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RECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT

Dear Saint Luke's Family,

It's been more than two years since Liza and I responded to the Saint Luke's Rector Search committee's call for applications, and ever since I submitted my cover letter, the Lord has strengthened and confirmed that call every step of the way. As I reflect on this past year with an eye to the future, it's with humble gratitude to you all and grateful praise to the Lord because leadership transitions can be challenging. While certain aspects of this past year were not easy, I'm excited about what we've done, where we're going, and most importantly, who we are. I've been overwhelmed by the gentle, gracious, and joyful way this transition has been navigated. We had hoped this would be the case, and we haven't been let down; thanks be to God!



As I prepared this report last year, I had only been your Rector for five months. We had just celebrated our first Epiphany bonfire, we were in the middle of a liturgical transition to the 2019 Anglican Book of Common Prayer, we were searching for an Associate Rector and youth minister, we were bringing back Wednesday night dinners and Bible study, we had plans for a Lenten Lunch Speaking Series, and— you were just getting used to my preaching, teaching, and sense of humor (still waiting for some of you!) Through it all, here we are, with all of these things realized, and we're looking forward with excitement to the future. Through a continued emphasis on worship, discipleship, and evangelism, we will continue our mission "To Know Christ and Make Him Known" and we'll watch how the Lord will continue to bless our endeavors here on Hilton Head Island.

Worship

This past year, we observed the retirement of our beloved Deacon, The Revd. Kathie Phillips. The wisdom, guidance, and continuity she provided were invaluable during this crucial transition year, and we thank God for Kathie, Bill, and their loving (and continued) service to Saint Luke's! Although Kathie's departure was bittersweet, we've been incredibly blessed by the addition of The. Ven. Dr. Kelly O'Leary and his family—they were well worth the wait! Fr. Kelly has brought a wealth of experience, pastoral insight, wisdom, and joy to us here on the staff and in the congregation. In addition to the O'Learys, we welcomed Patrick Wieber and his family to the staff, and he's done an excellent job resetting and laying the groundwork for our youth program here at Saint Luke's. In addition to staff, we've been worshipping with the 2019 ABCP for over a year, and the liturgy's richness, theological depth, and beauty continue to enlighten and enrich; thanks be to God!

Discipleship

In addition to discipleship for children between the services, this past year saw the continued growth of and interest in the Rector's forum discipleship offering for high schoolers and adults, which has been a great joy! Also, with the help of our fantastic staff and generous volunteers, our seasonal church-wide Bible studies have been very well received. Beginning this past Epiphany with our "Pizziphany," we will, as a church have studied the books of Galatians and Romans, and we'll keep it going, so stay tuned! In addition to the Bible Studies, thanks to our staff and volunteers, we enjoyed the first annual Lenten and Advent Speaker Series here and look forward to continuing these new

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seasonal traditions. Through it all, our promise to you is that we here at Saint Luke's will do everything we can to help you "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (2 Peter 3:18) because with that growth comes an increased trust in the promises of God for you; amen and amen!

Evangelism

In many ways, evangelism is simply the expected fruit of the aforementioned growth. As we share our lives with one another, it is impossible to hide what we genuinely care about and where we find our hope. But you all know this! As I mentioned from the outset, throughout the new initiatives, changes, and challenges, that we've walked this past year, we've done so with grace, charity, and joy, as a church should—and that has made all the difference. I thought this would be the case, and that has been proven repeatedly, for which we are deeply grateful, humbled, and blessed.

In Conclusion

In my cover letter to the Rector Search committee, I wrote a paragraph that has been proven accurate time and time again, and I thought I'd end with a snippet for your edification.

With respect to Saint Luke's, I am humbled by the prospect of assuming the leadership of a church with such a long and faithful history. Although I have only been a part of the ACNA for the past three years, I have been watching the courage and convictions unfold in this diocese and beyond since my time as a fellow at the Falls Church some 22 years ago now, and it has been inspiring and edifying to see people count the true cost of discipleship in an increasingly hostile world. To that end, were I to be called to Saint Luke's, my emphasis would remain on equipping people of all ages to "defend the hope they have" (1 Peter 3:16) by engaging the exact places the culture is pushing back on biblical truth and Gospel witness. I say this not only as a pastor endeavoring to heed Jesus' command to "feed my sheep" but also as a son, a husband, a father, and a fellow disciple seeking to be more fully conformed to the image of Jesus (Romans 8:29). In many ways, this vision of ministry that informs my life dovetails nicely with the parish's mission statement "To Know Christ and Make Him Known."

Saint Luke's truly is a church that seeks to fulfill that mission and embody what the vision statement claims, namely, that we are, "a family of believers who are growing in the love of Jesus, sharing the joy of worship, and serving our community and beyond," and Liza and I are overjoyed to be a part of what the Lord is doing here on Hilton Head Island, thanks be to God!



ASSOCIATE RECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT

Our family wants to thank the congregation of Saint Luke's for a warm and generous welcome. Our reception was beyond our expectations.

Since arriving, I have:

- Taken regular Sunday and Wednesday preaching and celebrant opportunities. I preach on a one-week-on, two-week-off cycle and celebrate each Sunday and alternate Wednesdays.
- Led the Rector's Forum as well as our Romans Study.
- Collaborated with both Mrs. Rodman and Mr. Reese on the music program. This effort is to thoughtfully and collegially align our music choices with the Sunday texts.
- Retrained/trained our Lay Eucharistic Ministers (LEM). Our numbers have increased, and we have built a more excellent rapport with our local facilities.
- Participated in acolyte training. My children were added as acolytes.
- Began serving as Chaplain to the Daughters of the Holy Cross. I open most sessions and offer teaching upon request.
- Began serving on the Grants Committee of the Church Mouse. I am thrilled to assist in serving ministries rooted in the Lowcountry.
- Conducted new home and Epiphany home blessings. This has been an excellent opportunity for Jen and me to get to know our people.
- Began implementation of the Diocesan Child and Youth Protection Policy. This must be completed by October 2024.
- Been assigned to the Diocesan Committee on Ministry. I attended one retreat to evaluate six candidates for Holy Orders.
- Coordinated with the White Rose Sisterhood in supporting new widows in addition to teaching about grief.
- Represented Saint Luke's at the clergy gatherings and the clergy retreat.
- Instituted a weekly clergy gathering for Saint Luke's ministers to build team cohesion.
- Continued my service to the Archbishop on the Consortium for Seminary Standards.
- Continued to provide leadership to the Jurisdiction of the Armed Forces and Chaplaincy in leading the Education, Training, and Formation Directorate. I will officially step down from this position on March 1, 2024.
- Continued as adjunct faculty at Nashotah House Theological Seminary, teaching the Certificate in Anglican Ministry program.



Again, thank you for the warm welcome and willingness to incorporate me quickly and openly into the work our Lord is doing at Saint Luke's.

DEACON'S ANNUAL REPORT

It's such an incredible blessing to have served our Saint Luke's family as Deacon. The years have flown by and God has blessed me so much more than I ever imagined. It's been my privilege to serve at Sunday services, the Wednesday Eucharist and at many memorials, funerals and interments. A deacon is under the Bishop and he in turn assigns the deacons to specific churches under the Rector of that church. The work of a deacon, in our diocese, is a non-stipendiary position (no paycheck). This year marked a momentous milestone for me. September 10 was the 18th anniversary of my ordination and September 10, 2023 was the day of my retirement and the church feted me with a wonderful celebration...more than I could've ever imagined! Thank you all so much!



On October 4, 2023, I started a new adventure with what the Navy doctors at the Iwakuni, Japan base thought was a huge floater that was attached to my retina. When we arrived home in November, I saw my eye doctor, who had the same diagnosis. He sent me to a retina specialist. Much to my surprise, he diagnosed wet macular degeneration. At that same appointment he started treatments, which I shall have every 4 to 6 weeks. This has made it almost impossible for me to hand write and it's even difficult using my iPad, so please forgive me for not writing thank you notes for all the gifts of love. It took me forever to write only 4 thank you notes and I threw away 6 that were full of mistakes before I got those 4 done! I love you all and it has been one of the greatest joys in my life to serve you all here at Saint Luke's.

Several times a year there are clergy conferences and meetings, continuing education programs and meetings with the Bishop and his deacons. This past year we met at the Cathedral of St. Luke and St. Paul for our meeting with Bishop Chip with lunch at his home.

At Saint Luke's I'm an active member of the Outreach Committee, the Missions Committee and the Intercessors, which meets Wednesdays at 11:00 AM. Additionally, I served as the Chaplain of the newly instituted Daughters of the Holy Cross.

It's also a great blessing to be involved in annual trips to Jericho Ministry and to watch how God has grown the women and children to whom they minister. It continues to be an unmeasurable blessing to be on the WhatsApp Jericho prayer team. We pray for the needs of the beautiful children who live at Jericho Villas, for Betsy Hake, the founder and director, and for Elvia Forgas, who is the director of The Villa, where the girls live. Because we return year after year (23+ years now) the relationships we've built continue to grow and blossom and we've become family.

My heart will always be with our Saint Luke's family and it's been an incredible joy to serve you. Serving for over 25 years with Greg was such a blessing, and it's equally a joy to serve with our new Rector, Jady Koch. Getting to know their family has been a joy and it's wonderful to see our Saint Luke's family continue to thrive!

Please join with me in a commitment to serving our Lord Jesus however, wherever and whenever He calls each one of us!

With His love and mine, Kathie Phillips, Deacon



RECTOR'S WARDEN REPORT

It has been a special and humbling privilege to serve Saint Luke's as your Rector's Warden this past year. I have much love and appreciation for the generous support, guidance and prayers extended to me by the clergy, staff and parishioners. As you're aware, there's been much change in and around Saint Luke's over the past three years. With change, comes the loss of comfort in old ways but the excitement for what the future holds in new ways. We almost lost our property to The Episcopal Church and are now fortunate to have a full, dedicated, God-loving staff and Vestry. Throughout the Bible, we learn that through challenging and changing circumstances, God helps us in developing character and through character, comes hope and our hope is for the new and exciting plans God has in store for us. Let us all be lovingly supportive of each other, knowing all too well that the Lord, in His way, is leading us into and through a rapidly changing world! We will never walk alone.



Listed below are just a few of the changes we have seen this past year at Saint Luke's:

- Welcoming of our new Associate Rector, The Ven. Dr. Kelly O'Lear and his family
- Welcoming of our new Curate for Students and Family, Patrick Wieber and family
- Purchase of a new rectory in Carolina Isles
- Celebration of the retirement of our Deacon of many years, The Revd. Kathie Phillips
- Participation as one of the leading churches to donate \$100,000 towards funding of a new home for the Bishop
- Merged St. Luke's Foundation with Legacy Giving to help secure our financial future
- Updated by-laws keeping current with changing times
- Updated and re-issued employment and personnel manual
- All staff and Vestry completed the Child Protection Policy
- Completed new campus signage supporting our Anglican partnership
- Approved funding new sanctuary lighting and A/V improvements
- Approved funding for 50 new acoustic sound panels for Kronz Fellowship Hall
- Worth noting ... we received the highest rating from our Diocese for our financial record keeping

Thank you, again, for allowing me to serve you these past three years during such an exciting and transitional time.

Faithfully yours,
Kent James
Rector's Warden

PEOPLE'S WARDEN REPORT

It's been a pleasure and a blessing to serve as your People's Warden in 2023. It's been a challenging and rewarding experience. My heartfelt thanks to the many people who help our church operate smoothly.

- Tom Conner joined the Building & Grounds Committee and has been a huge help as my partner. Among other things, Tom has been responsible for the upgrading and upkeep of the church office building, the M&M building, the new signage on the property, security improvements in the children's education wing, and many other projects.
- Kent James has been a huge help as he continues to work with Building & Grounds, in addition to his duties as Rector's Warden.
- Bill Peacher has done an outstanding job in record keeping, as well as negotiating and maintaining agreements with outside contractors.
 - * These contracts include: landscaping, tree-trimming, lighting, fire and safety equipment, and more
 - * Property insurance with Kinghorn Insurance
 - * Annual inspections of kitchen hood, fire extinguishers, emergency lights and signs, and backflows



Accomplishments in 2023 include:

- Acquisition of a parsonage/home for the Wieber family
 - * Vestry member, Ann Eden, deserves many thanks for her work on the acquisition and overseeing the preparation of the property
- Welcoming and relocation of the O'Lear family
 - * Thanks again to Ann Eden for her expertise and help with getting the O'Lear family into their new home
- Hired a new Sexton, Albert VanBochove (Chiche), who has been a blessing and a huge help in many ways
- Garvin Richards took on more responsibilities to help us through the time of being without a Sexton
- Installation of automatic door in Grace Café
- Organization of the storage and hallway area behind the stage in Kronz Fellowship Hall
- Cleanup of caterpillar cocoons around campus
- Improved lighting in the Sanctuary

Plans for 2024 include:

- Columbarium expansion
- Improving flow through parts of our parking lot
- Lighting and sound improvements in the Sanctuary and Kronz Fellowship Hall

Sincerely in Christ,
Mike Mitchell
People's Warden



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CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

This year has been an amazing year in Children's Ministry!

- We've continued to lead the children of Saint Luke's towards a closer relationship with the Lord through our regular weekly gatherings and our special events. We have begun to have the children spend more time in the Sanctuary with their families during the worship service until the Gospel is read for an age-appropriate children's lesson. We also continued our traditional seasonal celebrations through the year.

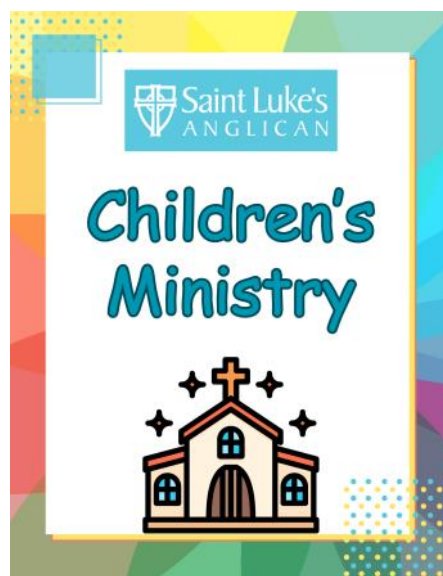


- We've continued using **God's Big Story** curriculum, which teaches the children traditional liturgy along with the Biblical story. The children are learning about the liturgical church calendar, and some of the ACNA doctrine that is used in our worship services so they are familiar with it when they attend service with their families.
- Our first event of the year was an **Easter Egg Hunt** where we had a traditional egg hunt followed by a lesson with resurrection eggs to teach the children the real reason we celebrate Easter.
- Next, we worked together with Nina and the children's choir to put on the musical, *Moses and the Freedom Fa-*



natics. Through much prayer and practice, the children did an amazing job!

- Our largest event of the year was **Vacation Bible School** during the first week of August. Our theme, *Keepers of the Kingdom*, was a fun way for the children to learn about the Armor of God. We had over 60 children participate, plus we had many youth and adult volunteers. It was a great week filled with so many blessings!



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- We then participated in our 3rd year of **Operation Christmas Child**. We packed over 80 boxes! We spent time in Sunday School talking about how these small boxes bless so many children around the world by allowing them to learn about Jesus.
- The fall season was celebrated with our second annual **Trunk or Treat**. This was a great time of fellowship for all ages of the church. It was a blessing to see the intergenerational group spend time together decorating trunks, dressing up, and trunk or treating.
- Then, our final event of the year was our **Christmas event**, where we made ceramic angels and Christmas ornaments. We had a great turnout!

We're always looking to have more volunteers assisting in the Children's Wing, both on Sundays and during church events and activities. Please see me if you would like to help!



Looking forward to seeing how God will lead us in 2024!

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Reese
Children & Family Ministry Director

SAINT LUKE'S PRESCHOOL

“And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.”

- Deuteronomy 6:6-7 (ESV)



Another year to serve God. What an AWE-SOME responsibility God has given us to teach young children about HIM. We are an extension of the family.

There are some of our children who do not go to church. Saint Luke's Preschool may be the only place they hear about the Gospel of Jesus Christ. May we continue to be faithful in proclaiming HIS truths every day.

A Recap of 2023:

- God has blessed us with 15 full time staff and 7 part time staff.
- Currently we have 100 students enrolled in our preschool program with a wait list.
- The ages of our students range from 18 months to 5 years old in our preschool program and many stay for aftercare.
- In addition to our preschool aftercare program there is an older aftercare program where there are 27 Kindergarten – Third graders who come from



the public school.

- Our focus has always been God centered with Bible being taught everyday and Chapel once a week.
- A Christian based curriculum is used as a guideline for all our classes. This is integrated into

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the activities, hands on experiences and crafts to help enhance the children's opportunities in learning.

- Our program also has extracurricular learning, Music, Art, Library, Spanish and Serbian.
- There are 3 performances each year. A Christmas program, Musical and our 5-year-old graduation.
- The children who graduated this past year are doing well in kindergarten academically and emotionally.



- Thank you to the BMOG for hosting our Auction again this year. The outcome was fantastic. All the participants and donations were very much appreciated.
- Thank you to Saint Luke's Anglican Church for your support of St. Luke's Preschool. The love and encouragement for this Outreach Ministry has been felt and appreciated.

We are looking forward to seeing what amazing things God is going to do in the coming year!

Respectfully Submitted,
Janice Ring
Director of Saint Luke's Preschool



STUDENT MINISTRY: "FELLOWSHIP"



It was this time last year that Jady called me to be the **Curate for Students and Family** here at Saint Luke's. Daily, I give thanks to the Lord, that he brought us to this church and to be a part of such a wonderful staff. As I reflect on the past six months in my role, it's incredible to see God's gracious hand over our church and the ministries within it.

Shortly after arriving, I began by restructuring and casting a long-term vision for the Student Ministry, now called **"FELLOWSHIP"**.

Upon presenting the future at our **"SCOOP!"** event, both myself, Jady and our volunteers got to work quickly in ministering to the students of our church.

This past fall semester at our weekly youth group, we walked through a series titled **"Gospel Foundations"**. We spent time gleaning what the Gospel is from passages in both the Old and New Testaments. It was enriching for not only for our students that already believe in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior, but also for those that are on a journey toward the Cross.

As the new school year began, we also started a new initiative with the students called **"Breakfast Club"**. This is a weekly gathering of our students at a local coffee shop where we



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have fellowship with them and pray over them before they head off to school. Breakfast Club's purpose is for our students to come together outside of the church campus and to grow in their relationship with each other and the Lord.

In addition, during the Fall semester, our Students attended both Diocesan retreats for Middle School Students (**MONDO**) and High School Students (**REGENERATE**) at Camp Bob Cooper in Summerton, SC. It was at these retreats where both my wife, Danielle, and I had a chance to answer many questions of faith that our students wrestle with, while also having meaningful conversations about what it means to be a Christian in our day and age.

Furthermore, the upcoming Spring semester, we'll be walking through 1, 2 and 3 John in a series titled "**Letters of John**". During this series, we'll reflect on the love that God has for us and how we're to live as Christians in modern times. We'll also attend an additional Diocesan retreat in Beaufort, SC with churches from our Deanery. Currently, we're in the process of planning a summertime domestic mission trip for our students.

I'm unable to express my **gratitude** for how our church has kept the Student Ministry as a whole in their prayers and bathed us in the love of Christ. **I'd like to thank all of the volunteers** that have assisted me in ministering to our students week-in and week-out, including those who've cooked meals for our students through MealTrain.com. These contributions to the ministry have not gone unnoticed and it one of the main reasons why our ministry is has been fruitful. Please pray that Lord's favor would continue to be upon the students of Saint Luke's!

Grace and peace,
Patrick Wieber
Curate for Students and Family



MUSIC MINISTRY

“Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.” –Ephesians 5:19-20 NIV

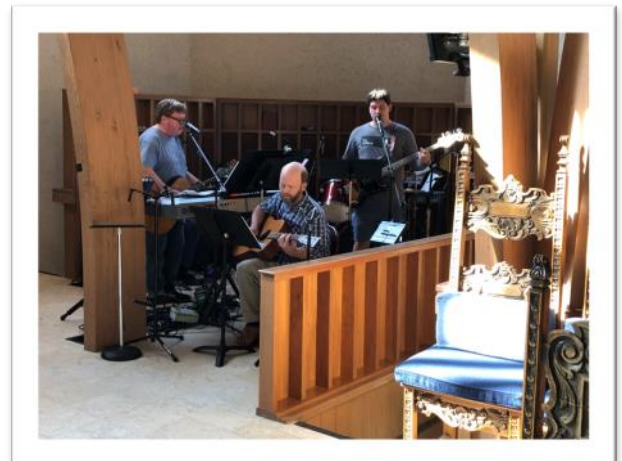
SIX MUSIC TEAMS/CHOIRS – 88 members!

Ministry through Music at Saint Luke’s Anglican is offered through the following music teams/choirs:

MUSIC GROUP	No. of Participants
Canterbury Choir (boys & girls, 4-, 5-, 6-years old)	20
Saint Nicholas Choir (boys & girls, grades 2 – 5)	11
Youth Bells (boys & girls, grades 3 and up)	3
Ring & Rejoice Handbells (adults)	9
Saint Luke’s Music Team (high school & adults) – leads weekly 10:30AM Sunday service	18
Saint Luke’s Choir (adults)	27

SAINT LUKE’S MUSIC TEAM

This music team leads the blended music at the 10:30AM service every Sunday throughout the year. It’s co-directed by Dallas Reese (contemporary music & band) and Nina Rodman (traditional music & singers). This team’s goal for 2024 is to grow the number of singers on the team – reading music is not necessary but a love of singing and praising the Lord through music is significant and expresses itself in joyful worship. The Music Team is a great small group in which to develop caring and lasting friendships. It’s a very welcoming team of music lovers. Please prayerfully consider joining the Saint Luke’s Music Team in 2024 and add



your voice and smiling face to those who praise the Lord from the front of the Sanctuary!



SAINT LUKE’S CHOIR

In past seasons, this choir has presented one large choral work during Lent or Eastertide, plus it has sang lovely carol arrangements for the traditional 8:00/8:30PM Christmas Eve service. This year’s season expanded to include two large choral works, thanks to the kindness and generosity of a family in our church. Our 2023 season details were as follows:

- Dan Forrest “Requiem for the Living”, March 19, 10:00AM (20 singers & 13-piece chamber ensemble)

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- John Rutter "Requiem", November 5, 10:30M (20 singers & 6-piece chamber ensemble)
- Christmas Eve, 8:00/8:30PM (14 singers & brass quartet)

YOUTH BELLS

This group of three (3) ringers continues to advance their ringing skills and enjoys enthusiastically ringing both handbells and chimes. They love to learn new ringing techniques and then demonstrate them in worship! On Christmas Eve, these ringers accompanied the Canterbury Choir on one of its songs and accompanied their own St. Nicholas Choir as they

rang/sang one its anthems—a first for these ringers. There's a group of 2nd graders who are eagerly waiting until next fall when, as 3rd graders, they'll learn to ring chimes/handbells!

CANTERBURY CHOIR –NEW ROBES!

In September, the boys and girls in this choir were measured for new royal blue cassocks to wear under their white cottas. The cassocks are expected to be delivered by the end of January 2024. These choristers can hardly wait to wear them for the first time to sing in worship!



SPECIAL EVENTS

◆ *"Moses and the Freedom Fanatics"*, the annual children's choir musical, was presented by the Canterbury and St. Nicholas Choirs on Sunday, April 30th during the 10am service. These choristers were fantastic as they "brought to life" the Old Testament story of Moses and how God used him as His instrument in freeing the Israelite slaves from the bondage of Pharaoh in Egypt. A very special thanks to Don Hite, accompanist, and Cathy Booth, flutist -- both have been a part of the music team for the annual children's choir musical for many years!!!



◆ The service of **Advent Lessons & Carols** was presented on Sunday, December 11 during the 10:30AM service, highlighting the season of Advent with a special celebration.

◆ On **Christmas Eve**, Saint Luke's Anglican presented two services:

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- ◇ At the 4:00/4:30PM service, the Canterbury and St. Nicholas Choirs, the Youth Bells, and the Saint Luke's Music Team led the joyful music to celebrate Jesus' birth.
- ◇ At the 8:00/8:30PM service, the Festive Prelude began at 8:00PM with special music by the Saint Luke's Choir, Ring & Rejoice Handbells, brass quartet as well as carol singing by the congregation before the service began at 8:30PM.
- ◆ The service of **Epiphany Lessons & Carols** was presented on Sunday, January 8 during the 10:00AM service. The lessons and carols reflect the story of the Epiphany season and the spreading of the news of the Messiah's birth beyond the Jewish people to the Gentile nations.
- ◆ From March 13 to March 18, Saint Luke's Anglican hosted Rounds 1 & 2 as well as the Master Classes of the **2023 Hilton Head International Piano Competition**. Twenty pianists from around the world competed in our Sanctuary before a panel of five international judges. Rounds 1 & 2 were live-streamed world-wide. It was an honor to host the competitors, the judges, and the public for this prestigious event!

THANK YOU! A very special "thank you" to all who have made financial gifts, great and small, to the Music Ministry in 2023 – your gifts make it possible for our Lord to continue to minister through our 6 music teams here at Saint Luke's Anglican. To God be the glory for His marvelous works past, present, and those yet to come!

Respectfully submitted,

Nina Rodman, Minister of Music & Organist



The Saint Luke's A/V Team added new lights, new cameras and additional AV equipment (new Video switcher, new computer) to upgrade the production value of the Saint Luke's presentations in 2023, including producing services for the live stream on YouTube and the in house production.

Gratefully,
Dallas Reese
Praise Team Leader

PARISH ADMINISTRATION & OFFICE VOLUNTEERS

It's been such a **joy** to serve our Saint Luke's Anglican family for the past year. 2023 saw a great deal of activity that's been exciting to administer. The Church Office is a bustling place with the daily comings and goings of Staff, visitors, and dedicated parishioners, eager to serve the Lord. We've had the privilege of assisting all who enter our office doors. We welcome everyone heartily and aim to greet all with a wide smile and the warmth and love of Jesus Christ.



The following activities were high on the Parish Administrator priority list in 2023:

- Support the vision of The Revd. Dr. Jady Koch, regarding all programming and activity for the church
- Manage the weekly publication of the church bulletin, Ezine, Mid-Week messages, with the assistance of Elizabeth Glick, administrative assistant, Judy Pugatch, volunteer proofreader, and several office volunteers
- Manage the church calendar, including campus space allocation for all activity, as well as registration and promotion of events, including print, website, social media and display announcements
- Manage logistics and organization of church-wide special events, classes, and Bible studies, including the 5-week Lenten Lunch Series, the 2023 Discovery Class registration and graduation, and the Spring and Fall Galatians and Romans Wednesday-night Bible Studies
- Manage logistics for new programs, including the Mere Anglicanism Conference, the upcoming tour to Israel, the Explore Saint Luke's gathering, the Trail Life informational session, and more
- Manage logistics for memorials, funerals, interments, and weddings (15 events in 2023)
- Manage Vestry and Staff logistics for regular and special meetings, including the annual Vestry and Staff retreats
- Manage Stewardship Campaign logistics with Clergy, Susan Ochsner and the Finance Committee
- Provide all Diocesan records as required
- Manage membership database records, updating information as needed
- Manage weekly activities and resources of Sexton and cleaning contractor
- Manage all Office Volunteer activity

Many blessings,
Jessica Maples
Parish Administrator

Office Volunteers who served in 2023:

- * Sheila Rumsey, volunteer leader
- * Kathe Balinski
- * Barbara Carroll
- * Janina Cushman
- * Jenny Fienning
- * Susie Galloway
- * Elizabeth Glick
- * Dianne Hunter
- * Pat Oppenheimer
- * Judy Pugatch, proofreader
- * Don Sager
- * Janis Schluchterer
- * Karen Stine
- * Evelyn Silla

Accomplishments of the Office Volunteers in 2023:

- * Answer phones
- * Greet & direct visitors
- * Pick up & sort mail
- * Copy & proofread Bulletins
- * Restock office supplies
- * Prepare & mail Birthday Cards to members
- * Prepare Name Tags for newcomers and special events
- * Write follow-up correspondence for Memorial Gifts
- * Prepare lesson materials for classes
- * Update & keep current service attendance records
- * Organize Gift-Giving Envelopes
- * Prepare & maintain Sign-Up Sheets for all events
- * Prepare Christmas Gift Bags
- * Assist Staff with any tasks at hand



FINANCIAL **REPORT**

FINANCIAL STATUS

St. Luke's Anglican Church Year End Balance Sheet 2023

Assets		
BANK ACCOUNTS		
100100 - Church Operating-South State Bank	\$	83,650.73
100103 - Future Fund/Capital Account	\$	2,284.83
100104 - Preschool Checking-South State Bank	\$	122,165.50
100109 - Investment MMA-South State Bank	\$	199,179.71
100110 - Esther Project (SSB)	\$	11,443.75
100113 - Rector's Discretionary-Koch-SSB	\$	11,771.99
100315 - Flower Fund SSB	\$	2,645.57
100350 - St. Luke's Bookstore	\$	4,480.16
100355 - Certificates of Deposit (SSB)	\$	200,000.00
Total BANK ACCOUNTS	\$	637,622.24
FIXED ASSETS		
Total 48 Pope Avenue-Land	\$	180,000.00
Total 50 Pope-Sanctua, FH, Education	\$	7,886,978.55
Total 44 Pope-Ministry/Office Bldg	\$	575,999.97
Total 40 Pope-Mission & Ministry Bld	\$	482,686.90
Total 127 Ocracoke Lane - Residence	\$	505,231.75
Total FIXED ASSETS	\$	9,630,897.17

Total Assets	\$	10,268,519.41
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Liabilities, Fund Principal, & Restricted Funds		
Liabilities		
200220 - 2024 Pledges Pre Paid in 2023	\$	56,555.00
Current Liabilities		
200204 - Preschool (self) Pension Contributi	\$	(626.09)
Total Current Liabilities	\$	(626.09)
Long-Term Debt		
200110 - Note Payable 127 Ocracoke	\$	393,103.68
Total Long-Term Debt	\$	393,103.68
Total Liabilities	\$	449,032.59
Fund Principal		
Total Fund Principal and Current Year Earnings	\$	9,595,969.34
Restricted Funds		
Total Restricted Funds	\$	223,517.48

Total Liabilities, Fund Principal, & Restricted Funds	\$	10,268,519.41
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BUDGET

St. Luke's Anglican Church 2023 Budget to Actual with 2024 Approved Budget

	2023 Budget	2023 Actual	2024 Budget
Total Revenues	\$1,214,000.00	\$1,265,484.85	\$1,364,850.00
Expenses:			
Total Personnel Comp. & Benefits	\$640,749.20	\$596,124.84	\$735,034.00
Total Diocesan Pledge	\$119,900.00	\$119,900.00	\$130,000.00
Total Administrative Expenses	\$80,150.00	\$99,614.38	\$50,428.00
Total Interest Expense-Debt	\$0.00	\$22,724.88	\$25,000.00
Total Building & Grounds	\$177,577.65	\$185,761.78	\$180,078.00
Church Programs:			
Total Hospitality and Membership	\$4,300.00	\$5,170.21	\$6,500.00
Total Ed., Discipleship, Small Group	\$16,200.00	\$18,212.15	\$27,700.00
Total Youth Programs	\$5,000.00	\$3,747.85	\$5,000.00
Total Worship & Music	\$21,309.00	\$25,902.90	\$23,280.00
Total Missions	\$17,500.00	\$17,500.00	\$17,500.00
Other:			
Total Insurance Expense	\$131,230.00	\$148,560.46	\$154,320.00
Total Parsonage - 127 Ocracoke	\$0.00	\$2,634.44	\$10,000.00
Total Expenses	\$1,213,915.85	\$1,245,853.89	\$1,364,840.00
Net Total	\$84.15	\$19,630.96	\$10.00

ST. LUKE'S FOUNDATION

This past year has turned out to be one of the best years for the Foundation, both in investment return and giving. Our investment return was 17% – the largest return we have ever experienced. Credit for this goes to John Wigington, our financial advisor who oversees our investments.

Our giving was also at a record high—approximately \$71,000 was given to a number of organizations and individuals. Our largest donation was to the Bishop for his home in Charleston. Betsy Hake's Jericho Ministries received \$26,000 for a truck. The Jennifer Mason Memorial Scholarship received \$10,000. Two scholarships were granted from the Foundation in total of \$2,000. Finally, the Esther Project received \$3,000 for their charitable giving.

All our capital funds continue to be managed by Wells Fargo Advisors under the guidance of John Wigington. The Foundation Board continues to provide the boundaries and goals of those investments.

Bill Phillips continues as our secretary/treasurer. Forrest Frank, Jennifer Thompson, Mark King and I make up the remainder of the Board and Bev Conner continues as our recording secretary.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter H. Hunter
Chairman





COMMITTEE
& MINISTRY
REPORTS

ACTS COUNSELING MINISTRY

Agape Counseling and Training Services of the Lowcountry, Inc., better known as ACTS Counseling has now been in operation for 28 years. We reach out to the greater Hilton Head/Bluffton community, including Beaufort and Jasper counties. It's always been our mission to reach out to all people, regardless of ability to pay or religious affiliation. Each of our counselors are committed Christians who are also licensed professionals in South Carolina, and each counselor takes half our normal fee when seeing anyone using our Scholarship Funds.



Over the years we've earned a positive reputation as reliable and caring counselors, gaining referrals through word of mouth. We also accept Blue Cross and AETNA insurance and are providers for many Employee Assistance Programs. As professionals, we follow the lead of the Holy Spirit and present Christ as the healer to all that seem open.

Thanks to the generosity of Saint Luke's Church and the Church Mouse Thrift Shop. Many people have been helped through the donations made to our Scholarship Fund, receiving services they would otherwise be unable to afford.

Thanks for supporting us in our ministry and partnering with us to reach out to hurting people with God's healing touch. We continue to covet your prayers and your referrals so that many lives may be changed.

Sincerely,
Sharon K Smith, LMFT
Director/Counselor

ALTAR & FLOWER GUILD

The Saint Luke's Altar Guild is responsible for:

- Setting up Communion for weekly church services – two each Sunday and on Wednesday mornings
- Wedding services at the church
- Funerals/Memorials at the church
- Polishing the brass candlesticks, offering plates, candle torches, lectern, and the processional Cross
- Maintaining and cleaning altar linens and frontals
- Maintaining and cleaning the silver used for Eucharist
- Ordering supplies for communion (wine and wafers) and additional linens, etc.

Our membership has fallen in the past few years due to illness, re-location and Covid. We are currently looking for those who can serve at the 8:00 AM service. If you would like an easy, enjoyable way to volunteer and to meet new people, please consider the Altar Guild and contact me!

The Flower Guild, led by Leigh Anne Hoppe, beautifully decorates our Sanctuary each week, and also for Holy Week and Christmas seasonal services. Please consider making a contribution to the Flower Guild. Contributions can be made in honor or memory of a loved one in the amount of \$125.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Glick
Altar Guild Chairperson



COLUMBARIUM

The Columbarium is currently full. The existing space has all plots either occupied or purchased for future interments.

A new Columbarium section has been approved by the Vestry and will be funded by the St. Luke's Foundation.

- More ground plots will be added in an area closest to the Kronz Fellowship Hall.
- Plans are being finalized for installation later this year.
- A wait list has been started for those parishioners who wish to purchase and reserve spots in the new Columbarium section.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Hunter, Columbarium Manager



INTERCESSORS

The Intercessors meet weekly at 11:00 AM on Wednesdays just after the 10:00 AM Eucharist Service. There are currently seven people on the team who pray together regularly. New members are welcome!

We pray for an hour or more covering the following list. Anyone is welcome to let us know of personal or ministry prayer needs. There's also an email prayer chain for immediate prayers and praises.

- Members of the Church, including all the people listed in the Church directory. By years end, we've prayed for each person at least once, some twice, even if they've expressed no need.
- Our Clergy
- The Vestry and Our Staff
- Worship Services
- Families, Infants, Children, and Youth in the Church
- Those with continuing health concerns, such as those in nursing homes or at home with long-term illnesses
- Specific needs that have been committed to us
- Those who grieve
- Our Missionaries & Ministries
- The South Carolina Cycle of Prayer (a rotating list of all churches in our Diocese and the Diocese of Honduras)
- The Church worldwide
- Our Military and their families
- Our President, our Governor, and all in Civil Authority
- The Nations of the World
- Any other items we feel led to pray for

Prayers may be requested by contacting the Church Office or Susie Galloway. These requests are forwarded to the people who make up the email prayer chain and then later added to the weekly prayer list that is mailed out.

Each week we compile a list of specific requests to be mailed (USPS) or emailed to our fellow Intercessors who pray at home all week for those requests. There are 40 on our mailing list. Anyone is welcome to join us, as each of us has an open line to the Lord. He listens to us all!

In Christ,
Susie Galloway



LAY READERS & CHALICE BEARERS

8:00 AM Team Leader—Ann Eden

10:30 AM Team Leader—Judy Pugatch

As we embrace our full Anglican identity, we continue to be at the lectern sharing God’s Word and The Prayers of the People with the congregation. We’re also the teams that serve the most sacred chalice, the cup of salvation. During Holy Day celebrations, several members from both teams have joined together in celebrating these services.

With the one year anniversary of The Revd. Dr. Jady Koch as our Rector, and the addition of The Venerable Dr. Kelly O’Lear as Associate Rector, we have fully acclimated to the 2019 ACNA prayer book and service. All Sunday Scripture comes directly from the ESV Bible with the Psalm coming from the Book of Common Prayer. Several new robes were purchased for our ministry in 2023.

Recently, we were also able to provide readers for Lessons and Carols at Advent and Epiphany. Ministry leaders Dallas Reese and Patrick Wieber, as well as former Vestry leader Jim McGuirk, joined us in these special services. The Reading of the Passion of our Lord on Palm Sunday was in 2023 and will continue in 2024—a wonderful opportunity for us to share the Word. Many of our readers and chalice bearers also share the Word and communion as LEM volunteers.

New readers and chalice bearers are always welcome! You may choose to be a reader or a chalice bearer or you may choose to serve as both. Schedules are made quarterly and Sunday assignments are usually once every 4–6 weeks. An announcement in the bulletin is coming soon to try to gather more servants of the Word and the blood of Christ.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Eden and Judy Pugatch

We are blessed as a congregation to have the following parishioners serving as Lay Readers and Chalice Bearers:

8:00 AM Team:

Janina Cushman
Rob Cushman
Ann Eden
Reg Johnston
Hart Joseph
Mike Mitchell
Gary Queck
Patrick Wieber
John Carroll (retired)

10:30 AM Team:

Liz Bundy
Patrick Wieber
Jeannie Stanko
Dallas Reese
Robyn Zimmerman
Sharon Nelson
Bill Phillips
Judy Pugatch
John Evans
Mary Lou Haraburd
Beverly Conner (retired)
Keith Tillman (retired)
Linda Okey (chalice)



MISSIONS

The Missions Committee was **truly blessed in 2023**. We were able to distribute funds to support our ongoing commitments, partners we support in the field through generous donations from our Saint Luke's family and the Church Mouse, plus support from the church budget.

The missionaries we support are: Betsy Hake, Suzy McCall, Michael Jun, Candy Reiger, June Smith, Yvonne North, and Blair Quinius. This group of faithful disciples truly deserves our prayers and support.



We sponsored a Mission Trip with a team of 18 people visiting Betsy Hake and 42 abused children at Jericho Villas in Honduras during February.

Funding for missions increased to \$17,500 in the Church Budget.

Our fundraising during Missions month exceeded

\$20,000, which the Church Mouse matched. We're praying that during Missions month in May 2024, we will again be blessed with generous gifts and that our goal will be exceeded.

The Missions Committee is acutely aware that many of the missionaries we support submit very modest proposals to us. We also know that many of them struggle in their daily lives to meet basic needs, such as food, clothing and shelter for themselves and the ministries they support. Our goal is to prayerfully discern how we may be of further blessing to each of them and their ministries.



Respectfully submitted,
Bill Phillips
Missions Committee Chair

OUTREACH OF THE MONTH

The **Outreach of the Month** committee meets bi-monthly. From applications from local non-profits, the committee chooses 12 organizations for each month of the year. A committee member serves as a host for the organization each month. The following people have served as members in 2023:

Robin Berkeley, Kathie Phillips, Roger Penny, Gillian Spooner, Barbara Wolf, Ruth Hauck, and Jamie Evans, chairperson.

The Outreach of the Month raised \$60,535.46, for thirteen non-profits in our community. The following table below itemizes the monthly sum given to each recipient. Thanks to The Church Mouse for matching the monthly contributions up to \$3,000. (The following giving summary does not include the matching gift.)

2023 Outreach Recipient Giving Summary:

- January ACTS Counseling—\$1,620
- February Low Country Legal Volunteers—\$1,125
- March Pockets Full of Sunshine -\$12,250
- April Fellowship of Christian Athletes -\$2,930
- May Neighborhood Outreach Connection—\$2,405
- June The Literacy Center/Bluffton Self Help—\$1,045
- July Saint Luke’s Missions -\$19, 248
- August Young Life—\$1,575
- September Saint Luke’s Preschool -\$6,523
- October Pregnancy Center of the Lowcountry—\$5,115
- November Memory Matters—\$1,660
- December (1st Sun) Anglican Relief & Developments -\$2,962
- December (2nd-5th Sun) Second Helpings -\$2,075

Total \$60,535

In making our selections for 2023, the committee remained faithful to its mission and principles: Priority is given to organizations that have involvement by Saint Luke’s parishioners. Consideration is also given for how particular organizations’ projects or missions may aid in the spiritual development of individuals, or may be a witness of Jesus’ love, by giving aid to individuals’ physical, mental, and intellectual well-being.

Respectfully submitted,
Jamie Evans, Chairperson

Outreach of the Month Recipients for 2024

- January—ACTS—St. Luke’s Counseling
- February—Fellowship of Christian Athletes
- March—Pockets Full of Sunshine
- April—Low Country Legal Volunteers
- May—Saint Luke’s Missions
- June—Children’s Center of Hilton Head
- July—Pregnancy Center
- August—NOC
- September—Saint Luke’s Preschool
- October—Young Life
- November—Second Helpings
- December—(1st Sun)
- December—ARDF (2-5th Sunday) - Memory Matters

SAINT LUKE'S BOOKSHOP

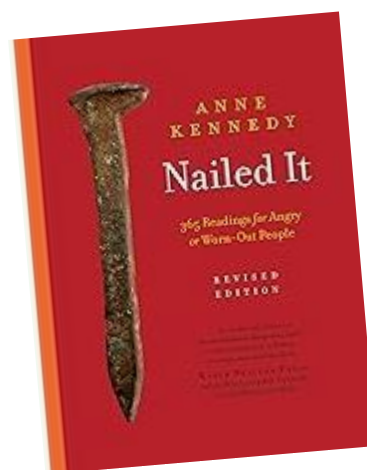
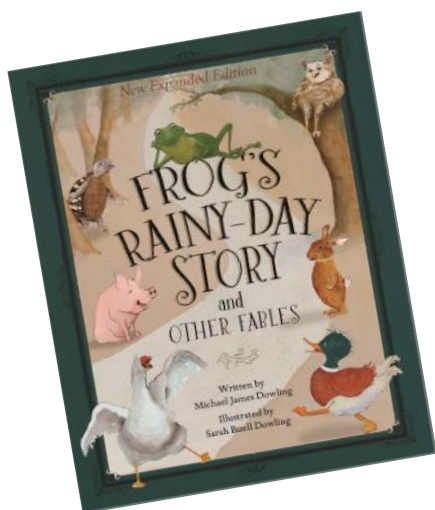
The **Saint Luke's Bookshop** is staffed by Saint Luke's volunteer parishioners who share their time and talents and are passionate about offering a quality selection of readings and gifts for the Saint Luke's community.

The Bookshop is focused on updating reading materials and reorganization. The Bookshop carries wonderful Christian literature, devotionals, children's books, Bibles, and more.

The Bookshop is committed to incorporating our Rector's vision on the items offered, including the new ACNA 2019 Books of Common Prayer and ESV Bibles, plus additional Saint Luke's Anglican branded promotional items .

In **2023**, a new Board was appointed to oversee the Bookshop, to offer support and advice on how best to serve our customers and offer an outstanding and nurturing store environment. With the Bookshop becoming a designated Church ministry in 2022, parishioners can support this ministry with monetary donations that will help sustain a community of readers.

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn Mitchell
Saint Luke's Bookshop Manager



SAINT LUKE'S PLAYERS—DRAMA MINISTRY

The Saint Luke's Players, our drama ministry, was formed in the Fall of 2021 as a way to share our theatrical gifts and talents with each other and the community. Its debut performance was at the BMOC/Preschool Christmas Fundraiser that year.

- ◆ In 2023, the Saint Luke's Players along with other Lay Readers, were asked to read various parts in a dramatic interpretation of *The Passion on Palm Sunday*.



- ◆ Later in the year, the Players regrouped and held a drama workshop with improvisation and table reads of various comedic and serious scenes and skits.

- ◆ The group then began to prepare six vignettes as the entertainment for the 2023 BMOC/Preschool Fundraiser. The outstanding performance on December 9 included the following scenes:

- ◆ "Creche-ing It" featuring our own Pastor Jady Koch
- ◆ "Casting Call for both Mary and the Angel" in the nativity scene

- ◆ "Making the List"
- ◆ "Goldilocks and the Three Churches" and concluded with,
- ◆ "Dinah's Diner" and a poignant vocal rendition of "Mary and Joseph" by Michelle Woodcock, Doug Shore and Nick Poulin on guitar.
- ◆ The 2023 Fundraiser Players included: Carolyn Mitchell, Mary Vaughan, Elizabeth Glick, Mary Lou Haraburd, Robin Berkeley, Ellen Shore, Mike Mitchell and Michelle Woodcock.

The Saint Luke's Players is open to any member of Saint Luke's or the greater community who has the theatre bug to be either onstage or behind the scenes.

Yours truly,
Robyn Zimmerman
Director, Saint Luke's Players



USHERS AND GREETERS

Being an Usher or a Greeter is an excellent way to get to know everyone who comes to worship God at Saint Luke's Anglican.

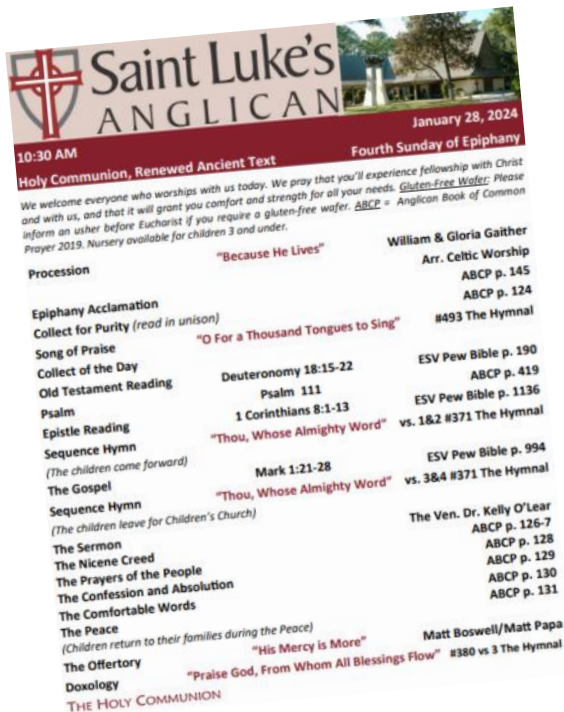


Mission & Ministry:

The goal of the Usher and Greeter teams is to welcome every person who walks through the doors of Saint Luke's on Sunday mornings as well as for special occasions.

Leadership:

- James Stubbs manages the Ushers and the Greeters at the 8:00AM service.
- Joe Hunter manages the Ushers at the 10:30AM service.
- Nancy Henty manages the Greeters at the 10:30AM service.



Some of the Usher and Greeter duties include:

- Offering name tags as well as the guest registry
- Distributing bulletins
- Assisting the hearing impaired
- Ringing the bell to begin the service
- Giving directions for seating before the service and during communion
- Giving directions to the bathroom, Kronz Fellowship Hall, etc.

Being a member of the Ushers or Greeter team is a rewarding way to serve God and meet everyone in attendance. Please prayerfully consider contacting one of the team leaders or the church office if you would like to join us!

Faithfully submitted,
Nancy Henty, Vestry Liaison



BEING MEN OF CHRIST (BMOC)

Being Men of Christ (BMOC) provides an excellent way for men of the congregation to meet and get to know one another in a friendly, social atmosphere. In so doing, men are encouraged to become more active members of the congregation, which is a vital need for the health of any church.

The BMOC Board's chairman is Len Zimmerman and the members are: Jim McGuirk, Mike Henty, John Austin, John Carroll, Mike Mitchell.



The flagship BMOC event of the year has been its annual Christmas dinner and Saint Luke's Preschool fundraiser. This year, the event was held on Saturday, December 9 and included a social hour, dinner catered by the Hog Heaven Barbecue Team, several short skits by the Saint Luke's Players, and a silent and live auction. The event raised after expenses in excess of \$22,000 plus an additional sum of approximately \$7,000 for the Saint Luke's Preschool awning.

BMOC continued monthly dinners on the first Monday of each month, which included personal testimonies from congregation members, volunteer opportunities at the church and exciting talks by Christian leaders.

If you are a man of the congregation, we invite you to get involved.

Respectfully submitted,
Len Zimmerman
Chairman



THE ESTHER PROJECT

ESTHER Project Mission Statement 2023

Mission Statement: To assist members of the Saint Luke's family who are in financial need "at such a time as this" (Esther 4:14), thus sharing our love of Christ by helping those within our church family carry their burdens. (Gal. 6:2)



The Esther Project was established in 2010 "for such a time as this" assuring that children in need would receive Christmas gifts. Over the years, The Esther Project expanded to serve those within the Saint Luke's community who are struggling to meet some of the basic needs of life due to financial stress caused by illnesses, job loss or other unexpected expenses. Throughout the year we are able to distribute gas or food cards to help meet urgent needs, as well as help pay with housing or medical bills. Through the Preschool Director, Janice Ring, families at the school have also applied and received tuition assistance to help defray the costs of this invaluable education.

Generous donations from Saint Luke's parishioners and grants from The Church Mouse, as well as a trust from a grateful parishioner, have supported The Esther Project. God has always provided for our needs.

Requests are submitted by Saint Luke's Clergy and Staff, the Preschool Director, and occasionally by other parishioners. Donations are welcome at any time. Checks can be written to Saint Luke's Church, with "Esther Project" in the memo line and placed in the offering plate or brought to the Church Office. All requests are prayerfully considered by The Esther Project board, that consists of Janis Schluchterer, Jennifer Thompson, Frances Worthy and Judy Pugatch. Recipients of our charitable giving are held in strict confidentiality.

The Esther Project is dedicated to helping those within our church family. As Paul says in Galatians 2:6, "Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the Law of Christ." In addition, Father Andrew Apostoli said in his book, *Walk Humbly with Your God*, "Compassionate love, shown in kind deeds of mercy, can speak a language of its own when no other communication is possible."

In His Holy name,
Janis Schluchterer, Chairperson
Frances Worthy
Jennifer Thompson
Judy Pugatch

HOSPITALITY

“Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.” – Hebrews 13:2 (ESV)

Hospitality at Saint Luke’s is not the ministry of a single group or committee. It’s part of who we are as a parish family. We truly welcome and value all who come here and seek to extend Jesus’ hospitality to all who are visiting, exploring, or are members of the parish. We serve not only at coffee hour but also memorials, meetings, conferences, and other special events.

2023

In the New Testament, Jesus modeled perfect hospitality as He moved beyond mundane physical needs to meet deeper needs of those who came to Him (Matthew 15:32–39). The New Testament writers also tell Christians to extend hospitality to other believers (Romans 12:13; 1 Peter 4:9; 3 John 8). Elders and deacons, in particular, were to be hospitable (1 Timothy 3:2, Titus 1:8).

The ministry welcomes volunteers to assist with serving and the preparation of food and desserts and clean up for various events. Joining this ministry is an excellent way to get connected at Saint Luke’s.



- 2023 has been a very active year with spring and fall Bible studies, the Lenten Lunch Series, the Advent Lunch Series, memorials, two women’s luncheons, the retirement of The Revd. Kathie Phillips, and more.
- We offer coffee hour between services during the Rector’s Forum. We have seven people rotating to bring food items.
- We have volunteers helping make the coffee, tea and lemonade, and with serving food, making desserts, and cleaning tablecloths. We have also welcomed the assistance of our new Sexton.
- The ministry will continue to grow and we will need even more helping hands in the course of this next year. We welcome all who’d like to serve!

Your sister in Christ,
Beth Meeder



LEM MINISTRY

Our Saint Luke's LEM (Lay Eucharist Ministry) continues to grow. We now have 8 ministers, with two more in training. We are currently serving two locations, Seabrook and Tidepointe. We're in discussions with Cypress and Bayshore, thanks to the efforts of The Ven. Dr. Kelly O'Lear. We also are planning to ramp up home visits to shut-ins. We have 2-3 being served now; hope to increase this year.

This is a very rewarding ministry, sharing the Word of God and the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ to those who can't attend service at Saint Luke's on Sundays. If interested in participating please contact me or Kelly O'Lear.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim McGuirk



CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

The Cancer Support Group (CSG) is a program designed to share educational information and personal experiences to develop support for patients, survivors, caregivers and families. The open table format can include discussion on nutrition, alternative treatments, exercise, support by caregivers and family members. The monthly meetings are open to anyone associated with cancer, to include co-workers and friends. We meet the 4th Thursday of each month in the M&M Building.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Green
Joan Schramm

DAUGHTERS OF THE HOLY CROSS

The vision of the Order of the Daughters of the Holy Cross is to gather Anglican women into a nurturing and empowering community called to be servants of Jesus as he unites and builds up His Body, the Church. Additionally, we take comfort in one another as sisters, seeking to walk ever more closely to our Lord, pleasing Him in all we say and do.

With this aim, we're in our 3rd year and are continuing to add to our membership with discernment classes, and, to train for membership and ministries within the Church body, under the wing of The Ven. Dr. Kelly O'Lear.

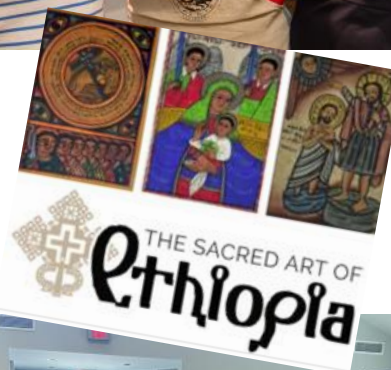
Pastoral Ministry is lead by Jeannie Stanko and the White Rose Ministry to new widows is led by Betty Hambleton. We'll begin a new class in March 2024 and if you're interested in more information or to join us, please contact Helga Billings.

Think vertically and horizontally...upward to God and outward to others.

Respectfully submitted,
Helga Billings



MORE OF THE LIFE OF THE BODY 2023 – IN PICS!







HOW TO
CONNECT

VESTRY AND STAFF DIRECTORY

2023 VESTRY

- Rector's Warden—Kent James (2023)
- People's Warden—Mike Mitchell (2024)
- Treasurer—Jim Legg (2024)
- John Carroll (2025)
- Tom Conner (2025)
- Wendy Corbitt (2025)
- Ann Eden (2025)
- Elizabeth Glick (2023)
- Nancy Henty (2024)
- Beth Meeder (2024)
- Robyn Zimmerman (2023)
- *Sarah Tillman (retired)*

2024 VESTRY (pending approval)

- Rector's Warden—Wendy Corbitt (2025)
- People's Warden—Mike Mitchell (2024)
- Treasurer—Jim Legg (2024)
- Secretary—Tom Conner (2025)
- John Carroll (2025)
- Ann Eden (2025)
- Nancy Henty (2024)
- Beth Meeder (2024)
- *John George (2026)*
- *Cathy McDevitt (2026)*
- *Stu Rodman (2026)*

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NEW VESTRY CANDIDATES 2024

JOHN GEORGE

John along with his wife, Janet, is a small business owner operating The UPS Stores at Park Plaza Shopping Center on Hilton Head Island and Belfair Towne Village Shopping Center in Bluffton and other businesses in Georgia and Ohio. They moved to the island in 1993 joining the congregation at Saint Luke's in the mid-2000's. They are raising three grandchildren. John has been a leader in the Student Ministry since coming to Saint Luke's. John is a lifelong Christian baptized into the faith as an infant and confirmed as a teen in the Episcopal Church. He has served as an usher, student leader and as a member of the Vestry at previous parishes.



CATHY MCDEVITT

Cathy has lived on Hilton Head since June 1981. She married her "awesome" husband Rick in December 1982 and together they've raised three beautiful children, Miranda, Joseph, and Mark, in the same home they live in today in Bay Pines. Cathy and Rick have been attending Saint Luke's for about 20 years. The Saint Luke's youth program, plus their great friendship with Greg and Meredith Kronz, was a big reason for their continued commitment to Saint Luke's. Cathy and Rick enjoy visiting their grandchildren, four of whom live in Knoxville; three in Charleston, and their newest granddaughter in San Diego.



Cathy currently works in the Business Office at Hilton Head Christian Academy, where she has held various roles for more than 25 years. Cathy loves her work and feels blessed to serve so many wonderful co-workers and families. Cathy and Rick love Island life - the waters, the beautiful parks of this Island, the many wonderful friendships and being a part of Saint Luke's. Cathy wants to see Saint Luke's continue to grow and be a bright light in the community for truth and the peace of knowing and serving our Lord Jesus Christ.

NEW VESTRY CANDIDATES 2024

STU RODMAN

Stu has chaired Christ Central Ministries in Columbia since its founding 25 years ago. He also chairs Palmetto Family Council and the Governor's Task Force on Fostering & Adoption and continues to serve on several Christian Ministry Boards, including locally the Pregnancy Center of the Lowcountry. Previously, Stu chaired the John Guest Evangelistic Team and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, at both the state and local levels. Stu is an Elder in the ARP Presbyterian Church and has made several mission trips to the Ukraine.

Stu is a Founder and current vice-Chair of the Palmetto Promise Institute (the state's leading policy think tank) and is also a Founder of the Erskine Public Charter School Board, where he chairs its Teach Right USA subsidiary to improve education. An Eagle Scout, Stu was President of the Boy Scouts of the Midlands and served on a Governor's Commission to streamline state government. Here, in Beaufort County, he served 16 years on County Council and 2 years on the School Board.

Stu was commissioned as a Lieutenant in the US Army. He received a Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering from Cornell and an MBA from Harvard. He and Nina have been married for 57 years and have made their home on the Island for the past 25 years. They have two married children and four grandchildren





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