

St. Luke's Episcopal Church

House Call Newsletter

May 2022

Note from the Senior Warden

Dear friends,

In one of his [recent daily meditations](#), Fr. Richard Rohr referenced a quote from the extra-canonical Gospel of Thomas...

Jesus said, "Split a piece of wood, and I am there.
Lift up the stone, and you will find me there."

One thing I love about St. Luke's is that we strive to see Christ's presence in the faces, events, and natural world around us.

Eight years ago, we met in the undercroft to discern where God might be calling us as a parish. Our new rector was getting into the swing of things, and we were ready as a parish to see what was next in our journey. We covered many ideas, dreams, and "big holy audacious goals". Somehow we kept returning to stewardship of our land and the notion of showcasing "an altar in the world"... a welcoming place where people of all faiths, beliefs (and non-beliefs) could enjoy a brief respite, experience the beauty of nature, and even celebrate God's presence in the natural world. At the time we had no idea where the Holy Spirit would lead us, but this waypoint is far greater than we could have asked or imagined.

Similarly, we have always identified as a welcoming and inclusive parish, but recently many of us have felt increasing proddings from the Spirit regarding social justice. I do not know where this journey will lead, but I trust it will further open our eyes to seeing Christ in others and will transform the community in wonderful ways.

We and the world are in transition, and I feel blessed to be present in these changing times. In this Easter season, it is easy to be inspired by the Apostles as they faced fear, awe, and opportunity. They found Christ manifest in unexpected people and places, and it changed their lives and the world. Our ministries likewise strive to see and celebrate Christ's presence in the Food Bank, the Restoration, worship, music, AA meetings, and wherever we are blessed to let the scales fall from our eyes.

We have a lot to celebrate, a lot to anticipate, and lot of work yet to do. Thank you to our clergy, the vestry, the search committee, ministry leaders, and everyone who has touched St. Luke's in one way or another. I don't know where we may be led, but I pray it will be epic. God will bring the right priest to us, and the Spirit will continue to lead us to places greater than we could ask or imagine.

Warmly,
Richard Smith
Sr. Warden

Vestry Highlights

April Vestry Highlights

- Plans for childcare and children’s formation will be discussed with parents.
- Deacon Lauren and Claire Miller to attend Racial Reconciliation Collaboration meetings.
- LED lights installed in the undercroft.
- Coordinator needed to resume making Lighthouse Shelter lunches on Sunday morning.
- New Covid protocol – clergy will test on Saturday; altar servers will test Sunday morning.
- Mileage reimbursement is being provided to Dr. Khannanov.
- Deacon Lauren’s ordination is scheduled on June 18.
- Next Meeting Saturday, May 21, 10am via Zoom

Dianne Crews
Registrar

Treasurer’s Report: 2022 Finances

As of March 31, 2022

Income	Actual	Planned
Pledges	20,926	32,150
Other	10,687	7,938
Total Income	31,613	40,088
Expenses:	36,850	36,411
Net Gain	-5,237	3677
Assets		
Checking	31,749	
Investments	89,576	

A Note from the Treasurer

Many thanks to everyone for your continuing financial support.

As a reminder, there are several ways by which you may keep your pledge up to date and provide other contributions:

- Drop your contribution in the collection plate on Sunday morning
- Send a check to the church (1101 Bay Ridge Avenue, Annapolis, MD 21403)
- Send payment to the church using your bank’s automatic bill pay service, which often does not carry a fee
- Contribute online securely with Givelify (<https://goo.gl/Q4b37L> or visit our website at www.stlukeseastport.org and click on the Giving link at the top of the page). This method deducts a service fee of approximately 3% for each transaction, and so reduces your total gift amount to the church. Please consider adding an additional amount to each gift to cover this fee.

Hybrid Worship Spring Updates

We are continuing to offer our regular 10 am Sunday worship service in a hybrid format. This means that worshipers have the option to participate in person in the sanctuary, on Zoom, by phone, and on Facebook Live.

What to expect if you come in person:

Those attending in person are welcome to wear masks, **but masks are no longer mandatory.**

We are not requiring social distancing, however, we ask that you refrain from making physical contact (i.e. handshakes) with those outside your household, including during the passing of the peace.

Some windows will be opened to provide greater ventilation, so please dress warmly!
Music is a combination of live singing accompanied by Dr. Ildar Khannanov and recorded music sung by our virtual choir. Under new guidance from the Episcopal

Diocese of Maryland, the congregation is permitted to sing with masks on.

We are using an option for Holy Communion recommended by the bishop known as "shallow intinction". The celebrant alone will dip (intinct) the edge of each wafer into the wine before placing it in the hands of the recipient. Intinction by individual worshippers will no longer be permitted in this diocese due to the associated health risks.

Please read the Episcopal Diocese of Maryland's Green Phase [Guidelines for Regathering](#) before attending in person.

What to expect if you attend on Zoom, by phone, or through Facebook Live:

Our goal is to enable those who attend worship remotely to be fully included in the service as much as possible. We are exploring ways to increase interaction between those who are in person and those joining remotely.

The video originates on Zoom and is shared from there to Facebook. Those online are able to hear and see what is happening in the sanctuary, and those in the sanctuary are able to hear those on Zoom when desired (for instance, a Reader or Intercessor may serve remotely).

The worship bulletin is shared on the screen. The text of the worship service is also available to download from our website (and at the links further down in this email) as a seasonal worship booklet and weekly inserts.

A brief social time follows the service for those on Zoom.

What about other forms of gathering?

- St. Luke's Food Pantry continues to operate on Tuesday mornings from 11 am to noon under their revised protocols. **Masks are still required of everyone, regardless of vaccination status.** Donations are received at the church on Monday mornings between 10 and 11 am.
- The Friday Morning Contemplative Prayer Group is meeting solely on Zoom at this time.
- Small groups, such as committees, are encouraged to meet outdoors. If you are meeting in person at the church (even outside) or using the church Zoom account, **please make sure to**

check the calendar for space/Zoom availability and schedule your meeting with Dalyn Huntley.

- With permission of the Vestry, Alcoholics Anonymous has resumed meeting indoors in the Undercroft on Monday and Wednesday evenings at their old time of 5:45 to 6:45 pm. Cub Scout Pack 153 meets on Thursday evenings in the Undercroft and in the amphitheater area.

Hospitality Hour

St. Luke's offers a hospitality hour immediately following our Sunday services. Volunteer hosts are asked to set up the beverage station and bring light fare for persons attending the Sunday Service to enjoy.

The sign-up sheet for hosting Hospitality Hour on Sunday mornings is now available downstairs in the Undercroft. Anyone is welcome to sign up to host. If you haven't hosted before, contact our Hospitality Hour coordinator, Kathy Dinin, to learn more: 914-241-3966 or dinin.kathryn@gmail.com. Kathy can also help pair you with someone else if you don't want to host on your own.

A Note from Rev. Lauren

It's a joy to share the good news of my upcoming graduation from the Virginia Theological Seminary. On **Thursday, May 12th**, the VTS Class of 2022 will graduate in the seminary's beautiful Immanuel Chapel; we are especially blessed that the Commencement address will be delivered by The Rt. Rev. Rowan Williams. In gratitude for this extraordinary journey, I offer a prayer:

Dear God of Eternal Wisdom, thank you for the opportunity to know you better by studying your Scriptures and serving in your holy church. You are the author of all knowledge, source of all insights and teacher of all truths. Bless all those whose time in seminary is ending, and whose time in your service is just beginning. Bless their minds, that they may teach and preach your Word. Bless their hands, that they may gather your children at the holy Eucharist. Bless their hearts, that they may care for those in need across your

beautiful Creation. Bless their souls, that they may always shine with faithful devotion to you. All this we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, your only Son and most precious Word, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

This graduation is an important step toward my priestly ordination on **Saturday, June 18th at 10:30 AM** at the Church of the Redeemer in Baltimore. Please, save the date! It promises to be a beautiful ceremony and I hope you'll be able to attend. More details to follow – watch this space.

Blessings,
Lauren+

Join a Team!

We invite you to consider joining one of these ministry teams, which are open to everyone:

Worship Planning Team
Environmental Committee
Labyrinth Committee
Flower Ministry
Altar Guild
Readers/Intercessors
Altar Servers

Many of these teams meet regularly over Zoom, and the meetings are open to everyone. For meeting times and more information, contact the office at office@stlukeseastport.org or 410-268-5419

Light House Shelter Meal Service Support

Feeding the hungry is an important part of our faith. In addition to our weekly Food Pantry, St. Luke's is looking to resume our sandwich assembly ministry to support The Light House, a local homeless prevention center. This monthly ministry is another way for community members to help support those at the shelter. Volunteers can contact the parish office Office@stlukeseastport.org or at 410-268-5419 for additional information.

Lunch Bunch

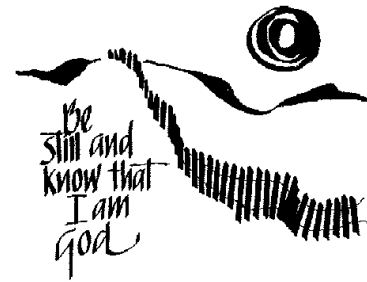
The Lunch Bunch is a weekly gathering for fellowship through sharing a meal. This Dutch treat meal takes place each **Wednesday at 12:00 pm** at [Adam's Ribs](#) in the Eastport Shopping Center, right next to the church. Who is invited? Everyone! Lunch Bunch is an open event organized by members of St. Luke's. Contact Dianne Crews 410-268-9741 or Helen Wheeler 410-224-3882 for more information. Friends and visitors are always welcome. No RSVP necessary.

Environmental Committee Meeting

The Environmental Committee at St. Luke's seeks to spread environmental stewardship through education, advocacy, and volunteerism on a teaching campus that heals the human spirit while caring for creation. **The next meeting will be held remotely via Zoom at 7 pm Thursday, May 12, 2022.**

All are welcome to attend. For questions, contact Chuck Gallegos (gallegoscl@verizon.net) or Anne Arms (armspna@aol.com).

Contemplative Prayer



The Contemplative Prayer Practice continues to meet remotely via Zoom on **Fridays at 10 am.**

This practice invites us to experience rest and internal nourishment through silent prayer together. Anyone is welcome to join at any time. No experience necessary. For more information, contact co-facilitators Eve Waldman at eleanorevewaldman@gmail.com or 757-387-2367 and Chuck Gallegos at gallegoscl@verizon.net or 410-571-0562.

Eastport Memorial Labyrinth



The Labyrinth is an ancient tool for walking meditation and prayer, common to many faith traditions and cultures. Our journey to the center of the Labyrinth and back out again can be a powerful source of healing, inspiration, and peace.

Save the date, the next Labyrinth walk will be held at on **Saturday, July 9** from noon to 1 pm.

For questions, contact the parish office at 410-268-5419 or office@stlukeseastport.org.

Flower Ministry & Dedications

As we continue into 2022 with our Sunday worship services in the sanctuary, we are continuing the tradition of beautifying our worship space with two flower arrangements each week. These arrangements are funded through individual donations. If you would like to dedicate the flowers for a particular Sunday in 2022 in memory of someone or in honor of a special occasion, please contact our administrative assistant Dalyn Huntley at office@stlukeseastport.org or at 410-268-5419. The requested donation amount is \$50 and may be made either by check or online with the memo "Flowers." Following the service, the flowers are delivered to a member of the congregation to enjoy.

You don't need to be able to arrange flowers to join the Flower Ministry! We also need drivers who can pick up arrangements from our florist. If you're interested in learning more, contact Anne Arms at 707-479-4303 or ARMSPNA@aol.com.

Welcome to Baltimore, Hon! General Convention of the Episcopal Church

There is a great deal of excitement as details are released about the 80th General Convention of The Episcopal Church. Convention will be held **July 7 - 14, 2022**.



A new website has been launched that includes all the various activities in the Baltimore area including all Convention highlights. Visit <https://gceighty.org>. Details about in-person and virtual events and tours as also included. There is a Virtual Exhibit Booth highlighting the mission and ministry of the Diocese of Maryland. See and learn about all the kinds of work being done in the Diocese.

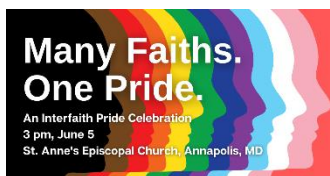
Volunteers are a critical part of making General Convention. Hundreds of people volunteer at every General Convention in a variety of roles that range from being present for all of the event to spending an afternoon helping out. [Click here if you are interested in volunteering.](#)

[Sign up](#) for the General Convention Newsletter and Updates



Parade & Festival Saturday, June 4 Noon – 5 pm

Many Faiths. One Pride. Interfaith Pride Service



This celebration of the LGBTQ+ community, held on **Sunday, June 5 at 3 pm** at St. Anne's Episcopal Church, Annapolis. It will

feature congregational singing, performances from the Baltimore Men's Chorus, and an address from guest preacher Dr. David Gushee, a Christian ethicist.

Are you on our email list?

If you have an email address but are not receiving our weekly email newsletters each Wednesday, please let us know by emailing office@stlukeseastport.org. These weekly emails are an important means of communicating information to our community in between editions of the House Call. If you are not on email but would like to have a printout of the weekly "News from St. Luke's" sent to you by hard copy, please contact Dalyn Huntley in the church office: 410-268-5419.

House Call Deadline

The deadline for submission of materials to the next edition of House Call is no later than **Monday, May 23, 2022**. Submissions may be emailed to the office at office@stlukeseastport.org

Office Closure

The Church Office will be **closed** and no appointments will be taken for **Thursday, May 26** and **Monday, May 30** in observance of Memorial Day.



St. Luke's has a long-standing tradition of remembering the birthdays and anniversaries of our members with a card and in the newsletter, as well as praying for those who are present on the preceding Sunday. If you are

new to the St. Luke's community or unsure if we have your birthday/anniversary, please let us know when it is! Send the information to the office by phone or email (410-268-5419 or office@stlukeseastport.org).

May Birthdays

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| 1 | Betsy Love |
| 2 | Kate Dent |
| 4 | David Fogle |
| 6 | Maxwell McGregor |
| 8 | Chris Dent |
| 11 | Robert Abbott |
| 13 | Pepe Dent |
| 15 | Helen Wheeler |
| 19 | Mike Waldman |
| 26 | Isaiah Dent |
| 30 | Alma Govoro |

Prayer List

Ongoing Needs: Sunniah Ngonzi Magogo; Connie Harold; the Palermo Family; Heather Cook; Sydney Ponturo; Sally and Fred Sandford; Patty Peterson (friend of Helen & Jack Wheeler); Hilda Uribe (friend of Avedis & Olgui Zarikian); David Fogle; Jimmy Riccardi; Deacon Bob McCoy; Karen Sears-Wright (mother of Lexi Wright); Deacon Mary Walton; Olgui Zarikian; Lance Binnal (friend of Kathleen Rewa); Patricia; Bill Huebl; Linda Cunningham; Sarah Lamming; Alastair McGregor; Lee Riley.

Immediate Needs: Ned (friend of Dianne Crews); Kathy Kotowski (friend of Eve & Mike Waldman); Dagmar Kohring; Lucy Sprigg; Jack Wheeler; Jennifer Miles (friend of Kathleen Rewa); the Rev. Patti Sachs; David Dent; Christine Kingerski (friend of Dan Ramirez); the Suhr Family; Betty Meade (mother of Rae Miller); Diana McGregor; Nicole DeVino (friend of Dianne Crews); Cam Hennessee; Jamie Carter (granddaughter of Norm+ & Dianne Crews).

For the Departed: Hal Sugg; The Rev. Charles Brand (friend of Jack Wheeler); The Rev. Lori M. Lowe.

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