

# STL ACTS OF FAITH

The Newsletter of St. Luke's Episcopal Church



## A Shared Feast of Light

### Joint Service with Iglesia El Buen Pastor

February 1 at 10:30

Dear friends,

On **Sunday, February 1**, St. Luke's will gather with **Iglesia El Buen Pastor** for a **joint worship service**, and I hope you'll make plans to be there. Each time we worship together, we're reminded that this partnership is no longer something new or experimental—it's becoming part of who we are. When we worship together across cultures, we don't lose anything of our own faith—we discover dimensions of God and the Gospel that we might otherwise miss. This service will be shaped by traditions that are deeply rooted in Latino Christianity, particularly those surrounding **Candlemas** and the **Presentation of Jesus in the Temple**.

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One of the central traditions is the bringing of candles to be blessed. These candles are not decorative. They are meant to be taken home and used throughout the year—as signs of Christ’s light in everyday life, reminders that God’s presence is not confined to church walls but carried into kitchens, bedrooms, moments of prayer, and times of fear or uncertainty. It’s a beautiful, embodied way of proclaiming what we believe: that Christ is light, and that light belongs in our real lives. We will begin the service outside for the blessing and then process into the nave together. **Plan to bring a candle to be blessed!**



Another beloved tradition is the bringing forward of the **Niño Jesús**—a baby Jesus figure—often dressed in new clothes that he will wear throughout the coming year. This practice reminds us that the Incarnation is not an idea to be admired from a distance; it is God choosing to be held, cared for, clothed, and loved. Dressing the Christ child is a way of saying: God has entrusted himself to us. It is tender, reverent, and deeply relational.

What continues to strike me is how these shared traditions quietly expand our understanding of God. They remind us that faith is meant to be lived, touched, celebrated, and carried—not just spoken. Worship like this doesn’t ask us to become someone else; it invites us to become more fully the Church together.

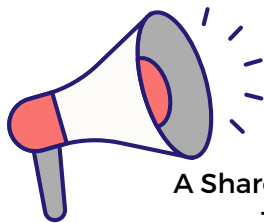
Following the service, we will all gather for a shared meal together in Johnson Hall!

I’m grateful for the way these joint services keep shaping us—deepening relationships, stretching our imaginations, and grounding us in the truth that Christ’s light belongs to all of us.

I look forward to worshipping with you on February 1.

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## Upcoming Events and Opportunities



### **Next Sunday, February 1**

9-10 a.m. **Adult Forum**, Johnson Hall:

A Shared Vision for Partnership, Renewal, and the Kingdom of God

10:30 **Combined Eucharist** with Iglesia El Buen Pastor

**Covered Dish Lunch** in Johnson Hall following service

### **Chrismon Workshop**

Wednesday, Feb 4, 1-4 p.m.

Kramer Room

### **St. Luke's Annual Parish Meeting**

Sunday, Feb 8, 9 a.m.

Johnson Hall

### **St. Luke's Vestry Retreat**

Friday, Feb 13, 6:30 p.m., offsite

Saturday, Feb 14, 9 a.m.-12 p.m., Kramer Room

### **Chili Luncheon Fundraiser**

Saturday, Feb 14, 12-2 p.m.

Johnson Hall

### **Bishop Anne Hodges-Copple's Visit**

**Confirmation, Reception, Reaffirmation of Faith**

Sunday, Feb 15 at 8 and 10:30 services

### **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper**

Tuesday, Feb 17, 5-7 p.m.

Johnson Hall

### **Ash Wednesday**

Wednesday, Feb 18

Services at 12 and 5 p.m., Ashes-to-Go 2-4 pm (outside)

### **Spread the Mulch Garden Day**

Saturday, Feb 21 8-10 a.m.

Campus wide

### **St. Luke's Mission Trip to Belize**

Feb 21-Mar 1





## Senior Warden Reflections

“But blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him. They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit.”

Jeremiah 17:7-8

“And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.”

2 Corinthians 9:8

I have to confess, this is my least favorite time of year! But here at St. Luke's, there is warmth, creativity and fellowship and our blessings are many.

January has been a time of learning for me as I gain a better understanding of all of the work happening at St. Luke's. So many of you contribute your time and energy to make this place vibrant and a blessing to others. I am so grateful for your leadership. We always have opportunities to volunteer and help support our many ministries in large and small ways. I encourage you all to attend the annual meeting on February 8th and find a ministry you feel called to support.

Speaking of blessings, I want to use this platform to publicly acknowledge my gratitude for our amazing Treasurer and financial expert, Jim Brunquell. His volunteer job is often a full-time gig, especially this time of year! He spends a great deal of time preparing and explaining our budget and our financial status along with patiently answering many questions. I rely on him a great deal and am so impressed with his willingness to serve in this critical role. You will see what I mean at the annual meeting. Thank you for all you do, Jim!

And thanks again to all of you for your generous 2026 pledges. Although there never seems to be enough money to do all we want and need to do, this year's budget planning was much less stressful than recent years thanks to you all. Please don't hesitate to ask Jim, me, or other vestry members if you have questions about our budget.

Please join us on February 8th!

Thank you,  
Hope Galunas

# St. Luke's Annual Meeting

## Sunday, February 8

### 9:00–10:00 a.m.

Each year, our Annual Meeting gives us a chance to pause, take a breath, and look together at the life we are building at St. Luke's. On Sunday, February 8, from 9:00–10:00 a.m., we'll gather for a time of reflection, gratitude, and shared vision—right in the midst of a season that is full of life and momentum.

This is more than a business meeting. It's an opportunity to tell the story of what God has been doing among us over the past year—to celebrate growth, generosity, courage, and the many ways this community has shown up for one another and for our neighbors. We'll reflect on milestones we've reached together and name the ways our parish continues to deepen in faith, partnership, and purpose.

As part of our time together, we'll share a parish report and our financial report—offering transparency, context, and a clear picture of where we are and how we are stewarding the life and resources of this community. These reports aren't just about numbers or logistics; they help us see the whole story of our shared ministry. We will also thank our retiring vestry members, thank our retiring wardens, commission our new vestry class and commission our new wardens.

We'll also spend time looking ahead. Where do we sense the Spirit inviting us next? What kind of church are we being called to become in the year to come? The Annual Meeting is a space to listen, dream, and align ourselves with the shared vision that is unfolding at St. Luke's.

Whether you've been here for decades or are still finding your way into this community, your presence matters. St. Luke's is shaped not by a few voices, but by the collective wisdom and care of the whole parish. I hope you'll join us as we give thanks for all that has been and look forward with hope to what is still becoming.



## February

### Birthdays!



3	Connie Johnson	8.	Bob King
3	Liza Kretz	10	Steve Dedrick
3	Kelley Lawton	11	Gin Brown
4	Tom McIntosh	21	Carol Freund
6	Terrie Blalock	23	Jan Freeman
6	John Daily	27	Karen Stirrup



## Junior Warden's Corner

Steve Dedrick

During January, due to heat variations throughout the Gray Building's heating system, an assessment was conducted by a heating and air conditioning firm. The results found the system was working as designed and no repairs were required.

The hot water heater that serves the church office work room and men's room outside the office was not working, and a plumber identified that the breaker for the hot water heater had been turned off.

The new gate outside the nave obscuring the view of the HVAC unit was installed and will soon be painted and trimmed with Trex.

Quotes are pending on repair of the outside fountain brick that are breaking apart.

Minor routine maintenance issues were identified and addressed.



### Help Spread the Mulch!



The Garden Day group will gather on February 21 to spread 60 yards of mulch. This will be an all hands on deck event! Our landscaping partner Clean Cuts will be involved with their heavy equipment, and our sister parish El Buen Pastor will be present. It will be quite the event! Please plan to come help from 8-10 a.m. on that Saturday morning. Bring gloves and any tools/ wheel barrows that you have!

### We're going to Belize!

The Belize mission team still has openings! (February 20 - March 1, 2026) Please sign up [here](#) or see Wendy Cook and pay a \$250 deposit now (give a check in the offering plate or to the office or use PayPal; put Belize trip in the memo). We have opened the spots for non-St. Luke's people to join the team, but you are welcome to come as long as we have space. We already have non-refundable rooms reserved and a good flight schedule, so join us! Holy Cross Anglican School has many construction needs, such as building a fence and siding, deck and railing repairs, and painting. They also want assistance in the classrooms, library, and computer lab. This will not be a medical trip. The trip cost of \$1625 is due to St. Luke's by February and includes all meals, double-occupancy (air-conditioned!) lodging, incidental charges, and transportation once in Belize. Scholarships are available (see Greg)!





St. Luke's is having an "all-you-can-eat" Chili Luncheon fundraiser Saturday, February, 14th at 12 p.m. Several of our parishioners have graciously agreed to provide chili for the occasion. Each parishioner is cooking their own chili recipe, so come taste and enjoy each recipe! Salad, bread, crackers, fruit, dessert, soft drinks, and iced tea will be available to enhance your lunch. Cost is \$10.00 per person: you can pay by cash, credit card, Venmo or PayPal. All proceeds will benefit the Rector's Discretionary Fund.

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**R Wave Respite:  
A Gift of Rest and Care for Our Community**

Beginning in early 2026, a beautiful new ministry called R Wave Respite will launch on Mondays from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Family Life Center of Aldersgate United Methodist Church (1320 Umstead Rd., Durham).

R Wave Respite is an outreach ministry of Aldersgate United Methodist Church, created in response to a deep and often hidden need in our community: support for those caring for loved ones living with mild to moderate dementia. Caregiving is holy work, but it is also exhausting work, and no one is meant to carry it alone.

Our pastoral Care Team met with the founders of this ministry this week, and the whole group wanted to share this valuable resource with our St. Luke's community.

This ministry will offer respite care—intentional, compassionate space for care partners to step away for a few hours. That time might be used for appointments, lunch with friends, running errands, or simply resting. Just as importantly, it offers those living with dementia a chance to be cared for in a safe, welcoming environment, providing a healthy break from the daily caregiving rhythm.

At its heart, R Wave Respite is about honoring the dignity of every person involved—the one giving care and the one receiving it. It's a quiet, faithful expression of the Gospel: making room for rest, offering presence instead of pressure, and recognizing that love sometimes looks like giving someone the gift of time and support.

As this ministry takes shape, I'm grateful for the way churches in our city continue to respond creatively and compassionately to real human need. This is exactly the kind of quiet, life-giving work that reflects the heart of Christ in our community.



## Ash Wednesday: Beginning Again



Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, a season that invites us to slow down, tell the truth about our lives, and return—again—to the heart of God. It is not a day of shame or heaviness for its own sake, but a day of clarity. A day that gently reminds us who we are, and whose we are.

On **Wednesday, February 18**, we will gather for Ash Wednesday services at 12:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. Both services will include the Imposition of Ashes, a simple, ancient ritual that grounds us in humility and hope. To receive ashes is not to be marked as broken beyond repair, but to be marked as human—finite, beloved, and held by God.

For those who are unable to attend a service, or whose schedules make it difficult to step inside, we will also offer **Ashes-to-Go from 2:00–4:00 p.m.** at the church campus entrance. This is not a lesser offering. It is a way of meeting people where they are, carrying the Church beyond our walls and into the flow of daily life.

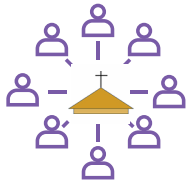
Ash Wednesday names the truth that our culture often avoids: that life is fragile, time is precious, and control is an illusion. And yet, it also proclaims something deeper—that God meets us in our dust and breathes life into it. Lent begins not with perfection, but with honesty. Not with striving, but with grace.

Wherever you are in your faith, whether this season feels familiar or new, I hope you'll join us as we begin again together—marked by ashes, held by love, and invited into a deeper way of living.

Greg Farrand

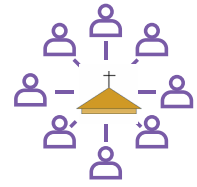
Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.





## Connecting at St. Luke's

Learn about groups you may want to join



### St. Joe's Community Breakfast

For more than twenty years, the people of St. Joseph's have been helping to feed Durham's hungry people breakfast, Monday through Friday. The need is now greater than ever, and other churches are pitching in, including St. Stephen's. Several members of St. Luke's join in on Wednesday mornings from roughly 8 - 10 a.m. serving homeless, unemployed, and underemployed people scrambled eggs, pancakes, breakfast casseroles, and coffee, freshly prepared in St. Joseph's kitchen. Parishioners of St. Stephen's prepare breakfast casseroles, and there may be an opportunity for St. Luke's to revive its casserole ministry. One St. Luker, a regular volunteer, absolutely loves what she's doing, and finds the whole operation to be, quote, "Amazing." These are trying times, but a handful of people are making a difference. Please consider letting one of them be you! Contact Beth Bonner for more information.

### Transportation Ministry

Several of St Luke's parishioners have agreed to transport St Lukers to their dental, medical/surgical clinic appointments, and other special needs in the Durham and Chapel Hill area. Requested destinations, other than Durham or Chapel Hill, need to be negotiated with team members.

Contact Beth Bonner for request.

(919-724-8001..cell

Please join the fun and good food!

## St Luke's Pancake Supper

Tuesday February 17th, 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM  
Johnson Hall, 1737 Hillandale Road, Durham



#### Menu:

Pancakes (Gluten Free available) and toppings  
Bacon, Sausage  
Applesauce, Fruit Salad  
King Cake  
Coffee, Orange Juice and Water



Cost: Adults \$10:00, Under 10 Years old \$5.00

Profits go toward St. Luke's Capital Improvement Fund

## Confirmation, Reception, and Reaffirmation of Faith

In the Episcopal Church, Confirmation, Reception, and Reaffirmation of Faith are not about checking religious boxes or jumping through ecclesiastical hoops. They're about pausing long enough to claim faith intentionally—in the middle of a life that keeps changing, stretching, and unfolding.

At our best, we understand faith not as something we ever “finish,” but as something we return to again and again. These rites exist because the Church understands what real life does to us. Belief deepens. Questions sharpen. Commitments shift as we move through joy, loss, doubt, healing, and growth. What once made sense may need to be reclaimed—or gently reimagined—years later. The Church makes room for that kind of honesty.

Confirmation is a way of saying yes to the promises first spoken over us in Baptism—not a declaration of certainty, but a choice to keep walking the path of discipleship with intention. Reception honors those who come to the Episcopal Church already shaped by faith in another tradition and now feel called to root themselves here. Reaffirmation offers a holy pause—a chance to renew baptismal promises after transition, disruption, loss, or deep change. None of these assume faith has been static. They assume it has been lived.

What matters most isn't the rite itself, but what it names: that faith is relational, communal, and worth tending. These moments remind us that we don't practice Christianity alone. We make promises together. We are supported together. We are held by a Church that understands faith as a lifelong journey, not a one-time decision.

On Sunday, February 15, we will welcome Bishop Anne Hodges-Copple, who will be with us to confirm, receive, and reaffirm faith during worship. If you feel drawn toward any of these—whether clearly or just as a quiet nudge—I'd love to talk with you. You don't need to have it all figured out. You're welcome to explore. Please email me at [rector@stlukesdurham.org](mailto:rector@stlukesdurham.org).

In a culture that often rushes past reflection, these rites invite us to slow down and ask honest questions: Who am I becoming? What do I trust now? How is God at work in my life in this season? They root us again in the Baptismal Covenant—a way of life shaped by love, justice, forgiveness, and hope.

If you're considering Confirmation, Reception, or Reaffirmation, know this: it's not about having all the answers. It's about showing up honestly, offering your life to God as it is right now, and allowing the Church to walk with you as you continue to grow. That kind of intention isn't busywork—it's a gift.

--Greg

## Ringling in the New Year – EVERY Year!



This month's music ministry submission is like last month's, in that I have invited members of one of the ministry's organizations to describe their experience in their respective ensemble. This month we feature the handbell choir. It may come as a surprise to most people that my own handbell experience prior to joining the St. Luke's community was non-existent. Both Kaye and members of the handbell choir have encouraged me in this new endeavor, and our journey together has opened up a whole new world of group music-making. As you read the excerpts below, I believe you will get a sense of how rewarding it is to play in a handbell choir, but also how different it is from singing in a vocal ensemble.

From Amy Davis:

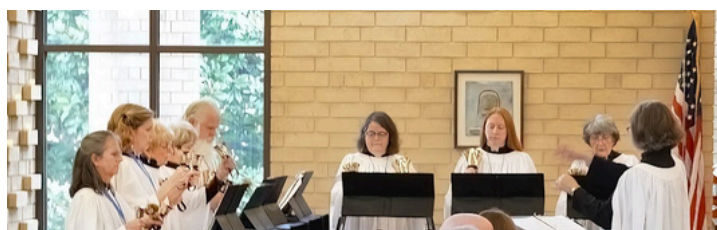
I have played with the handbell choir since it regrouped during the pandemic. It is entirely different from any ensemble I have played with. I usually play chordal instruments like guitar, banjo or piano. I thought being responsible for only two notes would make things easy. Boy, was I wrong! Synchronization has to be perfect, and switching out bells and managing page turns while playing can be challenging. I love how this ensemble has grown in its capacity to play well together. We can now handle fancy bell techniques and control how loudly or softly we play. Hats off to Kaye for leading us on this journey and to experienced ringers Marcy Carlson and Heather Fisher, whose beautiful ringing technique helps us out a lot!

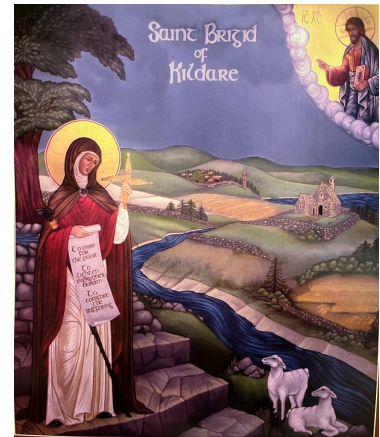
From Marcy Carlson:

Playing handbells has been a wonderful interest and activity for me. I played in our Bedford, NY Presbyterian Church for over 50 years where we lived before relocating to Durham. I directed hand chimes with children there and at the private school where I taught. At my first rehearsal at the Croasdaile Village Chorale I asked Mary Etta King, who was sitting next to me, about handbell choirs locally. I visited her next bell rehearsal at St. Luke's, substituted twice, and then joined your choir over a year ago. I love playing under Kaye as director and with your very friendly, collaborative members.

From Wendy Cook:

The lonely days of Covid regulations, beginning March 2020, abruptly halted my most spiritual nourishment - the choir. We were slow to reassemble our singing choir, but a deeply satisfying result of the awful, forced distance was the new bell choir in fall 2021. We play music that glorifies God, have fellowship at weekly rehearsals, and stretch our mental capacity. Playing bells, where I am responsible for specific pitches, is different from singing or playing most other instruments having multiple pitches. Even post Covid regulations, the bell choir is exceedingly satisfying! I love playing with friends and colleagues and learning new music!





## The Icon Corner

Mimi Games

February 1 is the feast day of St. Brigid, one of Ireland's favorite saints, who is recognized by the Catholic, the Anglican and the Episcopal Churches. The ancient book of Armagh states that St. Patrick and St. Brigid were friends of heart and mind, and that both saints were pillars of the Irish people.

Born about 450 AD near Kildare, Brigid may have been baptized by St. Patrick. There are many documented historical facts about her along with ancient stories which may be rooted in pagan folklore. St. Brigid founded the Abbey of Kildare, as well as several monasteries, and became the first woman abbess. Nuns of the ancient abbey seemingly kept a fire going at night, even when there was little wood. Volumes of Irish stories tell of St. Brigid's good deeds and of her constant giving to the needy and healing the sick.

Visiting Ireland several years ago, I bought a small St. Brigid's cross at a fair. It was a simple handmade cross woven of rushes or straw, which I kept until it disintegrated several years later. According to Irish tradition, Brigid first made the handmade cross from native grasses to cure an ailing chieftain. It was said to keep evil, fire, and hunger away from wherever it is displayed.

Icons of St. Brigid often show her holding a cross made of rushes and holding a pot of flames. Inseparable from the Irish countryside, Brigid is portrayed with sheep and the abbey she founded in the background.



## The Green Team's February Report



### Thoughts for the Month

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and late rains. You must also be patient.

James 5:7-8a.

All things share the same breath – the beast, the tree, the man. The air shares its spirit with all the life it supports.

Chief Seattle

### February Green Tips

The Sierra Club's Toiyabe Chapter published over 100 ways to save the planet. The February tips (59 through 63) are listed below. These tips are an effective way to reduce our carbon footprint and contribute to a healthier planet.

- 59. Get a programmable thermostat, then program it to be off when you're not home, or when you are away.
- 60. Plant native plants - they use less water, require fewer pesticides, and support healthy native wildlife and pollinators.
- 61. Dispose of used batteries and fluorescent light bulbs properly.
- 62. Dispose of used prescription drugs properly. Don't flush them down the toilet or toss them out with the food waste.
- 63. Compost.

### Upcoming Green Event

#### **Hattie Meadows Gardening School: Design Thinking February 28, 10 am-12 pm**

Learn about why native plants are an important part of the urban environment with Sheldon Galloway, owner and head of operations at Garden Environments. We will cover some basic concepts on how to make your home garden a habitat for birds, bees, and other creatures. This program is part of the Hattie Meadows Gardening School, a free community learning project to spread knowledge and love of gardening. Classes will take place at the Stanford L. Warren Library from January through June 2026. This program is presented in partnership with Stanford L. Warren Library, Sarah P. Duke Gardens, and Durham County Cooperative Extension and made possible by the Durham Library Foundation. Free. Registration at [gardens.duke.edu](https://gardens.duke.edu). Sarah P. Duke Gardens, Durham. 919-668-1707.

#### **St. Luke's Solar Savings**

St. Luke's solar savings for December 2025 were \$325.78. For 2025, the savings are \$8,206.30. Since installation, the total savings for the system are \$31,680.84.



## Prayer Concerns

Almighty God, we entrust all who are dear to us to your never-failing care and love, for this life and the life to come, knowing that you are doing for them better things than we can desire or pray for; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

"For Those We Love" BCP 831

Please pray for:

- the repose of the soul of John Rice, son-in-law of Marie Levchak, who died on January 14 after a long battle with cancer.
- St. Luke's choir member Lorraine Haskell, recovering at Duke Hospital from recent serious illness.
- Lynn Andrews, dear friend of Natalie Beauchaine, who is in the final stages of pancreatic cancer.
- Lera Williams' son, Jimmy, who is struggling with ongoing health issues.
- Anne Thornton, who is dealing with a fracture resulting from a recent fall.
- Wilbur and Barbara Longmire, as they face increasingly difficult health issues.
- Patricia Ayers, sister of LaRue Dedrick, who is suffering from uterine cancer and other health issues.
- Rebecca Fitzgerald, niece of Gin Brown, who is struggling with ongoing health issues but currently doing better.
- Kay Yarger, who is recovering after a fall over the holidays.
- Joseph and his parents, Christina and Clayton. Joe has been battling brain cancer since he was six. Now almost 12, hospice has been called in.
- Bill Gervin, stepfather of Wendy Cook, who is undergoing cancer radiation.
- St. Luke's parishioner Kate Nathaniel and her husband Eddie. Kate is suffering from advanced Alzheimer's and is receiving hospice care at home.
- Jim and Vicki Fuller's son, Jaime, in his ongoing struggle with heart-related issues.
- Safety and protection for our neighbors who are feeling threatened and afraid.
- Our St. Luke's friends from the community in their continuing struggles for food security, decent housing, reliable transportation, sufficient employment, medical care, and dignity for themselves and their families. As the weather grows colder, many will not be able to afford to pay their heating bills.

Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your Holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



### St. Luke's Email-What's in it for you?

Our email list lets you stay up to date on parish news and fellowship events (weekly announcements email), stay aware of difficult times facing your fellow parishioners (weekly e-prayers email), and know when the latest issue of our monthly newsletter, Acts of Faith, is published. But, to paraphrase a saying, you have to be on it to get it! Make sure the Parish Coordinator ([parish-coord@stlukesdurham.org](mailto:parish-coord@stlukesdurham.org)) has your email address, or subscribe automatically by going to <https://www.stlukesdurham.org/> and scrolling down to "Connect with us".

### St. Luke's Calendar

Our calendar is up to date on our website: <https://stlukesdurham.org/parish-calendar/>. Weddings, baptisms, funerals, and other special services are scheduled by the rector. The Parish Coordinator, Kaye Saunders, can help you arrange meetings or other events.

### Flowers Calendar

The 2026 flowers calendar is up on the wall in the south narthex just outside the parish office. Please sign up if you would like to provide flowers for a Sunday service this year. Put your name and the person or persons in whose memory or honor you would like the flowers given. The parish coordinator will contact you if more details are needed.

The florist charges us \$150 for the Sunday flowers each week. The cost, however, should never be prohibitive for those who want to donate flowers in honor of loved ones. We are working on alternative ways to make a donation of flowers affordable for all. If you have concerns, please speak with Kaye.

### St. Luke's Parish Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday 9-3  
(Closed Tuesdays 10-11:15)

### Rector Office Hours:

Monday-Wednesday 9-5  
Thursdays available by phone  
Other times by appointment

### For Children

Our Nursery is open in Johnson Hall Sunday mornings 9-11:30 for infants through three year olds. Older children through elementary school are invited to join in Godly Play, beginning at 10:15 also in Johnson Hall. Please ask an usher if you need directions or assistance.

### Stewardship at St. Luke's

As a reminder, you can give to St. Luke's Church in several ways:

- Cash or Check (drop in the plate or mail to the office)
- Use PayPal with a debit/credit card via St. Luke's website
- Push payments from your bank or credit union to the Church, just like bill-pay payments for your regular bills
- Initiate a Qualified Charitable Distribution from your IRA if you are 70 1/2 or older

In the Episcopal Church, we ask our members to make a pledge, which is an estimate of giving in the coming year. It represents your commitment to God's work in this place. To make a pledge, please email our Parish Coordinator, Kaye Saunders at [parish-coord@stlukesdurham.org](mailto:parish-coord@stlukesdurham.org).

### Submission of materials for the newsletter:

The deadline for submitting materials for the newsletter is the 20th of each month. Please email your materials to Babs Wise: [babswise@gmail.com](mailto:babswise@gmail.com).

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The Rev. Monnie Riggins, Deacon  
Kaye Saunders, Parish Coordinator & Assoc. Director of Music  
David Arcus, Director of Music & Organist

Treasurer Jim Brunnquell  
Vestry Clerk: Jim Wise

## Vestry

**Class of 2026**  
Bob Buchanan  
Wendy Cook,  
Hope Galunas, Senior Warden  
Pike Hege

**Class of 2027**  
Carlton Brown  
Kelley Lawton  
Debbie Stonehouse  
Peter Taflan

**Class of 2028**  
Steve Dedrick, Junior Warden  
Daniel Emory  
Brian Gullett  
Martha Lassiter



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