

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY AND COMMUNITY AT ST. LUKE'S CHURCH



St. Luke's is called by God to illuminate San Antonio with the light of Christ through transformative education for people of all ages, compassionate care for each member of our community, and inspiring worship and music in the Episcopal tradition.

Join us as we illuminate San Antonio with the Light of Christ.

In a thriving church, there's room for everyone to participate: to enjoy relationships with other members of the community, and to offer one's time and talents in the ministries of the church.

In this directory you'll see descriptions of many of the church's ministries. You'll learn about opportunities to:

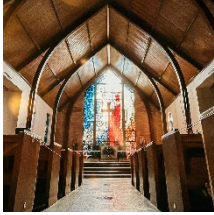
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The church's prayer is that you'll be inspired to get involved in some new way. And if you have an idea for a new ministry that will help us accomplish our mission, talk to a staff member or to any member of the Vestry.



SUPPORT THE WORSHIP LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION



God delights in the praise that we offer up, as we gather regularly for worship. Worship is at the center of all that we do, and a variety of groups actively support the worship of the church.

THE ALTAR GUILD

Purpose:

- Take care of the sacred vessels and linens
- Prepare for services of worship
- Provide necessary articles to be used at the Eucharist
- Attend to the housekeeping of the sacristy

Requirements to get involved:

- All persons who have been confirmed or received in the Episcopal Church, regardless of gender, background or age.

When we meet (or how often a person would serve, or what the time commitment is):

The Altar Guild does not have regular meetings. We do have a couple of party/meetings during the year, one in September and one at Epiphany. These are usually a potluck type affair to give us a chance to socialize.

There are no special skills needed to do this work, just a willingness to be behind the scenes, helping to prepare our common meal. When you think about it, the work of the Altar Guild is set of quite humble tasks – pouring some wine, setting a table, washing dishes. And yet it is so important to our lives as Christians. There is a quiet sacredness to this work.

The Altar Guild is divided into 4 teams, each serving once per month. There is plenty of room for newcomers, male or female.

Contact person: Nancy Hawkins, nancy.hawkins@nisd.net, 210-438-3886.

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MUSIC MINISTRY

Purpose: To provide Choral Worship maintained by Adult & Youth Choirs, and the Friends of Music which supports this ministry.

Requirements to get involved: Adults: a brief audition with the Director; Youth: anyone's welcome!

When you meet (or how often a person would serve, or what the time commitment is): A firm commitment every Wednesday (7-9 pm) and Sunday (10:15 am for 11 am)

Contact person: Russell Jackson: russellj@stlukes-sa.net or 210-828-6425, x255

USHERS

Purpose: St. Luke's Ushers are ambassadors for our church, welcoming all through our doors and providing a smiling and engaging face to our churchgoers and visitors.

Your responsibility will include and not limited to: distribution of bulletins, answer visitors' questions, extend assistance, greet, lighting, collect offering, assist people with special needs, funeral, baptism and/or communion.

Requirements to get involved: Your willingness to be the face of St. Luke's. We serve as ushers and greeters for all who attend church. Ushers need a warm heart and ability to keep time. The schedule of the service is a well-timed event with ushers serving at various parts of the service.

How often a person would serve, or what the time commitment is: Ushers serve one weekend a month and meet semi-annually for training.

Contact person: Roberta Kidder, beejinbelton@yahoo.com, 214-534-0932.

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ACOLYTES

Purpose: The Acolyte play an integral part of our worship service by assisting clergy so that worshipers may celebrate the Holy Eucharist and other rites of the Church with reverence and dignity. When serving, they actively assist the celebrant in the worship of God. This very important role is vital to the church, the priest, and the people of God.

Requirements to get involved: 4th – 12th grade. Acolyte classes begin September 19th. To sign up for our Worship 101 class on our website, slecsa.org/children-families.

How often a person would serve: one time per month

Contact persons: Michael Mortensen, 210.240.2637, michaelmort@att.net & Nancy Hawkins, 210.438.3886, nancy.hawkins@nisd.net.

LECTORS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS (LEM'S)

Purpose: Lay Eucharistic Minister administers the chalice during the celebration of the Holy Eucharist at most worship services, and also assists in the worship services by reading the lessons and prayers. This special ministry is one of service to God and our fellow parishioners.

Requirements to get involved: A servant's heart and a desire to be an integral part of the worship experience at St. Luke's.

Time commitment: There are four LEM Teams at St. Luke's. Each Team serves one Sunday each month at the 8 am, 11am and 6 pm services. There are also typically 4 months per year that have 5 Sundays, so each Team will usually serve one extra Sunday one month per year. You will also have opportunities to serve during Holy Week, at Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services, and at some funerals or other special occasions.

Contact: Jill Martinez, jillsmartinez@att.net, 210-391-1562.

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THE ST. FRANCIS GUILD

The mission of the St. Francis Guild is to serve Christ by decorating the Church to the glory of God for Christmas and Easter.

We are a group of women and men from the church who want to serve Christ by decorating the church for Christmas and Easter and by sponsoring a Palm Cross Workshop. We meet in homes or at church four times a year for planning and fellowship.

A subgroup of the Guild makes Chrismons, symbols of Christ, to decorate our Christmas trees, to present to families of new babies and to the homebound at Easter. Chrismons are sold at Church before Christmas and Easter and proceeds go to the Church. Chrismons are also sold at St. Luke's Episcopal School and the proceeds except 10% for supplies go to the School.

We invite all who are interested in decorating the church on special occasions, learning how to make palm crosses or Chrismons or to be in fellowship with other Christian members to join the guild.

Contact person: Ann Mewborne, emewborn@satx.rr.com, 210-421-9631.

SUNDAY MORNING HOSPITALITY

Purpose: To provide refreshments on Sunday morning after the 11 a.m. service.

Requirements to get involved: Willingness to bring refreshments on Sundays. You choose which Sunday works for you from a list of sign up dates sent to you from the Hospitality Ministry team. They provide different types of baked goods, fruit, veggies and the like. Coffee, water & lemonade are set up by the Sextons and served in the South Parlor.

Contact: Jane Fleischer, sunflower@swbell.net, 210-394-5504

OFFER COMPASSIONATE CARE TO PARISHIONERS



It's our privilege to care for each other in times of need. At St. Luke's, that compassionate care happens in various ways. Two programs in particular provide opportunities for church members to share God's grace with one another.

BETHANY GUILD

Purpose: The Bethany Guild is available to host receptions in the Parlors after funerals or memorial services at St. Luke's.

Requirements to get involved: The Guild is organized into teams, which rotate the hosting of receptions. For a reception, members of the team prepare a set menu and then assist in hosting the reception.

Time commitment: Each person serves on a team as a team member or as a captain. Teams prepare the food before the reception and then act as hosts during the reception, setting up and then working with the building staff during clean-up afterward.

Contact person: Ann Mewborne, emewborn@satx.rr.com, 210-421-9631.

EUCCHARISTIC VISITORS

Each week, licensed members of our congregation take the Sacrament of Holy Communion to parishioners who for various reason are unable to attend our Sunday morning worship services. Sharing from the same elements consecrated from the altar at St. Luke's connects the Body of Christ together beyond the walls of our sanctuary. Eucharistic Visitors (EV's) are trained and assigned to serve one Sunday a month as needed.

If you are interested in learning more about becoming a licensed EV, or know of someone who would like to receive a visit, please contact Fr. Irv Cutter, rector@stlukes-sa.net, 210-828-6425.

GROW SPIRITUALLY



All of us are called to deepen in faith on our spiritual journeys. Throughout the week at St. Luke's, people gather to study the Bible and to listen for the Holy Spirit moving in their lives.

PARTICIPATE IN A SUNDAY MORNING CLASS AT 10 AM

Beginning September 26th Steven Rodriguez will lead a class on accessing our spiritual gifts and how through those gifts we can be a blessing to the church and to the world. This class will help bring awareness to the beauty of using your gifts to contribute to our congregation and how acting on the things you believe can grow and nourish your faith life.

Spiritual Gifts Inventory Class will meet in the Large Conference room at 10 am.

SIGN UP FOR `OUR WEEKLY EMAILS AT SLECSA.ORG TO GET UPDATES ON ALL OUR FALL ADULT FORMATION CLASSES.

JOIN A SMALL GROUP FOCUSED ON STUDY OR SPIRITUAL NOURISHMENT:

LUKE'S MEN BIBLE STUDY

Purpose: Participate in Bible study with other men in a small group setting. Currently studying NT Wright's book about the gospel of John. We meet in person for study and discussion. On occasion, when there is no pandemic, we have outreach projects.

Requirements to participate: Men of all ages can participate. We enjoy breakfast tacos, and members of the group rotate bringing in breakfast tacos from their favorite shop.

When you meet: We meet on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month, 7:30 am – 8:15 am in the Small Conference Room.

Contact person: Charles John, cjohnaia@gmail.com

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WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY GROUP

Purpose: This group is open to men and women of any age who want to know more about scripture and its place in our faith. We look at what the Bible says, how we as Episcopalians understand it and how it can impact our daily lives.

We are a lively, open, loving community. It is a safe, caring place where we wrestle with the scriptures, explore, question, all with a healthy sprinkling of humor. We are all involved in life at St. Luke's, in ways that fit with our own individual gifts and talents.

Requirements to participate: The most basic requirement is to show up. It helps to be prepared having read the assigned chapter for the day. It helps also to have the accompanying study guide. Most importantly, to participate, question, and share with each other because that is also how we grow in faith as a community.

When you meet: We are currently meeting on Zoom.

Contact: Diane Thrush, dianewt@aol.com, 210. 413. 3702

THURSDAY MEDITATION GROUP

Purpose: To learn about, explore and encourage the spiritual practice of meditation and through it to experience the contemplative dimension of Christianity. We believe that our contemplative presence at St. Luke's serves an important spiritual purpose for the individuals involved and for the church as a whole.

Requirements to get involved: Anyone can meditate, it's simple, but not easy. We share readings, reflections, poetry, or scripture for 30 minutes and meditate in silence for 30 minutes. *The group affords a significant opportunity for spiritual growth. In addition, there is a sense of community and fellowship.*

When you meet: The meditation group has been meeting for 15 years in the Large Conference Room on Thursday mornings at 9 am. During the pandemic we are meeting via Zoom.

Contact person: Gretchen Bealer, grbealer@gmail.com, 210-860-2808 & Kay Fitch, Kay.fitch@gmail.com, 210-827-7158.

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DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

Purpose: The Daughters of the King is an Order for women who are communicants of the Episcopal Church, or churches in communion with it, or churches who are in the Historic Episcopate. Members undertake a Rule of Life, incorporating the Rule of Prayer, and the Rule of Service. By reaffirmation of the promises made at Confirmation, a Daughter pledges herself to a life-long program of prayer, service and evangelism, dedicated to the spread of Christ's Kingdom and the strengthening of the spiritual life of her parish.

Requirements to get involved: There is a three-month study program and discernment time led by one of Daughters. After which a registration form is filled out signed by the current chapter President, Rector as well as the new Daughter to be along with a check for the dues and the cross. The new Daughter is received into The Order of the Daughters of the King during a church service, normally the 4th Sunday in June.

Meeting time: We meet on the third Sunday of the month after the 11 am service.

Contact person: Mary Lou Vielock, vielocks@sbcglobal.net, 210-378-7693.

PARTICIPATE IN FELLOWSHIP GROUPS



The bonds of affection we have with one another are important. St. Luke's provides a variety of opportunities for people to gather together to enjoy fellowship and to build community.

ST. LUKE'S LUNCH BUNCH – CURRENTLY ON HIATUS.

Purpose: Fellowship time with great food and awesome speakers.

Requirements to get involved: Come to the lunches – sign-up sheets & information are posted on the bulletin board in the main hallway or call the church office at 210-828-6425 about two weeks prior to the upcoming lunch.

There is a Lunch Bunch Committee which meets about four times a year to plan the speakers for the lunches. Currently there are seven members on the committee. We welcome new members!

Meeting time: Lunch Bunch meets from September to May, normally on the 3rd Tuesday of the month from 12 pm - 1:30 p.m. The cost for the lunch is \$10.00 per person

Contact person: Joe Jones, jjones157@att.net, 210-842-9422.

YOUNG ADULTS SMALL GROUP

Purpose: Our mission is to provide a welcoming faith community for young adults at St. Luke's that supports one another's spiritual growth through life's rhythms.

Requirements to get involved: Anyone who would consider themselves a young adult, post-college: our group is currently composed of members between the age of 21 to 45.

When you meet: 1st Tuesday of each month on Zoom, the start time varies reminders are sent out via text! They also meet in person every 3rd Tuesday of the month for Happy Hour!

Contact person: Emily Kittrell; emilyvkittrell@gmail.com, 210-620-5454.

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MONDAY MOMS GROUP – BOOK CLUB

Purpose: Join Monday Moms for friendship, fellowship, coffee, talk and book discussions. Every Monday, moms of young children gather for fellowship, breakfast and book discussions. Childcare and coffee are provided! We take turns bringing breakfast.

We focus on fellowship and support of women with children. We often participate in the Angel Tree project and other church wide outreach efforts. We welcome mothers of the community. Friends, neighbors and non-church members are always welcome!

Requirements to get involved: Friends, neighbors and non-members are welcome!

When you meet: Monday mornings 9-11 am in the Parlor. We roughly follow the school schedule and read 3 books a year. Life is busy (and kids get sick) so please come when you can!

Contact: Rachel Lincoln rhotin@gmail.com, 985-705-6545.

ST. LUKE'S HOLY STROLLERS

Purpose: St. Luke's Holy Strollers is a ministry for families with little ones from birth to Kinder. Our mission is to bring families together through our mutual bond of parenthood & lift up the JOY of being a family!

Requirements to get involved: If you are an expectant parent, have a baby, toddler or preschooler then YOU are a Holy Stroller!

When you meet (or how often a person would serve, or what the time commitment is): We meet for monthly fellowship events, including parish-wide seasonal activities, play dates, holiday celebrations and happy hours.

Contact person: -Sarah Schimpff & Amy Westacott
stlukesholystrollers@gmail.com Please find us on Facebook and sign up for email alerts at [slecsa.org/children-families/!](http://slecsa.org/children-families/)

SUPPORT OUR YOUNG PEOPLE



We work together to remind our young people, from infants through senior high, that they are beloved in God's eyes, and that God seeks to equip and guide them throughout their lives.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

Purpose: teach children ages 3 years-5th grade during Sunday morning formation

Requirements to get involved: be willing to go through the Safeguarding God's Children training program and Godly Play training

How often a person would serve, or what the time commitment is: Teachers typically teach 1-2 Sundays per month from September-May

Contact: Kris Spilker, kristines@stlukes-sa.net, 210-828-6425

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL LEADERS, ON HOLD FOR NOW

Purpose: Children's chapel takes place during the 11 am worship service on Sunday mornings. There are two children's chapel offerings, one for preschool children and one for children grades 1-5. This is a time for children to worship together and hear a child-friendly message or story. The chapel leader for preschoolers leads the Bible story time while another leader does the music. The elementary chapel leader leads the music, message and prayer time.

Requirements to get involved: be willing to go through Safeguarding God's Children training and a brief training on the outline of the worship service, songs, prayer, etc.

How often a person would serve, or what the time commitment is: children's chapel leaders typically lead about once per month

Contact: Kris Spilker, kristines@stlukes-sa.net, 210-828-6425

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YOUTH GROUP

Begins on September 22nd - We are back in the youth room this year on Wednesdays! The evenings will be filled with discussion, worship, and fellowship. Dinner will be served for middle and high school students at 7 pm on the sports court right outside the youth room. Middle School will meet from 6 - 7 pm and High School from 7:30 - 8:30pm.

Contact: Ilya Franco clergysec@stlukes-sa.net, 210-828-6425.

CONFIRMATION

One of the diocese's bishops generally visits St. Luke's Church one Sunday per year, and people are presented for confirmation, as we celebrate the Holy Spirit's guidance in their lives. Confirmation candidates include adults who are new to the Christian faith, adults who have come to our church from other denominations, and young people who are growing in spiritual maturity.

Youth who are in 8th grade and above are eligible for confirmation. There is a series of classes leading up to confirmation, and details are publicized well in advance of the bishop's visit.

Contact: Ilya Franco clergysec@stlukes-sa.net, 210-828-6425.

THE MUSTARD SEED

We believe children learn through exploration and play, so children are exposed daily to art, music, cooking, interest centers and circle time, while reinforcing Christian principles. Daily gross motor opportunities are provided on our outdoor adventure playground with lots of trees and natural elements. The children attend chapel weekly where they hear the word of God and experience His love from worship led by St. Luke's Director of Children and Family Ministries.

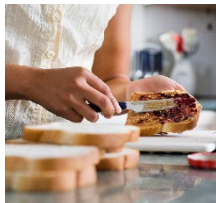
Our program, which is licensed by the Texas Health and Human Services Commission, operates Tuesday through Friday from 8:30 am - 12:30 pm and follows a school year calendar. Available spots are offered to new students on our waitlist, with priority given to

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church members or siblings of the Mustard Seed and St Luke's Episcopal School students.

Contact person: Director of The Mustard Seed, Amy Foster,
mustardseed@stlukes-sa.net, 210-828-6425

MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE COMMUNITY



God calls us to share compassion and generosity with people in need. At St. Luke's there are many ways for people to offer themselves in service to others.

UNDER THE BRIDGE

Church members coordinate efforts with others in the community to prepare sack lunches and then share them at a nearby location, "under the bridge", with members of San Antonio's homeless population.

Contact: Jill Martinez, jillsmartinez@att.net, 210-391-1562.

THE GREEN DOOR THRIFT SHOP, 1030 Nacogdoches Rd, 78209

Description of Purpose: The Green Door Thrift Shop was initially established as a resale shop to generate money for the St Luke's Church building. As time went on, and the immediate need was met, the shop morphed into what it is today: a relatively high end consignment and donation resale shop that caters to not only the immediate neighborhood, but with dedicated customers from as far north as Dallas and as far south as the border. Any profits in excess of expenses and retained contingency funds are donated at the end of the year to St Luke's (a ten percent tithe of the gross profits) and to various local and worldwide charities that make application for a grant.

Requirements to get involved: A desire to get involved. Donations are accepted any time the store is open and by arrangement for other times with Cynthia, our manager.

How often a person would serve, or what the time commitment is: Volunteers are needed to operate the store when it is open, Tuesday through Saturday. Times spent can vary from a couple of hours to the entire shift: 10 am to 1 pm. Special times are also needed: some Mondays, the last Saturday of the month has extended hours until 3 pm. Also, opportunities exist for members

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of St Luke's to be on the 7-member Board of Directors, which meet four times a year (currently at 1:00 pm at the Church.)

Contact person: Cynthia Rodriguez, email: greendoorslsa@gmail.com; phone: 210 826-7111.

DOLLAR MAKES A DIFFERENCE

On the first Sunday of every month, we ask people to “let a dollar make a difference”, inviting people at our Sunday services to make a special contribution to support a particular organization. In 2019, the Dollar Makes a Difference offering has gone to groups like Morgan's Wonderland, Magdalena House, and Project MEND. If you would like to suggest an organization for a future offering, contact Jill Martinez, 2021 chair of the Vestry's Mission and Outreach Committee, jillsmartinez@att.net.

RECOVERY GROUPS THAT MEET REGULARLY AT ST. LUKE'S



Several recovery groups meet at St. Luke's Church, gathering regularly in the Undercroft. Among the groups currently meeting at the church are the following:

- AA Survivors Group (Wednesdays, 8:00pm)
- AA Generic Group (Thursdays, 8:15pm)
- Women's AA Meeting (Saturdays, 10:00am)

Questions about recovery ministries? Contact Ilya Franco for info clergysec@stlukes-sa.net, 210-828-6425.

ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL SCHOOL

St. Luke's Episcopal School is a Christian community dedicated to academic and personal excellence, lifelong learning and service to others.



More than 240 students are enrolled in the School's pre-K through 8th grades. St. Luke's is currently accepting applications for the 2021-2022 academic year. We invite you to learn about our admissions process, apply online at sles-sa.org, and to explore the exciting things happening at St. Luke's.

Questions about admissions? Please contact Margaret Ann Casseb, Director of Enrollment Management and Marketing, zcook@sles-sa.org.

Questions about supporting St. Luke's Episcopal School? Please contact Carol Katrana, Director of Development, averylawton@gmail.com.

THE ST. LUKE'S WAY

"As members of a Christian community, our conduct is guided by love and respect for God, our school, our neighbors, and ourselves. We demonstrate the St. Luke's Way through behavior that is courteous and cooperative."

SUNDAY WORSHIP AT ST. LUKE'S CHURCH

- 8 am Holy Eucharist, Rite One, with opening and closing hymns
 - 9 am a child-friendly, informal celebration of Holy Eucharist, Rite Two, with guitar-led music
 - 11 am Holy Eucharist, Rite Two, with organ, choir, and hymns
 - 6 pm a quiet spoken celebration of Holy Eucharist, Rite Two, with prayers for healing offered after the liturgy
- Evensong, usually 4:30 pm, third Sunday of the month during the school year

CONNECT WITH ST. LUKE'S

Thank you for joining us today. If you are new to St. Luke's, we'd love to know more about you! Please visit slecsa.org/im-new/ or scan the QR Code to fill out our online Welcome Card.



St. Luke's community, in response to God's call, seeks to serve Christ by:
celebrating and proclaiming the Gospel;
equipping God's people for discipleship;
providing a welcoming, safe place for nurturing, healing, and fellowship;
and sending people into the world to minister in the power of the Spirit.



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