



Wednesday
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St. Luke's Episcopal Church | Cleveland, Tennessee

Mission for Ministry



2027 Stewardship Campaign



It feels like fall, and our Mission for Ministry program is gearing up for a campaign in October! Our Mission for Ministry packet outlines many of St. Luke's ministries, and we appreciate all the volunteers whose work and dedication makes these ministries possible.

The ministries and programs that are highlighted in this year's packet include Worship, Formation, Music, Online Ministries, Children and Youth, Young Adults, Hospitality and Fellowship, Outreach, Pastoral Care, Clergy, Staff, & Vestry, and Buildings & Grounds. These are vital components of our Parish Life. As you read this information, we ask you to consider their importance to St. Luke's and to you personally.

At the 67th General Convention in 1982, the Episcopal Church adopted the tithe as the standard of giving for our churches. If your support of St. Luke's is at this level, we thank you. Whatever your level of giving is at this time, we thank you for your generous support of St. Luke's. A "giving chart" is included in this packet to help guide you. As you consider your pledge for 2027, please remember that our parish can only offer our programs and ministries with your support.

We are all blessed to be in a growing, healthy parish. We ask that you please prayerfully consider your pledge for 2027 and be as supportive of our parish as you are able. Let us know if you have any questions. Let the church office know if you would like more information about or would like to be involved in any of our programs or ministries.

Love and peace,

St. Luke's Mission for Ministry Committee

Lou Patten, Senior Warden & Chairman

Bryan Bowen Jill Davis

Jim Davis Armen Epperson

Gary Farlow Lisa Harper

Bill Littlejohn Michelle Mazzolini

Lew Warren Fr. Joel Huffstetler, Rector

Giving is an integral part of a faithful and joyful Christian life, just as the Offertory is an essential aspect of the Eucharistic Action. The question is not whether to give, but how much. For many, the standard of the tithe – 10 percent of one's income – is the basis for giving. For others, a tithe may be only a beginning point. For some, who face overwhelming demands to care for family or others, a tithe may be too much. Each of us must think realistically about finances, make provision for those who depend on us, and use what God has given us wisely and as a reflection of our faith.

▪ adapted from *St. Augustine's Prayer Book*

WORSHIP

St. Luke's offers services of Holy Eucharist on both Sundays and Thursdays. Each service has its own character and feel, appealing to the diverse spiritual needs of our congregation, from quiet and contemplative to stirring and energized. Though unique, all are traditional, liturgical offerings in the Anglican tradition.

- Worship Services
 - Sundays, 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, & 10:45 AM
 - Thursdays, 12:10 PM
- Lectors, Chalice Bearers, Acolytes, Vergers, & Ushers
- St. Alban's Altar Guild
- Altar Flowers

FORMATION

Jesus called a group of disciples, and before he died he told them to go out and make other disciples in every land on earth. As his disciples, we are called as Christians to a lifelong journey of spiritual formation, continually renewing and deepening our relationship with God through study, conversation, music, and prayer.

- Church School for All Ages
 - Church Nursery (up through age 5)
 - SPARK: Holy Moly! (age 4-5th grade)
 - Faith Seeking Understanding (6th-12th grades)
 - Adult Bible Study & Speaker Series
- Midweek Opportunities
 - Women's Bible Study
 - 'Great Books' Book Club
 - Education for Ministry (EfM)
 - Men's Prayer Breakfast
- Seasonal Offerings
 - Youth Confirmation Class
 - Fall Teaching Series
 - Inquirers' Class
 - Episcopal Essentials
 - Advent Meditation Series
 - Lenten Series
 - Women's Retreat at Grace Point
 - Vacation Bible School
 - Annual Tennessee Laymen's Conference
 - Spiritual Direction



BEING INVOLVED

BY MICHELLE MAZZOLINI

"How can I get involved?" It is a common question when newcomers and parishioners initially learn about the wide range of ministries here at St. Luke's. Over the years, that list has done nothing but grow as we reach out into the Cleveland community and expand our offerings within the parish. We see the fruit of these efforts through our vibrant music, our expanding online ministry, our children and youth programming (including formative retreats and service experiences), and our local outreach providing tangible resources and food to individuals and partner non-profits across our area. Within our own congregation, these ministries sustain rich spiritual formation for our youth, alongside warm fellowship, hospitality, and compassionate pastoral care for everyone within our church family.

These vital ministries require our shared gifts of time and talent, but they also rely on our gift of treasure. Because financial circumstances vary across households and not everyone is able to give at the same level, every contribution given according to individual ability is deeply meaningful. If you are able to give more, your generosity helps bridge the gap, ensuring that our parish family continues to grow, serve, and thrive.

Please take a moment to review the extensive list within this packet for more details about the numerous ministries your pledge will support. Thank you for your continued faithful support of St. Luke's!

MUSIC

St. Luke's is blessed by the talent of many wonderful vocalists and musicians who offer their gifts to the glory of God by enriching our worship through music.

Congregational singing, choral anthems, and instrumental pieces all draw us closer to God by following his command to "Make a joyful noise."

- St. Luke's Adult Choir
- Guest Vocalists and Musicians
- Bach's Lunch and Concert Series

ONLINE MINISTRY

St. Luke's digital offerings are opportunities for sharing in worship, formation, and evangelism with a wider community than ever before. Homebound and traveling members, as well as many who live far away—from across the country to around the world — form our online congregation, tuning in for worship each week. Many new members have shared their discovery of St. Luke's through our online platforms.

- Live-streamed Services (Facebook, YouTube, Website)
 - Sundays, 10:45 AM
 - Thursdays, 12:10 PM
- St. Luke's Facebook and YouTube pages
- St. Luke's Instagram | @stlukesccleveland
- Podcast | "Faithful Echoes: Faith and Formation from St. Luke's"
- Selected Sermons, Formation Offerings, & Music Clips
- Evangelism Opportunities
- Online Greeter Ministry

CHILDREN and YOUTH

Children and Youth are a vital part of the life of St. Luke's Episcopal Church. Their formation and fellowship help shape the life of our community as a whole as they learn to serve as leaders in the church - both in and out of our worship services. We are blessed by their joyful presence as we seek to serve Christ in one another.

- Children's Activities (K-5th grade)
 - Club 45 (4th-5th grades)
- Episcopal Youth Community (6th-12th grades)
 - EYC Outreach, Retreats, and Trips
 - Chattanooga Episcopal Youth (ChattEY)
 - Diocesan Youth Events and Grace Point Camp
- C.L. (Buddy) and Jane Patten Scholarship



THE FAMILY OF ST. LUKE'S

BY JILL DAVIS

The welcoming family of St. Luke's has been a special part of my life for many years, and I cherish the ever growing opportunities available to love and serve the Lord in this community. There are so many ways available for worshipping, growing in knowledge, joining in fellowship, meeting new friends, caring for our neighbors, and sharing the message of God's love. This pamphlet lists just how many opportunities we support through St. Luke's. Please take some time to read it, and I encourage you to find a new one you might want to investigate. I am so thankful to be a part of this community here at St. Luke's. I am thankful for Father Joel, for our remarkable staff, for our many extraordinary volunteers, and for every one of you. The opportunity to support our parish and our many missions is a blessing. Our path ahead is full of promise, and the vision for our future here continues to grow. The ongoing support from every one of you is essential. Please join me in supporting our church by prayerfully considering your contribution for this year and by making your pledge by card, online, or calling the office today.



OUTREACH

St. Luke's engages in outreach through both parish-led and community programs. Often that work is led by members of St. Luke's serving as volunteers in our community, drawing on our church family for support of their ministries. Below is a partial list of ministries, nonprofits, and outreach opportunities St. Luke's provided financial assistance, volunteers, or other material and pastoral support to in the past year.

- Annual Backpack Ministry | Taylor Elementary School
- Boys and Girls Club of the Ocoee Region
- Bradley Sunrise Rotary Club
- The Caring Place | Sac Pac Ministry
- CASA of Bradley and Polk Counties
- Christmas Gift Outreach | Taylor Elementary School
- Cleveland State Community College Foundation
- Cystic Fibrosis Foundation
- Diocesan Pledge/Bishop's Discretionary Fund
- Episcopal Relief & Development
- Girls on the Run
- Habitat for Humanity
- Hygiene Supplies | Cleveland Emergency Shelter
- Isaiah 117 House of Bradley County
- Kiwanis of Cleveland | Coats for Kids
- Loaves and Fishes | Cleveland Emergency Shelter
- National/Local Assistance Agencies
- Project Free 2 Fly
- Public Education Foundation
- Rector's Discretionary Fund
- Roseline Porte Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Rotary Club of Cleveland
- Sleep in Heavenly Peace
- Storm and Flood Relief Campaigns
- Taylor Elementary School | BEST Partner
- United Way Day of Action | Arnold Elementary School
- WCLE Empty Stocking Fund

BUILDING and GROUNDS

We are blessed to be stewards of St. Luke's Memorial Episcopal Church and the Craigmiles Mausoleum, as well as our Parish House and Parish Hall. The care and maintenance of these facilities is offered to the glory of God as spaces for ministry to the Cleveland community and in trust for future generations.

CARING FOR OUR HOME

BY GARY FARLOW

We are truly blessed to have beautiful historic worship, fellowship, educational, gathering and administrative office spaces here at St. Luke's. As you can imagine, caring for our buildings and grounds is a challenging and rewarding endeavor. Our church and mausoleum were built as a memorial to Nina Craigmiles in 1872. The church is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Parish House which houses our administrative offices, gathering rooms, library, choir room, and classrooms was built in 1958 with additions in 1968. The Parish Hall was completed in 1988.



Caring for and maintaining buildings of these ages and historic importance is a continuous process. In the last year we have continued our

need to replace and upgrade our heating and air conditioning systems in the main church at a cost of \$24,000. We expect to need to replace two more units in the Parish House in the near term. We also recently refinished all of the exterior doors of the main church (cost \$4,500). This Fall we will be repainting the exterior trim on all the stained-glass windows as well as the wood trim on the bell tower. We will also begin implementing the new landscaping master plan currently under development. Another major project getting started very soon is the expansion of the memorial gardens next to the existing one. Maintenance of our kitchen equipment is a continuous process as is the regular mowing and maintenance of the church grounds. We will also be upgrading and replacing our camera security system for the church buildings and grounds with an estimated cost of \$5,400.

None of the tasks and projects mentioned above would be possible without the faithful ongoing financial support of our parish family and friends. Your pledge to the Mission and Ministry Program is important and greatly appreciated.

COLLEGE and YOUNG ADULTS

Over the years, St. Luke's has become a waypoint for college students and young adults; some who worship with us for a season and others who form lifelong connections to our parish family. St. Luke's is committed to providing a space for young adults to grow into adulthood amidst a loving, supportive community and affirm our commitment to be a spiritual home to all those seeking to deepen their relationship with God.

HOSPITALITY and FELLOWSHIP

We come together in worship, ministry, formation, and fellowship because Jesus calls us into community. Jesus commands us to love one another as we have been loved, so we know that to live a Christian life is to live a life in which we are in relationship with others as well as in a relationship with God.

- Coffee Hour Hosts
- St. Luke's Greeters
- Home Gathering Groups
- Parish Life Events
 - Kickoff Sunday
 - St. Luke's Day
 - Bishop's Visit and Confirmation
 - Annual Parish Meeting
 - End of Year Celebration
 - Summer Social
- Community Engagement Events



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
- Prayer Shawl Ministry
- Pastoral Counseling
- Pastoral Liturgies



CLERGY, STAFF, VESTRY and VOLUNTEERS

Our Clergy, Staff, Vestry, and Volunteers, including those who serve in the office and on various committees, occupy roles of servant leadership within the church and help the congregation live fully into the love Jesus calls us to share with all people.

A HOUSE OF PRAYER

BY KATIE BOWEN

St. Luke's Pastoral Care Ministries reach out to those in need of comfort, solace, and celebration. In that, the Prayer Shawl Ministry uses our God given talents by creating gifts of love, celebration and support, with prayerful intent.

Many prayers are woven into the stitches of each item and blessed by the priest before distribution.

The ministry provides parishioners with prayer squares, cross bookmarks, and other handmade sacraments. We take requests for shawls and blankets for those in need

or celebrating, and make blankets for veterans, kids and youth. Newborn baby hats, warm hats/gloves/scarves/socks are distributed to children and adults in the local area through various nonprofits.

And the Prayer Shawl Ministry is just one of the ways St. Luke's turns our prayers, care, and attention to the needs of our parish family and to our broader community. Your pledge and support makes a tangible difference in the way St. Luke's ministers in the world.

A PRAYER for STEWARDSHIP

Lord God, You alone are the source of every good gift, of the vast array of our universe, and the mystery of each human life. We praise You and we thank You for your great power and your tender, faithful love. Everything we are and everything we have is your gift. After having created us, You have given us into the keeping of your Son, Jesus Christ. Fill our minds with His truth, and our hearts with His love, that in His Spirit we may be bonded together in a community of faith, a parish

family, a caring people. In the name and Spirit of Jesus, we commit ourselves to be good stewards of the gifts entrusted to us, to share our time, our talent, and our material gifts as an outward sign of the treasure we hold in Jesus. Amen.

What Portion Shall I Give?

By considering our gift to the church as a proportion of income, we establish priorities that reflect our relationship with God.

Proportional Giving Chart – Weekly

Annual Income	10%	9%	8%	7%	6%	5%	4%	3%	2%	1%
30,000	58	52	46	40	35	29	23	17	12	6
40,000	77	69	62	54	46	38	31	23	15	8
50,000	96	87	77	67	58	48	38	29	19	10
60,000	115	104	92	81	69	58	46	35	23	12
70,000	135	121	108	94	81	67	54	40	27	13
80,000	154	138	123	108	92	77	62	46	31	15
90,000	173	156	138	121	104	87	69	52	35	17
100,000	192	173	154	135	115	96	77	58	38	19
125,000	240	216	192	168	144	120	96	72	48	24
150,000	288	260	231	202	173	144	115	87	58	29

Proportional Giving Chart – Monthly

Annual Income	10%	9%	8%	7%	6%	5%	4%	3%	2%	1%
30,000	250	225	200	175	150	125	100	75	50	25
40,000	333	300	267	233	200	167	133	100	67	33
50,000	417	375	333	292	250	208	167	125	83	42
60,000	500	450	400	350	300	250	200	150	100	50
70,000	583	525	467	408	350	292	233	175	117	58
80,000	667	600	533	467	400	333	267	200	133	67
90,000	750	675	600	525	450	375	300	225	150	75
100,000	833	750	667	583	500	417	333	250	167	83
125,000	1042	938	833	729	625	521	417	313	208	104
150,000	1250	1125	1000	875	750	625	500	375	250	125

You want me to what?

For some, giving back 10% (or more) of their annual household income is a daunting challenge. This is why stewardship is about growth. It encourages us to assess where we are in returning a substantial proportion of our blessings back to God out of gratitude for everything we have been given. It is about finding the level of giving that brings us joy.

HOW TO SUBMIT YOUR 2027 PLEDGE

PLEASE DO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

- Complete the enclosed **Pledge Card** and place it in the **Offering Plate** or return it to the **Church Office**. Alternatively, pick one up from at the church and complete it.
- Click the '**2027 Pledge**' link on the **St. Luke's Website**, www.stlukescleveland.org/mission2027 or in one of the **St. Luke's Weekly Announcement Emails**, and complete the secure online **Pledge Form**, shown on the left below.
- Scan the **QR Code** to the left with your phone camera and complete the secure online **Pledge Form**.
- You may also complete your **Pledge** by signing into **Realm** from our church website, or by going directly to Realm at www.onrealm.org/stlukescleveland.
 - If you need assistance logging into Realm, please contact the church office at (423) 476-5541.
- Click **Giving** on the left sidebar menu.
- Click **+Pledge**, enter your pledge information, and click either **Save Pledge** or **Save Pledge & Setup Online Gift**. (Please note: If you did not make a pledge last year, please confirm from the drop down menu that you have the **2027 Pledge** fund selected.)
- To setup an **Online Gift**: enter the amount, select the gift frequency, and enter the appropriate information, then click **give**.
- **CALL** the **Church Office** at (423) 476-5541 and make your **2027 Pledge** over the phone.
 - Please ask to speak with Isaac. He will complete a Pledge Card on your behalf and date and initial the card with the time you spoke.
- **EMAIL** the **Church Office** at stlukes@stlukescleveland.org with your 2027 Pledge.
 - Please include your pledge amount and frequency in the email.



HOW CAN I FINANCIALLY SUPPORT THE MINISTRIES OF ST. LUKE'S?

You may mail a check to the Church Office:

St. Luke's Episcopal Church

P.O. Box 5, Cleveland, TN 37364-0005

Please make sure you note on the memo line if the payment is for your pledge, or other offerings.

You may setup Automatic Bank Payments:

If you pay your bills using your bank's online payment system, you should be able to set up a one-time payment or recurring periodic payments from your bank account. Many of our parishioners already use this method. This may be the best way to pay your pledge, as there is no processing fee for the church, and this method is free to you as well. Please remember to change/stop the payment if your pledge changes/stops.

You may pay by Debit Card, Credit Card, or Automatic Withdrawal:

To pay directly from checking or savings via the drop down **Give** menu on the church website

- Click the **Give Online** button on our website – www.stlukescleveland.org
- Enter the amount you want to give, select a fund (2027 Pledge, Plate, Special Offering/Memorials), choose a frequency, and enter your email address.

If you choose Special Offering/Memorials, please specify the emphasis or person in the memo line.

If you have a regularly scheduled recurring gift, please make sure that you confirm the correct pledge year and amount.



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"Faithful Echoes" Podcast



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Regular Service Schedule

Sundays, 8:00 AM - Holy Eucharist, Rite I with Music

Sundays, 9:30 AM - Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Sundays, 9:30 AM - Adult Choir Rehearsal, Church School for All Ages

Sundays, 10:45 AM - Holy Eucharist, Rite II with Music*

Thursdays, 12:10 PM - Holy Eucharist, Rite II*

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

Office Hours

Monday – Friday, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

The Rt. Rev. Brian L. Cole, *Bishop*
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The Rev. Dr. Joel W. Huffstetler, *Rector*
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St. Luke's Vestry

2027

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2028

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2029

Kyle Cooper
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