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## 2022 Baptism Dates

Jun 5, Pentecost  
Jul 3, Independence Day Weekend  
Aug 7  
Sept 4, Labor Day Weekend  
Oct 2  
Nov 6, All Saints Sunday  
Dec 4

We have a Sunday set aside each month to celebrate the sacrament of baptism. For more information on being baptized or having your child baptized at St. Luke's, contact the church office by calling (210) 828-6425 or emailing [saras@stlukes-sa.net](mailto:saras@stlukes-sa.net).

# Congratulations

## TO THOSE CONFIRMED AND RECEIVED BY BISHOP DAVID REED ON MAY 1ST!

On the beautiful morning of May 1st, seven adults and twelve youth were confirmed, and three adults were received into the Episcopal Church by Bishop David Reed. Confirmation is a public sacrament where candidates reaffirm the promises made at their baptisms. The youth and adults went through classes to learn more about our particular branch of the Jesus Movement, explore their own faith journeys, and to deepen their sense of community.

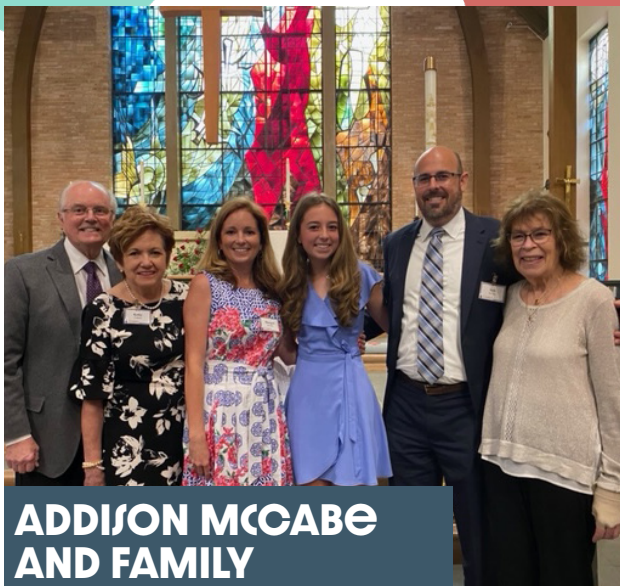
We are proud of all those who took this step, and are grateful for their presence at St. Luke's. If you see them around, give them a hearty congratulations and tell them how glad you are that they are here.

### *Confirmed:*

Catherine Berenguer  
Santiago Berenguer  
David Halsell-Bibb  
David Hamilton  
Gunner Jolley  
Noble Jolley  
Brady Maverick  
Addison McCabe  
Cole Sandidge  
Everett Schick  
Carolina Steven

### *Received:*

Cindy Akula  
Kole Prasad Akula  
Katie Ball  
Victoria Bruns  
Sean McMains  
Kristine Spilker  
Jace Woody  
  
Elizabeth Berenguer  
Sam Berenguer  
Mary Foster



**ADDISON MCCABE  
AND FAMILY**



**CATHERINE AND  
SANTIAGO BERENGUER**

# From the RECTOR



Rector  
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## WORSHIP AT ST. LUKE'S

As the pandemic continues to ease, all around us life seems to be getting back to normal. Many of us have picked up old pre-Covid habits, and most of us have a sense of what precautions make sense for us, trusting that others will take precautions that make sense for them.

From Sunday to Sunday, I love seeing people who are returning to church after having been away for so long. Some people finally feel comfortable coming back, and others realize what they were missing and are ready to make regular worship part of the rhythm of their lives again.

I also love seeing new visitors from week to week. They're searching for something, and they're wondering if they might find it at St. Luke's. And it's our privilege to help them in their search.

I have long believed that when people visit a church, there are three primary things they're looking for:

- A place where they can encounter the holy, where they can meet God somehow
- A place where they can contribute to something larger than themselves, where their gifts and talents will be welcome, and where they can join in an effort that makes a difference in the world
- A place where they can develop relationships with others, relationships that will be life-giving and soul-nourishing

The more that St. Luke's can meet those desires – for the people who are already here, for members who

return after a season away, and for newcomers – the more St. Luke's will thrive. I try to keep those three desires in front of me when I survey the landscape of our congregation. And I've been working with the Vestry to organize our efforts around meeting those three desires. How can we ensure that our worship provides a setting for people to feel God's presence? How can we effectively offer opportunities for people to work together to accomplish things that address the needs of the community? How can we create settings that encourage people to connect with others in meaningful ways?

Maybe you can keep those questions close to your heart this summer. If you have ideas for seeds that we can plant here, I hope you'll talk to me or someone on the Vestry or the staff. And if you know somebody with a particular longing, I hope you'll recommend St. Luke's to them. And if you haven't been to church in a while, I hope you'll come back when the time is right – you'll be able to gather with people who are guided by the Holy Spirit to illuminate San Antonio with the Light of Christ.

Enjoy this issue of Tidings, which demonstrates that there's lots going on at church these days. We have a lot to celebrate! And we have a lot to look forward to as we get ready for the future.

*Irving Cutter +*

THE REV. IRVING CUTTER

Rector

rector@stlukes-sa.net

# Shared Ministry Opportunities

St. Luke's needs you! Each member of our church family is a vital part of our continued ministry. Some people contribute to our shared life together by volunteering time filling one of our many pressing needs on Sunday mornings. Have you wondered how to get more involved at St. Luke's? Consider the following opportunities this Summer:

## **LIVESTREAMING**

### **Online Greeter**

Sign into your Facebook account and interact in the chat box with those worshipping from home during our Livestream. Can be done from anywhere!

### **Livestream Volunteer**

Set up our phone cameras, sign in and run the Livestream during the 11am service. Comes with training, and a great view! Contact Sara Spreen: [saras@stlukes-sa.net](mailto:saras@stlukes-sa.net)

## **COFFEE HOUR**

### **Coffee Hour Host**

Sign up once a month to bring and set up goodies and treats for after the 11am service. Contact Marquel McCabe: [marquelmccabe@yahoo.com](mailto:marquelmccabe@yahoo.com)

## **LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

LEM's administer the chalice during Holy Eucharist and assist with the readings and the prayers. Contact Jill Martinez: [jillmartinez@att.net](mailto:jillmartinez@att.net)

## **ALTAR GUILD**

The **Altar Guild** prepares the sacred vessels and linens for worship and assists with the upkeep of the sacristy (where items for worship are kept). Serve once a month on a team. All ages (teenagers with an adult) and genders welcome. Contact Nancy Avellar: [nhavellar@yahoo.com](mailto:nhavellar@yahoo.com)

## **ACOLYTES**

**Acolytes** assist the clergy and other ministers during worship. 4th-12th graders are invited to join in this important ministry. Contact Michael Mortensen [michaelmort@att.net](mailto:michaelmort@att.net) or Nancy Hawkins [nancy.hawkins@nisd.net](mailto:nancy.hawkins@nisd.net)

# *Transformation and Celebration* CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

At the beginning of 2021, St. Luke's Church embarked on a capital campaign to address several priorities in support of the church's mission. We have made great progress! We're almost halfway through the three-year term of the campaign, so this is the perfect time for an update.

## FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE CAMPAIGN

The fundraising goal of the campaign was \$2 million. Pledges for the campaign exceeded that goal. Including gifts in anticipation of the campaign, we have received pledges of \$2.08 million. We appreciate so much the commitment of people who have made progress fulfilling their pledges. As of May 11, we have received actual contributions of \$1.53 million. Many donors have plans to fulfill their pledges by the end of 2023.

If you would like to talk about the status of your campaign gift or pledge, please contact Parish Administrator Angie Hudgins, 210-828-6425 or [angieh@stlukes-sa.net](mailto:angieh@stlukes-sa.net). And if you have not yet made a pledge, there's still time to participate! Capital projects often have cost over-runs, so your pledge may

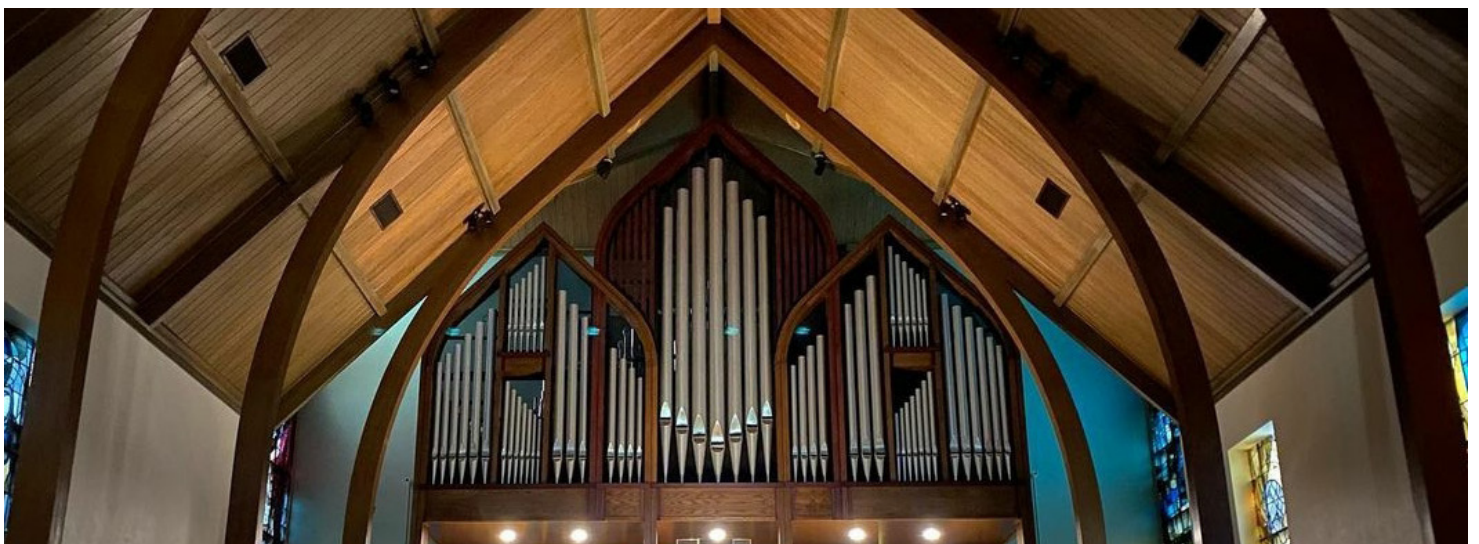
help with unanticipated costs that come up along the way.

The campaign's scope of work covers five distinct projects:



### 1. A NEW PIPE ORGAN

Last fall marked the installation of the magnificent pipe organ constructed by the Reuter Organ Company. The organ has enhanced our worship on Sundays, and we have enjoyed a variety of recitals that have drawn people from all over San Antonio to St. Luke's Church.



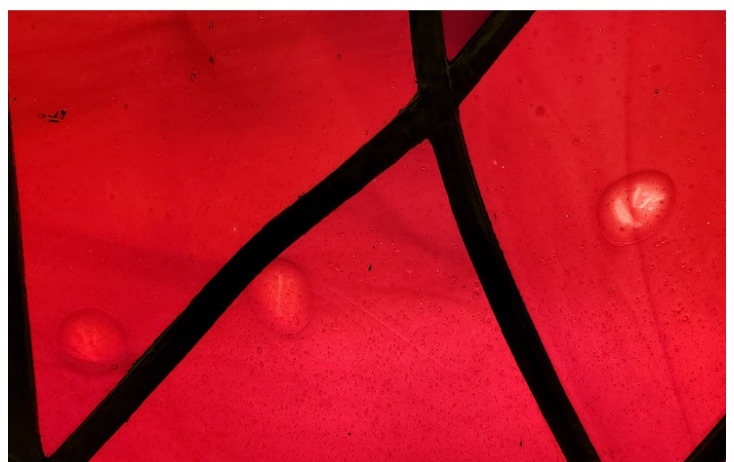
## 2. RESTORATION OF THE STAINED GLASS

The stained glass windows in the church, designed by renowned artist Cecil Casebier, are a treasure. The Great Window on the east end was restored several years ago, and we are ready to address the needs of the other windows in the Nave and Narthex.

We have engaged The Cavallini Company, a well-respected stained glass studio based here in San Antonio, known for their installations and for their restoration work on existing installations. This spring they have been getting ready for the work that is scheduled to begin in June and should last most of the summer. The scope of work will include:

- Replacing existing protective covers with new Plexiglas covers, and incorporating vent hoods and weep holes to address condensation issues
- Cleaning the frames of the windows
- Replacing missing and loose glazing putty between stained glass and frames
- Repairing or replacing severely broken panes of glass
- Reduce bulging in the glass
- Stabilizing lead overlays and replacing missing lead overlays with black cold paint or lead
- Cleaning interior and exterior of stained glass sides by wiping away loose dirt and grime

Adrian J. Cavallini, president of the family-owned studio, is excited about taking on this project, which has special significance for him. “Having collaborated with Cecil during the 90s,” he says, “it’s an honor and privilege to restore one of his monumental creations at St. Luke’s Church.”



When the work is completed, people can expect a dramatic change in the light that comes through the protective covers. People will also notice a significant enhancement in the beauty of the stained glass.

All the work will take place on-site. This important work will ensure that our stained glass is well-preserved for future generations, helping us continue to tell the story of God's movement in our lives and in the world.

### 3. HVAC MAINTENANCE AND UPGRADES

With our aging infrastructure, we know that we need to address components of our HVAC system that are nearing the end of their lifespan. We were able to upgrade the system, converting a two-pipe chilling and heating system to a more-efficient four-pipe system. We still hope also to set aside some funds in a restricted account that will generate income to cover expenses well into the future.

### 4. LANDSCAPING AND EXTERIOR IMPROVEMENTS

It is very desirable to have a master plan for our campus, addressing landscaping and hardscaping possibilities, as well as issues like parking and accessibility. We look forward to working with leadership at St. Luke's School to enhance our landscaping and exterior features, to help people make better use of the grounds and to improve our "curb appeal". One requirement for a master plan is a current property survey that illustrates the locations of all the trees, topography, and all site improvements. We got that survey done in late 2021, and anticipate more progress in this area soon.

### 5. PARLOR UPDATE

We are also planning to refresh the Parlor and adjoining spaces, including the kitchenette and the restrooms, so that this space will serve as an attractive

setting for fellowship on Sundays and for special events and receptions throughout the week. The Vestry is waiting until later to finalize the scope of work and the process for this remodeling.

All of these projects enhance our campus in significant ways, ensuring that our buildings and grounds are just the right setting for the mission and ministry of St. Luke's Episcopal Church and School. We will provide more updates as we continue to make progress on these projects. If you ever have questions, feel free to talk to any member of the Vestry.

## Weekly and Monthly Formation Offerings

Many of our weekly offerings will continue to meet through the summer. If you're looking for ways to find deeper connections at St. Luke's, consider joining a group!

- Men's Bible Study: 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month, 7:30-8:15 AM
  - Enjoy breakfast tacos and learn about the book of Acts
- Wednesday Bible Study: weekly at 11 AM on Zoom
  - Gather for community and to learn about the Psalms
- Thursday Meditation Group: weekly at 9 AM on Zoom
  - Join in for a brief meditation (scripture, poetry, devotions, and more) followed by a time for meditation and prayer.

Email Sara Spreen for links to Zoom classes:  
saras@stlukes-sa.net



# From the ASSOCIATE RECTOR



What a busy and wonderful year we've had so far! Below I'll highlight a few of our events worth celebrating, and give you a snapshot of what's to come this summer. As always, my door is open for conversation and to hear about what exciting things you'd like to see and participate in at St. Luke's. Thank you to my Adult Formation Committee members for their support, service, and wisdom.



Associate Rector  
REAGANG@STLUKES-SA.NET

## SPIRITUALITY OF HOBBIES WRAP-UP

Thank you to all those who presented their hobbies for our adult formation class this spring. We had wonderful conversations, learned much, and enjoyed getting to know one another in new ways. Sometimes we view God's call on our lives as something that has to be big and heroic, but from this class we learned that God calls us in our everyday lives, just as we are. If there is a hobby you enjoyed that you'd like to see as a group at St. Luke's contact Rev. Reagan, [reagang@stlukes-sa.net](mailto:reagang@stlukes-sa.net)

Thank you to:

Bryan Gonzalez - Living History

Terry Gay Puckett - Sketching

Tina Carrola - Gardening

Clara Bogard - Dungeons and Dragons

Reagan Gonzalez - Knitting

Marilyn Camp-Jones - Chrismon making

Sallie Walton - Postcard Collecting

Doug Walton - Retro Video Games

Hannah Burks - Earring Making

Elizabeth Engelke - Hiking

## OUTREACH FORUMS

During the month of June we will be hosting different outreach groups to come and share about their organization with us. We will hear their mission, learn about their current projects, have the opportunity to ask questions, and find out ways we can serve.

Organizations currently scheduled:

- SAMMinistries
- Snack Pak 4 Kids
- Haven for Hope
- Christian Assistance Ministry (CAM)





# ADULT FORMATION

## BIBLE STUDY: PHILIPPIANS

At the start of 2022, Bishop David Reed called the Diocese of West Texas to study Ephesians and Philippians in 2022. During Pre-Council meetings, Bishop Reed shared the following reflection about these two Letters, “Paul’s beautiful descriptions of the essential nature of the church renews hope and calls on us to look higher, to remember God’s purposes in the midst of our daily work. The letters also speak to churches that are threatened by outside forces, by things beyond their control. They recall us to trust in the living Christ who gives us strength to resist despair. Both letters echo our theme of building up.”

In light of Bishop Reed’s recommendation to read these beautiful epistles, we will be studying the book of Philippians using a guide written by the Rev. Dr. Jane Lancaster Patterson and the Rev. Dr. John G. Lewis. These studies were originally written in 2011 and 2013 for congregations in the Diocese of West Texas.

Class begins on July 3rd at 10am in the Large Conference Room. No reading required.



### *Study Overview*

Week One - Introduction and Historical Background

Week Two - Prove Through Testing the Actions that are Most Valuable (Philippians 1:1-11)

Week Three - Living is Christ (Philippians 1:12-30)

Week Four - The Mind of Christ (Philippians 2:1-30)

Week Five - Our Citizenship is in Heaven (Philippians 3:2-21)

Week Six - Let Your Gentleness be Known (Philippians 4:1-9)

Week Seven - On Giving and Receiving (Philippians 4:10-20)

## PRAYER SQUARE INITIATIVE: JULY 24TH INGATHERING

As part of ongoing efforts to walk alongside our migrant neighbors, the Diocese of West Texas’ Immigration Ministries is launching the Episcopal Prayer Square Initiative. Individuals and families are invited to create prayer squares, following the instructions below, and then bring them to St. Luke’s by July 24th, when we will bless them before delivering them to the Bishop Jones Center. Each prayer square will be given to migrants at bus stations throughout the Diocese of West Texas, as part of a Travel Kit that includes shelf-stable food and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). Each square will be a small, tangible way for us to accompany our neighbors, providing a warm welcome and continued hope for them as they continue their journey.

**FOR INFORMATION ON OUR ONGOING WEEKLY STUDY GROUPS VISIT [SLECSA.ORG/ADULT-FORMATION](https://www.slecsa.org/adult-formation)**

## Episcopal Prayer Square Initiative



Join Immigration Ministries, the Diocese of West Texas, and Episcopalians throughout our neighboring border dioceses, as we share love, support our siblings-in-Christ, and honor our call as Christians to serve our neighbor. Each prayer square will be given to migrants at bus stations throughout the Diocese, as part of a Travel Kit, including shelf-stable food and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).

Questions? Contact Immigration Ministries, at [immigration@dwtx.org](mailto:immigration@dwtx.org).

### Prayer Square Instructions

- Knit, crochet, or cut fabric into 3.5 by 3.5 inch squares.
- Decorate the prayer square with fabric paint, permanent markers, stickers, yarn, or other art supplies. Consider illustrating a cross, hearts, ichthys (the Christian fish symbol), or other uplifting designs showing love and support without words.
- Write a short note of love and encouragement in English (50 words or less), then translate it into Spanish or Haitian Creole using Google Translate, at [translate.google.com](https://translate.google.com), or another translation program.
- Type and print the translated message, or print clearly, then fold the paper into a small square.
- Attach the note of encouragement to the prayer square using a safety pin, ribbon, or thread. Consider asking your priest to bless the prayer squares, too.
- Send or hand-deliver completed prayer squares to Immigration Ministries, at the address below.

### Churchwide Prayer Square Drive

- Ask your priest to host a church-wide prayer square drive.
- Designate a Sunday to collect prayer squares and bless them during the service. Consider distributing pre-assembled Prayer Square Kits, including all supplies needed, to congregants ahead of time.
- Send or hand-deliver all collected prayer squares in a large envelope or box, to Immigration Ministries at the address below.
- Document the names of each person who made a prayer square, and the total number of squares submitted by each person. Ask individuals if they would like to share their contact information (name, email address, phone number, etc.) with Immigration Ministries, and include that list with the squares.

### Mail Prayer Squares and contact information to:

Episcopal Diocese of West Texas  
Attn: Immigration Ministries  
P.O. Box 6885  
San Antonio, TX 78209

### Squares may be hand-delivered to the diocesan office at:

111 Torcido Drive  
San Antonio, TX 78209



# CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRIES

Director of Children and Family Ministries  
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## TEACHER APPRECIATION

As we say farewell to spring, I want to reiterate how incredibly grateful we are for all of our volunteer Sunday school teachers! During services in May you heard from some of our teachers about how teaching is a mutual blessing in which we are all always learning about our own relationship with God and how to express our thoughts. I encourage you to prayerfully consider joining one of our teaching teams this Fall. Please show your appreciation to these teachers who have served by giving their time and talents to teach over the school year:

Ann Allen  
Barbara Bibb  
Bonnie Giddons  
Suzette Harris  
Leita Hatcher  
Paula Hutton

Jenny Houlshouser  
Kirstin Silberschlag  
Caroline Mowen  
Curt Mowen  
Marquel McCabe  
Seth McCabe

## PLAYGROUND CHURCH CELEBRATING GOD'S CREATION

June 5th - August 28th: 10:00 a.m.

Last summer during the 10:00 hour when we would typically be in Sunday school, St. Luke's families had a great time visiting with each other on our fantastic playground. This time of gathering is such a great way to connect as a church family. One of our younger parishioners has already been asking, "When are we going to playground church?" Thus, the fun nickname we have already given this time was born! So, starting on June 5th, come enjoy each other's company.

We aim to continue this open-ended time throughout the entire summer. If we need to move inside to the youth room due to weather, we do have a no-prep-needed program plan centered on Celebrating God's Creation. Weekly plans include a simple but meaningful lesson focused on hearing a biblical story, reflecting on it with open questions and discussion, and a chance to create a piece of art based on the story. Water and light snacks will be provided.

## VBS SPORTS CAMP

June 20th - 24th: ages 4-12

We are excited to be hosting AO Sports as they lead a sports camp that is open to all experience levels for children ages 4-12. AO Sports Director Sara Navarro is a former collegiate athlete who has experience leading camps. She and her team who are trained in the "ministry safe" program are eager to invest in young lives like the coaches before them. The theme this year is a Desert Safari centered around Isaiah 43:19 - "See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up: do



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*“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.”*



backpacks to remind them of our love and support.

After the 11am service, you are invited to have lunch out on the lawn and enjoy outdoor water activities.

## **ST. LUKE’S REFRESHES CLASSROOMS FOR MUSTARD SEED AND OUR NURSERIES**

The staff of both our Mustard Seed and Nursery programs know that providing an engaging space for infants and toddlers is foundational to our ministry and mission as a church. We are excited to be welcoming many new families with young children into our church family. In doing so, much of our summer focus will be on refreshing the rooms we use both for the Mustard Seed classrooms and nurseries! Reasons for doing so are rooted in accomplishing our mission. Keeping the developmental needs of each age grouping in mind, classrooms need to be better set up for inviting engaging play which is a child’s “work”. The renovations to the classrooms will allow for more ample enclosed storage so toys, books, and materials can be rotated regularly and will ensure a safer and more cohesive educational environment. We highly value “each member”, every age, by creating a sacred space for the children, leaders, and educators to work in harmony.

you not see it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.” Registration is open!

## **BACKPACK BLESSING AND SPLASH DAY**

August 14th

During our 9am and 11am services, all teachers and students who are heading back to school are invited to come to the front of the sanctuary with their backpacks where they will receive a prayer of blessing for a safe and successful year of learning and a tag for their





AO SPORTS



ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

# VBS SPORTS CAMP!

THEME: DESERT SAFARI  
DRYLANDS TO RIVERS, IT HAS BEGUN!  
"SEE, I AM DOING A NEW THING!

NOW IT SPRINGS UP; DO YOU NOT SEE IT? I AM MAKING A WAY IN THE WILDERNESS  
AND STREAMS IN THE WASTELAND."

ISAIAH 43:19

JUNE 20 - 24, 2022 EARLY BIRD/AFTER JUNE 1ST FOR THE  
FIRST 75 CAMPERS

8:00AM- 12:00PM	\$95	\$110
ALL DAY OPTION	\$190	\$215
AGES 4-12		

VBS sports camp is back! AO Sports incorporates exciting sports games with a VBS theme, for fun, laughs, and more! For more information visit our website/contact page.

Register  
now!

[AOSportscamps.com](http://AOSportscamps.com)



\*\* price after 75 campers: \$140 Half \$240 Full

# YOUTH MINISTRIES



Director of  
Youth Ministries  
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Thank you for such a great spring semester! From the confirmation retreat to volunteering with SnackPak4Kids, it has been wonderful seeing the way the youth have grown their faith and interacted with the community. This summer we have a bunch of fun activities planned! Hope to see you there!

## YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group will be meeting on Sunday evenings in the youth room

- Middle School meets from 5 - 6 pm
- Group meal on the sports court from 6 - 6:30 pm
- High School meets from 6:30m - 7:30 pm.

Classes begin June 5th! This summer, our lessons will focus on old testament history and the lives of the prophets. It should be interesting and informative!



*St. Luke's Youth*

# SUMMER SCHEDULE

	Sunday Evenings
	MS: 5 - 6:00 pm HS: 6:30 - 7:30PM
	St. Luke's Episcopal Church Youth Room (Unless otherwise stated)

*Mark Your Calendars!*

- June 5th** - Rising 6th Grader Welcome Event
- June 11th** - Volunteer Event at Witte Museum  
*Meeting on Saturday at Witte Museum*
- June 19th** - Dinner Provided
- June 26th** - Youth Group Picnic!  
*Meeting at Olmos Basin Park*
- July 10th** - Dinner Provided
- July 17th** - Dinner Provided
- July 24th** - Youth Group Movie Night
- July 31st** - Dinner Provided
- August 7th** - Dinner Provided
- August 14th** - Back to School Party!  
*Time and Place TBD*



## VIRTUAL BOOK CLUB

On Wednesday nights, from June 15th - July 27th, the youth have the chance to meet virtually every week for a book club. We will be reading *The Magician's Nephew* by C.S. Lewis. The meeting will take place via Zoom and last from 7 - 8pm. If you are interested in joining the book club please message me at hannahb@stlukes-sa.net for more information!

## FUN EVENTS

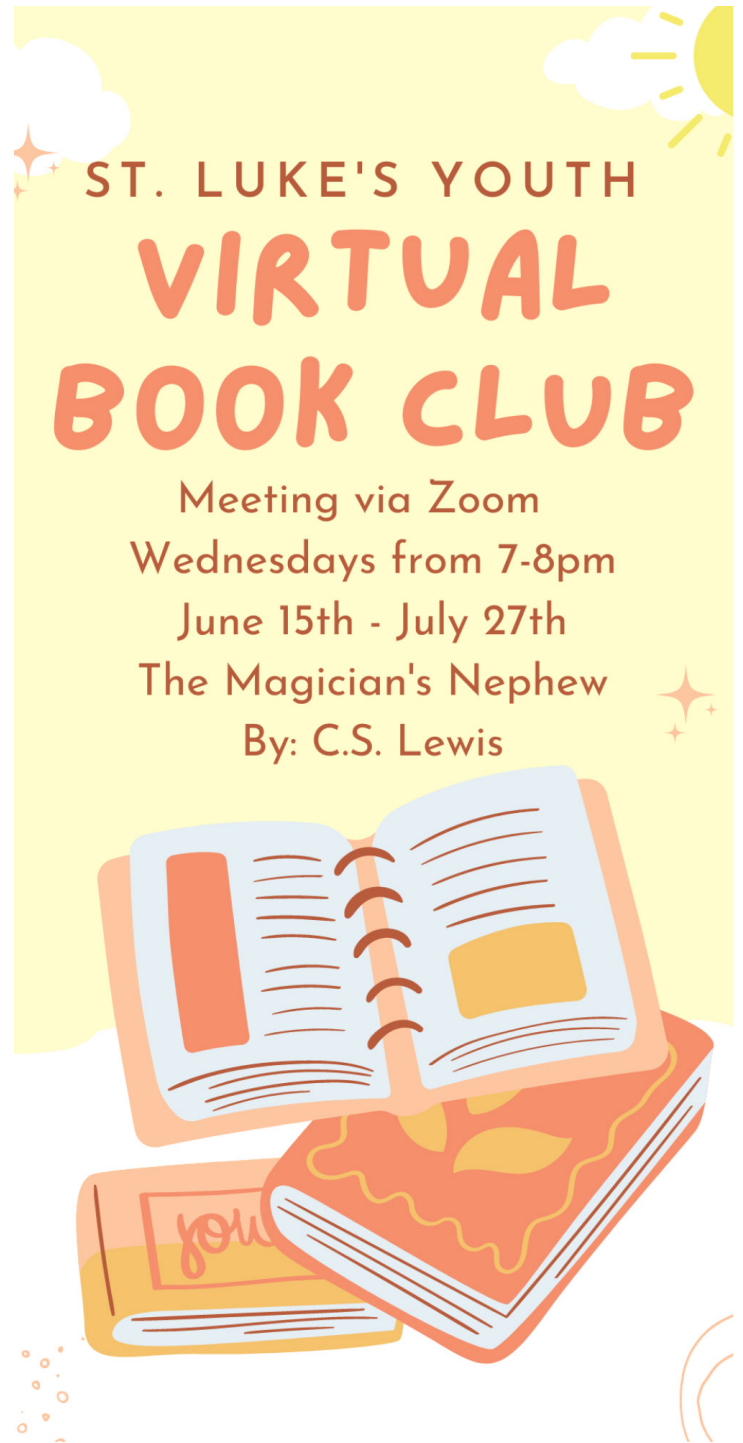
June 26th: Youth Group Picnic. Instead of our regularly scheduled youth group both middle and high school students will meet at the Olmos Basin Park for an evening of fun and games. This event will take place from 5 - 7:30pm

July 24th: Youth Group Movie Night. Instead of our regularly scheduled youth group both middle and high school students will meet in the youth room for a movie night! Popcorn and snacks will be provided. This event will take place from 5 - 7:30pm

August 14th: Back to School Party. Time and Place TBD

## SERVICE EVENTS

June 11th: Youth group students and their families have a chance to volunteer at the Witte museum garden doing upkeep and beautification projects. The volunteer session will last from 8:30 am -12 pm, and afterward, students can go inside the museum! Water and snacks will be provided for all participants.



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# MUSIC AT ST. LUKE'S



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*Jesus said, "Feed my sheep." And Peter thought, "Yeah, if I can catch them first." - Proverbials 21:17*

The Parable of Chasing Sheep is one most of us know well. Since Covid things have pretty much returned to (a new) normal and the pace has really picked up. During August 2021 our fantastic new organ was installed and we began a new Arts Series to celebrate it and the ministry of music we offer to any and everyone. The organ was dedicated in November, our Choir sang Handel's Messiah in December, we hosted the Texas Children's Choir, the Kansas Symphony organist Jan Kraybill played in March, our Artists-in-Residence IlluMen sang in April, and the phenomenal Alcee Chriss gave a Celebrity Concert in May, and he brought the house down.



There's still a lot to do as the term winds down. Covid is still working its way through the Choir. Nevertheless, there is the first organ recording to get down on disc, then the Choir is making a new recording in June: *Sing My Soul*. This will be a set of



A-Cappella Motets following the seasons of the liturgical year. That's a fancy way of saying "your favorite unaccompanied anthems." I like to provide constant goals to keep a focus and make us stretch. The CD is also a fundraiser to get the Choir over to Dublin where we are singing in-residence at St. Patrick's National Cathedral, July 2023.

It takes effort, and sometimes you wonder if it's worth the expenditure. Well, yes, it is. You have to push forwards, and if you don't you're standing still, and standing still means you're lagging behind. So we ask for your support. We believe there's something of transformative value in what we have to offer; something that can feed you.

**VISIT [SLECSA.ORG/MUSIC](https://www.slecsa.org/music) TO VIEW PAST PERFORMANCES FROM ALL OUR FEATURED ARTISTS!**

VICTOR EICHHORN



## New Staff

Hello! My name is Victor Eichhorn and on May 2nd I joined the staff of St. Luke's as the new Director of Communications and Marketing. It's been a busy few weeks getting accustomed to our particular office culture. One fruit of that busyness is the Tidings you're reading right now.

Let me say from the outset that all the credit for the work that comes out of this office belongs to the generous and dedicated staff and volunteers. I inherited all of their hard work, which is making the transition into this new position possible. While many people helped carry that baton, I am particularly indebted to Andrea Thompson and Sallie Walton for their work on St. Luke's multimedia and to Sara Spreen for orienting me to life at St. Luke's.

I invite everyone in the parish to participate in the online witness of the church through photography. One of the most engaging things to show the world on our social media platforms is the ongoing life and ministry we all share here at St. Luke's. If you snap a picture of a service or gathering, please send to [publish@stlukes-sa.net](mailto:publish@stlukes-sa.net).

Thank you for welcoming me aboard!

## *Return of the* DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

In March we welcomed back the Daughters of the King (DOK) after a two year break due to the pandemic. It's been a wonderful reunion, and St. Luke's is grateful for all the prayers the Daughters have been lifting up throughout this time.

The Order of the Daughters of the King is an order for women who have reaffirmed the promises made at Baptism and Confirmation, and who pledges herself to a life-long program of prayer, service and evangelism. At St. Luke's the Daughters pray for our parish prayer list daily.



They meet on the 3rd Sundays of the month at 12:15pm. For more information on joining the DOK contact Mary Lou Vielock at (210) 378-7693.

More information about the order of the Daughters of the King can be found at [www.doknational.org](http://www.doknational.org).

# FINANCIAL REPORT

The Finance Committee will provide a financial update with each issue of Tidings. This report shows the revenues received and expenditures for the Year-to-Date. If you have any questions, please contact the Treasurer, Seth McCabe or the Parish Administrator, Angie Hudgins at (210) 828-6425.

## St. Luke's Episcopal Church Statement of Activities - Operating Funds January 1, 2022 - April 30, 2022

	<i>Year-To-Date</i>		<b>Annual Budget</b>
	<b>Actual 4/30/22</b>	<b>Budget 4/30/22</b>	
<b>Revenues</b>			
<i>Contributions</i>			
Current year pledges	\$ 336,266	\$ 362,364	\$ 979,361
Nonpledged gifts	22,644	35,000	225,000
Loose plate offerings	5,549	5,333	16,000
Prior year pledges	5,612	3,000	3,000
Special offerings	2,355	2,500	5,000
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>372,426</b>	<b>408,197</b>	<b>1,228,361</b>
<i>Other Revenue</i>			
Endowment Trust Distribution	176,591	176,591	176,591
Fundraising Event (S. L. Live)	-	-	30,000
Interest and Other Income	13,474	12,667	29,300
<i>Other Revenue</i>	<b>190,065</b>	<b>189,258</b>	<b>235,891</b>
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>562,491</b>	<b>597,455</b>	<b>1,464,252</b>
<b>Program and Operating Expense</b>			
Personnel Costs	277,518	281,664	856,548
Diocesan Apportionment	80,532	80,532	241,596
Church Ministries	11,303	24,242	67,950
Administration and Operations	23,072	23,333	81,750
Church Building and Grounds	81,681	83,056	251,269
<b>Total Program and Oprtg. Exp.</b>	<b>474,106</b>	<b>492,827</b>	<b>1,499,113</b>
<b>Income (loss) from ops.</b>	<b>\$ 88,385</b>	<b>\$ 104,628</b>	<b>\$ (34,861)</b>

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