
STL ACTS OF FAITH

The Newsletter of St. Luke's Episcopal Church



A Prayer for the Summer

Draw me closer to you this summer. Grant my body refreshment, my mind peace, and my soul rest from the busyness of the year. As I travel, spend time with friends, or enjoy quiet moments at home, keep me mindful of your presence. Help me to be generous with my time, to appreciate the simple beauties of your creation, and to treat others with grace and kindness.

Summertime

As we move into the summer season at St. Luke's, the rhythm of parish life begins to shift a bit. Summer often brings travel, vacations, changing schedules, and a slightly slower pace of life. There is something good and healthy about that. In a world that moves so quickly, summer can offer space to breathe a little more deeply, reconnect with family and friends, rest, and pay attention to the ordinary gifts that are often easy to miss.

While some of our regular rhythms will look a little different over the summer months, the life of the parish continues in meaningful and beautiful ways.

Our choir will take a well-deserved break from regularly leading us in Sunday worship after offering such extraordinary music and leadership throughout the year. We are deeply grateful for their ministry and look forward to welcoming them back in the fall.

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During the summer, our Sunday Adult Forum in Johnson Hall will transition into Coffee & Conversation in the Kramer Room from 9:00–10:00 a.m. This more informal gathering will continue creating space for thoughtful discussion, fellowship, storytelling, and spiritual reflection throughout the summer. Some weeks will include guided conversations or short story discussions, while other weeks will simply offer an opportunity to gather over coffee and connect more deeply with one another.

We are also grateful that we will continue offering both Children’s Chapel and nursery care throughout the summer thanks to our wonderful volunteers and ministry leaders who help create joyful, welcoming spaces for our children each Sunday.

And even as schedules shift, some rhythms remain steady. Centering Prayer will continue gathering every week at 9:00 a.m. in the Nave, offering a quiet and grounding space for silence, contemplation, and prayer in the middle of busy lives.

Then, before we know it, fall will arrive and we will move back into the fuller rhythm of parish life together. Our Fall Kickoff will take place on September 13 as we relaunch ministries, formation opportunities, fellowship gatherings, and many of the regular rhythms that shape life at St. Luke’s throughout the program year.

In the meantime, my hope is that this summer season can be one of renewal, connection, rest, and attentiveness to God’s presence in both the extraordinary and the ordinary moments of life.

Grace and peace,
Greg

SAFE CHURCH SESSIONS ADDED IN JUNE

In June, the Diocese will hold additional Zoom Safe Church training classes. Sessions will be held on June 8th (6 p.m.-8 p.m.), June 17th (11 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.), and June 28th (Noon - 2:00 p.m.). Registration begins the week of May 25, and reminders will be communicated in the St. Luke’s Announcements. Information is also available on the Diocesan website under “Safe Church Training” and in “Please Note.”

--Monnie

Upcoming Events and Opportunities

Chrismon Workshop
Wednesday, June 3, 1-4 p.m.
Kramer Room

Des Colores
LEAP Spring Celebration and Auction
Saturday, June 5, 7 p.m.
Johnson Hall

St. Luke's Durham Bulls Outing
Sunday, June 7, 5:05 p.m.

Book Launch: Fulfill Thy Ministry
Thursday, June 11, 7 p.m.
Johnson Hall

St. Luke's Men's Lunch
Tuesday, June 16, 12 p.m.
Kramer Room

St. Luke's Stitches
Wednesday, June 17, 1:30 p.m.
Kramer Room

Vestry Meeting
Monday, June 22, 6:30 p.m.
Kramer Room

Newcomer's Ministry Meeting
Wednesday, June 24, 10 a.m.

The following weekly meetings are on Zoom--the link is in the ENews each Friday.

Noonday Prayer
Wednesdays, 11:30 a.m.

Connections and Support
Fridays, 11:30 a.m.



Senior Warden Corner

Hope Galunas

John 16:33: "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

Hello Friends,

We are blessed by Greg's ministry and celebrated his first year with us this spring, and we are looking forward to many more years together. In order to maintain the open and healthy relationships we enjoy, Greg and the vestry prayerfully considered how well we are fulfilling our responsibilities to each other and to St. Luke's. Our Mutual Ministry Reflection was conducted over the last two months including written responses, followed by open discussion and priority setting. We focused on community, worship, leadership, outreach, and relationships; we identified areas to celebrate, as well as opportunities for further engagement.

The review reminded us that ministry is shared work. Highlights from our reflections summarized strengths, opportunities, and recommendations for growth as we continue our joint ministry.

Key Themes:

- Strong sense of welcome and community
- Meaningful worship, especially sermons
- Membership growth
- Commitment to outreach and service
- Growing relationship with IBP and related challenges
- Engaging Adult Forums

Areas of strength to celebrate:

- Newcomers and increased attendance
- Meaningful worship and sermons
- Relationship with IBP

Areas needing attention:

- Enhanced communications regarding IBP activities
- Ensure newcomers are not only welcomed but engaged

Priorities for the coming year:

- Form a Connections Team to involve newcomers into our community
- Calendar Team will ensure all have access to an accurate calendar including activities and services for St. Luke's and IBP.

If you have any questions about our Mutual Ministry Review, please reach out to me or any vestry member. Craig and I will be out of town most of June vacationing with our family, and we will miss worshipping with you!



Junior Warden's Corner

Steve Dedrick

The Borden Fountain was cleaned and flushed in preparation for painting, and the painting was completed May 16. After several trips by a local plumber, the sacristy sink clog was cleared. The fire extinguishers were inspected and approved for another six months. The portraits of Bishops Bob and Anne were hung in the Kramer room. A waterproof and fireproof cabinet has been purchased to store vital Church records. This purchase was based on recommendations from the Church Audit Committee.

 A colorful poster for a fundraiser. The background is a vibrant, multi-colored wash of blue, yellow, green, red, and purple. At the top left is a white silhouette of a hummingbird in flight. The text is centered and reads:

DE COLORES
Fundraiser
 PARTY + AUCTION
JUNE 5, 2026

On the left side, it lists ticket prices:

\$55 Dinner + Party
 \$25 Party
 \$1 Raffle Tickets

On the right side, it says:

Join us!
 6 - 8pm Dinner + Auction
 8 - 10:30pm Afterparty

At the bottom center, it provides the location:

JOHNSON HALL
 ST LUKES EPISCOPAL CHURCH
 1737 HILLDALE RD. DURHAM, NC

At the bottom, it features the tagline and logo:

Learning. Language. **LEAP**

[Donate and Get your Tickets](#)



Coffee and Conversation



Over the past year, our Sunday Adult Forum in Johnson Hall has become one of the most meaningful spaces for spiritual formation, thoughtful conversation, and deeper connection at St. Luke's.

Together we have explored everything from Scripture and theology to church history, contemplative spirituality, suffering, heaven, science, mysticism, justice, and what it means to follow Jesus in a rapidly changing world. What has made these conversations so meaningful is not simply the topics themselves, but the spirit in which they have been held – with curiosity, humility, honesty, compassion, and a willingness to wrestle with difficult questions together.

One of the most encouraging things we have heard repeatedly from newcomers is that they first visited St. Luke's because they heard about a particular Adult Forum topic and felt drawn to a church willing to engage faith thoughtfully and openly. That has been a gift and a reminder that people are deeply hungry for spaces where questions are welcomed, and spirituality is explored with both depth and grace.

As we move into the summer months, we will be transitioning from our more formal Adult Forum format in Johnson Hall to Coffee & Conversation in the Kramer Room from 9:00-10:00 a.m.

This summer offering will create a more relaxed and informal space for fellowship, reflection, storytelling, and discussion. Some Sundays will include guided conversations around particular topics, while other weeks will simply offer space to connect more deeply with one another over coffee.

We are especially excited that Christopher and Kathleen Gould will help facilitate discussions around short stories on the first Sundays of June, July, and August – continuing the rich blend of spirituality, literature, imagination, and conversation.

Our hope is that Coffee & Conversation will continue nurturing the same spirit of openness, curiosity, and connection that has made Adult Forum such an important part of parish life, while embracing the slower and more relational rhythm of summer.

All are welcome.

Music's Reply

David Arcus



At what was supposed to be a celebration at the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York's annual "Night of Stars" on November 25, 1963, composer-conductor-educator Leonard Bernstein stepped in for newly-sworn-in Lyndon B. Johnson and offered a stirring reflection following the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. During that reflection, he offered the following words, which have been etched in the minds of many musicians: "This will be our reply to violence: to make music more intensely, more beautifully, more devotedly than ever before." While Bernstein's words captured a particular time of searing grief in our nation's history, these words apply no less in times of prolonged strife, conflict, and horror. Bernstein's declaration does not take sides -- only to answer the question of *how we go on when we feel we cannot go on*.

I am currently reflecting on the recent May Musicale at St. Luke's, an afternoon of intense, beautiful, and devoted music-making by members of the Parish and wider community. The liveliness of Vivaldi's *Laudamus te* and Richardson's *Calliope House* were even more poignant against the world-wide backdrop of uncertainty, loss, hopelessness and, yes, violence, with no end in sight. The stirring depths of Mendelssohn's "If with all your hearts", Saint-Saëns' *The Swan*, and Schubert's *Ave Maria* transported our introspection to unfathomable distances. Ruth and Naomi's tug-of-war about their future (together? separate?) showed faith put to the test in the face of insurmountable apprehension. If ever there were reasons to come together for a shared experience through music, our present-day circumstances make a vivid case.

Perhaps for some of us present, the afternoon was a way to let go of the tragedies unfolding on our shores and those of other countries, as we pondered the "Depths of Love Divine" or the intricacies of Bach's *Musical Offering*. Perhaps the music prompted a turning over of our cares to God in order to comprehend God's regard for the lowliness of his handmaiden Mary in "Quia respexit," or to resonate viscerally with the earnest pleas in Duane Funderburk's arrangement of "Give me Jesus." Whatever the afternoon's highlight, we all were drawn to the power of music-making to respond to the violence of our time with beauty, intensity, and devotion. The many highlights of the May Musicale are what make St. Luke's community a beacon of faith, hope, and love for Durham and beyond. When you question how to face another day, knowing that violence and despair will likely be a major part of it, be assured that Kaye, Marleigh, Annette, Rachel, Cathy, Robin, Wendy, Ehsan, and I will tell you to let music be your reply.



L-R: Rachel Evans and David Arcus provide cello and piano accompaniment for vocal soloists Kaye Saunders and Annette Medlin in Duane Funderburk's arrangement of "Give me Jesus"



Kaye Saunders and her granddaughter Marleigh Nelson share music-making in Mendelssohn's "If with all your hearts" from Elijah.

MAY MUSICALE



Performers L-R: Vocalist Wendy Cook, vocalist Robin Arcus, cellist Rachel Evans, flautist Ehsan Samei, keyboardist David Arcus, vocalist and keyboardist Kaye Saunders, vocalist Marleigh Nelson, vocalist Annette Medlin, and violinist Cathy Rimer-Surles.

St. Luke's and IBP Update

Greg Farrand

I wanted to share an important and hopeful update regarding our relationship with Iglesia El Buen Pastor (IBP).

Over the past couple of years, our partnership has continued to deepen in meaningful ways through shared worship, fellowship, ministry, and the simple day-to-day rhythms of sharing life together on the same campus. What began as hospitality and shared space has increasingly grown into something much richer: two sister churches learning how to walk alongside one another in mutual support, friendship, and ministry.

As you know we have officially signed the Memorandum of Understanding between St. Luke's and IBP. This document helps provide clarity around communication, scheduling, shared expectations, and our ongoing commitment to partnership while recognizing that we remain two distinct congregations sharing one campus together.

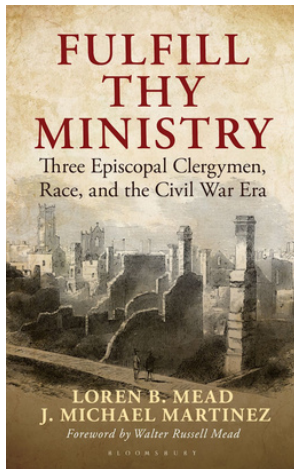
We are also now working with Bishop Gregg toward finalizing a formal lease agreement that will provide even greater clarity and stability moving forward. As part of that agreement, IBP will contribute monthly rent to help cover the additional expenses connected to sharing the St. Luke's property – including utilities, supplies, maintenance, normal wear and tear, and other operational costs that naturally come with a growing and active shared campus.

I know that conversations around shared space can sometimes feel complicated or unfamiliar, but I continue to believe this partnership is one of the clearest signs of the Gospel unfolding among us. In a world increasingly shaped by division, fear, and isolation, St. Luke's and IBP are choosing relationship, trust, collaboration, and shared ministry.

And honestly, this relationship has already blessed St. Luke's in countless ways. We have been enriched by IBP's faith, joy, hospitality, resilience, and deep sense of community. Together we are becoming a more vibrant reflection of the Kingdom of God than either congregation could become alone.

We still have much to learn as we continue growing together, and like any meaningful relationship, this partnership requires communication, flexibility, patience, and grace. But I remain deeply hopeful about what God is doing among us.

Thank you for continuing to support this shared vision of ministry and community.



Three Episcopal priests, all white Confederate veterans, faced the realities of emancipation in different ways. Today, the attitudes they formed and the decisions they made have reverberations in the church and American society as a whole.

Come hear from and meet the author of this important book.

June 11, 7 p.m.

**St. Luke's Episcopal Church
1737 Hillandale Road, Durham, NC**

Books will be available at a discount price.
Cash, Check or Venmo

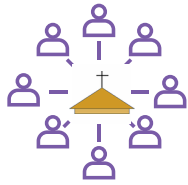
A special presentation of Arts at St. Luke's, The NC Diocesan History and Archives and The Racial Justice and Reconciliation Committee of the Diocese of North Carolina.

At his death in May 2018, the Rev. Loren B. Mead, Rector of Holy Family, Chapel Hill in the 1960s and subsequently the founder of the Alban Institute, left an unfinished book manuscript. This has now been completed by his nephew, J. Michael Martinez, and was published in May.

The book examines in detail three 19th-century South Carolina priests whose ministry reflect three sharply differing attitudes toward ministry among the newly emancipated after the Civil War. Mead wanted to ask: *Why?* What led men of similar backgrounds and experiences before and during the Civil War to divergent views of how the Episcopal Church should understand its ministry with respect to race?

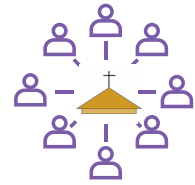
For Loren Mead, this was not a casual question, but a deeply personal one. It reflected his coming to terms with his own South Carolina upbringing under Jim Crow and his subsequent embrace of the Civil Rights Movement.

It will also be an occasion to pay tribute to Loren Mead and highlight his own ministry, here in Chapel Hill during the Civil Rights Era, and subsequently in Washington, D.C. Shortly before his death, Loren spoke at a diocesan Civil Rights history event at St. Philip's, Durham. In his remarks that day, he described his South Carolina upbringing and his conversion to the cause of Civil Rights. His remarks were captured on video, and we will show them on June 11.



Connecting at St. Luke's

Learn about groups you may want to join



St. Luke's Durham Bulls Outing - June 7

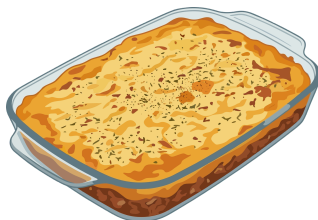
It's time for our annual evening at the Durham Bulls Park! This year we will see the Durham Bulls v. Charlotte Knights on Sunday, June 7 at 5:05 p.m.

Tickets are \$16 each, and the seats are in the Terrace View, Section 212. Deadline to sign up and pay for tickets is Sunday, May 31.



There are only 22 tickets available! Sign up here - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0B4EAFA62FA5F85-durham#/> - or there is a sign-up sheet in the Sprague Room. Please give cash or a check to Mike or Cindy Henry (Venmo also accepted). Contact Mike and Cindy Henry for information, Clnh248@gmail.com.

Join us for a fun night at the ballpark!



Casseroles for St. Joseph's Breakfast Ministry

Our May 17th's Adult Forum focused on the Breakfast Ministry for unhoused neighbors at St. Joseph's Episcopal Church on Main Street. We had a very informative discussion, led by Gregor Levy, Director of the Breakfast Ministry, and Lamont, a co-speaker and Breakfaster in the St. Joseph's community. Some of our own volunteers offered additional information.

There was a lot of interest in supporting this ministry. To that end we will start a Breakfast Casserole Ministry in June! Many of you will remember when Nancy Wyman led the ministry where we made casseroles for Urban Ministries. This will work the same way.

Once per month, after each service, pans, instructions, and recommended recipes will be handed out. The instruction will explain what to bake, how to prepare, and where and when the casseroles should be placed in the Johnson Hall freezer.

So, dust off your recipe books and get ready to cook for our neighbors at St. Joseph's!

If you have questions, please reach out to Deacon Monnie+ (deacon@stlukesdurham.org).



Soup Ministry

In years past, St. Luker's have generously made soup for members needing a boost. We are bringing that back, but we need your help. This ministry is simple. Soup is easy to make, but the return on that investment is huge. Perhaps, just make a recipe you have been wanting to try. Or, when making soup for you or your family, make a little more, knowing it will feed: people's souls; those who may be feeling sad; those who feel helpless; or, those who are just plain worn out. These folks will know to go to the freezer in Johnson Hall, where they will find a container of soup and bread.

So, how does it work?

First, we are grateful to Valeri Callahan for organizing the ministry!

- You will find clean containers in a clearly-marked fabric bag the Sprague Room.
- Make the soup - in the summer we encourage cold soups like gazpacho or cucumber.
- Label the top of the container with a sharpie marker (which can easily be removed for reuse of the container) with the following: (1) the type of soup; (2) if it's vegan, vegetable or gluten free, if appropriate. Put the marked soup in the 12x14 container in the freezer.
- For bread, please put in a Ziplock bag with the air squeezed out, and put it in the same place as the soup.
- Those enjoying the soup will be asked to return the washed container for reuse to the Sprague room.

We plan to launch this program on June 15, 2026 - more notice to follow!

Please reach out to Valleri Callahan (vcallahan51@gmail.com) to let her know you are dropping soup off or if you have any questions.

Thank you, in advance, for your kindness in nourishing the souls of our fellow parishioners.

Many blessings,
Deacon Monnie+



Meal Train Ministry

Pastoral Care takes many different forms. One is to be able to offer meals when our folks are in need of food to help them bridge a difficult or stressful time. It could be a return from a hospital visit; upon learning of some difficult news; upon the birth of a new family member, and the like. Ann Riley is offering to help manage this program.

How does it work?

- A sign-up sheet, identifying those willing to participate, can be found in the Sprague Room.
- The need for meals is identified by the clergy, the pastoral care committee, Eucharistic Visitors, or by any parishioner who is concerned for themselves or others, and communicated to Ann.
- Ann will send an email to those on our volunteer list, using an easy-to-respond software program. This notice will give appropriate information, such as how many meals are needed, any allergies or food that is not liked, as well as instructions for delivery.
- That's it!

We don't anticipate that this need will often arise, but when it does, it's an incredible comfort to those who can use some help.

Please reach out to Ann Riley (anntoddriley@gmail.com) with any questions and please prayerfully consider volunteering!

We are deeply grateful to Ann and to all of you who will offer this gift to members of our church community.

Deacon Monnie+

Blessed are you, O Lord God, King of the Universe, for you give us food to sustain our lives and make our hearts glad; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Help Wanted: Many Skills Needed!

Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. (1Peter 4:10)

Are you feeling called to support and participate in the worship and ministry of St. Luke's? Ministering to others is a powerful affirmation of God. See if any of these activities catch your interest! Your gift of time or expertise is welcome!

Contact Wendy Cook (wendy.cook@stlukesdurham.org) to get more information.

Temporary and Short-term assistance needed!

- a big KITCHEN cabinet cleanout! We need a crew of about 4 people to remove items from the cabinets, vacuum and wipe them out, clean anything that needs cleaning, then put back the best items. Once we have the people, we will set the date (summer or fall).
- identify ELECTRICAL CIRCUITS throughout the campus - simple training and tools will be provided. No previous knowledge required.

Ongoing TECH assistance needed! These are trained positions and require you to be comfortable on a computer. AV knowledge is helpful, but not required. We will teach you everything else you need to know.

- livestream 10:30 Sunday services and occasional other events - Join the rotation team to do this as often or as little as you would like, but it's easier if you do it regularly. The livestream operator manages the audio/visual livestream and/or recording in the nave during services and some events.
- edit weekly videos for our YouTube channel - You can do this on your own time from your computer or at church to make minor trims on videos.
- upload edited weekly videos to our YouTube channel - This can be done on your own time from home or at church to make the quick upload settings.
- publish weekly YouTube livestreams - This can be done on your own time from home or at church to choose the upload settings.
- record Adult Forum sessions - 9-10am Sundays using the Mevo camera. You will be trained. If you can take photographs with an automatic camera, then you can run Mevo!

Ongoing HEALING team members needed! This is a trained position that requires some Bible review and introspection. The training is on your timetable. Join the healing team to administer the laying on of hands during the 8 and/or 10:30 service about once per month.

Ongoing maintenance of the baptismal FONT. This ministry is important for keeping the blessed water clean and the timer and font running smoothly. Periodic cleaning can be done on your own time. You will be trained - no prior knowledge required.



The Icon Corner

Mimi Games

We as Christians believe that God chose to connect with humanity through his only son, Jesus Christ. Over the centuries, Christ has been rendered in many ways. We can never know if any image of his face resembles his actual face. We do know that Jesus did live. He lived and walked among us and had a face with human configurations. Conveying exact aspects of his person is impossible, but a general image of Jesus has emerged over time so that Jesus is identifiable by even small children. His true appearance will forever be an enigma.

Above are three outstanding icons of Jesus.

The first is the earliest and a favorite prototype circa 6th century. It is Byzantine & in the Monastery of St. Catherine, in Sinai, Egypt. Over the centuries, the icon has deteriorated and been retouched many times. It is impossible to know what it looked like originally. Jesus's face is deeply compassionate. The left and the right sides of his face are very different, like in humans.

The second icon is a mosaic on wood, attributed to the first half of the 12th century. In this work, Jesus is depicted as a somber, complex man, even though he is surrounded by and garbed in gold.

The third is Russian circa 2000 - traditional egg tempera with restrained use of gold. Jesus is portrayed as a man of deep knowledge and understanding. All three icons contain a Bible with the third open, rather than jeweled.

All show Jesus giving a blessing with his hand.



The Green Team's June Report



Thoughts for the Month

As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty. Matthew 13:23

Climate change is the single greatest threat to a sustainable future, but, at the same time, addressing the climate challenge presents a golden opportunity to promote prosperity, security, and a brighter future for all. Ban Ki-Moon

June Green Tips

We hear so much about ozone, but what is it? Ozone is a colorless gas that can be good or bad, depending on where it is. Ozone high in the stratosphere forms the ozone layer, which shields the earth from the sun's ultraviolet rays. But ozone at ground level, where we breathe, can harm human health. The Office of Air Quality and Radiation, under the Environmental Protection Agency, have published tips for reducing ozone. Some of these are as follows:

- Drive less: bike or walk, carpool, or use public transportation.
- Turn off lights and devices that you are not using.
- Keep your vehicle engine tuned, and don't let your engine idle.
- Inflate tires to the recommended pressure.
- When refueling, stop when the pump shuts off. Avoid spilling fuel and tighten your gas cap.
- Use low-VOC paint and cleaning products; seal and store them so they can't evaporate.
- Watch for Ozone Action Days in your area.

Upcoming Green Event

Native Plant Propagation

Saturday, June 6, 2pm-5pm
North Carolina Botanical Garden
100 Old Mason Farm Rd.
Chapel Hill, NC 27517

This course is intended for a broad audience. Students learn fundamentals of vegetative propagation and techniques for propagating southeastern native plants by means of stem and root cuttings. Class includes hands-on propagation and a tour of the vegetative propagation facilities of NCBG. North Carolina Botanical Garden, Chapel Hill. ncbg.unc.edu.

St. Luke's Solar Savings

St. Luke's solar savings for April 2026 were \$868.03. For 2026, the savings so far were \$2,434.96. Since installation, the total savings were \$34,120.40.

June Birthdays



- 2 Daniel Copple
- 7 Nancy Wyman
- 10 Kathryn Daily
- 19 Dick Hutson
- 22 Bill Gutknecht
- 23 Rich Serra
- 27 Henry Copple
- 27 Anna Young
- 28 Jacob Hege
- 30 Jodi Belcher



Enjoying the Great Outdoors

St Luker's gathered on April 11th at the Confluence Natural Area (where the East and West Forks of the Eno River join to form the Eno River). It was a beautiful morning for hiking and was followed by a great lunch at the Weaver Street Market in Hillsborough. If you have a favorite trail, please let Karen Gray, Steve Engleke, or Bill Gutknecht know. If you love the outdoors and want to get to know your fellow parishioners better, please join us on future hikes that will be announced in the Sunday bulletin and the weekly St. Luke's Announcements.

Pentecost 2026

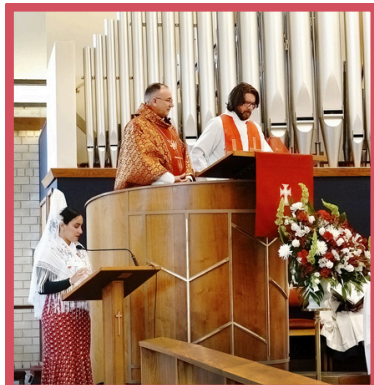


Following incredible music, the procession culminated with dance.

Iglesia El Buen Pastor & St. Luke's Episcopal Church Joint Celebration



We prayed in many languages



We heard excellent preaching in two languages



We were blessed by aspersion



We were led joyously to a celebratory lunch following the service.



Throughout the day, the spirit of Pentecost flew like a dove among all.

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) 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.

Online Church Directory

To find contact information for other parishioners in St. Luke's online parish directory, you must activate your account using your email address on file with the parish. Don't know what that is? Need instructions for activating your account? Contact directory@stlukesdurham.org

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.

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.

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.

Flowers for Worship

If you would like to provide flowers for a Sunday service, please sign up on the flowers calendar on the wall in the south narthex just outside the parish office. The florist has increased the cost of Sunday flowers. The cost is \$135.

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 10:30 also in Johnson Hall. Please ask an usher if you need directions or assistance.

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The Rev. Monnie Rigglin, Deacon
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Vestry Clerk: Jim Wise

Vestry

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