

# St. Luke's Episcopal Church

## House Call Newsletter

### Summer 2022

#### Note from the Senior Warden

Dear friends,

Former Sr. Warden and all-around wonderful person Sue Smith recently sent me a brief history of St. Luke's that she had uncovered while unpacking. I was delighted to learn that we have been on a journey since 1897. Originating as a boy's club outreach project of St. Anne's, we began by erecting a small chapel and school on Second Street. In 1926, we raised a larger building at the same location for worship and social outreach until our current building was consecrated in 1957. In 1983, St. Anne's granted us status as an independent congregation, with the Rev. Jim McNamee transitioning from vicar to our first rector. After his retirement in 2001, I'm personally grateful that the vestry called the Rev. John Smith to serve as rector until his retirement in 2010. We then called the Reverend Diana Carroll who served faithfully until last year. And now we are pleased to welcome the Rev. Lauren Bloom. In addition to our rectors, we are also grateful to the Reverends Jack Wheeler and Norm Crews for the unfailing love, support, and ministries.

For the past eight months, we have been praying as a community for God to strengthen our life together and open us to "new possibilities in our leadership, stewardship, and vision". Even as we prayed these words, God was preparing Lauren+ to answer our call. God's preparation and proddings can be seen throughout our history, even if they were not always apparent at the time.

We owe our origins to St. Anne's, but St. Luke's was clearly called to have its own identity. In 1969, a diocesan consultant commented that "the early 'fishing village' character of St. Luke's has not been completely

dispelled." It's not clear if he meant that as a pro or con, but I take it as a pro... it's a faithful identity that remains true to this day. We are sincere, industrious, spunky, unpretentious, and our love can be seen in our work.

That consultant's fishing village analogy is particularly apt given our Lord's charge to be fishers of people. Interestingly, as I was reading this history of St. Luke's I was also reading Meister Eckart's Fourth Sermon, which speaks beautifully about contemplation, action, love, and – of all things - fishhooks. In speaking of the challenges of the spirit occupying an alien and difficult world, Eckhart concludes his sermon saying, "With love you overcome [strife] most surely... God lies in wait for us with nothing so much as with love. For love resembles the fisherman's hook... he who is caught by it has the strongest of bonds and yet a pleasant burden... Nothing brings you closer to God or makes God so much your own as the sweet bond of love."

We have been praying for new possibilities in our leadership, stewardship, and vision. I wonder where God's prodding will lead us next. What new possibilities does God has in mind for our stewardship and vision? I am confident love will continue to play a central role. Rev. Bloom's first day as Priest-in-Charge will be July 16, which is also when the vestry meets for our annual retreat. This is always a good time to reflect and to receive. Please continue to pray for St. Luke's... for stewardship, vision, and, above all, for love.

I am glad we are on this journey together. Thank you for your presence, love, and support to this wonderful fishing community we call St. Luke's.

Kindly,  
Richard Smith

Sr. Warden

## Vestry Highlights

- Pastor Lauren’s Letter of Agreement as Priest-in-Charge is effective July 16, 2022, for 30 hours per week.
- Contributions for Sunniah’s Education Fund will be collected in July
- Vestry Retreat will be held Saturday, July 16, 10am – 3pm, at the church.
- Preparing Lighthouse Shelter lunches will resume after services on July 10.
- \$4925 was collected for Restoration of Nature during the Green Give Campaign.
- SERC grant was approved – look for more information in House Call article.
- Thank you to Tom Adams for repairing windows.
- Next regular meeting of the vestry will be held on Saturday, August 20, 10am via Zoom.

Submitted by,  
*Dianne Crews*  
Registrar

## 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](http://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.

## Treasurer’s Report: 2022 Finances

As of May 31, 2022

<u>Income</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Planned</u>
<b>Pledges</b>	44,566	52,084
<b>Other</b>	<u>15,721</u>	<u>13,561</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	60,287	65,645
<b><u>Expenses:</u></b>	<u>52,800</u>	<u>60,518</u>
<b><u>Net Gain</u></b>	<u>7,487</u>	<u>5,127</u>

### Assets

<b>Checking</b>	63,934
<b>Investments</b>	84,283

## 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.

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 worshipers 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.

## **Restoration of Nature & the Smithsonian Environmental Research Center**

Back in April, St. Luke's Restoration of Nature was invited by the Citizen Science team at the Smithsonian Environmental Research Center (SERC) to participate in a grant application for the development of citizen science and education programs tailored around restorations on church properties. The Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History, Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake, and Stillmeadow Fellowship in Baltimore are also partners. We are excited to announce that the grant application was successful. The program will have 2 components: Citizen science; and education.

The citizen science portion will be getting started first and is the one that will most directly involve the Environmental Committee and anyone in the congregation that might be interested. We are looking for people to make measurements at 1-to-3 week intervals in one of four areas: 1-PolliNation DC (a partnership between iNaturalist and the Natural History Museum); 2-Water quality; 3-Invasive species; and 4-Phenology—the science of cyclical phenomena e.g. the timing of emergence, flowering, leaf-fall, etc. **Training in making the measurements—each person will choose 1—will take place in July. If you would like to attend the training, please contact Anne Arms ([armspna@aol.com](mailto:armspna@aol.com)) for a link to a Doodle Poll to establish the best date and time.**

If you are interested but cannot make the training, please express interest anyway, as it will be possible to receive training later from someone who took it.

The Phenology study could be really fun, as it will involve placing one's camera phone in a bracket to give a standardized view and uploading the photo to a website with a QR code where things like plant growth, flowering, invasions, or herbivory can be monitored over

time. It will be something that passersby can contribute to, as well. All measurements will be suitable for families to involve children.

## Light House Shelter Meal Support Ministry

St. Luke's will resume providing lunches to the Lighthouse shelter on **Sunday, July 10**. Lesley Margerrison will coordinate the preparation and Linda Elkington will manage shopping for supplies. Everyone is invited to help make sandwiches after services during fellowship.

We are asking for volunteers to deliver the lunches to the shelter (on Hudson St., off West St.) each Sunday.

The sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board downstairs. For more information please contact Lesley Margerrison at [lmargerrison@gmail.com](mailto:lmargerrison@gmail.com)

## Eastport Memorial Labyrinth Walk



The next Labyrinth walk will be held on **Saturday, July 9** from Noon to 1 pm. The theme is on **Resilience**.

"Blessed are the flexible for they shall never be bent out of shape." *Anonymous*

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.

The autumn Labyrinth Walk will be **October 8, 2022**

For questions, contact the parish office at 410-268-5419 or [office@stlukeseastport.org](mailto:office@stlukeseastport.org).

## Monthly Outdoor Communion

On **Saturday, July 30th**, we will hold an outdoor communion service in the amphitheater at **5:00 pm**. This service will be held on the last Saturday of each month. Come as you are and enjoy the beauty of St. Luke's outdoor space. You are welcome to bring your own chairs and blankets, if you wish, to use in addition to the log benches. Masks are welcome, but not required. In case of inclement weather, we will move the service indoors.

## Save the Date!

Save the Date! On **Sunday, September 18th**, our service will include a Fall Homecoming, where we'll welcome our new priest-in-charge and members of the church who've recently joined St. Luke's. More details to follow.

## 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](mailto:office@stlukeseastport.org) or 410-268-5419

## 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 for **July, August and September** 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: [dinin.kathryn@gmail.com](mailto:dinin.kathryn@gmail.com) or 914-241-3966. Kathy can also help pair you with someone else if you don't want to host on your own.

## Lunch Bunch

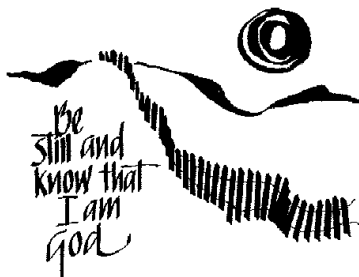
The Lunch Bunch is a weekly gathering for fellowship through sharing a meal. This Dutch treat meal takes place **Wednesdays at 12:00 pm** at [Adam's Ribs](#) in the Eastport Shopping Center, right next to the church. Who is invited? Everyone! Lunch Bunch is an open event organized by members of St. Luke's. 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 monthly meetings have been moved to the **FIRST Thursday of each month**. Meetings will be held on **Thursday, July 7 and Thursday, August 4** remotely via Zoom at 7 pm.

All are welcome to attend. For questions, contact Chuck Gallegos ([gallegoscl@verizon.net](mailto:gallegoscl@verizon.net)) or Anne Arms ([armspna@aol.com](mailto: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](mailto:eleanorevewaldman@gmail.com) or 757-387-2367 and Chuck Gallegos at [gallegoscl@verizon.net](mailto:gallegoscl@verizon.net) or 410-571-0562.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:armspna@aol.com).

## Compassion – A Strategy for Healing

Gampopa Buddhist Meditation Center is holding a retreat on compassion at St. Luke's and you are invited to attend. Join them on **Saturday, July 30** at St. Luke's from **10:00 am – 11:45 am and 12:30 – 2 pm**. Participants are asked to bring their own lunch.

Lobsang Damchoe will share her teachings on compassion as a strategy for healing.

When we suffer from any kinds of loss, we try to recover but often use methods that do not work that well. Compassion, on the other hand, is an effective strategy that will enable us to heal. It is a powerful positive force that can transform the negative energy of suffering. Through teachings and guided mediations, participants will learn how to harness the energy of Compassion.

Suggested Donation of \$25 for general admission; \$20 for supporting members. All donations go to teacher, Lobsang Damchoe.

## The 80<sup>th</sup> General Convention

In the interest of health and safety, the Presiding Officers have asked that the 80th General Convention be shortened, with a focus on the essential business needed for the governance of the Church. A working group consisting of senior staff and leadership from the House of Bishops, the House of Deputies, and the General Convention Office has been appointed by the Presiding Officers to begin work immediately, with recommendations expected later this month. When details of any changes are decided, they will be widely communicated, including on our email list. If you are not already on the General Convention email list, please sign up here: <https://www.generalconvention.org/gco-news-signup>.



Updates will also be posted on [www.generalconvention.org](http://www.generalconvention.org), so please bookmark that site.

We continue to appreciate the faithfulness, grace, and flexibility of our leadership across the Church.

### 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](mailto: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 for the September edition of House Call is no later than **Thursday, August 26, 2022**. Submissions may be emailed to the office at [office@stlukeseastport.org](mailto:office@stlukeseastport.org)



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](mailto:office@stlukeseastport.org)).

### July Birthdays

- 20 Lisa Zarkian
- 24 Norman Crews

### August Birthdays

- 7 James Reynolds
- 17 Josh Cooper
- 18 Johanna Wilson-Smith
- 22 Eve Waldman
- 29 Anne Arms
- 31 Gil Gardner

### July Anniversaries

- 2 Rae & Fred Miller
- 3 Avedis & Olgui Zarkian
- 7 The Rev. Lauren Bloom & Lance Landseadel
- 17 Richard & Johanna Wilson-Smith

### August Anniversaries

- 8 Alastair & Diana McGregor
- 28 Kathryn & John Dinin

## 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; Dagmar Kohring; Kathy Kotowski (friend of Eve & Mike Waldman).

**Immediate Needs:** **Ned** (friend of Dianne Crews); **Lucy** Sprigg; **Jack** Wheeler; **Jennifer** Miles (friend of Kathleen Rewa); the Rev. **Patti** Sachs; **Christine** Kingerski (friend of Dan Ramirez); **Diana** McGregor; **Nicole** DeVino (friend of Dianne Crews); **Cam** Hennessee; **Nelida** Godfrey (family friend of Avedis & Olgui Zarikian); **Lawrence** Coleman.

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