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a newsletter of St. Luke's Episcopal Church and School

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EPISCOPAL CHURCH & SCHOOL

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Upcoming Baptism Dates

Janaury 8

Februrary 5

April 8 - Easter Vigil

May 28 - Pentecost and
Bishop's visit

July 2

August 6

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 Sara Spreen at (210) 828-6425 or email saras@stlukes-sa.net.

CONGRATULATIONS



In November we welcomed new members into the St. Luke's family through the sacrament of baptism! Welcome!

Elanor Jeanne Robinson

August James Waters

Davis Allen Waters

THE DAWN CHORUS

INTERGENERATIONAL ADVENT SERIES



Songbirds know a thing or two about singing into darkness: in the wee hours of the morning, before the sun appears over the horizon, they begin a great symphony that scientists call the “dawn chorus.” Advent is the church’s dawn chorus. Each Sunday of Advent we will walk through The Dawn Chorus devotional as a parish family, concluding with activity stations for all ages, and the singing of hymns.

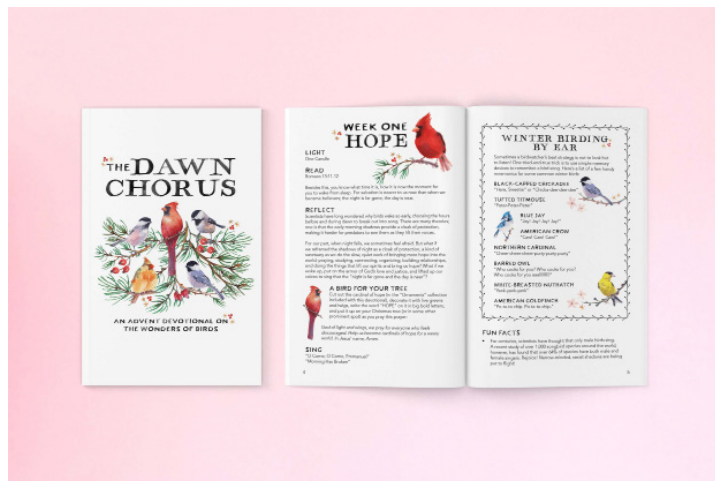
Youth ages 6th-12th grade are invited to join Bryan Gonzalez and Hannah Burks in the Youth Room for their own Advent formation hour.

All adults and children are invited to the Parish Hall at 10:00 am for an intergenerational formation hour (Nursery will remain open throughout these mornings).

- November 27 - Intergenerational Advent Series “The Dawn Chorus” Week 1 and Advent Wreath Making, Cookie and Recipe Exchange, Advent Calendar & more
- December 4 - Intergenerational Advent Series “The Dawn Chorus” Week 2 with activity stations and Cookie and Recipe Exchange
- December 11 - Intergenerational Advent Series “The Dawn Chorus” Week 3 with activity stations and Cookie and Recipe Exchange
- December 18 –Adults only Advent Series “The Dawn Chorus” Week 4 with activity stations and Cookie and Recipe Exchange
- December 18- All children: Costuming and preparation for the Christmas Pageant “The Friendly Beasts”

Other Important Dates to Note!

- December 17 - Pageant Rehearsal from 9:00 - 11:00 am. Drop off and Pick up in Narthex.
- December 18 - Our Pageant “The Friendly Beasts” at the 11:00 am service



FROM THE RECTOR



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One of the privileges of my role as Rector of St. Luke's Church is supporting the work of St. Luke's School, one of the Church's most visible ministries to the community. I worked with two successive interim Heads of School in my first year here, and in 2020 we welcomed Dr. Chelsea Collins as its new head.

In early November, the School announced that Chelsea has accepted an invitation to become the next Head of School of St. Francis' Episcopal School in Houston, beginning next summer. See the official announcement to the right. This is an exciting opportunity for Chelsea: St. Francis' School is a large school with grades pre-K through 12, and her time at St. Luke's has prepared her well for this new setting. We can celebrate this opportunity that Chelsea has accepted.

We also celebrate what Chelsea has accomplished during her time here. She accepted the position at St. Luke's in late 2019, but her time here didn't start until summer 2020. You can probably remember the uncertainty and anxiety at that point in the pandemic. But she arrived and worked with faculty and decided to return to in-person instruction in fall 2020. I remember vividly what a bold decision that was for a school head new to the community at that time.

Chelsea will remain at St. Luke's School through May, and she is committed to continue strengthening the school. She has overseen a time of remarkable strengthening for the School. Enrollment has increased

significantly, she has recruited numerous talented faculty and administrators, and she has worked with the Board of Trustees to approve an ambitious Strategic Plan that will serve as an important resource in the coming years for the next Head of School. In the future, people will look on Chelsea's time at St. Luke's as a period of great flourishing for the School.

The Board of Trustees has formed a Search Committee, of which I am a member. We will engage an Interim Head of School for the 2023-24 school year, with expectations of the next permanent Head starting in summer 2024. The School is in a dramatically stronger position than it was just a few years ago, and we know the position will be very attractive to strong candidates. I'm excited about what lies ahead.

The enrollment season for the next year has begun. As you think about schools for children in your family, or if you have friends or neighbors who are wondering about schools for their children, I hope you'll consider St. Luke's. And of course, I encourage any parishioner who is curious about what's going on at the School these days to arrange for a tour: they love showing off all that happens there during the school days.

I'll look forward to providing regular updates as we prepare for this important transition at the School. Please reach out to me if you ever have questions.

Yours faithfully,

IRV +

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A LETTER FROM THE SCHOOL BOARD

Our beloved Head of School, Dr. Chelsea Collins, has shared with the Board of Trustees that she has accepted the Head of School position at St. Francis Episcopal School in her hometown of Houston, effective July 1. Dr. Collins will remain in her position at St. Luke's until the conclusion of her contract on May 31. We celebrate this opportunity for Dr. Collins to lead a larger school, all while remaining dedicated to the Episcopal School education model. Please join us in celebrating and congratulating her.

St Luke's is grateful to have benefited from Dr. Collins' transformative leadership and her immeasurable contributions to our community. She has given of herself generously and has been instrumental in continuing to build St. Luke's into one of the premier independent schools in San Antonio.

Our school is well poised for the future. St. Luke's is supported by gifted and inspiring teachers who work tirelessly to ensure that SLES is a learning community where every child is known and can thrive. We are blessed by a talented and committed administrative team, a highly engaged board of trustees, and a strong partnership with families. We have a very special culture at St. Luke's, one of love, respect, and support for each other. We are confident these qualities will attract another top caliber Head of School.

In the coming weeks, we will be interviewing several national search firms to help us identify a well



qualified Interim for 2023-24 academic year and a long-term Head of School to begin in 2024. There is a pool of extremely qualified candidates that will bring a wealth of experience and continue to advance our strategic initiatives and our academic program. Dr. Collins is committed to working with faculty, staff, and the Board to ensure a smooth transition.

After the Interim is hired, we will begin a national search for our permanent Head of School. This search will be a transparent and inclusive process with broad community input from parents, faculty and staff, students, alumni, St. Luke's Church and other key stakeholders. This process will be guided by a search committee representing different constituencies of the St Luke's community. Updates on this process will be shared with the school community.

The future of St. Luke's Episcopal School is bright and we will continue to build on our 75-year-old legacy of educating scholars, citizens, and leaders. Thank you for your ongoing support and trust with your children.

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FROM THE ASSOCIATE RECTOR



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What a wonderful fall season we have had in the life of St. Luke's! We kicked off a great formation year with Rally Day on September 11th, and we've been moving ever since. This fall we had three Adult Formation offerings on Sunday mornings, a new Wednesday evening Zoom Bible Study, the return of some formation groups meeting in-person, our Parish Retreat, and the new Theology Goes to the Movies event. Below you will find information for upcoming Sunday and special events, and an overview of ways to engage in formation at St. Luke's.

Are you new to St. Luke's?

My office door is always open if you're curious about ways to plug into our parish life outside of Sunday worship. Give me a call or send me an email and let's chat!

Yours in Christ,

Reagan+



FALL HIGHLIGHTS

PARISH RETREAT

Thank you to all who joined us at Camp Capers for our Annual Parish Retreat. In addition to the beauty and fun of camp, The Rev. Beth Wyndham walked us through new ways of finding joy and creativity. We painted artwork together, which can now be seen hanging in the church hallway.



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



DIA DE LOS MUERTOS OFRENDA

This year we combined with school leadership to host an ofrenda for Dia de Los Muertos (Day of the Dead). All were invited to place a photo of someone they love who has passed away, along with a momento reminding them of that person. The ofrenda tied into our celebration of All Saints day and was a beautiful reminder of the love that still connects us to all those whom we love, but see no longer.



INTERGENERATIONAL GODLY PLAY

We held two intergenerational Godly Play classes this past fall. We told the Liturgical Synthesis and Church Calendar stories, with time for wondering and work time afterwards. It was a deeply meaningful experience to hear multiple generations wondering about Jesus together.



BLOOD DRIVE

On December 11 from 7:30am- 12:30pm there will be a blood drive held at St. Luke's Episcopal Church. Be a hero and save lives by donating during this time. The bloodmobile will be parked on the south driveway at the base of the steps to the church. It only takes about 45 minutes to complete the paperwork and give to save a life. Use the QR code to sign up for the best time that fits your schedule.



UPCOMING SUNDAYS

Intergenerational Advent Series: The Dawn Chorus, Sundays, November 27 - December 18 at 10:00 am

No classes December 25 or January 1

Intergenerational Baptism Brunch, Sunday, January 8 at 10:00 am

Adult Formation Classes Begin, January 15 - February 19

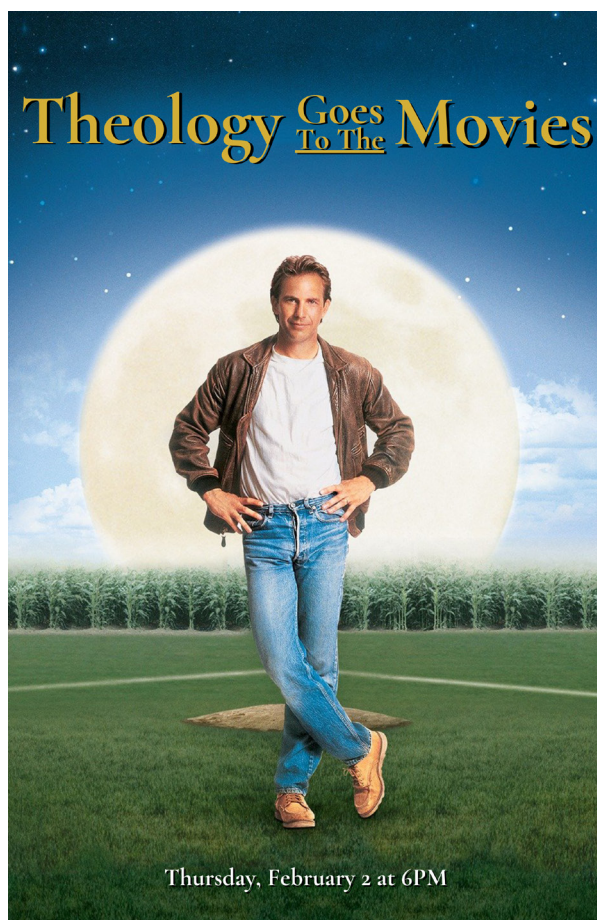
Lenten Series, February 26 - April 2 at 10:00 am

SPECIAL EVENTS AND GROUPS

LUNCH BUNCH

Every 3rd Tuesday of the month join parishioners in the Parlors for lunch and a guest speaker. Lunch is \$12 and all are welcome.

- December 13, Christmas Hymn Sing
- January 17, San Antonio Zoo Veterinarian



THEOLOGY GOES TO THE MOVIES: FIELD OF DREAMS

Thursday, February 2 at 6:00 pm

Join Bryan Gonzalez for this new quarterly series where we will explore theological questions through the lens of popular movies. February's film will be Field of Dreams where we will be looking at the theology and history of biblical prophecy. Participants are encouraged to watch the film ahead of time, while clips from the film will be used to highlight key moments that pertain to the theological topic. Teenagers and older children are welcome if accompanied by a parent or guardian.

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

3rd Sundays of the month

A group of women in the Episcopal Church who have undertaken a Rule of Life which includes prayer and service.

BROTHERHOOD OF ST. ANDREW

3rd Sundays of the month

A group of men in the Episcopal Church who have undertaken three disciplines—Prayer, Study, and Service.

ONGOING FORMATION OFFERINGS

Monday:

- Monday Moms Book Group, in-person

Tuesday:

- Youngish Adult Group 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, in-person
- St. Luke's Men Bible Study 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, in-person

Wednesday:

- Morning Bible Study, Zoom
- Evening Bible Study, Zoom

Thursday:

- Meditation Group, Zoom and in-person

REFLECTION

NANCY HAWKINS

I love this time of year, and I always have. It's a little complicated. To me it is a time that at once anticipates endings and beginnings. We are pushed and pulled in different directions, and yet this time seems to lend itself to quiet reflection.

We have passed Halloween, and started the downhill slope toward the end of the calendar year with the sort of bustle that accompanies winding up all the things that must be completed, dated, stamped and turned in by the end of the year, and the preparation of the celebrations that accompany this time. At St. Luke's we are finishing up with our Stewardship campaign, and doing the work to find a new class of Vestry members.

The liturgical year is quietly drawing to a close. The long period of green hangings and Ordinary time will soon give way to the purple of Advent and the anticipation of Christmas. Year C of the 3-year cycle of the church is ending, and we will start all over again with year A.

I am ending my own 3-year cycle soon as a member of the vestry, and since Advent is a season for reflection and preparation, this seems like a fitting time to reflect on serving on the vestry.

It's complicated. I am feeling grateful both for the end of my term and for the chance to have served in this way. I have run for vestry three times. Each term I have served has offered me an opportunity to deepen my faith in ways that I had not really expected. Just accepting the "ask" to run for vestry challenged me

each time to let go and let God. It challenged me to allow myself to be OK whichever way things went. Vestry challenged me to say yes to the faith that others had in me, that God had in me, even when I doubted my own abilities. Their faith in me, increased my own faith. Serving on the vestry helped me to learn to listen to others, even when I didn't agree with them, and to love them.

And while serving on the vestry is doing the business of the church, I have found it to be so much more. Yes, it can be tedious, sometimes tense (not going to lie, that would be sinful), it is also joyful and fulfilling to be serving the church in this way.

So, I am anticipating both the end of my vestry time, and the beginning of "regular parishioner" time with gratitude and increased faith. And I encourage you, when you are asked to consider serving on the vestry, that you have that faith that others have in you, that God has in you, and say, "Yes."





MUSIC AT ST. LUKE'S



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The Choir's new CD, *Sing my Soul: Favorite Anthems from the Church Year*, is on sale now. Proceeds are for our Residency at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin. CDs can be purchased for \$15, or a CD and USB combo is \$20. Perfect for Christmas!

We also have our original CD, *Christmas on the Hill*, available in limited supply. They are available for \$10 or three for \$20. And we have a few organ drawknob souvenir keyrings from the old organ – a great stocking stuffer.



The inaugural recording of our splendid new organ is also now available! *L'Orgue Français à Saint-Antoine*, played by Russell Jackson, is available at the church or through Raven CD Company. Proceeds from the sale of this CD go towards installing the Choeur division in the transept to aid the congregation, especially at times like Christmas and Easter.

We will be in the Narthex following the 11:00 am service, and you are welcome to pay by cash or check. Or pay through the church website DONATE button, which is simple and secure, noting in the memo line which items you would like to purchase. You can also contact the church and we'll make the necessary arrangements.

VISIT SLECSA.ORG/MUSIC TO LEARN MORE ABOUT MUSIC EVENTS
THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

CONCERT SERIES

A CELEBRATION OF MUSIC AND ART

A Celebration of Music and the Arts begins in December. This series is a gift to the people of St. Luke's, and the arts community of San Antonio. Please join us for these concerts, and invite friends to celebrate with us!

- **DECEMBER 4, 3:00 PM**

The Organ Birthday Concert

FABULOUS FRANCK

Russell Jackson

- **DECEMBER 18, 3:00 PM**

Handel's Messiah

St. Luke's Choir and Soloists



CHELSEA CHEN

- **MARCH 1, 8, 15, 22 – 12:15 TO 12:45 PM**

A series of lunchtime organ concerts to raise awareness and funding for **Stand Up For Kids – End Youth Homelessness**

APRIL 23, 3:00 PM

Celebrity Organ Concert: CHELSEA CHEN

A world-renowned musician of astonishing brilliance and vigor

- **MAY 14, 3:00 PM**

Dublin Choir Concert

Our Choir gives a send-off concert featuring music to be sung in Ireland. Come join us for a little festivity and hospitality!



YOUTH MINISTRIES



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Greetings to the congregation of St. Luke's! I'm very excited to be stepping into the role of Director of Youth Ministries, and am grateful to have the opportunity to help support the youth of the parish as they learn and grow in their faith journeys.

I thought it might be helpful if you know a little bit about me to help you get to know me better. I'm a native of San Antonio, and happy to be back in my home town after living in various other states including Montana and Nebraska. I attended Montana State University and received my degree in Anthropology. During my time in college, I was involved with the youth group of my local Episcopal Church, and since graduation I have continued working with youth in the field of education. My most recent position being the Education Director and Artifact Curator for the Chisholm Trail Heritage Museum in Cuero, TX.

This fall the youth group has been off to a great start with classes focused on exploring the stories of St. Luke's Church, and helping the youth connect deeper with their faith lives. A major focus has also been placed on strengthening fellowship, both between the youth and with the wider congregation. For the remainder of this year the youth group will have many ministry groups of the parish visit as guest speakers, including the Ushers, Altar Guild, and Mediation Group as a way for the youth to explore what the life of the parish looks like and form new intergenerational connections. I would like to offer my deepest thanks to all the members of our St. Luke's community who have and are assisting with this vital ministry and I am grateful to all members of the parish.

With the start of the new year, youth group will continue on Sundays from 5:00-6:30 pm and will now be combined middle and high school. Beginning January 11, a new offering for high school youth will begin called "Theology on Screen", Wednesday nights from 5:30-7:00 pm. This new program will focus on the theology present in both movies and TV and allow for a deeper exploration of our faith lives and the questions brought up by depictions of faith in popular culture. Programming for Sunday youth group will be focused on continuing to strengthen fellowship through volunteer events, group outings, and engaging with the larger parish life. One of our first major outings will be a youth overnight lock in and trip to hike Enchanted Rock in January. Planning is also ongoing for a multi-day youth mission trip scheduled for later in the Spring.

Faith formation hour is continuing from 10-10:50 am on Sundays in the youth room. This year we will be using a lectionary curriculum that connects the youth to the daily readings, which I hope allows for a deeper contemplation of the Holy Scripture we hear on Sundays.

As we prepare to enter this new year and expand the opportunities for youth ministry, we greatly welcome all volunteers interested in working with the youth group. If you are interested, please reach out to me anytime, and my door is always open if you have any questions. The youth of St. Luke's are truly incredible and show a passion for understanding the work Christ has called us to. I thank you all for the opportunity to be a part of this ministry and look forward to the coming year of growing in Christ together.



YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE

SUNDAY MORNINGS

Combined 6-12th grade at 10:00 am in the Youth Room for formation hour

Sunday, December 18

10:00 am: Assisting with Christmas Pageant Costuming

12:30 pm: Youth Christmas Party (no evening youth group)

SUNDAY EVENING YOUTH GROUP

November 13 - December 4:

Combined 6-12th grade 5-6:30 pm with Ministry Guests

December 11:

Middle School 5-6:00 pm

Shared meal 6-6:30 pm

High School 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

December 25 and January 1: No Youth Group

STARTING JANUARY 8 AND JANUARY 11:

Middle & High School, Sundays from 5-6:30pm

High School Film Series, Wednesdays 5:30-7pm

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As I reflect on this Fall, I keep thinking about how grateful I am for all of the energy around nurturing our children and families in their faith journeys. As fun as the many events we have had were, we want to be sure most of all to be building relationships. I cannot emphasize enough how grateful we are for a Children and Family Ministries team who prayerfully considers the direction of our programming and plans. I'd like to especially give a shout out of thanks to Rachel Lincoln (who also hosts the Monday Mom's group), Jenny Holshouser, and Sallie Walton. Our ministry is truly all team lead whether planning events or teaching Sunday school classes.



Speaking of Sunday school, what a fantastic teaching team we have. Over the last few months, we have decided to regroup our younger classes into one combined Godly Play class for children ages PreK- 3rd grade. This has allowed children to bond in a more

cohesive group and built community and confidence in how we approach teaching and creating a sacred space for all involved. Please join me in thanking these caring teachers: Janan Little, Tara Welmaker, Ann Allen, Jenny Holshouser, Victoria Bruns and our new team member Jackie Raney.



Nancy Hawkins and Michael Motensen graciously guided our 4th and 5th graders in a hands-on Worship 101 class in which they learned the reasons behind Church rituals and traditions. Acolyte training was included to prepare those who are interested in serving on Sunday mornings or learning about how to serve as an acolyte. When that class was complete, Nancy Hawkins also held a hands-on session in the Nave for our PreK-3rd grade class partly to support the 1st graders in communion instruction.

Caroline Mowen and Marquel McCabe continue to offer their fantastic class Journey Through the Bible. Through Advent and all next semester they will continue to focus on teaching the Old Testament. Students are challenged to know how to best navigate the bible to find stories and seek understanding. This interactive and engaging class involves a personal journey box, lots

A SPECIAL NOTE TO PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS

PARENTS SURVEY

of ways to receive coins for a surprise market later in the year. At times they practice a Bible Jeopardy game in preparation for playing a culminating version with their parents. The kids win. Every time. Seriously!

Please join me in thanking each of these wonderful teachers who give of their time and talent to build relationships with the children in our church family - providing a sacred space for them to express their wonderings and know that they are loved.

ADVENT

We truly are excited about our coming Advent season. Notice the page on our Intergenerational Advent Series called “The Dawn Chorus” Why intergenerational? It’s only been since WWII that we in America have compartmentalized children into individual age groups. Naturally, children learn from and organically belong in mixed age families. As a church family, we can thrive when all members have a voice and know they belong. God calls us to love each other, all ages, as brothers and sisters in Christ.

A highlight for us this coming season will, of course, be our Pageant. Be sure to register your child or grandchild on our sign-up sheet. Since we have not had consistent attendance, all parts are first come first serve (by age group). Use the QR code to find more details and access the actual sign-up.



As we look ahead to the coming months, our Children and Family Ministries team would love your input. Our hope is that children are seen and loved as an integral part of our church family. Let's dream together about our upcoming plans. While we aim to keep many traditions including milestones and events, we are intentionally honing in on relationship-building. Our survey has several questions that will help the members of the Children and Family Ministries team cultivate a ministry that is a blessing to all of our St. Luke's family and better supports you and your family on your faith journey.



In the meantime, be sure to visit our webpage for details on how to connect with our Monday mom's and to learn about other offerings brewing. Please let me know if you would like to join our planning team for upcoming Family Art Nights! We had a blast planning the last one and are looking forward to more after Christmas.

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Paula Garcia

NURSERY DIRECTOR

NURSERY

It has truly been an exciting season in the nursery! We have definitely benefited from the renovations which were done to the rooms over the summer. It is such a blessing to be able to utilize such a vibrant space. Another wonderful thing happening is the collaboration between the nursery and the Mustard Seed program. We are now better able to share all our items in the space making it very cohesive for both programs. This is beneficial for us since we are able to access materials to utilize with the children that come through our facilities on Sundays, Mondays, and for special events throughout the year.

We are so grateful to have such dedicated nursery staff. We would like to welcome back Jocelyn Garcia on the staff and also welcome our new nursery staff member, Isabel Flores. We love our St. Luke's community and cannot wait to see what the new season holds.

PAULA GARCIA
NURSERY DIRECTOR



THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION AT HOME

Each Sunday morning, one or two of your fellow parishioners, called Lay Eucharistic Visitors (LEVs), take Holy Communion to members of our church who are unable to attend worship services in person but who continue, despite their physical absence, to be part of the body of believers that is St. Luke's. Taking the consecrated elements to these dear parishioners is a privilege and an honor for the LEVs.

A short service, usually including readings, prayers, confession and the administration of communion occurs in the recipient's place of residence. The service can be modified depending upon the preference of the recipient and the time available. The gifts of the bread and wine, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, are contained in a special, beautiful kit with a small silver chalice and a paten (plate for the bread). LEVs are specially trained and licensed for this ministry.

We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.

Recipients of home communion include any parishioner who, because of health issues or other reasons, is unable to worship with us in person. They may refer themselves for home communion or a family member may request that a loved one be added to the list of recipients. Temporary recipients might be recovering from surgery, for example, and plan to return to

church in person after a couple of months. Those who are ministered to indefinitely may be in a long-term care facility or be homebound because of physical limitations.

We are here to help one another and to be connected as a community; please don't be shy about asking for a LEV visit.



St. Luke's LEVs, who serve once a month as needed, are Gretchen Bealer, Elizabeth Engelke, Ben Foster, Charles John, David Schrantz, Ellie Seiferth and Elizabeth Turner

If you are interested in learning more about becoming a licensed LEV, or if you, or a family member or friend, would like to receive home communion, contact Fr. Irv Cutter, rector@stlukes-sa.net, (210) 828-6425.

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MUSTARD SEED

The Mustard Seed has had a great start to the school year. We look forward to the bright, smiling faces of our students each and every day. Our teachers and children have all settled into the daily routine and activities. The children enjoy weekly chapel where they have learned Bible stories starting with Creation and up to Jonah thus far. Chapel includes prayer time and songs, as well.



Our Shepherd's classroom is for our youngest students who are 18 months – 2 years old at the beginning of the school year. For many of these children, this is their first time in school. The children have been learning colors, shapes, and how to share and work together. They enjoy daily story time, singing, free play on the playground and in the classroom, and arts and crafts.

Our Angel's classroom is for our older students who are 2 ½ - 3 years old at the start of the school year. Our Angel's classroom begins each day with class meeting which is a fun time to greet one another and sing. Miss Maggie and Miss Kelly plan fun and educational math, science and literature activities for their students. Some of their favorite activities in October are learning about echolocation and exploring pumpkins.

The Mustard Seed will begin enrolling students for the 2023-2024 school year beginning in late January/early February. If you are interested in enrolling your child, or would like additional information about our program, please contact Jennie McLendon at mustardseed@stlukes-sa.net.



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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.

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 - October 31, 2022

	<i>Year-To-Date</i>		Annual
	Actual	Budget	Budget
	10/31/22	10/31/22	
Revenues			
<i>Contributions</i>			
Current year pledges	\$ 788,500	\$ 803,076	\$ 979,361
Nonpledged gifts	77,228	137,500	225,000
Loose plate offerings	14,992	13,333	16,000
Prior year pledges	5,612	3,000	3,000
Special offerings	2,355	2,500	5,000
<i>Total Contributions</i>	888,687	959,409	1,228,361
<i>Other Revenue</i>			
Endowment Trust Distribution	176,591	176,591	176,591
Fundraising Event (S. L. Live)	46,762	30,000	30,000
Interest and Other Income	37,171	29,066	29,300
<i>Other Revenue</i>	260,524	235,657	235,891
Total Revenues	1,149,211	1,195,066	1,464,252
Program and Operating Expense			
Personnel Costs	668,675	711,888	856,548
Diocesan Apportionment	201,330	201,330	241,596
Church Ministries	39,939	51,291	67,950
Administration and Operations	65,495	69,683	81,750
Church Building and Grounds	217,758	210,391	251,269
Total Program and Oprtg. Exp.	1,193,197	1,244,583	1,499,113
Income (loss) from ops.	\$ (43,986)	\$ (49,517)	\$ (34,861)

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