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

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**SEPTEMBER 2011 at ST. LUKE'S**

*Summer is coming to a close.  
Here are some things to look for in September:*

- \* **Tuesday** Healing & Holy Eucharist at 12 noon
- \* **Tuesday** Centering Prayer at 10 am
- \* **Church School & J2A registration** September 11th following both services
- \* **Church School** begins September 18th
- \* **Christ Community Kitchen** resumes September 26th

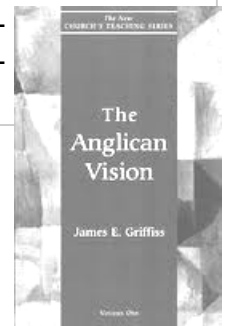
## **MINISTRY SUNDAY**

**September 18<sup>th</sup>**  
following the 10 am service

We will focus on the ministries of the parish and the many ways the people of the parish share in the church's work of the gospel. We will shine a spotlight on our mutual ministries in the liturgy, the sermon and a special "Ministries Fair" in the auditorium following the service.

## **CLERGY FORUM RESUMES**

**September 25<sup>th</sup> at 9 am**



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## 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](mailto:greg.prior@stlukeseg.org))

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Noel Bassett, editor

### WORSHIP SERVICES

Sundays 8 am and 10 am Holy Eucharist

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

Monday -Thursday 9:10 am Morning Prayer in the Chapel

Tuesdays 10 am Centering Prayer

Tuesdays 12 noon Holy Eucharist & Healing

*Church is open Monday through Friday  
for prayer and meditation between 8:30 am and 2 pm*

### OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday 8:30 am - 2 pm (September—June)

### 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

## ANCHORLINE

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### Starting In - or - Starting Out ??

While we have worked through our parish self study process during the past months, we have given more attention to who we are as a community and the inner life of the parish rather than who we are in the respect to the world/community around us and our outreach activities.

We have found that we are open and welcoming to people searching for a church community and offer meaningful worship, excellent music, and a good array of pastoral support. We reach out to others in the Diocese through our music program under the leadership of Priscilla Rigg, her dedicated assistants and choristers themselves. And, St Luke's, especially, supports Episcopal Charities through Board leadership, volunteer activity and through direct contributions

St. Luke's takes good care of its own community, but we have room to grow as we work to understand and help our neighbors - in our community, in our diocese, in the state, and in the world. We know the needs are great. While, many of our members are individually involved in a variety of volunteer activities, as a community few are directly involved in outreach activities.

Do we want this to change? Do we want to do more things together? Will our collective efforts bear more fruit? Do we need to seek different ways for more people to become involved?

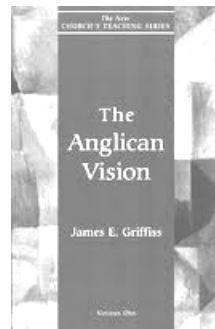
We already have several strong outreach activities - the Dominican Republic Youth Mission Trip, Christ's Community Kitchen the last Monday of the month, and our outreach work with St. George's Church in Central Falls and their Sunday afternoon Soup Kitchen and Food Pantry.

What needs do YOU see that you want to help with - it doesn't have to be big! One of the best qualities of St. Luke's is that anything is possible. We are not hindered by such opinions of "we already did that before", or "it will never work." With good communication, folks who want to become involved, and shared energy we can accomplish much - helping others and also involving more people in the active work of the church.

What to do - 1) pay attention to the Ministries Fair that we will be having in September; 2) share your ideas with the clergy, especially Deacon Ricky, and with the Wardens, Lisa and Arlene; 3) read "The Lamp" for special announcements; 4) share some of the volunteer work you do with others in the parish.

Finally, as we move forward with our search process for a new rector, we must continue to ask "what does God want us to be doing with and for our community, both within the church and outside of our stone walls?,"

*Deacon Ricky*



## CLERGY FORUM RESUMES

**September 25<sup>th</sup> at 9 am**

We will begin a new series of study and discussion entitled "The Anglican Vision" at the 9 o'clock hour in the Blackburn Room. This series led by Fr. Greg and Deacon John will explore the history and spirit of our Anglican/Episcopal tradition, and will continue until mid-November.

This organization has successfully presented many innovative concerts since June of 2008, and will continue to offer RI audiences the excitement of live music-making this October with the Chrysalis Piano Trio's concert at Toll Gate High school. Below is their program:

*Amy Beach, Piano Trio in a minor, Op. 150*  
*Ludwig van Beethoven, Piano Trio No. 9 in B flat Major, WoO 39*  
*Leonard Bernstein, Piano Trio*  
*Edward Lalo, Piano Trio in e minor, No. 1, Op.7*  
*Emilio Colon, "N" Tango for Violin, Cello and Piano*

Concert tickets cost \$15 per person, advanced sales; \$20 at the door. Cut-off date for both advanced concert ticket sales and for the reception at 1149 Restaurant is September 24<sup>th</sup>. Mail your check to Music on the Hill, Box 633, East Greenwich, RI, 02818. Please include a stamped, self-addressed envelope. For more information see us at [www.musiconthehillri.com](http://www.musiconthehillri.com) or contact Carol at 401-884-8172 or at [cpmus@aol.com](mailto:cpmus@aol.com)

See you at the concert!



**MUSIC on the HILL PRESENTS THE  
CHRYSALISTRIO POST-FESTIVAL  
CONCERT 7 pm October 1, 2011**

Here is an additional opportunity to attend one of Music on the Hill's Concerts. For the first time we have extended the festival to include a Pre-Festival Concert in April, our usual six concert festival in June, and now a concert in October. At 7 pm, Saturday, October 1, 2011, the Chrysalis Piano Trio will perform at Toll Gate High School's climate-controlled Robert Shapiro Performing Arts Center, 575 Centerville Road, Warwick, RI.

The Chrysalis Piano Trio with violinist Kristen Pellegrino, cellist Elisa Kohanski, and pianist Christina Breindel, was formed during the summer of 1999. Kristen and Elisa, both graduates of the Warwick Public Schools and former members of the Toll Gate High School Orchestra and String Quartets, joined with Christina Breindel, a former Warwick Public Schools music teacher, to create the Chrysalis Trio. For twelve years they have continued to perform together before enthusiastic audiences.

Following the concert, the audience is invited to join the Trio, and the Toll Gate H.S. Orchestra Alumni and their Families at the 1149 Restaurant, Division St. Cost per person is \$15 for advance reservations only. Contact Carol at 401-884-8172 or [cpmus@aol.com](mailto:cpmus@aol.com)

In the summer of 2007 John Mark Pellegrino was named Artistic Director of Music on the Hill. After presenting the concept of converting the 33 year old concert series into a June music festival, the board enthusiastically embraced the idea of this change.

**WORDS FROM THE WARDEN**

Welcome back to church after a beautiful summer! Hope you enjoyed time with family & friends and are now ready to jump back into a busy fall schedule!

Please note the dates for the resuming of Church School and Choir. There will be a Ministries Fair on September 18 to encourage you to participate in something you may be interested in. There are lots of ways to get involved. We also will be having a fall clean-up for the grounds outside, date TBA.

Please see the Transition website for our Parish Profile document. Any concerns or comments should be brought to a self study committee member or a member of the Vestry. The committee has worked very hard to compile information from the parish. A special thank you to all of the committee for their months of hard work and to John and Rob Walsh who compiled that information into the final document.

Praise be to God for all that we have at St. Luke's Church.

Faithfully,

*Lisa Johnson*  
Senior Warden

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**Christ Community Kitchen (CCK)**

Starting up again on September 26th at 5pm  
in St. Luke's dining room.

*September's CCK will be prepared and served by  
our partners at the East Greenwich United Methodist Church.  
ALL ARE WELCOME. SEE YOU THERE.*

## Self-Study Committee Completes Its Work

I would like to thank the members of the Self Study Committee for all of their fine work and the excellent product that they produced, namely the St. Luke's Parish Profile. Those members are **Paul Brookes, Sue Clement, Fran Gammell-Roach, Sandy Horton, Keith Hudson, Ellen Palmer, Dave Savage and Dana Sparhawk**. In addition, much effort was contributed by **Al Potter**, the overall transition leader and **Dave Seifert** along with **Leon Sibielski** acting as Transition Consultants assigned to us from the Diocese.

The committee was recruited in January with the first meeting held January 24<sup>th</sup> and the last September 7<sup>th</sup>. This was indeed a "working" committee (as compared to an "advisory" committee.) There were 12 committee meetings, plus a handful of sub-committee meetings. Everyone worked between meetings to accomplish goals that would enable us to achieve each milestone for the next meeting. I would estimate that this team of ten spent **more than 1,000 hours** of volunteer time to produce the final results!

Our consultants, Leon and Dave have been there any and every time we have needed them (whether we knew it or not!). Additionally, Walsh & Associates (parishioners John and Rob Walsh) have taken the committee's work and transformed it into "one voice" and produced a professional, finished piece for a fraction of what they would normally charge a typical customer.

## PLANNED GIVING

Who will write your will? If you don't write it, the state will and the state won't include a bequest to any charity or to St. Luke's.

Adopted Mission Statement from the  
Book of Common Prayer, page 445

"It is the duty of Christian parents to make prudent provisions for the well-being of their families, and of all persons to make wills, while they are in health, arranging for the disposal of the temporal goods, not neglecting, if they are able, to leave bequests for religious and charitable uses."

If you have any questions regarding planned giving, please contact, Ruth Batchelor, Committee Chair at 884-0058 or [rlgb303@cox.net](mailto:rlgb303@cox.net).

Thanks be to God.





## episcopal charities fund of rhode island

Since 1952, the Episcopal Charities Fund has been dedicated to helping Rhode Islanders in crisis. The fund helps heal, clothe, feed and visit those in need in our local communities. Perhaps your friends and/or family members are beneficiaries of the services provided by the organizations who receive grants from Episcopal Charities. In these unsettled economic times, Episcopal Charities funds are needed even more than ever. Over 96 agencies and programs received funds in 2010.

St. Luke's goal of \$38,500 for Episcopal Charities is nearly reached thanks the generosity of all participants. We currently have raised \$32,000! If you have not pledged, please find it in your heart to help out in any way possible; no donation is too small. Help bring hope and comfort to our friends in Christ who are in need.

Your pledge will help pass on the light of Christ.

*Noel Bassett & Ken Poulton*  
Episcopal Charities Chairpersons

The Parish Profile will now be turned over to the Diocese and the Search Committee as our work on the rector transition process continues into the next phase. The Profile can be viewed through the St. Luke's Transition webpage: [www.stlukeseg.org/transition](http://www.stlukeseg.org/transition).

Many thanks to all who contributed!

Yours in Christ,

*Jim Rezendes*  
Self Study Chairman

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### Stewardship Prayer

O God, our creator and giver of all good gifts, we praise you and we thank you for the gifts you have bestowed upon us. Nourish our hearts with the spirit of Christian stewardship so that we may share generously and joyfully the gifts we have received. Bless St. Luke's and strengthen our faith and commitment to stewardship. We ask all of this in Jesus' name.

Amen

Yours in Christ  
*Steve McLoughlin*

## Stewardship - September 2011

Summer vacation is rapidly becoming a fond memory. We are surrounded with familiar signs reminding us that fall is upon us: students return to school, training for fall sports, a faint chill in the evening air, the first sign of leaves changing and the initiation of the Stewardship Program.

The Parish Profile recently developed provides a clear view of the vision and goals of St. Luke's as well as the important role that Stewardship will play in the realization of these aspirations. This year's stewardship program is centered around increasing awareness of and commitment to stewardship, so that our parishioners may know the joy of faithful giving and so that St. Luke's may have the collective resources to grow our mission.

Kickoff of the Stewardship program for the past several years has included an opportunity for the parish to provide their thoughts on stewardship in a variety of ways such as banners, posters and paintings. This year's input challenges us to reflect on, seek out and capture pictures of St Luke's in action as we demonstrate that *"All things come of thee O Lord and of thine own have we given Thee"* in our daily lives. These pictures should be mailed, emailed to [stlukeseg.org](mailto:stlukeseg.org) with the subject of "St. Luke's Stewardship in Action" or left in the office. On Stewardship Sunday (October 30) these signs of stewardship will be included in the offertory and displayed around the church.



"One of the great tragedies during the past several centuries is that we have been more or less forced by training into a form of prayer or spirituality that was indeed a proper method for one particular temperament. Unfortunately that temperament belonged only to a small number of those who took seriously the need for prayer. One was given the impression that this traditional method of prayer was the best method for everyone. When it did not work, the conclusion was that there was something wrong with the person rather than with the method. Therefore, many of us decided that we were not destined for sanctity since the recommended way of spirituality could not be achieved, even with supreme and heroic effort. The result was that many good people gave up prayer altogether or went through the motions of praying without any real interior effect or benefit."



## Women's Prayer Group

Meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month at 7 pm  
Beginning September 12, 2011 at 7 pm

*Are you interested in a prayer group just for women  
that will meet in the evening?*

*Are you looking for a group of women  
who will meet together regularly,  
who want to get to know each other  
through shared experiences of learning and growth  
as we explore different methods and forms of prayer?*

*Might you be looking for a group of prayerful women  
to support each other as we all struggle to know  
how to live out our daily lives as Christian women?*

*Do you want to grow in your faith life  
and your relationship with God,  
but feel stuck in your prayer life or your spiritual life in general?*

If you answered yes to any of the questions above, please consider attending our new evening time Women's Prayer Group. We will begin by exploring the topic of prayer and different temperaments through a book called, "Prayer and Temperament" by Chester P. Michael and Marie C. Norrisey. See if this quote from the book strikes a chord with you as it did for me and others.

## Church School Schedule

9:00 - 9:45      Classes for Grades 3 - 12  
                         Including the J2A Groups  
10:00              Preschool - Grade 2 classes  
                         Children enter the worship service at the Peace

**Youth Ministry Sunday** is observed on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month. This is a wonderful opportunity for families to worship together, the youth of the parish to participate in the liturgy and the congregation to enjoy the music of our youth choirs. **Church School classes will not be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month.**

*Children are our greatest joy, their education our happiest task and their participation in the life of our parish our proudest moments. Education is an important part of St. Luke's ministry and it's a role we especially enjoy.*



**Everything is ready  
for a terrific church  
school year.**

**All classes begin on Sun-  
day, September 18th.**

**10:00 A.M.**

Pre School Class: Ages 3 & 4  
Kindergarten Class  
Grades 1 & 2

**9:00 A.M.**

Grade 3 Corporate Communion Preparation  
Grade 4  
Grade 5 & 6

**Journey to Adulthood Program**

***Rite 13*** Grades 7 & 8  
***J2A*** Grades 9 & 10  
***Young Adults in Church (YAC)*** Grades 11 & 12

**Looking Ahead to 2012**

Hello St. Luke's Travelers and Friends,

Please join me for a travel briefing on two trips being planned for 2012. The presentation will be taking place on Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at St. Luke's in the Blackburn Room.

Come learn about two different trips; a visit to Scotland next August during the legendary military tattoo in Edinburgh with visits to the highlands and islands of this beautiful country. We will also preview a river cruise on the Danube to see the famous Christmas Markets in November, 2012.

We had a wonderful experience using Collette Vacations to see Oberammergau's Passion Play and look forward to traveling with them again.

If you have friends who may be interested in learning about either tour, please feel free to invite them to the presentation. Please contact me with any questions at 401-295-0798 or [catrez@cox.net](mailto:catrez@cox.net).

A portion of the proceeds will benefit Episcopal Charities of Rhode Island.

Hope to see you on September 15<sup>th</sup>,

*Cathe Rezendes*



## Property Committee

Property Breakfasts have been held during the summer and will continue each month this fall. Many of the projects that we undertake are not noticeable but are a necessary part of keeping the church in good working order.

This summer we have done a bit of gardening. Our special thanks to Donna and Ralph Sykes who take our clippings to the Warwick compost site and who also weed in the evenings. This fall we plan to thin out and divide plants in the church gardens and would like to offer them to parishioners. If you are interested in any plants, please let us know.

The next Property Breakfast is scheduled for September 15<sup>th</sup>. Please call us or put a note in our box in the Church Office about anything that needs property attention.

*Sandy and Peggy Rubel (884-6594)*



Welcome back! Church School and Journey to Adulthood registration will be held on Sunday September 11<sup>th</sup> in the Dining Room, following the 8 am and 10 am services. Classes will begin on Sunday September 18<sup>th</sup>. We are looking forward to another fun-filled spiritual year. Thank you to the teachers and J2A leaders for your wonderful dedication to the children of St. Luke's.

Our curriculum is a lectionary-based program provided by the Episcopal Church. In Church School the children will be hearing about the lessons for each Sunday so that they can also learn about what their parents hear in church. The discussion will be accompanied by an activity or project which relates to the lessons of the day. During our special holiday seasons, the lessons will teach our students about the importance of these days. This year's Church School program will also focus on helping our children find many opportunities for caring, sharing and giving.

Corporate Communion classes are held for Grade 3 students. Any older student who has not participated previously is welcome to join. Letters will be sent to the parents of the boys and girls who were registered in Grade 2 last year. If you want more information, please contact Susan MacDonald.

*Then Jesus took the children in his arms, placed his hands on each of them and blessed them.*

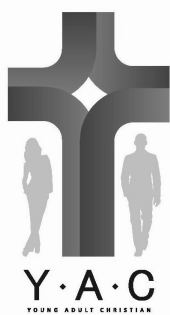
## Journey to Adulthood Program



**Rite-13** The first two years (Grades 7 & 8) celebrate the individuality of each young teen and their

creative potential, while exploring Biblical stories of God and God's people. The Rite-13 liturgy is the community expression of this and serves as a rite of passage from childhood towards adulthood.

**J2A** The next segment (Grades 9 & 10) helps teens create and understand the importance of Christian community as they develop critical thinking and other skills they will need in adulthood. The end of J2A is marked with a mission trip to the Dominican Republic that is often a life-changing experience for the group.



**YAC** This mentor-based program helps older teens (Grades 11 & 12) discern and carry out a ministry within their church or in the larger community. Vocation and development of a personal credo are also emphasized.

## ALTAR FLOWERS

It is beautiful to have flowers adorning the altar on Sundays.

If you have a special someone to remember, wouldn't it be nice to say it with flowers? A small donation takes care of the cost, or if your garden is overflowing with flowers, you can bring them in.

Just email [barbara.defusco@stlukeseg.org](mailto:barbara.defusco@stlukeseg.org), call the office at 401-884-4116 or drop a note in the mail with your check for the flowers (\$45 is requested).

Let us know the date you would like your loved one remembered and how you would like their name to appear in the bulletin and prayer list. Thank you.



### Thank you for your help!

To date, we have received 110 cell phones for the "CELL PHONES FOR SOLDIERS CAMPAIGN."

Remember, each phone is worth about an hour of talk time to a soldier overseas. Thank you and keep them coming.



*Thank you. Pat Young*