



# The Heart of St. Luke's

St. Luke's Episcopal Church | 320 Broad St NW

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## September, October, November 2025



Dear Friends,

We've been blessed with a strong summer of worship services, outreach ministries, educational offerings, and opportunities for fellowship. Attendance has been strong both on Sundays and on Thursdays, and response to our various social media platforms is robustly healthy. We have a wonderful momentum heading into the return of our Regular Schedule; thank you all for such a blessed summer.

This edition of *The Heart* is filled with news as we head into the return of our fall schedule. Please take full advantage of this wide range of offerings.

I am looking forward to offering a five-week series of meditations on 1 Corinthians 13 on Tuesday evenings, September 30-October 28, from 6:00pm-7:15pm in the Parish Hall. The series title is "The Construction of Character: Meditations on 1 Corinthians 13." Known as Paul's 'Hymn to Love,' 1 Corinthians 13 is one of the great reflections on the nature of love and its importance in daily living. In my opinion, the moment that is now is a particularly auspicious time to revisit Paul's inspired reflections on love's role in the building up of our character. To *all* parishioners, I offer you a warm invitation to join us on these Tuesday evenings for focused and practical study of one of the great chapters in all of the Bible.

Love and peace,



**Loaves and Fishes provides support to the Cleveland Emergency Shelter by providing home cooked meals on the second Sunday of each month.** If you would like to sign-up for future second Sundays, please contact the church office at (423) 476-5541.



**St. Luke's returns to our Regular Service Schedule on September 7th!** Sunday services will be held at 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, and 10:45 AM\*, with Church School for All Ages and Choir Rehearsal at 9:30 AM.

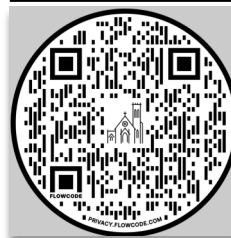
### Sunday, September 7th

- 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, 10:45 AM\* | Services of Holy Eucharist
- 8:45-9:30 AM | Kickoff Breakfast
- 9:15 AM | Nursery Opens
- 9:30 AM | Church School for All Ages & Choir Rehearsal

*\*Offered Online & In-Person, Nursery opens at 9:15 AM.*

## Parish Family Notes

- Congratulations to Logan Todd Brooks and Decker Catherine Brooks on their baptisms! Logan and Decker were baptized at St. Luke's on July 20th. Decker is the daughter of Logan and Amanda Morris Brooks.
- Congratulations to Jane Elizabeth Bird on her baptism. Jane was baptized at St. Luke's on August 17th. She is the daughter of Bristol and Mackenzie Mahan Bird, granddaughter of Josh and Christy Cannon, and great-granddaughter of Janey Patten.
- Sympathy to Bill Lillios and the family and friends of Amy Lillios, who passed recently.
- Sympathy to the family and friends of Elizabeth Krupa, who passed recently.



**To support the ministry of St. Luke's, please scan the QR code or visit [www.stlukesccleveland.org/give](http://www.stlukesccleveland.org/give).**

You may also place a contribution in the offering plate or by mailing it to:

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



# Fall Fellowship and Worship at St. Luke's

Fall is a particularly active time in the life of St. Luke's, with many guests, visitors, and new and familiar faces joining us for worship. We invite you to linger for coffee hour after services and spend time in fellowship, getting to know one another.



## Sunday, October 5th | Blessing of the Animals

All pets welcome! We encourage you to invite family, friends, and neighbors to join us in celebrating the joy these animals bring to our lives. We gather at 2:00 PM.

Please bring pets on a leash or in a pet carrier.



## Sunday, October 26th | St. Luke's Day Celebration

Services at 8:00, 9:30, & 10:45 AM\*

Join us for our annual celebration of St. Luke's, followed by a covered dish parish-wide luncheon.

Bring a guest to join us for worship and fellowship!



## Sunday, November 2nd | All Saints' Sunday

Services at 8:00, 9:30, & 10:45 AM\*



## Thurs., November 27th | Thanksgiving Day Eucharist

Service at 10:00 AM\*

All Saints' Sunday and Thanksgiving Day are both major feast days in the Episcopal tradition. They are days where we observe our common life together in memory of all those who have come before, and in gratitude for the gifts God has bestowed upon us. Join us as the community of St. Luke's observes these holy days in our church calendar.



## Sunday, Nov. 30th | Advent Lessons and Carols

Service at 6:00 PM\*

Join us as we enter the season of Advent with a service of Lessons and Carols led by the St. Luke's Adult Choir and Episcopal Youth Community.

*Services with an (\*) are live-streamed.*



## Sun., December 14th | Bishop's Visit & Confirmation

Services at 8:00, 9:30, & 10:45 AM\*

Bishop Brian Cole will be joining us for all three services, and offering a service of Confirmation and Reception at the 10:45 service. Join us after for a reception in the Parish Hall honoring our Bishop and Confirmands.





## Mission for Ministry 2026

Our life together at St. Luke's is full and flourishing. This edition of *The Heart of St. Luke's* is particularly packed, and that's because there is truly so much happening in our parish family! From worship and formation to fellowship and outreach, God is at work in and through St. Luke's in powerful ways.

During the Mission for Ministry campaign this fall, you'll hear about opportunities in formation, children and youth ministries, worship, fellowship, and outreach. Each represents the core of our mission: to love God and to serve our neighbors. You'll continue to see these ministries highlighted in weekly emails, Sunday announcements, and across our online platforms.

In addition to our regular Sunday and Thursday Eucharists, we will gather for milestones that mark the rhythm of our common life: St. Luke's Day, Thanksgiving, and the annual Bishop's Visit and Confirmation. These celebrations embody who we are as a community centered on worship, gratitude, and joy. We also invite you to notice the many ways your generosity sustains outreach ministries that meet urgent needs in Cleveland and beyond.

**This October, we are excited to launch Mission for Ministry 2026 Campaign.** A packet of information will be mailed to you in late September, sharing reflections from members of St. Luke's and highlighting ministries that thrive because of your support. **Included in the mailing will be your 2026 Pledge Card.**

We ask you to prayerfully consider your pledge of time, talent, and treasure for the coming year, and to return your pledge card to the church office by **Sunday, October 26th.** Together, we step forward into 2026 with hope and faith, trusting that God will continue to do more through us than we can ask or imagine.



St. Luke's Episcopal Church

## LOOKING FOR WAYS TO GET CONNECTED?

Let us help!

1. Serve in our worship services.
2. Volunteer in various ministries.
3. Join opportunities for fellowship.

Call the church office at  
(423) 476-5541.

- **Worship** | Serve as a Lector, Chalice Bearer, Acolyte, or Usher during our Eucharist services on Sundays and Thursdays, or join the Altar Guild and help prepare the church between services.
- **Formation** | Join one of our ongoing church school classes, Bible studies, or book clubs that meet regularly at the church, or check out our digital platforms for past offerings.
- **Music** | Love to sing? Join the choir and enrich our worship services.
- **Online Ministry** | Get connected online with others who worship online. Share content from the church with friends and family.
- **Children and Youth** | Have children or teenagers in your household? Get involved in our children and youth programming.
- **College and Young Adults** | Join us for fellowship at Coffee Hour and game nights and group outings.
- **Hospitality and Fellowship** | Join us for Coffee Hour every week and strike up a conversation! Sign up for Home Gathering Groups. Serve on the Parish Life Committee for parish-wide events. Serve as a greeter welcoming newcomers and visitors to St. Luke's!
- **Outreach Ministries** | Get involved with one of our affiliated community organizations or volunteer with a parish-led volunteer opportunity.
- **Pastoral Care** | Help tend to the needs of our church community through prayer, fellowship, creativity, cooking, and helping hands.

### In Response to God's Grace and Abundance

#### I Pledge to My Parish... (Check all that apply)

- ☐ a TOTAL ANNUAL contribution of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for the upcoming year.
- ☐ I cannot make a financial Pledge at this time. I will give as I am able.
- ☐ I pledged my Time and Talent to the Glory of God and the ministries of St. Luke's.



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I would like to have offering envelopes: Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

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# THE CONSTRUCTION OF CHARACTER

## MEDITATIONS ON 1 CORINTHIANS 13

2025 INQUIRERS' SERIES  
TUESDAYS THIS FALL

*If I speak in the tongues of humans and of angels but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers and understand all mysteries and all knowledge and if I have all faith so as to remove mountains but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions and if I hand over my body so that I may boast but do not have love, I gain nothing.*

*Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable; it keeps no record of wrongs; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.*

*Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part, but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see only a reflection, as in a mirror, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love remain, these three, and the greatest of these is love.*

**1 Corinthians 13:1-13**

**The 2025 Inquirers' Series this year is "The Construction of Character: Meditations of 1 Corinthians 13".** Fr. Joel Huffstetler will lead a five-week series of meditations on 1 Corinthians 13. Each session will reflect on how Paul's vision of love can serve as a foundation for Christian life and practice. Through this passage we will consider the shape of faith, the meaning of hope, and the call to live with love at the center of our daily walk.

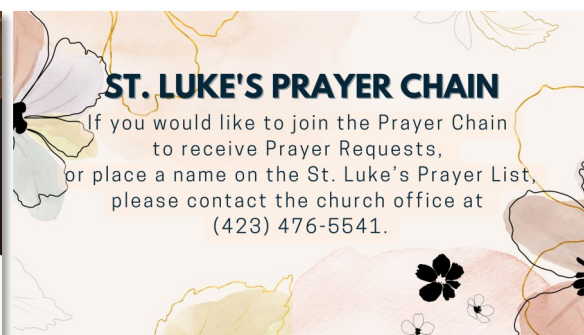
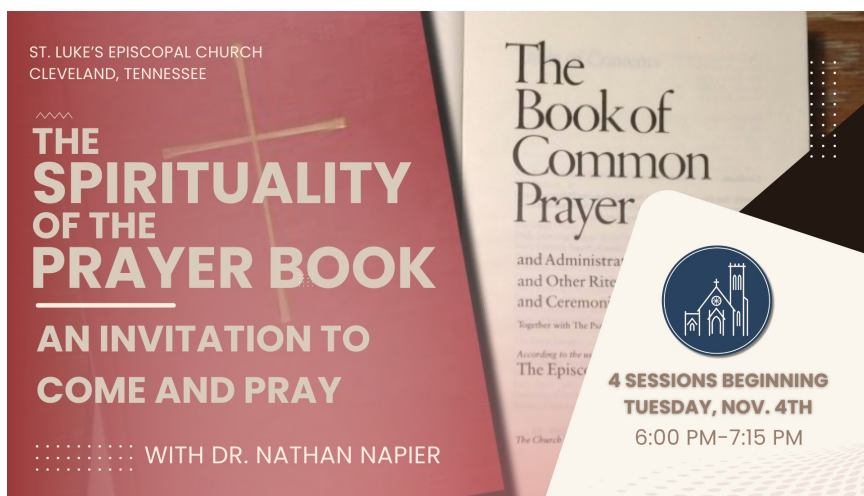
The series is offered to the whole parish, and offers a clear and thoughtful overview of the essentials of Christian belief and practice, inviting us to see how love endures as the heart of the Christian journey.

**The series runs for five weeks beginning Tuesday, September 30th, through October 28th, from 6:00 PM—7:15 PM in the Parish Hall.** There will be a sign-up sheet for light refreshments. Nursery is provided.

If you are unable to attend in-person, the series will be made available online on our St. Luke's podcast, "Faithful Echoes", and our website, Facebook, and YouTube pages later in the week.

For those seeking Confirmation or Reception when Bishop Brian Cole visits on December 14th, this series is supplemented by "The Spirituality of the Prayer Book: An Invitation to Come and Pray" with Dr. Nathan Napier. This four-week series will continue on Tuesday nights beginning November 4th from 6:00 PM-7:15 PM in the Gathering Room of the Parish House.

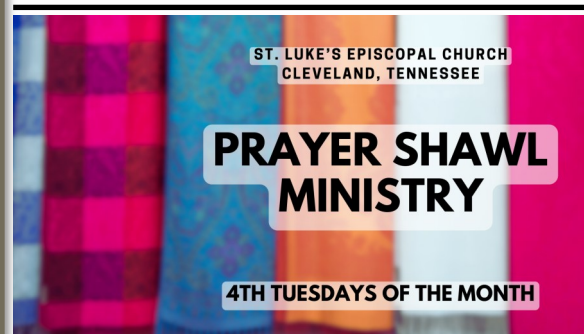




St. Luke's Prayer Chain is an email-based ministry of St. Luke's that offers prayers of intercession and thanksgiving on behalf of those on our Prayer List, which is read during the Prayers of the People during services.

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, in general terms, the person's need.

If you would like to join the Prayer Chain to receive Prayer Requests, or place a name on the Prayer List, please contact the church office at (423) 476-5541 or at [www.stlukesclleveland.org/prayer-request](http://www.stlukesclleveland.org/prayer-request).



The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 6:00 PM. All are welcome to join us!

**This fall, join us for “The Spirituality of the Prayer Book: An Invitation to Come and Pray”.** Dr. Nathan Napier will lead a four-week seminar inviting us into the living wisdom of *The Book of Common Prayer*. More than a service book, the prayer book is a map—a guide to living a deeper, richer spiritual life rooted in Scripture, shaped by centuries of Christian tradition, and oriented toward love of God and neighbor.

Together, we will explore how the Prayer Book forms a pattern of life with God through three central practices: the rhythm of the Christian year, the rhythm of daily prayer, and the rhythm of the Eucharist. Nathan will help us see how these practices are not only central to our worship as a church but can also sustain and deepen our own personal walk with Christ.

For those seeking Confirmation or Reception when Bishop Brian Cole visits on December 14th, this series is a continuation of Fr. Joel's Inquirer's Class in October.

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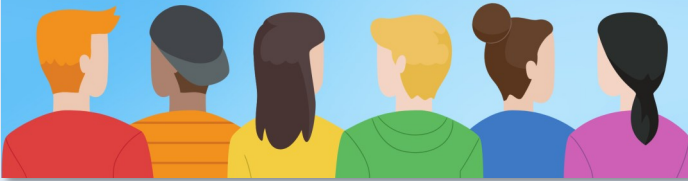
- Connect with worship services, sermon clips, and music offerings.
- Stay informed on upcoming and recent events, and receive the latest weekly announcements and reminders.
- Engage regularly with sermon and formation offerings on our podcast and other platforms.
- Share on your social media and promote the life of St. Luke's in your digital spaces.

By sharing these posts and resources, you not only keep our community connected but also extend an open invitation to others to experience God's love through St. Luke's. Every click, repost, and conversation becomes a simple yet powerful way to practice evangelism in today's digital world.

Beginning this fall, we plan to offer more regular content in various formats on our digital platforms that we hope resonate with you and encourage you to share those with your friends and family.

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## EPISCOPAL YOUTH COMMUNITY & CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES



St. Luke's Episcopal Youth Community is offered for all youth of the church in 6th—12th grades. All are welcome and encouraged to participate in our weekly programming on Wednesday nights from 5:30 PM—7:00 PM.

- **Wednesdays, September 3rd & 10th**  
5:30—7:00 PM | Peer Ministry Leadership Training
- **Sunday, September 14th**  
4:00—6:30 PM | Loaves and Fishes (To Go)  
*NO EYC on September 17th*
- **Wednesdays, September 24th & October 1st**  
5:30—7:00 PM | EYC Fellowship Nights
- **Sunday, October 5th — Blessing of the Animals**  
All Ages—2:00 PM | St. Luke's Courtyard  
*NO EYC on October 8th*
- **Sunday, Oct. 12th—Pumpkin Patch & Corn Maze**  
All Ages—1:30 PM | Ocoee Valley Farms
- **Wednesdays, October 15th & 22nd**  
5:30—7:00 PM | Peer Ministry Leadership Training  
*NO EYC on October 29th*
- **Wednesday, November 5th**  
5:30—7:00 PM | EYC Fellowship Night  
*NO EYC on November 12th*
- **Friday-Saturday, November 14th-15th**  
8:00 PM—8:00 AM | Youth Lock-In at St. Luke's
- **Wednesday, November 19th**  
5:30—7:00 PM | EYC Fellowship Night/L&C Rehearsal  
**Happening #88 (9th-12th grades)**  
November 21-23 | Grace Point, Kingston, TN  
*NO EYC on November 26th*
- **Sunday, November 30th—Advent Lessons & Carols**  
5:00 PM Rehearsal | 6:00 PM Service
- **Sunday, Dec. 7th—Christmas Gift Shopping Trip**  
5:00PM—6:30 PM | @ Target
- **Wednesdays, December 3rd, 10th, & 17th**  
All Ages—5:15—6 PM | Christmas Pageant Rehearsal
- **Wednesdays, December 3rd, 10th, & 17th**  
6:00 PM—7:00 PM | Fellowship Nights/Wrap Party
- **Sunday, Dec. 14th—Bishop's Visit & Confirmation**  
9:30 AM Arrival | 10:45 AM Service
- **Wednesday, December 24th — Christmas Pageant**  
All Ages—3:30 PM Rehearsal | 5:00 PM Service  
*NO EYC on December 31st*
- **Wednesday, January 7th**  
5:30—7:00 PM | Loaves & Fishes Prep | FoL Rehearsal
- **Sunday, January 11th—Epiphany Feast of Lights**  
9:00 AM Rehearsal | 10:45 AM Service



Join us on Sunday, October 12th at 1:30 PM At Ocoee Valley Farms for our Annual Pumpkin Patch and River Maze Outing for St. Luke's Children, Youth, and Families!

EVERYONE IS INVITED to come and join us for a fall picnic, fellowship, and fun. Please pack a picnic lunch (or bring money for concessions) and join us at the picnic tables for a group gathering before exploring all the fun activities on offer. There is no cost for this event, but please RSVP with the church office at (423) 476-5541 so we have plenty of tickets for admission.



St. Luke's EYC partners with Taylor Elementary School to provide Christmas gifts to children in need in our community. Each year, our Jr. & Sr. EYC shop for 20-25 elementary age children and their siblings to help bring them a Merry Christmas.

If you would like to help support this ministry, please consider writing a check to St. Luke's Episcopal Church with 'Christmas Gifts' in the memo line. **The deadline for contributions is Sunday, November 30th.**



This year, the EYC will continue their journey through the Peer Ministry Leadership program.

The program offers dynamic ways for young people to learn how to be active leaders and listeners in their communities. In it, they will experience how all of us are called to a vocation of loving others in our day to day lives. It will give them tools to use when their friends, loved ones, and neighbors are in need of support and God's love as they minister to them.





## ADULT FORMATION CHURCH SCHOOL

SUNDAYS AT 9:30 AM  
ST. LUKE'S PARISH HALL

**Church School for Adults resumes on Sundays at 9:30 AM, beginning September 7th.** We'll begin with an introductory session to the fall classes in the Parish Hall following our Kickoff Breakfast, followed by weekly gatherings in the Gathering Room in the Parish House.

**September 7th** | Introduction to the Fall Series, Parish Hall

**September 14th, 21st, & 28th** | The Gathering Room  
"Water and Spirit: Encountering Jesus in the Gospel of John" with Lori Jacob

**October 5th, 12th, & 19th** | The Gathering Room  
"The Tears of Things: Prophetic Wisdom in an Age of Outrage" with Dr. Matthew Melton

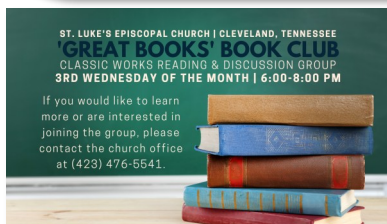
**October 26th** | *St. Luke's Day Celebration*

**November 2nd, 9th, & 16th** | The Gathering Room  
"Spreading the Word: Church History as the History of Evangelism" with Dr. Nathan Napier

**Nov. 23rd, 30th, & December 7th** | The Gathering Room  
"The Saints of Advent" with Jennifer Matthews

**December 14th** | *Bishop's Visit and Confirmation*

**These classes will be audio recorded and released on our podcast in batches after each series completes.**



**The 'Great Books' Book Club meets on a Wednesday evening each month from 5 PM —7 PM to discuss a great literary work.** If you would like to learn more or are interested

in joining the group, please contact Fred Mueller at (423) 650-1867 or the church office at (423) 476-5541.

**Sept. 17** | "The Great Place" by Henry James  
"Araby" by James Joyce

**Oct. 15** | *Main Street* by Sinclair Lewis

**Nov. 19** | *Ward Number 6* by Anton Chekov



**The Education for Ministry (EfM) Group resumes on Thursdays evenings, September 18th.** EfM is an opportunity to discern vocational ministry in the context of ongoing theological reflection and conversation.

To learn more about EfM, please contact Isaac in the church office at (423) 476-5541.

SUNDAYS AT 9:30 AM | UPSTAIRS IN THE PARISH HOUSE

## CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

ALL AGES

### SPARK: HOLY MOLY!

AGES 4-5TH GRADE

### FAITH SEEKING UNDERSTANDING

6TH-12TH GRADES



**St. Luke's offers Church School for Children and Youth on Sundays at 9:30 AM, beginning September 7th, in the Parish House.** Each morning begins with Children's Chapel before going to our separate classes.

**SPARK: Holy Moly! (ages 4 — 5th grade)** | Holy Moly! engages through imagination as we imagine what the Bible characters are saying and thinking while watching the Bible story video. Interactive games and crafts help us engage with the Bible story of the week.

**Faith Seeking Understanding (6th — 12th grades)** | Faith Seeking Understanding seeks to better understand our Episcopal/Anglican tradition by reading together *Walk in Love: Episcopal Beliefs and Practices* by Melody Wilson Shobe and Scott Gunn. Each week we will read and discuss a chapter of the book and how it pertains to our Christian faith and daily lives. Additionally, this class serves as our Youth Confirmation class for the fall.



**The Women's Bible Study meets on Wednesdays in the Gathering Room of the Parish House from 10:00 AM — 11:15 AM.**

Our current series is

*Sermon on the Mount: A Beginner's Guide to the Kingdom of Heaven* by Amy-Jill Levine, after which we will study *Jonah for Normal People: A Guide to the Most Misunderstood Prophet of the Bible* by Jared Byas. The Women's Bible Study is led by Isaac Doty and Lori Jacob.

**Men's Prayer Breakfast meets Friday mornings at 7:00 AM for food, fellowship, and prayer with a guided Bible Study each week.**

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### St. Luke's Vestry

2026	2027	2028
Heather Jackson	Rose Allen	Sarah Brown
Leslie Melton	Nathan Napier	Gary Farlow
Tammy Randolph	Chad Shores	Abbey Fuller
Amy Wasson	Stephanie Taylor	Lou Patten

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### 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\*  
**Thursdays, 12:10 PM** — Holy Eucharist, Rite II\*

*\*Services also available online at [www.facebook.com/stlukescleveland/live](http://www.facebook.com/stlukescleveland/live) and [www.stlukescleveland.org/live](http://www.stlukescleveland.org/live).*

### Office Hours

**Monday—Friday, 9:00 AM — 4:00 PM**

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### St. Luke's Staff

The Rev. Dr. Joel W. Huffstetler, *Rector*  
The Rev. Arthur Bass, *Vocational Deacon*  
Dr. Andrea Dismukes, *Director of Music*  
Mr. Isaac Doty, *Director of Communications, Christian Formation, and Minister to Youth*  
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Ms. Andrea Spraggins, *Parish Administrator*  
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**Podcast:** "Faithful Echoes: Readings and Sermons  
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