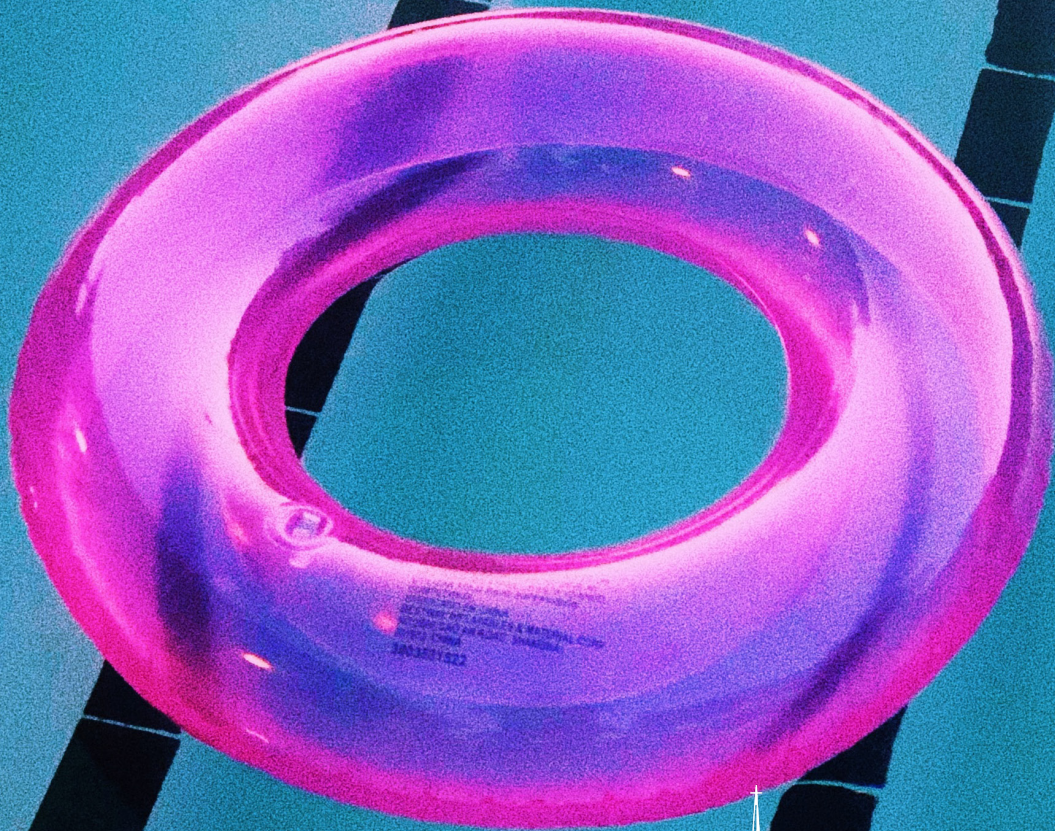


TIDINGS

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

Pentecost & Summer



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EPISCOPAL CHURCH & SCHOOL

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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 saras@slecsa.org.

Upcoming Baptism Dates

May 28, Pentecost

July 2

August 6

September 10

October 1

November 5, All Saints' Sunday

December 3

FROM THE RECTOR

I write this at the beginning of May, looking forward to a very busy month as the program year draws to a close. Things get a little quiet around here in the summer, especially with St. Luke's Episcopal School out of session. But there will still be plenty going on.

Summer has its own rhythm in so many ways. For students and teachers, summer provides a break from the demands of school, a chance to rest and then to prepare for the fall. Many people use the summer season to travel or to slow down their pace of life. Many of us enjoy spending more time outside – as long as the heat and the mosquitos aren't too oppressive.

Many people joke about summer being a time to ratchet down their involvement in church. This way of thinking leads to lower Sunday attendance in the summer months. Some churches adjust their Sunday worship schedule in the summer months, anticipating the summer dip in attendance.

Let me suggest, however, that our Lord invites us to lives of discipleship year-round, including throughout the summer season. At St. Luke's, we keep our regular schedule year-round. Keep coming back, week after week! You'll see that church in the summer looks very much like church in other sea-

sons. (The choir reduces its commitment at 11am, but that's mainly to accommodate choir members who themselves are students or teachers.)

As you read this issue of Tidings, you'll see that we've got plenty going on at St. Luke's this summer. We'll continue to offer opportunities for faith formation on Sundays at 10am. Some of our programs take a break during the summer, but others continue right through. And we'll offer some new opportunities for people to come to church and develop friendships with one another.

If you've made a financial pledge to the church, I hope you'll commit to remaining current on your pledge throughout the summer months. The church relies on financial support from its members year-round, so when you maintain the commitment you've made, you provide important resources that fund the church's ministries and programs.

If you're out of town in the summer, when Sunday arrives, I hope you'll find a nearby church and attend there. Bring a bulletin back – I love looking at Sunday bulletins from other churches! And if you see something happening there that you'd like to see here, let me know, and we can discuss possibilities.

THE REV. DR. MARK LEE

Summer is also a time when people and families move and start visiting nearby churches. So, when visitors come to St. Luke's in the summer and see a church that's vibrant and active, we'll be better able to give them a good first impression as they imagine the possibility of making St. Luke's their new church home.

I'll hope to see you around St. Luke's this summer. And I certainly look forward to autumn and beyond, as we anticipate the many ways that God intends to bless us in the coming days.

Yours faithfully,

The Rev. Irv Cutter

IRV +

The Rev. Dr. Mark Lee has received his new assignment from the U.S. Army. Father Lee, who currently serves as the Director for Clinical Pastoral Education at Brooke Army Medical Center (BAMC), will become the next Dean of the U.S. Army Chaplain Corps Graduate School. This move will take him and his family to Fort Jackson in Columbia, South Carolina. His new assignment starts in July, and his last Sunday at St. Luke's Church will be May 21, allowing him time to finish his duties at BAMC and make the transition to Columbia.

Father Lee and his family have been connected to St. Luke's Church for the past several years, going back to before he was ordained a priest in the Episcopal Church in December, 2017. For the past several years, although his primary work has been with the Army, he has been a Priest Associate at St. Luke's, serving on Sundays when his very busy schedule allows.

Father Lee was promoted to the rank of Colonel at a ceremony in December 2022. We are proud of his service to our nation, and we wish him, his wife Kyo Young, and their daughters Nicole and Lauren, well during this transition. Thank you, Father Mark!

The Rev. Irving Cutter, Rector





Pentecost Picnic

Sunday, May 28
12:30 pm

Wear red on Sunday, May 28, and join us after the 11:00 am service for our festive annual celebration of Pentecost! Members of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew will grill burgers and hotdogs. Bring a side to share.



In March, the School debuted a new processional banner, replacing one that the School had used for many years. This handsome new banner features the School's seal and highlights its mission of emphasizing Scholarship, Citizenship, and Leadership in its curricula. The banner is slightly smaller than its predecessor and is therefore easier for students to carry during liturgical processions.

The School commissioned this banner in honor of members of this year's 8th grade class. We look forward to using it during daily chapel services, as well as Sunday services when we highlight the School as an important ministry of St. Luke's Episcopal Church.

May 21 Calendar

Bishop's Visit

Sunday, May 21 at 9:00 and 11:00 am

The Rt. Rev. David M. Reed will visit St. Luke's at the 9:00 and 11:00 am services next Sunday, May 21. Confirmands from both adult and youth classes will meet with Bishop Reed during the 10:00 am formation hour, and then be confirmed at the 11:00 am service. A reception follows to welcome Bishop Reed and bid farewell to Fr. Mark Lee.

Teacher Appreciation

Sunday, May 21 at 9:00 and 11:00 am

Celebrate our wonderful teachers next Sunday morning at the 9:00 and 11:00 am services! Sunday School, Mustard Seed, and St. Luke's School teachers all provided critical support and care for our students at every age. We could not possibly thank them enough, but we offer this time to recognize their efforts and bless them for the coming year.

Bible Jeopardy

Sunday, May 21 at 10:00 am

At 10:00 am the Journey Through the Bible class battles the adults in our annual Bible Jeopardy match, a very competitive event that lets students and their parents show off their knowledge of the Bible.

Farewell Fr. Mark Lee

Sunday, May 21 at 11:00 am

The Rev. Dr. Mark Lee will be with us for one final Sunday on May 21 before moving to South Carolina for his next post with the U.S. Armed Forces. Thank you, Mark! You will be missed.

Choral Evensong

Sunday, May 21 at 4:30 pm

Our Evensong on May 21 is the final one of the season and features music entirely by Herbert Howells. His St. Paul's Service (Mag & Nunc) is especially noteworthy for its broad lines and bold harmony – terrifically exciting music. Do join us at 4:30 for the service, followed by a reception.

FROM THE ASSOCIATE RECTOR

As we approach Pentecost Sunday, where we remember when the Holy Spirit came down to be with the Apostles and gave birth to the Church, I find myself reflecting on how similar the church today resembles that early movement.

We're coming out of a traumatic event, and some followers have chosen not to come back. We don't know what the future looks like, but we know it's different than anything we've seen before. The church is being opened to new believers, ones who do not look, think, or act like we do, which we find to be both a gift and an interruption to our usual business. Thank God for the Holy Spirit, through whom the church made it through all the tumultuous events of the last two thousand years and still stands today!

We have thirteen adults and six youth who will be confirmed or received by Bishop David M. Reed on May 21. That is an incredible number of new people who feel called by God to profess their faith publicly, and are choosing to be supported in their life in Christ in this particular community of St. Luke's. But even if it was only one person, even if only one individual has been called to a deeper life with Jesus because of the Holy Spirit working

through us as a church, then we are doing exactly what Christ called us to do. Like the Apostles, who at one moment were gathered in the Upper Room in seclusion and the next were out in the streets spreading the Good News in many different languages, I encourage you to embrace this current phase of life with joy and wonder. When you see new folks in the pews, parlors, or hallways, stop and say hello. Tell them how glad you are that they've joined our community.

Unlike the original early church, folks who walk in our doors have a myriad of other places they could go to find the answers they are seeking, both secular and Christian. When new people find their way to us, it means something. Let's continue to make the most of the opportunities God presents to us, and continue to make St. Luke's a place of hope, healing, and celebration. Pentecost wasn't just for back then, it's for us now. Embrace the power of the Holy Spirit, and let's see what God has in store for us that is beyond our imaginations.

In Christ's peace,
Reagan+

The Rev. Reagan Gonzalez, Associate Rector

SUMMER ADULT FORMATION

What: Intergenerational offering on the topic of creation

Where: The Parlors

When: 10:00 am on Sundays, June 4 - August 6

An Illustrated Earth: an intergenerational class celebrating creation and creation care

This summer we invite you to join us in exploring God's creation and our moral call to take care of it. We will cover three modules: water stories, plant and food stories, and animal stories. Each formation time will include a gathering activity, lesson based on scripture, a wondering and imagining time, and activities for all ages.



This program is theologically rich, and especially relevant to our current climate situation. We hope that through this program participants will find a renewed love of nature, and concrete ways we can engage in creation care, both individually and as a community.

This offering is meant to be intergenerational; all ages and life stages are welcome. We will gather in the Parlors on Sundays at 10:00 am from June 4 through August 6. The nursery will be open for little ones, and parents are primary caretakers of their children during the class.

Sessions will be co-lead by Kris Spilker and the Rev. Reagan Gonzalez.

Going Deeper with the Gospels

The Going Deeper with the Gospels class continues during our 10:00 am formation hour! All adults are invited to gather and think deeply on the Gospel text from the previous week. Join Charlie Alfaro in the Large Conference Room for wonderful discussion and learning.

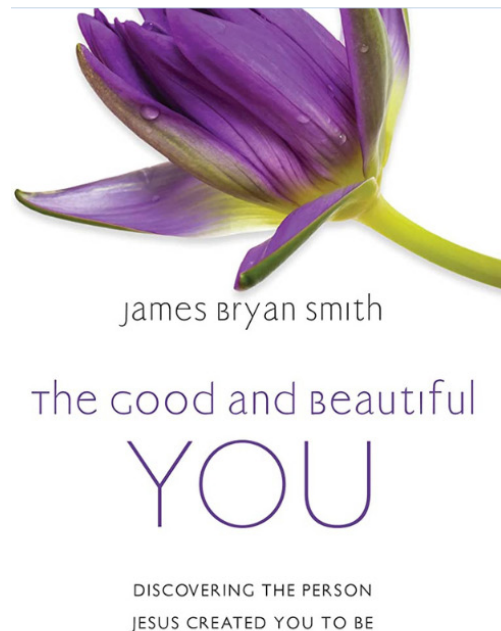


Did you know that all the 11:00 am sermons are posted on our YouTube channel? Listen in to help enhance the discussion, or as a way to reflect on the sermon more than once. Find our channel using the QR code.

Wednesday Evening Bible Study

The Wednesday Evening Bible Study will continue through the Summer months. We will begin the book *The Good and Beautiful You* by James Bryan Smith on June 7.

This second book in the Good and Beautiful series explores how we can overcome “toxic self narratives by discovering the person Jesus created you to be through the beautiful healing God provides.” There are a limited amount of copies available for purchase through the church office for \$20 or you may purchase from the book retailer of your choice. You do not have to have read or come to class previously to join.



The Good and Beautiful You

June 7	1) You Have a Soul
June 14	2) You Have a Sacred Body
June 21	3) You Are Desired
June 28	4) You Are Loved
July 5	5) You Are Made for God
July 12	6) You Are Forgiven
July 19	7) You Have Been Made Alive
July 26	8) You Have Been Made Holy
August 2	9) You Have a Sacred Story
Aug 9	10) You Are Called
Aug 16	11) You Will Be Glorified

The rule is: come when you can, and come even if you haven't read. The Holy Spirit speaks when we're all in community, and that's the most important part.

There are a handful of folks who join via Zoom from the Large Conference Room. If this fits your schedule and needs, speak to Reagan about joining class this way.

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!

- Luke's Men Bible Study: 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month, 7:30-8:15 am
 - Enjoy breakfast tacos and explore Holy Scripture together
- Wednesday Bible Study: every Wednesday at 11:00 am on Zoom
 - Gather for community and to explore Holy Scripture
- Wednesday Evening Bible Study: every Wednesday at 6pm via Zoom
- Thursday Meditation Group: every Thursday at 9:00 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 Zoom links to our online formation offerings: saras@slecsa.org



ST. LUKE'S LIVE 2023

**FRIDAY,
SEPTEMBER 29TH**

DINNER & COCKTAIL PARTY | 6:30PM

Annual Fundraiser Event
St. Luke's Church & School Gymnasium



Tickets and sponsorships available online here



RAY ROMERO

one in an occasional series profiling a member of the parish

It took many years and thousands of miles spread over the United States to finally bring Ray Romero to San Antonio and ultimately to St. Luke's. Now he is a member of the usher ministry; he is the nattily-dressed guy with the big smile who greets congregants at the door for 11:00 am services.

Ray was born and raised in the Washington Heights area of New York City. It was in the city where he landed his first job in men's apparel at Bond Stores at Times Square after high school graduation. He served two years in the US Army, including a time in Korea, before returning to Bond. During his 15 years there he earned an associate's degree in business at City College of New York.

By now he was well into what would become 55 years in retail. He spent 18 years in Beverly Hills, Calif., then came 12 years in Minneapolis. All along

the way he attended Episcopal churches and was a member of the usher teams.

Retirement took him to Bethlehem, Pa. to be near his brother and his family. It was at Nativity Cathedral there that he met Russell Jackson.

During a trip with his brother and sister-in-law to witness his brother's step-daughter's graduation from Baylor University in Waco the family decision was made to move to Texas. They visited Austin, New Braunfels, and San Antonio before they discerned that the Alamo City was it. The move was made in 2021 followed by assurances from Russell that Ray had a home at St. Luke's.

Oh, by the way, a lifelong Episcopalian, Ray was baptized in Manhattan at—St. Luke's Episcopal Church.



Wayne Witt
Photos: Sallie Walton



CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRY

Sunday School (AKA Sunday Kids' Groups)

When new families come to visit, there have been a few times this year that a child is not interested in Sunday school because they trip up on the concept of “school” with a worry that they would be micro managed or required to take a test. After overhearing a child’s hesitation when they visited, the Godly Play class talked about how this was more like a “Sunday Kids’ Group” or even camp!

Teacher Appreciation

As we grow as a church, we have a wonderful opportunity to build community with the kids who join our classes. I’m incredibly grateful for our Godly Play and Journey through the Bible teaching teams this year who are inspired to teach God’s word in fun and engaging ways. We have time set aside to thank all of our teachers during the 9:00 and 11:00 am services on May 21. Let’s shower our current team in appreciation, love, and prayer over the summer as we plan for the fall. I want to give a special thanks to the following:

Ann Allen
Victoria Bruns
Jenny Holshouser
Paula Hutton
Robin Newman

Tara Welmaker
Marquel McCabe
Caroline Mowen
Michael Mortensen
Nancy Hawkins

Volunteer Opportunities! - Volunteering is a Mutual Blessing

We are growing in all ways as our church community relationships deepen. Where is God calling you to invest your time and talents this summer and fall? Getting involved is always a mutual blessing!

Use this QR code to find our volunteer survey that includes details about summer formation and fun nights!



Vacation Bible School

Check out VBS info on page 19 for details on how to sign up your camper and yourself as a volunteer. Enthusiasm is high so come join the fun!

An Illustrated Earth

See page 10 about the Intergenerational Class Rev. Reagan and I are leading on Creation Care called An Illustrated Earth!

Parish Pool Parties at Heights Pool

Two All-Parish Pool Parties are being planned with yummy food, games, and activities! Complete the survey (see QR code on page 16) to join this fun planning team!

- Wednesday, 7/26 from 5-7:00 pm
- Sunday, 8/27 from 1-3:00. Wear your cabana wear and head to the pool after the 11:00 am service for lunch and fun!

Godly Play Core Training: August 3-5

St. Luke's San Antonio is hosting a Godly Play Core training August 3-5! The Godly Play Core Training is the recommended training for every adult leading Godly Play sessions, for administrators, and for clergy. Over the course of three days participants experience all aspects of the Godly Play method and begin to become fluent in the Godly Play core stories and fundamental practices. Registration will be open soon, in the meantime if you have questions email Suzanna Green or Kris Spilker.

Youth, Children, and Family Ministry Summit: August 19

The Youth, Children, and Family Summit is sponsored by the Bishop's Youth Commission and the Diocesan Christian Formation Committee. All youth, children and family leaders (lay or ordained, paid or unpaid) in the Diocese are invited! The day will include. a guest speaker, lunch and snacks, breakout sessions, and time for fellowship and conversation with formation leaders from around the Diocese.

Questions? Contact Suzanna Green or Dawn McLendon for more information.

Kris Spilker: kristines@slecsa.org

Suzanne Green: formation@dwtx.org

Dawn McLendon: dawn@sthelenas.net

Kristine Spilker, Director of Children & Family Ministry

SUMMER FUN AND MORE!

Save the dates and read more here to see how to get involved!

June

- 4th: Intergenerational Class: An Illustrated Earth Starts at 10:00 am Formation Hour each Sunday (June 4 - Aug. 6) with art activity, stations and yummy breakfast treats!
- 2-4th: Mustang Island Family Camp - Sign up to go together as a Parish to Session 1.
- 26-29th: Stellar VBS: Register campers and volunteers on page 16

July

- 2nd: Celebrate 4th of July in services
- 26th: Wednesday Heights Pool Party with Games and Activities 5-7:00 pm

August

- 3-5th: Hosting Godly Play Core Training for DWTX
- 13th: Backpack Blessing Day / Formation Orientation and Ice Cream Social
- 20th: Rally Day with interactive stations for children
- 27th: Formation Hour begins at 10:00 am / Children's Chapel resumes during the 11:00 am service / Heights Pool Party 1-3:00 pm





St. Luke's Episcopal Church Stellar Vacation Bible School

For kids from 4 years old to 5th grade

June 26 - 29 | 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Kids discover how they can shine Jesus' love and hope in everyday life!



Activities include:

- Bible adventures
- All-Star teamwork-building games
- Galactic snack station
- Imagination art station

Teen and Adults Helpers are needed! Teen helpers can sign up free of charge (includes t-shirt) and can receive service hours. For more information overall, email Kris Spilker at kristines@stlukes-sa.net.



MUSIC AT ST. LUKE'S

Tenth Anniversary

Thank you all so very much! Your cards and well wishes mean a tremendous amount to me.

The aspect of my job that means most is communication. I love rehearsing with the choir because we have a two-way conversation. I can try to convey something, but I also respond to their reaction.

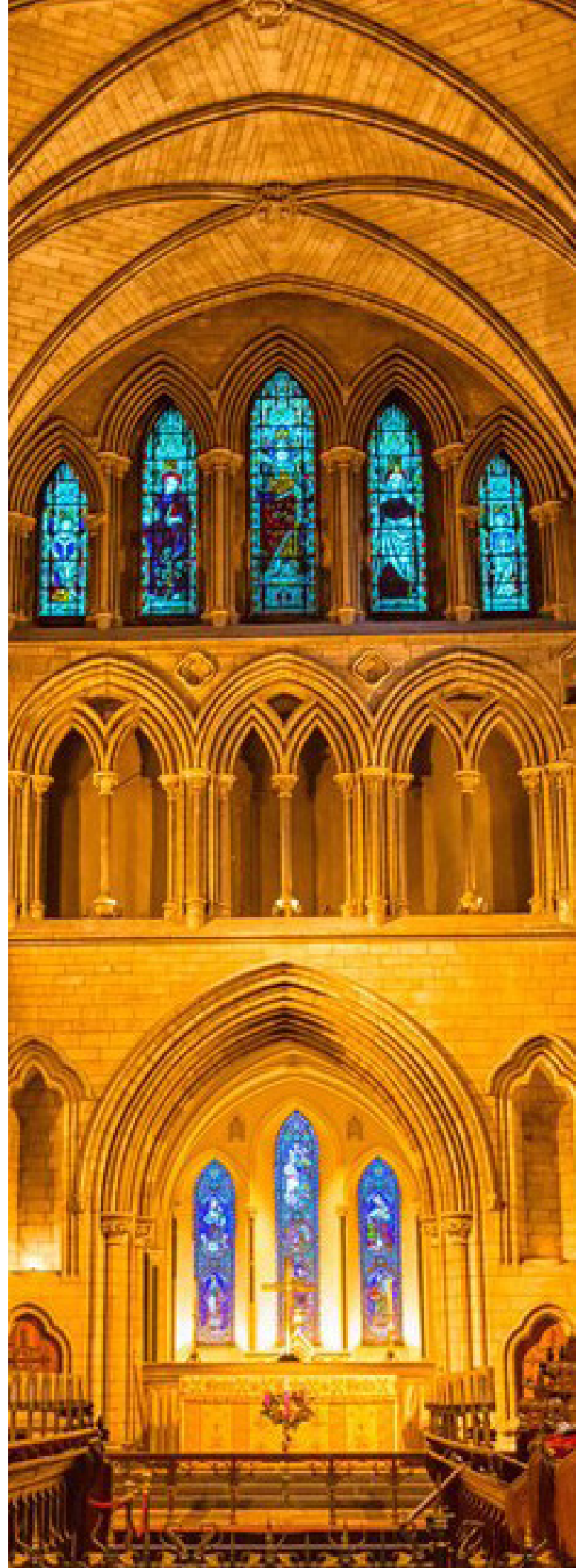
And when we can inspire the congregation with beauty and truth, it makes everything real and so much larger. We worship.

The organ has been described as the “Disembodied Voice of God” – and I think it has the power to be that in the happiest and saddest times in our lives.

And we now have an instrument already highly regarded by musicians throughout the US, England and Europe.

Some of you know my journey began as a choirboy at St. Luke's Church, Hartlepool. I'm glad it'll finish at another St. Luke's in my hometown of San Antonio.

Russell Jackson, Director of Music





Choir Music and St. Patrick's, Dublin

We have two monumental pieces of music coming up at the end of this term: Finzi's "God is gone up" (Sunday after Ascension) and Howells' "St. Paul's Service" for our final Evensong. The Finzi expresses Jesus' Ascension into Heaven after the fifty days of Easter, and intersperses lines from Psalm 47 with Edward Taylor's Sacramental Meditations. The language is absolutely picturesque as he describes: *Methinks I see Heaven's sparkling courtiers fly, in flakes of glory down him to attend, and hear heart-cramping notes of melody surround his chariot as it did ascend; mixing their music, making ev'ry string more to enravish as they this tune sing.*

Then at Evensong on the same day the choir sings the Howells Evening Service written for St. Paul's Cathedral, London. Howells is perhaps the only composer who can mix Christian mysticism with devastating harmonic authority. The music goes far beyond the meaning of the words, or maybe the music helps illustrate the true depth of the text. We will sing this piece again in Ireland when a friend of mine, Andrew Shenton, will direct. He was a chorister at St. Paul's, so this piece has special memories and resonance for him.

Pictured left and above, St. Patrick's, Dublin

THE GREEN DOOR SHOP

Christian Giving Grants

Each year the Green Door Thrift Shop supports non-profit, 501(c)(3) organizations dedicated to charitable and humanitarian efforts by allocating 100% of the net profits from its sales to grant assistance. Organizations must have a mission and vision consistent with that of St. Luke's Episcopal Church and The Episcopal Church.

The Christian Giving Committee of The Green Door Board will begin accepting requests for 2024 support beginning Monday, July 17 of this year with applications due by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 31. In addition to the above requirements, grants will be evaluated based on programs and/or projects that:

- Are well-defined, specific and measurable
- Address a significant need or improve the quality of life
- Benefit either a large population *or* a small population in a major way
- Are transformative
- Increase the capacity of those served to help themselves

For more information or to request a grant application email greendoorgives@gmail.com. Please feel free to pass this information along to organizations of which you may be aware who fit the above criteria.

YOUTH MINISTRY

As we all enjoy a Texas Spring and prepare for our Summer trips and vacations, we at St. Luke's can reflect both on the wonderful work that the Youth Group has taken part in, and what we have planned for the coming months. Since our last issue of Tidings in February, the youth have taken part in fun, fellowship, volunteering, and deeper explorations of our faith lives that have seen new members join our ever expanding youth group family. The coming months will mark both a continuation of fun and fellowship, but also major changes for the youth group as programming changes to accommodate the summer vacations and we prepare to say goodbye to our assistant youth leader Hannah Burks.

Beginning in Lent and continuing on during the Easter season, the youth have taken to heart a focus on living into our callings to love our neighbors as ourselves and serve those in our community. To kick off this season of volunteering and fulfilling our calls by Jesus to serve, the youth hosted a wonderful Shrove Tuesday pancake supper. During this event the youth served over 70 members of the parish a plethora of pancake options, and capped the night off with a challenge to make the biggest pancake they could and see if they could finish it (and they came close to finishing what ended up being more of a pancake casserole). A special thank you also goes out to the Brotherhood of St. Andrew ministry who assisted in this event by providing tasty sides of bacon and sausage. At the close of the evening over

\$350 dollars was raised by the youth group, who chose to donate this offering to the Make-A-Wish foundation of San Antonio in support of their ministry. The call to volunteering continued throughout Lent with several members of the youth group coming together on the latest Parish Workday to take down a portion of the Church playground that had been deemed no longer safe for use. This work benefited both the Church and School, and allowed the youth a chance to grab a crowbar and have some demolition fun. To cap off this fantastic work of our youth, the last Sunday of April saw a visit to Altitude Trampoline Park. We celebrated all that these members of our parish do both for St. Luke's and our wider San Antonio community by enjoying all that the park had to offer.

In the coming weeks multiple members of our youth group will be taking part in the monumental spiritual life decision of being confirmed during the Bishop's visit on May 21. We offer up our deepest congratulations to these confirmands as they join us as full members in our Episcopal tradition. The month of May will also see us congratulate our graduating seniors as they prepare to set off on their futures with Senior Sunday on May 7. We also look forward to welcoming our new batch of rising 6th graders taking part in the St. Luke's tradition of adding their handprint to the youth wall on the evening of May 14.

MUSTARD SEED

While Summer is traditionally a time for some Church ministries to slow down, youth group will continue to go strong as we meet during our regular Sunday evening time from 5:00 – 6:30pm for the remainder of May and throughout June. Beginning in July and running into August the youth group will meet regularly during Sunday evenings, but will also have several major events such as pool parties and outdoor trips to celebrate fellowship. Please be on the lookout for these announcements, and we welcome any member of the Parish who wishes to volunteer on these outings and help support this vital ministry.

The months of 2023 continue to pass, and with summer so close at hand we at St. Luke's look forward to an exciting summer as we continue to grow both as a youth group and a wider Parish. We also would like to offer a special thank you, our congratulations, and best wishes to our Assistant Youth Leader Hannah Burks as she graduates from her Master's program at UTSA and prepares for a move to Austin at the end of May to begin work as a pediatric occupational therapist. While we will miss Hannah at our weekly youth group, our prayers and best wishes go with her as she transitions into a new phase of life and walks with Jesus in her calling.

Bryan Gonzalez, Youth Director



I have thoroughly enjoyed my first year as director of the Mustard Seed. The Mustard Seed is a sweet and special school for young children. I have enjoyed hearing all of the laughter and little voices throughout the year. It's hard to believe that the school year is quickly coming to an end. It is so fun to watch how much the children grow and learn in just a few short months. They have become more independent, confident, and so talkative.

In May we had a petting zoo come and visit and we will celebrate all of the children with May and summer birthdays during chapel. We are also planning a Mother's Day lunch for all of our moms who have helped make this year a success. The Mustard Seed has been blessed with an incredible group of parents. We will end the school year with sprinkler play, shaving cream, bubbles, and popsicles on the lawn.



Over the past couple of months, our staff has been working on professional development courses and discussing how important play is in the early childhood years. We have been learning more about the benefits of play, as well as how and what children learn during a variety of play activities. As adults, we often view play as just simply kids playing. We often don't recognize when and how children are learning social emotional skills, pre-reading, pre-writing, math and science skills. We will be leaning more into play based and inquiry-based learning in the next school year.

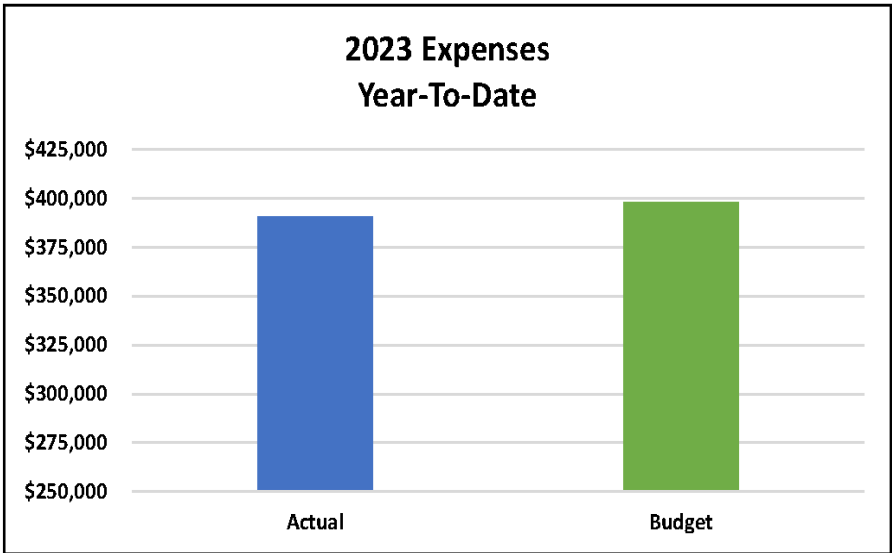
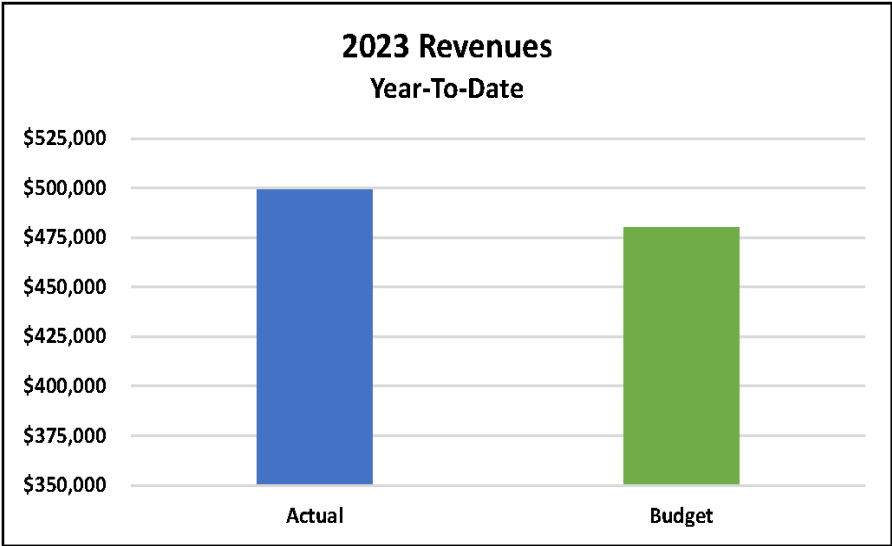


As we prepare to head into summer, we are looking into ways we can improve campus safety for our youngest learners. SLEC, SLES and Mustard Seed will be working together, along with SAPD, to determine what safety improvements are needed, what the costs will be, and how to still maintain the open and welcoming feel of the campus. Last summer, the Mustard Seed classrooms and office were renovated, and we have all enjoyed the new and inviting spaces.



Jennie McLendon, Mustard Seed Director

Financial Report



Revenue

- Total Budget for year is \$1.472 million - *Ahead of plan*
- March 2023 YTD is \$497k versus budget YTD of \$479k
- Current Year Pledges \$264k YTD versus budget YTD of \$267k
- Non-Pledged \$24k YTD versus budget YTD of \$14k

Expenses

- Total Budget for year is \$1.615 million - *Ahead of plan*
- March 2023 YTD is \$391k versus budget YTD of \$398k

Overall Budget for 2023

- Planning for a deficit of \$143k - *Ahead of plan*
- Offset by Beginning Fund Balance & Employee Retention Credit
- March 2023 YTD \$107k Surplus versus budget YTD of \$81k Surplus

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, 2023 - March 31, 2023

	Year-To-Date		
	Actual	Budget	Annual
	3/31/23	3/31/23	Budget
Revenues			
<i>Contributions</i>			
Current year pledges	\$ 264,128	\$ 267,363	\$ 990,232
Nonpledged gifts	24,100	13,750	175,000
Loose plate offerings	4,198	4,500	18,000
Prior year pledges	11,517	5,500	6,000
Special offerings	2,499	-	5,000
<i>Total Contributions</i>	306,442	291,113	1,194,232
<i>Other Revenue</i>			
Endowment Trust Distribution	177,427	177,427	177,427
Fundraising Event (S. L. Live)	-	-	50,000
Interest and Other Income	13,575	10,475	221,655
<i>Other Revenue</i>	192,825	189,021	451,082
Total Revenues	499,267	480,134	1,645,314
Program and Operating Expense			
Personnel Costs	226,822	225,313	873,769
Diocesan Apportionment	62,418	62,418	249,672
Church Ministries	15,123	18,238	94,550
Administration and Operations	20,427	17,498	83,950
Church Building and Grounds	65,963	74,862	300,049
Total Program and Oprtg. Exp.	390,753	398,329	1,601,990
Income (loss) from ops.	\$ 108,514	\$ 81,805	\$ 43,324

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