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St. Luke's Episcopal Church
East Greenwich, Rhode Island



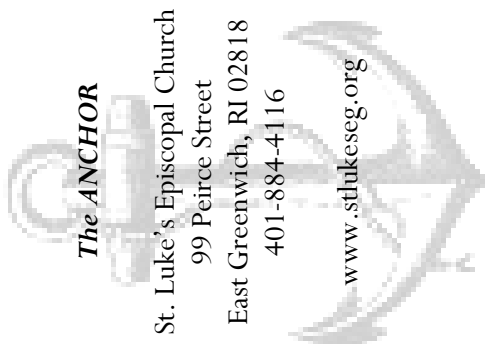
June 2011

With Gratitude ...

June marks my final month serving as the lay associate at St. Luke's. As I've expressed on several previous occasions, I feel so honored and privileged to be a part of this community and share in this precious faith journey with all of you. I have had the unforgettable opportunity to become acquainted with, worship and serve alongside many of you in ways I'd never have thought possible when I returned to Rhode Island three years ago. It has been a blessing and a joy!

As we come upon this season of Pentecost, commemorating the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples of Christ after the Resurrection, we also acknowledge and honor the kindling of the divine spark in each of us that leads and informs us through the joys and sorrows of this life. I thank you, from the bottom of my heart, for being so welcoming and generous to me, in all the ways that matter, as I continue to discern God's plan for me. St. Luke's truly is a "spirit-filled" place that means so much to so many people and I know that will continue far into the future.

In celebration of, and thanksgiving for, this special season of Pentecost where we open ourselves up to the many "tongues" of the Spirit, we are planning a special event at the end of the month in honor of the writer credited with having the greatest impact on the English language – William Shakespeare.



The Mission of St. Luke's Episcopal Church East Greenwich, RI:

*To worship and serve God
as we reflect and pass on the Light of Christ*

Interim Rector: The Rev. Gregory Prior (*greg.prior@stlukeseg.org*)

Assistant to the Rector: The Rev. Dcn. John E. Higginbotham

(*john.higginbotham@stlukeseg.org*)

Deacon: The Rev. Dorothy L. Brightman (*dlbrightman@aol.com*)

Deacons Emeriti: The Rev. Hedwig B. Neale (*hbneale@aol.com*)

The Rev. Edwin F. Hallenbeck (*teddeacon@aol.com*)

Christian Ed Director: Susan MacDonald (*smac5324@aol.com*)

Music Director: Priscilla A. Rigg (*priscilla.rigg@stlukeseg.org*)

Parish Admin: Barbara DeFusco (*barbara.defusco@stlukeseg.org*)

Nursery/Wedding Coordinator: Karen Simas

Sexton: Steve Yanku **Assistant Sexton:** David Rodriguez

Anchor : Barbara DeFusco (*barbara.defusco@stlukeseg.org*)

WORSHIP SERVICES

Saturdays: 5pm Holy Eucharist (July-August)

Sundays 8 am and 10 am Holy Eucharist

Sunday School: 9 am Gr. 3-12; 10 am preschool-Gr 2

Morning Prayer: M-Th 9:10 am

Tuesdays 12 noon Holy Eucharist & Healing

*Church is open Monday through Friday
for prayer and meditation between 9 am and 2:30 pm*

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday 9 am - 2:30 pm (September—June)

Monday—Thursday (July-August)

VESTRY

Senior Warden: Lisa Johnson *Junior Warden:* Arlene Serdakowski

Treasurer: Greg deGroot *Clerk:* Cindy Fogarty

Baltimore Alvarez, Ruth Batchelor, Jamie Millard

Leslie Gunther, Dave Savage, John Walsh

Jennifer Hague, Heather MacDonald, David Sampson

I've asked my brother Richard to come back to St. Luke's and share with us his one-man show of "Shakespeare's Greatest Hits" which captures some of the most memorable moments in dramatic literature by our greatest "wordsmith." This will be the final program offering of the season and cap off my tenure as your Lay Associate for Mission and Program (LAMP) that has been my delight over the last two years. We hope to see you there!

Faithfully,

Jeff Clark



The Lunatic, the Lover and the Poet

A solo performance of Shakespeare by Richard Clark in the courtyard of St. Luke's (weather permitting).

Let your imagination sally forth with fabled kings as they "mount barb'd steeds to fright the souls of fearsome adversaries," eavesdrop on the intimate murmurings of Romeo, the obsessive passions of Anthony, the demented musings of King Richard, twelve different characters, twenty five monologues and soliloquies from his most famous plays.

Thursday, June 30 at 7:00 in the courtyard (auditorium if raining)

WORDS FROM THE WARDEN

As the summer will be approaching, many of us 'take time off' from church. That's fine—hope you all have a fabulous summer! Just a few things: if you are traveling and worship elsewhere, please bring back a program from that church. It would be fun to see how many programs we can get! Keep up with the progress of self-study and transition. Go to the website and read the summer Fishline. The people involved in transition are not taking the summer off—lots of work to do! And finally, please try to keep up with your pledge. There are still financial responsibilities during the summer months. Thank you!

I want to say how much I appreciate Jeff Clark's tenure as LAMP at St. Luke's. Jeff is a wonderful man, and has done so much for this church. Thank you, Jeff.

Lastly, please remember to come to any Vestry member with your concerns. We are here to be the 'eyes and ears' of the parish. Enjoy the summer and keep safe.

Faithfully,

Lisa Johnson, Senior Warden

DANCING ANYONE??



Saturday, June 11th

5 - 8 pm in St. Luke's auditorium

Join us for a fun filled evening of BALLROOM DANCING which will include a 30 minute beginner dance lesson and ballroom dancing demonstrations provided by the RI Chapter of USA Dance, (and Deacon John's wife Linda), a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the quality of and quantity of ballroom dance in the U.S.

Refreshment by St. Luke's.
All proceeds will benefit the

RI Special Olympics Ballroom Dance Team
(The team will perform an
exhibition dance for your enjoyment).

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 children.

If you would like more information, see Deacon John

Property Committee

The two stone stairs and railing on the walkway to Peirce Street have been repaired and are stable. The stair treads on the dining room stairs and the carpet outside the auditorium entrance from the hall have been replaced.

For those who need it, we call your attention to the fact that we now have 3 handicap and 2 visitor parking spaces in the church parking lot.

We ask everyone's help in seeing that coffee grounds from the coffee pots are put in the trash and not down any sink drain. Recently the auditorium kitchen drain was clogged and the plumber found that it was full of coffee grounds. Please remember: coffee grounds belong in the trash.

There is a notebook in the Property box in the Church Office where you can write any concerns or problems that need property attention.

This month's Property Breakfast
will be on the 3rd Thursday, June 16.

We invite you to join us.

Sandy and Peggy Rubel, Co-Chairs (884-6594)

Rector Transition Process Approaches Key Milestone

Your Self-Study Committee, under the capable leadership of Chairman Jim Rezendes, is actively absorbing, organizing and crystallizing the extensive input from its extensive self-study data gathering process. With input from meeting with more than 20 individual parish ministry groups, as well as parish-wide gatherings and written survey submittals, there is much substantive input to incorporate.

All this will be distilled into a written Parish Profile, that will serve as the essential tool in launching the next phase of our transition, the Search Process. In that phase we will engage with the Diocese and the national Church Deployment Office in a national search for candidates for Rector who we feel can best guide and lead St. Luke's into fulfilling our vision for the next phase of our rich history. As we develop the draft Profile, we will make it available for feedback and input from parishioners. So stay tuned! You can always stay up to date with the status of the transition process and/or offer your input, including draft content being developed, by visiting the Transition page of the St. Luke's website at www.stlukeseg.org/transition.

While much work remains for the Self-Study Committee to develop and refine our Profile, we are already organizing and preparing for the critical search process. I am pleased to announce that Fran Gammell-Roach has agreed to serve as the Chairman of the Search Committee. This committee will guide us through the upcoming Rector Search process. As a long-time St. Luke's parishioner, Fran is eminently qualified for this important role.

She is a former Senior Warden and Chair of the Finance Committee, currently serves on the Diocesan Standing Committee and Commission on Investments, and also is currently a member of the Self-Study Committee, so she will bring continuity from that phase of the transition process. Fran and the Vestry will be selecting members of the Search Committee soon so that we can hit the ground running when our Profile is completed and we are ready to launch into the Search process.

*Al Potter,
Transition Leader*



Congratulation to our Graduating Seniors

On **Sunday June 12th** some of our graduating seniors will be making their Senior Witnesses. They will address the congregation at both the 8am and 10am services.

Please join us as they share their witness and reflections on growing up as part of the St. Luke's family.

St. Luke's Graduation Class

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| Neil Guliano | Morgan Neiley |
| Lindsey Sampson | Garrett Reed |
| Caitlyn Lynch | Kyle Seidenberg |
| Jack Kilpatrick | Hope Serdakowski |
| Aidan McNamara | Evan Walsh |

Congratulations and Best Wishes!



ALTAR GUILD IN NEED OF HELP IRONING ALTAR LINENS.

If you don't mind ironing and could help out our Altar Guild, we are in need of one, or several, people to iron our altar linens. They need to be done monthly or if more people sign up, as little as quarterly. Please call Judy Elliott at 392-0777 or Cynthia Newton at 884-3128 if interested.



WANTED: BOARD GAMES

Do you have board games in a closet you no longer use? If so, please consider donating them to the Royal School of Church Music Summer Course.

Bring them to the office or call
Priscilla Rigg at 884-4116.



episcopal charities fund of rhode island

Within the next few weeks, a member of the parish will be contacting their fellow parishioners regarding Episcopal Charities contributions for 2011. We currently have pledged \$22,840.00, slightly over 1/2 of our goal of \$38,500.00.

Please consider contributing any amount you can to assist those in need around our state. Some of those Charities helps to assist are: shelters of all kinds throughout the state (children's, family, women's and men's, mental health assistance, AIDS, adoption services, autism, libraries, food banks and soup kitchens. Hundreds upon hundreds of services to Rhode Island families and individuals. It is possible you or your friends and families use one of these services. For more information on all that Charities supports, check out the website for a listing from A-Z of the facilities they contribute to with your donations:

<http://www.episcopalri.org/WhatWeDo/EpiscopalCharities/WhoWeSupport/tabid/333/Default.aspx>

Contact Noel Bassett at 884-6362 with any questions.

Thank you.



June News

As summer quickly approaches and the Church School year winds down, I want to take this opportunity to thank all the Church School teachers and J2A leaders for their tireless efforts for the youth of St. Luke's. The dedication of this group greatly benefits our Youth Christian Formation program.

Teacher Appreciation Day will be celebrated on Sunday June 12th

Please plan to join us for an ice cream social after the 10:00 am-service as we honor them. Be sure to thank these wonderful people for their time and effort.

Brooke MacDonald
Bonnie Dunford
Heather MacDonald
Donna Pallister
Rhonda Poulton
Baltimore Alvarez

Julie Gemma
Michael Grady
John Walsh
Rob Walsh
Ken MacDonald

JUNE MUSIC

The annual choir pool party and picnic will be hosted by Jennifer and Leslie Mann for the Angel and St. Cecilia Choirs on Sunday, June 12th, following the 10 a.m. service.

At that service the choirs and teachers will be recognized for their commitment and contribution to the church and Music Program. This season has been an outstanding one for the choirs with excellent participation and good weekly attendance at church services.

We have been honored to receive an invitation for the St. Cecilia Choir from Bishop Wolf to provide the music for the Diocesan Convention which begins on Friday, November 11th at St. Luke's Church. Other youth choirs from 3 parishes will join our choir to form a Royal School of Church Music Choir (RSCM) which will be the first one ever in the RI Diocese. The Bishop is very supportive and interested in the RSCM Program and calls it one of the best Christian Formation Programs in this Diocese.

I am grateful and deeply indebted to the parents, friends and St. Cecilia Board for all the support and creative ideas that constantly flow from them. Without their constant assistance, I could not keep this challenging program alive and well.

There is still room in the RSCM Newport Course at Salve Regina for youth and adult choristers. Our current registration is now over 50 with choristers coming from many states. Two choristers have registered from the San Francisco area and one from San Diego. Please do join us in Newport for the two Evensongs presented by the RSCM Choir on Wednesday, August 3rd, at Trinity, Newport and on Friday, August 5th, at Emmanuel Church. The closing Eucharist for the week will be at Emmanuel Church at 10 a.m. August 7 with a Mozart mass with string orchestra.

For those youth and adults interested in joining any of the choirs for next season please contact the Music Director, Priscilla Rigg at the following numbers to help insure your place in the choir: (H) 884-2237 or (C) 486-5886

Remember we also have a very active handbell choir, The Jubilate Ringers, and new members are warmly invited to join us. The ringers maintain a spirited schedule of ringing in many facilities throughout the state.

Thank you all for a busy, but exciting year.

Priscilla Rigg
Music Director

VEGETABLE GARDENS??

Anyone interested in helping with a small vegetable garden-contact Ricky or Lisa.

