formation at St. Luke's.

The Women's Bible Study will meet 15 weeks in the fall and 15 weeks in the spring, with each 5 week block covering a different book of scripture or topic.

August 3—August 31 (5 Weeks): *The Letter to the Hebrews*

September 7—October 5 (5 Weeks): *The Good Book* | Part II: The Use and Abuse of the Bible

October 12 — Fall Break

October 19 - November 16 (5 Weeks): Conversations with Scripture: The Book of Judges

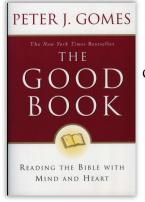
November 23 – January 4 – Advent & Christmas Break

January 11—February 8 (5 Weeks): The Book of Ecclesiastes

February 15 - March 15 (5 Weeks): The Good Book | Part III: The True and Lively Word

March 22—April 26 (5 Weeks): Conversations with Scripture: The Gospel of John

No Class April 5 — Holy Week | Summer Break





Abbey FullerNursery Supervisor &
Young Adult Liaison

St. Luke's Behind the Scenes

St. Luke's is excited to announce that Abbey Fuller has taken over as the Nursery Supervisor for our children under 5 in the parish. She along with Lauren Baker and several of our youth staff the Church Nursery upstairs in the Parish House from 9:15 AM through Coffee Hour on Sunday mornings. Abbey also serves as a Lector and Officiant at Evening Prayer Wednesday nights alongside Josiah Mercer, Daniel Brashear, and Ezekiel Harless.

Additionally, Abbey is a member of our Trailhead Committee, which oversees our campus and young adult ministries, where she serves as a Young Adult Liaison alongside Liz Queen. Also serving on the Trailhead Committee are Ezekiel Harless and Michelle Mazzolini (Community Liaisons), Shelia Fuller (Diocesan Liaison), and Josiah Mercer (Committee Chair). The Trailhead Committee serves to welcome college students and young adults to our St. Luke's family, provide pastoral support, and fellowship opportunities.

We're excited and grateful for Abbey's expanded role in the life of St. Luke's, and for all those who serve in our Church Nursery, at Evening Prayer, and on the Trailhead Committee. If you are interested in getting involved in these ministries, please reach out to Abbey on Sunday morning or call the church office at (423) 476-5541.

In future issues of *The Heart*, we'll continue to highlight the ministries and people who serve in St. Luke's. Stay tuned!

ST. LUKE'S PRAYER CHAIN

St. Luke's Prayer Chain is an email-based ministry of St. Luke's that offers prayers of intercession and thanksgiving on the behalf of those on our Prayer List, which is read during the Prayers of the People during services.

When a name is added to the Prayer List, an email is sent out to those on the Prayer Chain with a Prayer Request stating, generally, the person's need.

If you would like to join the Prayer Chain to receive Prayer Requests, or place a name on the St. Luke's Prayer List, please contact the church office at (423) 476-5541.

If you would like to join the St. Luke's Prayer Chain, or make a prayer request for intercession or thanksgiving for someone to be included in the Prayers of the People, please call the church office at (423) 476-5541.



To support the ministry of St. Luke's, please scan the QR code or visit www.stlukescleveland.org/give.

You may also place a check in the offering plate during the Offertory or by mailing it to St. Luke's Episcopal Church P.O. Box 5, Cleveland, TN 37364.



Just a reminder that we continue to receive the wine at communion by intinction, dipping the wafer into the chalice when at the Altar Rail.

Parish Family Notes

Congratulations to Eilan Allison, Ava Allison, and Carter Lawson on their baptisms. Eilan and Ava are the children of Rachel Allison, and Carter is the son of Nicholas and Grace Everton Lawson. Eilan and Ava are the grandchildren of Bob and Sandy Allison, and Carter is their great-grandson.

Congratulations to Haruhi Joe Rymer on his baptism. Haruhi is the son of Randy and Yoko Rymer and the grandson of Crystal and LeRoy Rymer. His godparents are Stuart and Lucy Rymer.

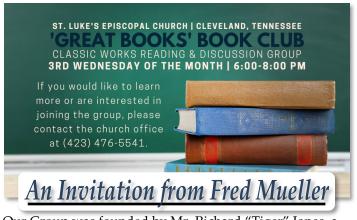
Sympathy to Bettie Borton and family, in memory of her son, Seth Champion, who passed recently.

Sympathy to Aubrey Lockwood and family, in memory of her brother, Tripp Hathcock, who passed recently.

Sympathy to Richard Hughes and family, in memory of his father, Dr. Charles Hughes, who passed recently.

Sympathy to Jim Mahonen and family, in memory of his wife, Casey Mahonen, who passed recently.

Sympathy to Lisa Wofford and family, in memory of her mother, Judy Nevitt, who passed recently.



Our Group was founded by Mr. Richard "Tiger" Jones, a long time member of St. Luke's, over 10 years ago. Our group members are from St. Luke's, several other local churches, and one or more people not affiliated with any religious group.

Tiger was an engineer, and during his university time he had little time for anything outside of his core studies. All of us greatly enjoy reading, at the same time we often admit that we'd not have been likely to read many of the selected works without the stimulus of the group and the associated discussion.

As Tiger's retirement drew closer, he knew that he wanted to directly learn more about Great Literature, and he thought that a discussion group would be a great vehicle for learning and sharing ideas. We all agree. Tiger believed, and we agree, that respectful dialogue is critical to our Group's purpose, and only those who are willing to listen and speak in a civil and courteous manner are allowed to participate.

The sources for reading and discussion our group utilizes come from 3 distinct sources:

- 100 "Great(est) Novels", as published by *The Guardian* newspaper (selected by group members). For example this year we have read & discussed *The Sound and the Fury, Tom Jones*, and *The Awakening*.
- Select readings from the "Great Books Foundation".
 Short works we have read this year were penned by:
 John Keats, Nathaniel Hawthorne, John Mill, George Santayana, Bertrand Russell, and D.H. Lawrence.
- Plays by Shakespeare. This year we discussed *Cymbeline*.

Our group members purchase or otherwise obtain their own books. We average about 4 novels, 2 plays by Shakespeare, and 5 or 6 short stories from the Great Books Foundation's selected works each year. We usually meet 11 or 12 times each year.

Our meeting day is the 3rd Wednesday evening of each month. Usually we start at 6:00pm, and close at 8:00pm. A member of the group brings a simple snack to be shared with the group at about the 1/2 way mark (7:00pm).

Our group is made up of people, largely in our 60s, 70s, and 80s. We are evenly split between men and women. Some folks are still in the "working world", others are not. We would VERY GLADLY admit one or more people who would help LOWER the average age of our group.

Should the above information provide a source of some interest, please contact Fred Mueller by email, fmueller1950@gmail.com, or by phone, (423) 650-1867.



Medical Mission Trip

Earlier this summer, Jim and Dr. Jeri Veenstra had the opportunity to minister in a medical mission to Huehuetenango, Guatemala, from June 5-20. They were accompanied by a team of medical professionals and 15 pre-med students from Lee University. The students were able to have hands-on experience under their supervision.

Jim oversaw an optical clinic improving sight for the vision-challenged, dispensing hundreds of prescription glasses, reading glasses and sunglasses. Jeri set up a dental clinic primarily for the extraction of teeth. This unique program, in existence for 25 years, seeks to influence the students to have a heart for medical missions in their future calling and career.

Jim and Jeri are thankful for your prayers of support. They plan to return next summer! To learn more about their work, email Jim at jimveenstra850@gmail.com.

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Johnathan Wagner	Dan Traczek	Lew Warren

Regular Service Schedule

Sundays, 8:00 AM — Holy Eucharist, Rite I Sundays, 9:30 AM — Holy Eucharist, Rite II Sundays, 10:00 AM — Holy Eucharist, Rite II*

Wednesdays, 5:15 PM — Evening Prayer* **Thursdays, 12:10 PM** — Holy Eucharist, Rite II*

*Services also available online at www.stlukescleveland.org/live

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