



Mission for Ministry

2024

Friday, September 8, 2023

Last fall, our Mission for Ministry program was a great success! The program packet outlined many of St. Luke's ministries, and the volunteers who wrote those paragraphs did an outstanding job of articulating these ministries and why they are important to them.

Our current ministries and programs are highlighted in this year's packet. A new group of volunteers have written paragraphs in the areas of Worship, Formation, Music, Online Ministries, Children and Youth, College and Young Adults, Hospitality and Fellowship, Outreach, Pastoral Care, Clergy, Staff, and Vestry, & Building and 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. We also thank you if you have not yet reached the goal of tithing but are working toward it. A "giving chart" is included in this packet

to help guide you. As you consider your pledge for 2024, please remember that our parish can only offer our programs and ministries with your support.

Please prayerfully consider your pledge 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

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MISSION FOR MINISTRY

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, Ushers
- St. Luke's Verger Guild
- St. Alban's Altar Guild
- Altar Flowers



For years I have been blessed to serve in various roles during worship services here at St. Luke's. I love being a part of our liturgies, whether as a part of the service, or as part of the worshipping community. Worship in any form here continuously enriches my faith. I am so grateful to be a part of the family of St. Luke's and to be able to serve both our Lord and the community here.

Liz Turpin, Verger

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: Activate Faith (age 4-3rd grade)
 - SPARK: Connect (4th-7th grades)
 - Your Faith, Your Life (8th-12th grades)
 - Adult Bible Study
 - Sunday Morning Speaker Series
- Midweek Opportunities
 - Women's Bible Study
 - Men's Prayer Breakfast
- Seasonal Offerings
 - "Your Faith, Your Life" - Youth Confirmation
 - "Rediscovering Church" - Fall Inquirers' Class

Advent Meditation Series

Lenten Series: "The Way of the Cross, Part II"

Vacation Bible School

2024 Women's Retreat

Annual Tennessee Laymen's Conference

Quarterly Tuesday Night Forums

- Spiritual Direction



When I was 8 years old, my great-grandmother told me that every day you didn't learn something new, you died a little. I took this as a challenge at the time and only later realized she meant to convey that education was a continuous activity built from basics. You can't write the great American novel or even

read one without learning the ABC's. You can't build a rocket ship or prepare a family meal without math and science. The other disciplines have their own basics. Christ's basics are these: Love God and love your neighbor as yourself. Simple words that require a lifetime of study and practice. My lessons began in Sunday School where dedicated and caring teachers told of God's love for us and instructed us to share that love with each other and all His creation. Repeated readings and classes throughout the years have plumbed the depths of the children's Bible stories and brought me new meanings and comfort at different stages of my life.

I am privileged to have so many opportunities at St Luke's to increase my understanding of God's instructions and Jesus' examples of the life meant for us as Christians. We are fortunate to have so many intelligent and interesting teachers and Speakers Series participants and blessed to have the educational and uplifting messages of Isaac, Art, and Father Joel --in person and preserved online!

My great-grandmother must have been a very smart woman; she lived 99 years.

Pat Pierce, Women's Bible Study

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."

- Music Ministries
 - St. Luke's Adult Choir

Guest Vocalists and Musicians Bach's Lunch and Concert Series



Music at St. Luke's sets the tone for prayerful worship – from the opening voluntary, the hymns, offertory and communion anthems and closing voluntary. St. Luke's has been blessed to have world-class musicians at the helm of its music program and as a member of the Adult Choir, it is such a privilege to sing under the direction of Dr. Andrea Dismukes. Choir members not only get free lessons on vocal technique and diction but have the opportunity to understand how the chosen hymns connect to the scripture readings every Sunday. Indeed, we have "church" during rehearsals. Personally, choir rehearsals have been a sanctuary for me and give me the chance to breathe and just enjoy making music as part of worship.

There are multiple ways to participate in the stewardship campaign and singing joyfully as part of the congregation is definitely one of them. But if you have ever desired to be part of a camaraderie of amateur and professional singers, sign up for the choir and be part of multiple musical offerings that St. Luke's has throughout the year.

Marili Shoop, St. Luke's Choir Member

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
 - Sundays, 10:45 AM
 - Thursdays, 12:10 PM
- St. Luke's Facebook and YouTube pages
- Digital Photo Archives (*in progress!*)
- Sermons and Meditations
- Speaker Series
- Selected Music Clips
- Evangelism Opportunities
- Online Greeter Ministry



From the first Sunday of its inception during the pandemic, St. Luke's online ministry has been vital for the well-being of many. I personally felt, on that first Sunday of live-streaming, literally rescued from the sense that the ground we all stood upon was now shaky

and uncertain. The biggest reason was that St. Luke's, in the persons of Joel and Isaac, cared so much for all of us that they didn't want to leave us "out there all alone" for even one Sunday. That in itself testified to the Good Shepherd's care! Second, the service of prayer allowed our sense of community to shore us up, together. Third, Joel was able to "look us in the eye" and assure us that God was still God, and therefore the "ground" under us was firm. And last but not least, we could participate by checking in and/or commenting — which meant that love could flow in both directions. Thank God that every bit of that relief, comfort, and joy went out worldwide! Thank God, it continues to this day, and continues to grow, and to grow the Church!

Rebecca Taylor, Online Worship

CHILDREN and YOUTH

Children and Youth are a vital part of the life of St. Luke's Episcopal Church. Their formation and fellowship helps 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-3rd grade)
- Episcopal Youth Community
 - Jr. (4th-7th) & Sr. EYC (8th-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



St. Luke's Children and Youth ministries have guided my spiritual life for as long as I've been alive. I have formed deep and personal connections with each of my peers and the leaders involved, and I couldn't be more grateful for all that the Episcopal Youth Community has to offer. The fellowship and outreach we accomplish together is something of an anomaly in the greater Cleveland community and I'm so happy to be a part of a congregation that is so loving.

Maddie Jackson, EYC Member

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 18 to 30-year-olds 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.



The young adults ministry at St. Luke's is committed to giving young adults a space to discover and explore their spirituality. We are constantly creating an environment for 18 to 30 year olds to feel welcomed and find belonging in our Parish. This ministry is constantly looking to make personal

connections with the young adults that come through our doors to help them deepen in their relationship with Jesus. We currently meet biweekly to create a space for us to get to know one another and build relationships. My desire for the ministry is to create a graceful and tight-knit group that consistently welcomes others and cares deeply for each other. This is what the young adults ministry has meant to me, and I am excited to be a part of sharing that with the other people in this community!

Elizabeth Queen, Young Adults

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
- Parish Life Events



The first time I stepped into St. Luke's was the first time I had ever stepped into an Episcopal church. I felt at once that this was the place where I could worship and share in God's love. St. Luke's has been home for my children and me for the past 10 years. From the beginning, we felt a warm welcome of inclusion and a

spirit of Christian love while also a dash of respectful space as we made our way into the church at our pace.

Greeting and speaking to others comes easy to me and I enjoy meeting new people. My heart is so full of thankfulness for the community that is St. Luke's so when the opportunity to serve as a greeter was made available, I was thrilled to participate. I try with each person I meet to share a little bit of the joy that I feel for being part of this wonderful church. I have also been part of coffee hour for regular and special occasions. I love helping to foster community and connection among the parish after the service. When a little welcoming snack is added to our welcoming words, it seems to help people know we mean what we say. Welcome and welcome home!

Sarah Brown, Greeter Ministry

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.

- Loaves and Fishes | Cleveland Emergency Shelter
- Sac Pac Ministry | The Caring Place
- Annual Backpack Ministry (EYC led)
- Christmas Gift Outreach (EYC led)
- Beds 4 Kids
- Isaiah 117 House (EYC led)
- Blessing Bags Ministry (EYC led)
- LUDIC Spectrum Center
- Roseline Porte Memorial Scholarship Fund
J.D. Kimber Episcopal School
St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Monrovia, Liberia
- Episcopal Relief & Development
- Boys and Girls Club of the Ocoee Region
- Family Cornerstones
- Foundation House Ministries
- Project Free 2 Fly
- CASA of Bradley and Polk Counties
- Girls on the Run
- Habitat for Humanity
- Public Education Foundation
- Cleveland State Foundation
- Harvest Foundation International — Ukraine
- Ukraine Relief Fund
- Gideon's International
- New Hope Pregnancy Center
- Rector's Discretionary Fund
- Diocesan Pledge/Bishop's Discretionary Fund
- National/Local Assistance Agencies
- Storm and Flood Relief Campaigns



One of the greatest strengths of St. Luke's is our Outreach to the community. Our outreach programs help an innumerable amount of people and a multitude of organizations. One such organization is The Caring Place and by supporting this one mission alone, we directly provide support to over 1000 households in our

community every month. I get so much joy knowing that my pledge goes to so many different places and organizations in our community.

Heather Jackson, Vestry Member

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)
- Helping Hands
- Pastoral Counseling
- Pastoral Liturgies



I talk to God. A lot. I ask for forgiveness. I pray for others. I pray for myself. When in the prayer "zone", I actually think that one of these times, I will hear God, be told what I should do, and all questions will be answered. Could it be that when I was asked to participate in "Caring and Sharing", "Coffee Hour" or "Home

Gathering" and when my husband Allen was asked to serve on the "Vestry" or on the "Finance Committee", that the invitations were parts of a larger discussion from God?

Participating in the Ministries of St. Luke's can be a way for each of us to have a discussion with God's love language. Being a Reader, or a Greeter, or part of the Prayer Chain or providing food for Loaves and Fishes or participating in one (or more) of the other ministries, helps to hear God when He is talking to us, loud and clear!

Margie Haines, Caring and Sharing

CLERGY, STAFF, and VESTRY

Our Clergy, Staff, and Vestry, and those who serve 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.

- St. Luke's Clergy
- Church Staff
- St. Luke's Vestry
 - Personnel Committee
 - Finance Committee
 - Mission for Ministry Committee
- Parish Volunteers



We are blessed here at St. Luke's with top notch clergy, staff, vestry members, and volunteers. Their work enables us to offer a robust variety of classes and ministries for all parish members and visitors. Our worship

services, music, children's programming, and EYC are just a few examples!

No matter who you are, there is a place for you at St. Luke's. We welcome your ideas, gifts, and talents so that we can maintain and grow our programs.

I would like to express my gratitude to our amazing staff and clergy for their work, and I would like to thank YOU for being a part of our church family! It is such a joy to be here with you at St. Luke's.

Michelle Mazzolini, Senior Warden

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.



Before my wife and I moved to Cleveland, we dreamed of joining a church like St. Luke's. Here, we found a beautiful historic church where we could encounter God away from the hectic circumstances of our daily lives. We were only further drawn in by the engaging members of this parish who warmly welcomed us and our young daughters. Now, as fellow member of this flourishing parish family, my wife and I can contribute to the critical work that must be done to maintain the historic sacred space we all love. As a historic preservation professional, I understand the deferred maintenance challenges facing our parish. Any historic property, even as well-built as our church, requires deliberate and engaged stewardship from its caretakers. This is the only formula for its long-term success. Our parish is incredibly blessed to worship in this beautiful space that was gifted to us long ago. Our city is incredibly blessed to have this historic property anchoring our downtown community. We owe it to ourselves, the young lives already in our parish, and our future parish members to be engaged stewards of our historic sacred space.

Chad Shores, Member of St. Luke's

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
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150,000	1250	1125	1000	875	750	625	500	375	250	125

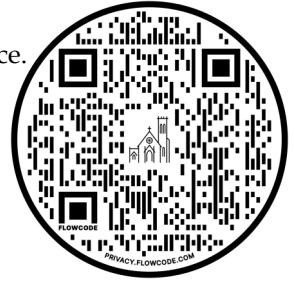
You want me to what?

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.

SUBMITTING YOUR 2024 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.
- Click the '2024 Pledge' link on one of the following platforms, and complete your Pledge online.
St. Luke's Website | St. Luke's Facebook Page | St. Luke's Weekly Announcements (Email)
You may also scan the QR Code to the right with your phone camera.
- Complete your 2024 Pledge online, following the instructions below.



HOW CAN I MAKE MY 2024 PLEDGE ONLINE?

- Sign 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 menu.

- Click **+Pledge**, enter your pledge information, and click either **Save Pledge** or **Save & Setup Online Gift**.
PLEASE NOTE: If you did not make a pledge last year, please confirm from the drop down menu that you have 2024 Pledge fund selected.
- To Setup an Online Gift:
Enter the amount, select a gift frequency, and enter the appropriate information. Click **Give**.

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

You may mail your check to the parish 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 pay by 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 dropdown 'Give' menu on the church website

- Click the 'Give Online' button on our website – <http://www.stlukescleveland.org>
- Enter the amount you want to give, select a fund (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.

- Click Continue and enter your payment information to complete the transaction.

If you have a Realm login, you can log in when prompted to use your saved payment method.

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

You may pay by iPhone, iPad, or Android Smartphone:

You will need an account for the app. Please contact the church office for an invitation link to be sent to you.

- Search "Connect – Our Church Community" in the app store.
- Download the free app and sign in.
- Tap the Giving icon at the bottom, tap Make a Gift and follow the prompts to give.

Please remember that when you pay your pledge with a credit or debit card you receive credit for the full amount paid, but the Church will not receive the full amount of your payment, since the credit card company takes out a 2-3% service fee. On our online giving page there is a check box so that you may choose to cover the cost of the service fee if you feel so led.

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2024	2025	2026
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Regular Service Schedule

Sundays, 8:00 AM — Holy Eucharist, Rite I
Sundays, 9:30 AM — Holy Eucharist, Rite II
Sundays, 10:45 AM — Holy Eucharist, Rite II*

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

*Services also available online at

www.facebook.com/stlukescleveland/live and
www.stlukescleveland.org/live

Office Hours

Monday — Friday, 9:00 AM — 4:00 PM

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