

2025-2026
OPPORTUNITIES FOR
MINISTRY AND COMMUNITY
AT ST. LUKE'S CHURCH



ST. LUKE'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH & SCHOOL



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

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

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

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

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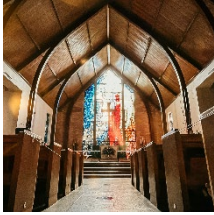
You'll also get to learn about some of the recovery groups that meet at St. Luke's (p. 23), and we also highlight one of the church's most visible ministries, St. Luke's Episcopal School (p. 26).

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

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SUPPORT THE WORSHIP LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION



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

THE ST. MARY'S ALTAR GUILD

Purpose:

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

Requirements to get involved: All persons who have been confirmed or received in the Episcopal Church, regardless of gender, background or age, are welcome to join.

How often a person would serve, or what the time commitment is:

The Altar Guild does not have regular meetings. We try to meet a couple of times during the year, usually a potluck type affair, to give us a chance to socialize, discuss questions, and welcome new members.

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

The Altar Guild is divided into 4 teams, each serving once per month. During the months with 5 Sundays, each Team serves one extra Sunday (typically once per quarter). The Altar Guild also serves during Holy Week, Easter, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services, weddings, funerals, and/or other special services during the year. There is plenty of room for newcomers, men or women.

Contact person: Nancy Hawkins, nchawk62@gmail.com
210-438-3886 (cell)

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THE USHER GUILD

Purpose: The ministry of ushering is a crucial part of worship because it is one of the most visible ministries in the church. In Christ, you have received God's unconditional love, and, in Christ, you are called to extend that same unconditional love to others. Although an usher's love is no stronger than the love found in the whole congregation of the body of Christ, nevertheless the usher performs a major role in ensuring that people see and experience that love.

The usher duties can be summed up in a few words:

- Make people feel welcome at church.
- Assist with people management during all services, especially during communion.
- Assist with seating, collecting offering, and maintaining a safe environment.

“The heart of an usher is the heart of a servant, and they do their work for their Lord Jesus” (Colossians 3:24). A church usher has a true love for the people of the church and a desire to promote an atmosphere of reverence and worship in the house of God. An usher's theme verse could very well be Psalm 84:10, “I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.”

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

How often a person would serve, or what the time commitment is: Ushers serve one weekend a month for just one service and meet semi-annually for training. There is also the opportunity to serve during Holy Week, Easter, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services, funerals, and/or other special services during the year.

Contact person: Roberta Ortega, ushers.slec@gmail.com
254-534-0932 (cell, call or text)

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CHOIR MINISTRY

Purpose: To provide *Choral Worship* maintained by a choir of volunteers and professional leaders. The *Friends of Music* supports this ministry and also the Concert Series. All information is provided in the annual Music List available in print or on the church's website.

Requirements to get involved: A brief audition with the director.

How often a person would serve, or the time commitment is: A firm commitment every Wednesday (7:00-9:00 pm) and Sunday mornings at 10:15 am for the 11:00 am Eucharist; as well as 3:30 pm for Choral Evenson at 4:30 pm, on the 3rd Sunday of the month.

Contact person: Russell Jackson, russellj@slecsa.org
210-828-6425, x255

LECTORS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS (LEM'S)

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

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

Time commitment: There are four LEM Teams (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John) at St. Luke's. Each Team serves one Sunday each month at 3 of our 4 services (8:00 am, 11:00 am, and 6:00 pm). Additionally, there are typically 4 months per year that have 5 Sundays; so, each Team will serve one extra Sunday one month per year.

We also have a 9:00 am LEM Team who serves every Sunday at our Contemporary service (9:00 am).

All team members have the additional opportunity to serve during Holy Week, Easter, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services, funerals, and/or other special services during the year.

Contact person: David Chidgey, dschidgey@gmail.com
210-391-4829 (cell, please leave text messages)

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YOUTH ACOLYTES

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

Requirements to get involved: 4th through 12th grade. Those interested in joining the Acolytes should contact Michael or Nancy to schedule training time throughout the year.

How often a person would serve: one time per month

Contact persons: Michael Mortensen, michaelmort@att.net
210.240.2637 (cell) and Nancy Hawkins, nchawk62@gmail.com
210.438.3886 (cell)

SUNDAY MORNING HOSPITALITY

Purpose: To share the gifts of hospitality with visitors and parishioners on Sunday mornings after the 11:00 am morning service in the South Parlor.

Requirements to get involved: Sign up to bring refreshments and/or to set-up, serve, and clean-up the table following the service. Coffee, water, and lemonade are provided by the church and set up by the Sextons. We have all the serving dishes and utensils in supply from the church; however, the volunteers provide the rest! Typically, refreshments are served from noon-12:30 pm. You choose which date(s) and how frequently you would like to volunteer.

All ages and genders are welcome to join this ministry. Sunday Morning Hospitality is a great way for friends and families to work together in serving SLEC. Even if you regularly attend the 8:00 am, 9:00 am, or evening service, please consider joining us!

Contact persons: Katherine Hampsten,
katherine.hampsten@gmail.com
713-443-0776 (cell)

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LIVESTREAM MINISTRY

Purpose: Providing video streams and on-demand recordings of services that occur at St. Luke's church. There are many members of this community who worship from home by choice or necessity. Our livestream team makes sure everyone is able to connect with St. Luke's, even if they are remote.

Volunteers normally work one Sunday a month. Total time on a Sunday morning should be no more than two hours. Set-up for the 11am service starts around 10:30 am, and the service usually ends before 12:15 pm. Two Sunday services for training suggested.

Contact person: Lexie Bishop, lexieb@slecsa.org
210-828-6425 x205

THE ST. FRANCIS GUILD

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

We are a group of men and women from the church who also sponsor the Palm Cross Workshop before Palm Sunday. We meet in homes or at church four times a year for planning and fellowship.

A subgroup of the Guild makes Chrismons, symbols of Christ, to decorate our Christmas trees, to present to families of new babies when baptized, and to the homebound at Easter. Chrismons are sold at Church before Christmas and Easter and proceeds go to the Church.

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

Contact person: Ann Mewborne, emewborne@satx.rr.com
210-421-9631 (cell)

OFFER COMPASSIONATE CARE TO PARISHIONERS



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

THE ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON GUILD

Purpose: The St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Guild is an outreach of our Pastoral Care ministry and acknowledges the deaths of our parishioners and parishioners' loved ones. Over the course of the first year following the death of a spouse, child, parent, or sibling, condolence cards are mailed on significant dates in the life of the families. The beautiful artwork on these cards was very generously donated by members of our St. Luke's family.

Requirements to get involved: A servant's heart and a willingness to write and send cards with special messages throughout the year during this time of grief for our parishioners.

There are no special skills needed to do this work, just a willingness to be behind the scenes through our Pastoral Care ministry, to be able to write messages, address envelopes, and mail cards to those in our parish who have lost loved ones. All the necessary details, cards, and most supplies are provided.

The St Elizabeth Ann Seton Guild does not have regular meetings and is currently made up of 15 men and women who serve on a rotation as needed. Most of the communication is handled through phone calls and emails.

*Father of all, we pray to you, for all those whom we love but see
no longer ...*

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Contact person: Nancy Mortensen, nancimort@att.net
210-545-4084 (home)

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THE BETHANY GUILD

Purpose: The Bethany Guild is available to host receptions in the Parlors after funeral or memorial services at St. Luke's. Donations are always appreciated to help with expenses.

Requirements to get involved: A willingness to participate and be part of a much-needed ministry whether in person or by helping prepare menu items. The Guild is organized into teams, which rotate the hosting of receptions. For a reception, members of the team prepare a set menu and then assist in hosting the reception.

Each person serves on a team as a team member or as a captain. Teams prepare the food before the reception, then set up and host during the reception, and work with the building staff during clean-up afterward.

Contact person: Carol McGanity, csmcganity@gmail.com
210-828-2250 (cell)

EUCCHARISTIC VISITORS

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

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

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COMMUNITY OF HOPE INTERNATIONAL

Purpose: The Community of Hope International (COHI) was established to foster praying communities, promote love and compassion among its members, and provide compassionate listening to others. COHI's core values are deeply rooted in Benedictine Spirituality, which emphasizes nurturing relationships and fostering spiritual growth within a supportive community.

We are a group of parishioners trained as pastoral care givers who share the clergy's responsibility of offering pastoral care in various forms to the congregation. Pastoral care involves being present, listening, and being compassionate and non-controlling towards individuals or groups. This allows us to represent God and respond to their spiritual needs. Through spiritual formation, practical lessons, and the support, encouragement, and insights of our members, lay chaplains contribute to the development of a caring community.

Requirements to get involved: To become a Lay Pastoral Chaplain, you must share your interest with a current COHI member or Fr. Irv. You will then undergo a 12-module training program that covers both practical and theoretical topics. Finally, you will be commissioned to represent God and St. Luke's congregation to our care recipients.

2025 Training: Our classes will be held on Saturdays, September 6 through November 22, from 9:30 am to 12:00 pm at St. Luke's Episcopal Church.

Time commitment: Typically, you should allocate no more than 4-10 hours per month. This includes:

- Monthly Circle of Care gatherings (about 90 minutes).
- Planned visits with parishioners in need (30 to 60 minutes).
- Quarterly Continuing Education with Speakers via video/Zoom (90 minutes).

Contact persons: Mary Tacy Young, marytyoung@gmail.com
210-365-2420 and Gretchen Bealer, grbealer@gmail.com
210-860-2808

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ST. LUKE'S CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

(AN OUTREACH MINISTRY OF THE COMMUNITY OF HOPE)

Purpose: This is a new pastoral care group that is an outreach ministry of our Community of Hope team. We want to provide a safe and confidential group where caregivers are valued, respected, and supported with empathy and understanding.

Requirements to participate: Those who provide care and support for a family member or friend are invited to join us.

When we meet: Starting October 23, 2025, we will meet weekly on Thursdays from 10:30 am to 12:00 noon in the Small Conference Room in the church office.

Contact persons: Mary Tacy Young, marytyoung@gmail.com
210-365-2420

GROW SPIRITUALLY



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

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

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

Requirements to get involved: There is a three-month study program and discernment time led by one of the Daughters. Dues and the cost of the cross are paid by the new Daughter.

Meeting time: We meet on the 3rd Sunday of the month after the 11:00 am service.

Contact person: Ann Gill, mickeygilley@att.net
210-273-5094 (cell)

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TUESDAY MORNING MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

(ORGANIZED BY THE BROTHERHOOD OF ST. ANDREW)

Purpose: Participate in Bible study with other men in a small group setting. We meet in person for study and discussion.

When we resume our meetings in September, we will be starting a new book, "Matthew for Everyone" by N.T. Wright.

Requirements to participate: Men of all ages can participate in Scripture, fellowship, and an added bonus... members of the group rotate bringing breakfast tacos from their favorite shop.

When you meet: On the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month, 7:30 – 8:30 am in the Large Conference Room.

Contact person: Charles John, cjohnaia@gmail.com
210-860-5782 (cell)

BROTHERHOOD OF ST. ANDREW

Purpose: The Brotherhood of St. Andrew (BStA) is a Men's Ministry of the Episcopal Church and Anglican Communion. It is based on three disciplines – Prayer, Study, and Service. The Discipline of Prayer means to pray daily for the spread of Christ's kingdom, especially among men and youth, and for God's blessings upon the labors of the Brotherhood. The Discipline of Study means to study the Holy Scriptures regularly and the teachings of the Church, to attain a better understanding of how to follow Christ and bring others into his kingdom. The Discipline of Service means to make continuous efforts, week by week, to bring others nearer to Christ through his Church.

Requirements to get involved: All male members of St. Luke's are asked to prayerfully consider joining during September.

Meeting time: The BStA chapter officers meet via Zoom, as needed; and the chapter meets in person on the 3rd Sunday of the last month of each quarter, i.e., March, June, September, and December.

Contact persons: David Schrantz, sooeepigs@satx.rr.com
210-885-1154 (cell) or Charles John, cjohnaia@gmail.com
210-860-5782 (cell)

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WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY GROUP

Purpose: We are currently studying the book of Romans. We explore Jesus as our role model for living and as a lens to who God is and wants us to be. The more we learn about the words and teachings of Jesus, the more we understand how to live a meaningful Christian life. This is a lively, open, and loving group where it is safe to wrestle with the scriptures, explore, and question with a sprinkling of humor throughout!

Requirements to participate: This class is open to men and women. A willingness to participate, question, and share with each other is helpful because that is how we grow as a community.

When you meet: We meet Wednesday mornings on Zoom at 11:00 am.

Contact persons: Diane Thrush, dianewt@aol.com
210-413-3702 (cell) or Suzette Harris, suzette.harris137@gmail.com
210-260-5445 (cell)

THURSDAY MEDITATION GROUP

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

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

When you meet: The meditation group meets online via Zoom at 9:00 am on Thursdays.

Contact persons: Gretchen Bealer, grbealer@gmail.com,
210-860-2808 (cell) or Kay Fitch, kay.fitch@gmail.com,
210-827-7158 (cell)

GROW SPIRITUALLY

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Purpose: We are all on unique walks with God and each person's faith journey is different. *Adult Faith Formation* offerings look to meet each of us where we are and walk together toward a deeper and more full faith. We have several offerings each semester which typically include a bible study, newcomer's class, and a topical class (i.e. book study, current events, etc.). Opportunities to facilitate or co-facilitate a study are available each semester. Also, the Faith Formation Committee is always looking for ideas for formation offerings or particular subjects of interest.

Time Commitment: Come every week or just when you can. If you want to facilitate or co-facilitate, each study takes either half a semester or full semester.

Contacts: Elizabeth Engelke, elizabethengelke@hotmail.com or The Rev. Tanner Ambs, tannera@slecsa.org
210-828-6425 x211

CONFIRMATION / RECEPTION INTO THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

This is also a time for those who wish to be received into the Episcopal Church and those who wish to reaffirm their confirmation to be presented to the visiting bishop. Any one of our clergy can discuss these steps with you.

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

Contact: Sara Spreen, saras@slecsa.org or call 210-828-6425, x208, Fr. Irv Cutter, rector@slecsa.org or Bryan Gonzalez, bryang@slecsa.org

PARTICIPATE IN FELLOWSHIP FOR ALL AGES



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

(Photo: Flock of Ages Christmas Gathering, December, 2025)

YOUNG(ISH) ADULTS GROUP

Purpose: The Young(ish) Adults Group is geared toward young professionals and families whether single, partnered, and/or married. There are members of the group who have children and members who do not.

Requirements: Show up and enjoy the fellowship, with or without your children.

Meeting times: We meet on the 3rd Tuesday of the month usually at 6:00 pm at a family-friendly neighborhood restaurant (children are welcome). Details are published in the Sunday bulletins.

Contact: Email slec.youngishadults@gmail.com for more information, or to be added to our group chat.

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THE FLOCK OF AGES GROUP

Purpose: The Flock of Ages is the revival of a fellowship group which has been a St. Luke's tradition for more than 20 years. The Flock of Ages includes couples and singles who no longer consider ourselves "Young(ish)." Many of us are now the '*Sandwich Generation*', supporting young adult children and caring for our parents.

The goal of our group is to help members feel more connected to the church, form deeper bonds, and support each other.

Requirements: Come and enjoy the fellowship. Please reply promptly for events which require an RSVP.

Meeting times: We meet on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm in someone's home or at a bar/restaurant or other fun venue. Details are published in the Sunday bulletins.

Contact: Email slec.flockofages@gmail.com for more information, or reach out to Jessica Koontz, (210) 860-8233 (cell)

THE RETIRED NOT EXPIRED GROUP

Purpose: The "Retired not Expired" Group is a new fellowship opportunity geared toward those who are retired, planning to retire, or anyone who enjoys hanging out with 'folks of a certain age'. Join us for fun and fellowship as we explore the unique food, music, and culture of San Antonio while enhancing our sense of community at St. Luke's.

Requirements: Come and enjoy the fellowship. Please reply promptly for events which require an RSVP.

Meeting times: Our first get together is August 31st at StoneWerks (Lincoln Heights) after the 11:00 am service for a dutch-treat luncheon. No RSVP required. All are welcome!!! Stay tuned for more details, and also watch the Sunday bulletins.

Contact: Email slec.retirednotexpired@gmail.com for more information, or reach out to Marilyn Schrantz, 210-904-4641 (cell) or Jerry Edwards, 731-445-8326 (cell)

SUPPORT OUR YOUNG PEOPLE



We work together to remind our young people, from infants through senior high, that they are beloved in God's eyes. St. Luke's strives to provide an atmosphere where children, youth, and families can feel seen, safe, known, valued, loved, and nurtured in their growing relationship with Jesus.

(Photo: Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, Youth Group, 2025)

CHILDREN MINISTRIES

The Children's Ministry at St. Luke's is dedicated to helping children grow in faith, deepen their relationship with God and each other, and feel fully known, loved, and valued within our church family. Our programs are designed to meet children where they are—encouraging spiritual growth, nurturing connections, and fostering a strong sense of belonging through every season of life.

Each Sunday during the 10:00 am formation hour, children from Kinder through 5th grade are invited into a monthly rhythm of Sunday School that includes Godly Play, Creative Sundays, Chapel and Children's Chorus. These gatherings combine sacred storytelling, hands-on activities, joyful music, and plenty of time to build meaningful friendships. Nursery care is available for infants through PK4 during formation hour where they engage in age-appropriate Bible stories and during both the 9:00 am and 11:00 am services.

Children are welcome in all our worship services. The 9:00 am Family-Friendly Contemporary Service is a special time when kids are invited to serve alongside their families. A play area is set up for young children who need to move during the service. For older children in 4th grade and up, our Acolyte team at the 11:00 am service offers a wonderful opportunity to grow in faith, serve the church, and create lasting memories. Throughout the year, we also celebrate important milestones such as baptisms, Bible presentations, birthdays, and baby blessings.

SUPPORT OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

Beyond Sundays, families are encouraged to connect through events like First Wednesdays, monthly Young(ish) Adults & Family Dinners, and the multi-church Lenten Dinner series. We also come together as a whole church for seasonal celebrations and church-wide gatherings including Advent Wreath Making, the Christmas Pageant, the Easter Sunday Egg Hunt on the Lawn, and our beloved Pentecost Picnic.

Everyone is welcome to serve in this ministry – whether by storytelling, crafting, supporting behind the scenes, or simply offering a warm and steady presence. No experience is required, just a heart for helping children feel safe, seen, and loved.

Contact person: Bonnie Grubbs, Director of Children’s Ministries, bonnieg@slecsa.org or call the church office 210-828-6425, x204

YOUTH GROUP MINISTRIES

The Youth Group fall session is about to begin and we are ready to hit the ground running! The SLEC Youth Group is a ministry that focuses on creating a space for fellowship, lessons, and discussions of our faith for the members of our parish who are in **grades 6 through 12**. We will be returning to split Middle and High School sessions on Sunday evenings, starting August 17, 2025:

Middle School meets from 5:00 – 6:00 pm

We have a joint dinner served from 6:00 – 6:30 pm

High School meets from 6:30 – 7:30 pm.

In addition to our Sunday evening sessions, there is also a youth formation class offered on Sunday mornings, 10:00 – 10:50 am. This is a time where we focus on the scriptures used during the service and various topics covering Church history and theology.

The youth of St. Luke’s are truly incredible and show a passion for understanding the work Christ has called us to do. If you feel called to explore opportunities with youth ministry, we greatly welcome you to volunteer and please reach out to me at any time, my door is always open.

Contact: Bryan Gonzalez, Director of Youth Ministries, bryang@slecsa.org or call the church office 210-828-6425, x213

SUPPORT OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

THE MUSTARD SEED

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

Our program, which is licensed by the Texas Health and Human Services Commission, operates Monday through Friday from 8:30 am – 2:30 pm and follows a school year calendar.

Available spots are offered to new students on our waitlist, with priority given to church members or siblings of the Mustard Seed and St Luke's Episcopal School students.

Contact person: Jennie McLendon, Director of The Mustard Seed, mustardseed@slecsa.org or call the church office 210-828-6425, x254

Youth Group Sunday Dinner (2025) – Mustard Seed Students (2025)



Children Ministries, 9am service (2025) – Christmas Pageant (2024) – Mustard Seed Butterfly Release (2025)

MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE COMMUNITY



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

(Photo: Our new Green Door Mural, 2025)

THE GREEN DOOR THRIFT SHOP, 1030 Nacogdoches Rd, 78209

Description of Purpose: The Green Door Thrift Shop sells donated items and uses the proceeds to support organizations dedicated to charitable and humanitarian efforts through an annual grant process. Organizations must have a mission and vision consistent with that of St. Luke's and the Episcopal Church. Store sales fully support the operation of the store and an annual tithe to the church of 10% is part of the grant process.

Requirements to get involved: We have tasks for everyone, including people with limited mobility. We also accept donations any time the store is open and by appointment.

How often a person would serve, or what the time commitment is:

Volunteers are needed to operate the store Tuesday through Saturday from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm. Times commitment can vary from a couple of hours to the entire shift. Volunteers are also needed as substitutes, on some Mondays, and for extended hours until 3 pm the last Saturday of the month. We need occasional help from people with special knowledge about unique donations (art, stamps, books, jewelry, etc.). Opportunities exist for members of St Luke's to be on the Board of Directors, the Facility Committee, Christian Giving Committee, and the Operating Committee.

Contact persons:

Jerry Edwards, jeredwcapt@gmail.com Chair Operating Committee
Roberta Ortega, beejinbelton@yahoo.com Chair Board of Directors
To volunteer, contact us at: greendoorslsa@gmail.com or call the Green Door 210-826-7111

Follow us @greendoorthrift on Instagram.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE COMMUNITY

THE OUTREACH MISSION COMMITTEE

Our Mission Statement:

St. Luke's is committed to answering Christ's call to serve our neighbors through various outreach endeavors throughout the year. Over the years the parish has been involved with various outreach efforts across our ministries, and we continue to look for new ways to engage with the San Antonio and larger DWTX community and answer the needs of those with whom we share this city.

St. Luke's ongoing outreach endeavors throughout the year:

- South Texas Blood and Tissue Quarterly Blood Drives on Sunday mornings
- Holiday Grocery Bag collection benefiting the Good Samaritan Community Services (November)
- Christian Assistance Ministry (CAM) Christmas Store Donation Drive (November)
- The Little Free Pantry:
 - Located at the south end of the church driveway/parking lot.
 - This is an *ONGOING* outreach to provide non-perishable food assistance to those in need.
- The Brotherhood of St. Andrew (BStA):
 - Collaboration with Santa Fe Episcopal Church and the SA Food Bank's food distribution; typically meets bi-monthly on Saturday mornings.
- Youth Group Service Saturdays:
 - Monthly day of service by the Youth of St. Luke's is focused on discovering new ways to serve and explore San Antonio. Past events have included: Mission San Juan Historic Farm, Humane Society, SA Water Authority river cleanup, Headwaters Sanctuary.

For more information, ways to help support Outreach, or new ideas for how we can innovate, please contact Leita Hatcher,

leita720@gmail.com Jim Caldwell, jim@2meli.com or Bryan Gonzalez, Staff Liaison Outreach Ministries, bryang@slcesa.org

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RECOVERY GROUPS



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

- **AA SURVIVORS GROUP / BIG BOOK STUDY**
(Tuesdays 8:00 pm)
- **AA SURVIVORS GROUP** (Wednesdays, 8:00 pm)
- **AA GENERIC GROUP** (Thursdays, 8:15 pm)
- **WOMEN'S AA GROUP** (Saturdays, 10:00 am)

Recovery groups at St. Luke's go back about 65 years. The Episcopal Church and St. Luke's have always been a strong supporter of recovery programs from the very early days to the present, and there is a growing need to continue this ministry.

The AA Generic Group is currently the oldest existing group to meet at St. Luke's and celebrated their 30th anniversary in the Fall of 2024. They typically hold 2 celebrations per year: a Fall Anniversary BBQ and a Spring Fling Celebration. They continue to meet every Thursday evening.

The newest group to start meetings at St. Luke's is a spinoff from the Wednesday night Survivor's Group. They started in late July 2024, with meetings on Tuesday evenings and focus on the AA Big Book Study.

Each one of the above-listed groups is a safe and supportive community and will welcome anyone who may need guidance and encouragement. All groups meet every week (52 weeks) during the year.

Questions about recovery ministries?

Contact Sara Spreen at saras@slecsa.org or call the church at 210-828-6425, x208

SUPPORT ST. LUKE'S LIVE – HARVEST MOON SOIRÉE

DID YOU KNOW? ST. LUKE'S LIVE HAPPENS EVERY YEAR!

St. Luke's Live is more than just a party – it's an annual tradition of purpose and generosity. Each year, this signature event brings our community together to support a different area of ministry or mission that strengthens the heart of our church. From funding vital renovations and ministry budgets to supporting outreach programs, *St. Luke's LIVE* showcases what we can achieve when we gather in faith, fun, and fellowship.

Want to get involved? We welcome volunteers, sponsors, auction donors, and fresh ideas. Reach out to any planning committee member – no contribution is too small, and every helping hand makes a difference! Let's keep the tradition Alive – and keep building something beautiful together.

Contact: Angie Hudgins, angieh@slecsa.org
210-828-6425, x202

YOUR 2025 ST. LUKE'S LIVE PLANNING COMMITTEE INCLUDES

CO-CHAIRS: *Victoria Bruns and Roberta Ortega*; and members, *Abby Cole, Griffin Kissling, Nancy Hawkins, Michael Mortensen, Angie Hudgins, Amy Foster, and social media by Sallie Walton.*

If you would like to get involved, reach out to any one of us – we would love your help, no contribution is too small.

This year, we are coming together with a powerful purpose: to support the church's ministry budget and renovate and refresh the most-used gathering spaces in our church — the parlors, kitchenette, and parlor restrooms. These are not just rooms; they are the physical heart of our shared life. They are where we comfort grieving families, pour coffee for newcomers, host joyful baptisms, prepare meals for ministries, and create community across generations.

These sacred spaces have served us well for decades — but they need renewal. With your help, we will create a warm, welcoming, and fully accessible environment that reflects the hospitality, dignity, and love we extend to everyone who walks through our doors. This is an investment in the present and future of our church home.

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2025, FROM 5:00-9:00 PM
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St. Luke's Episcopal School is a Christian community dedicated to academic and personal excellence, lifelong learning and service to others.

St. Luke's child-centered community allows students to flourish into people who are curious, creative, and ready to take on any new challenge set before them. Through daily chapel, St. Luke's students, faculty, and friends of all faith backgrounds gather together as a community. By living out the "St. Luke's Way" in everything that they do, St. Luke's students not only succeed while enrolled here, but are also fully prepared for a bright future as they leave the halls of our school. Our graduates enter high schools throughout San Antonio, well-prepared for the academic, social, and spiritual experiences that are to come.

More than 250 students are enrolled in the School's PK3 through 8th grade. St. Luke's is currently accepting applications and admitting students for the 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 school years. We invite you to learn about our admissions process, apply online at sles-sa.org and to explore the exciting things happening at St. Luke's.

Questions about admissions?

Contact Andrea Jenkins, Director of Enrollment Management and Marketing, ajenkins@sles-sa.org

Questions about supporting St. Luke's Episcopal School?

Contact Joyce Horner, Director of Development, jhorner@sles-sa.org

THE ST. LUKE'S WAY

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

VESTRY & OFFICERS

THROUGH 2025

Ana Cotton, *Senior Warden*
Leita Hatcher
John Hopper
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Dan Pfeil, *Junior Warden*

THROUGH 2026

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Lisa Petrosky

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James Dickson
Elizabeth Engelke
Carol McGanity

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The Rev. Irving Cutter, *Rector*
The Rev. Eric Holloway, *Associate Rector*
The Rev. Tanner Ambs, *Curate*
Angie Hudgins, *Parish Administrator*
Sara Spreen, *Ministry Support Associate*
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Amy Foster, *Senior Accountant*
Lexie Bishop, *Director of Communications*
Jennie McLendon, *Director of The Mustard Seed*
Bryan Gonzalez, *Director of Youth Ministries and Outreach Liaison*
Bonnie Grubbs, *Director of Children's Ministries*
Paula Guajardo, *Nursery Director*
Gracie Gonzalez, *Lead Sexton*
Gregory Wingerter, *Facilities Manager*

SUNDAY WORSHIP AT ST. LUKE'S CHURCH

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite One, with opening and closing hymns
- 9:00 am A child-friendly, informal celebration of Holy Eucharist, Rite Two, featuring contemporary music
- 11:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite Two, with organ, choir, and hymns
- 6:00 pm A quiet spoken celebration of Holy Eucharist, Rite Two, with prayers for healing offered after the liturgy
- Evensong Usually at 4:30 pm on the 3rd Sunday of the month during the school year

CONNECT WITH ST. LUKE'S

If you would like to know more about St. Luke's you can find us online at www.slecsa.org. We would love to get to know you better and invite you to fill out a Connect Card found in the pews. You can leave it in the offering plate or hand it to a clergy person any time this morning. We are glad you are here.



Visit us online.



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