



The Heart of St. Luke's

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September, October, & November 2024



A Message from Fr. Joel

Dear Friends,

This new edition of *The Heart* is filled with announcements of upcoming worship, Christian education, outreach, and fellowship opportunities. I encourage you to take full advantage of both our in-person and online offerings as you are able.

Since the beginning of summer we have welcomed numerous prospective members into the life of the parish. This year's Inquirers' Series is titled: "Grace to the Humble: Biblical Meditations on Humility In An Age of Arrogance." The course will be offered online, and the sessions can be viewed at your convenience. This class will serve as Confirmation/Reception preparation for those of you wishing to take that step.

"Episcopal Essentials" is a new class designed to offer a basic overview of Episcopal history, theology, and worship practices. This class will serve as a supplement to "Grace to the Humble" and will be most helpful to those of you who have discovered the Episcopal Church in recent years. "Episcopal Essentials" will be offered in-person on Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM in the Parish House.

We have enjoyed a strong summer of worship, education, and outreach. The "Parish Family Notes" section reminds us that we are here to support one another in our joys, and in our sorrows. My sincerest thanks to all of you who, together, make St. Luke's such a loving and supportive parish family.

There is a palpable sense of momentum in our parish's life. We have much to look forward to in the season ahead.

Love and peace,



Loaves and Fishes provides support to the Cleveland Emergency Shelter by providing home cooked meals on the second Sunday of each month. If

you would like to sign-up for future second Sundays, please contact the church office at (423) 476-5541.



**ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
CLEVELAND, TENNESSEE**

KICKOFF SUNDAY

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH
8:45-9:30 AM - Kickoff Breakfast

REGULAR SCHEDULE RESUMES

8:00 AM - Holy Eucharist, Rite I
9:30 AM - Holy Eucharist, Rite II
Choir Rehearsal | Church School for All Ages
10:45 AM - Holy Eucharist, Rite II*
*with St. Luke's Choir | *Live-streamed*

St. Luke's returns to our Regular Service Schedule on September 8th! Sunday services will be held at 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, and 10:45 AM*, with Church School for All Ages and Choir Rehearsal at 9:30 AM.

Sunday, September 8th

- 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, 10:45 AM* | Services of Holy Eucharist
- 8:45-9:30 AM | Kickoff Breakfast
- 9:15 AM | Nursery Opens
- 9:30 AM | Church School for All Ages & Choir Rehearsal

**Offered Online & In-Person, Nursery opens at 9:15 AM.*

Connect with us Online



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- www.youtube.com/@stlukesccleveland
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- "Faithful Echoes" Podcast
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Connect with us online on our various social media platforms, through our podcast, and by visiting our website! St. Luke's has several online platforms where you can follow everything that is happening at St. Luke's:

- Connect with worship services, sermon clips, and music offerings.
- Stay informed on upcoming and recent events, and receive the latest weekly announcements and reminders.
- Engage regularly to sermon and formation offerings on our podcast and other platforms.
- Share on your social media and promote the life of St. Luke's in your digital spaces.

Fall Fellowship and Worship at St. Luke's

Fall is a particularly active time in the life of St. Luke's, with many guests, visitors, and new and familiar faces joining us for worship. We invite you to linger for coffee hour after services and spend time in fellowship, getting to know one another.

ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH | CLEVELAND, TENNESSEE
BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6TH | 2:00 PM
All pets are welcome!
Please bring pets on a leash or in pet carrier.



Sunday, October 6th | Blessing of the Animals
All pets welcome! We encourage you to invite family, friends, and neighbors to join us in celebrating the joy these animals bring to our lives. We gather at 2:00 PM.

Please bring pets on a leash or in a pet carrier.

ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH | CLEVELAND, TENNESSEE
ST. LUKE'S DAY CELEBRATION
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20TH
SERVICES OF HOLY EUCHARIST
8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, & 10:45 AM
PARISH-WIDE LUNCHEON
Immediately following the 10:45 AM Service



Sunday, October 20th | St. Luke's Day Celebration
Services at 8:00, 9:30, & 10:45 AM*
Join us for our annual celebration of St. Luke's, followed by a covered dish parish-wide luncheon.

Bring a guest to join us for worship and fellowship!

ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH | CLEVELAND, TENNESSEE
ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD
SERVICES OF HOLY EUCHARIST
8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, & 10:45 AM



Sunday, November 3rd | All Saints' Sunday
Services at 8:00, 9:30, & 10:45 AM*

All Saints' Sunday and Thanksgiving Day are both major feast days in the Episcopal tradition. They are days where we observe our common life together in memory of all those who have come before, and in gratitude for the gifts God has bestowed upon us. Join us as the community of St. Luke's observes these holy days in our church calendar.

ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH | CLEVELAND, TENNESSEE
THANKSGIVING DAY HOLY EUCHARIST
THURSDAY NOVEMBER 28TH
10:00 AM
Fr. Joel Huffstetler
Celebrant and Preacher



Thurs., November 28th | Thanksgiving Day Eucharist
Service at 10:00 AM*

ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1ST
6:00 PM
LED BY ST. LUKE'S ADULT CHOIR & EPISCOPAL YOUTH COMMUNITY



Sunday, December 1st | Advent Lessons and Carols
Service at 6:00 PM*

Join us as we enter the season of Advent with a service of Lessons and Carols led by the St. Luke's Adult Choir and Episcopal Youth Community.

Services with an () are live-streamed.*

BISHOP'S VISIT & CONFIRMATION
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8TH
SERVICES OF HOLY EUCHARIST
8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, & 10:45 AM
RECEPTION FOR BISHOP AND CONFIRMANDS
Immediately following the 10:45 AM Service



Sun., December 8th | Bishop's Visit and Confirmation
Services at 8:00, 9:30, & 10:45 AM*

Bishop Brian Cole will be joining us for all three services, and offering a service of Confirmation and Reception at the 10:45 service. Join us after for a reception in the Parish Hall honoring our Bishop and Confirmands.



You may have noticed that *The Heart of St. Luke's* is a bit more robust than usual. That is, in part, because we wanted to showcase just how much is going on in the life of St. Luke's, but—the reality is—there really is that much going on at St. Luke's!

As you read, please take note of the formation, children and youth ministries, worship and fellowship, and outreach that St. Luke's will be engaged in over the coming months. They, like the other opportunities showcased in *The Heart*, will be highlighted in weekly emails, during the Sunday morning announcements, and through various social media platforms. They are at the core of our mission and

ministry, and we invite you to support and participate in them as you are able.

In addition to Sunday and Thursday Eucharists, we will be celebrating St. Luke's Day, Thanksgiving, and our annual Bishop's Visit and Confirmation. These moments of worship, fellowship, and thanksgiving are at the heart of what it means to be St. Luke's. We encourage you to join us in those celebrations. Please give special attention to the outreach opportunities that help address critical needs in our community and are made possible by your contributions of time, talent, and treasure.

This fall, we will be launching **Mission for Ministry 2025**. A packet of information will be mailed out in mid-September. In it you'll be hearing more about the ministries you can be involved in with reflections from various members of St. Luke's. Please take note of all the **NEW** offerings that have been added this year, like our Prayer Shawl Ministry, the "Faithful Echoes" Podcast, and the St. Luke's Online Store.

Among other things, the packet will include your 2025 Pledge Card for supporting St. Luke's Mission for Ministry in the coming year. We ask you return it to the church office by Sunday, October 27th.

We are St. Luke's!

Early this year the Evangelism Committee, led by Dr. Wayne Kelly and Deacon Art Bass, met to consider ways in which we as St. Luke's could better reach out to Cleveland and beyond and share the mission and community life present at St. Luke's. Through those conversations several initiatives have begun to practice being more intentional in how we as St. Luke's welcome people to join us in worship, community, and service.

One of those projects is the production of a video invitation meant to showcase the spirit and love we as St. Luke's seek to embody through our life together. Wayne's son, Will Kelly, has spent the past several months interviewing members of St. Luke's, filming, editing, and producing a Welcome Video for us to feature on our website, social media platforms, and as part of

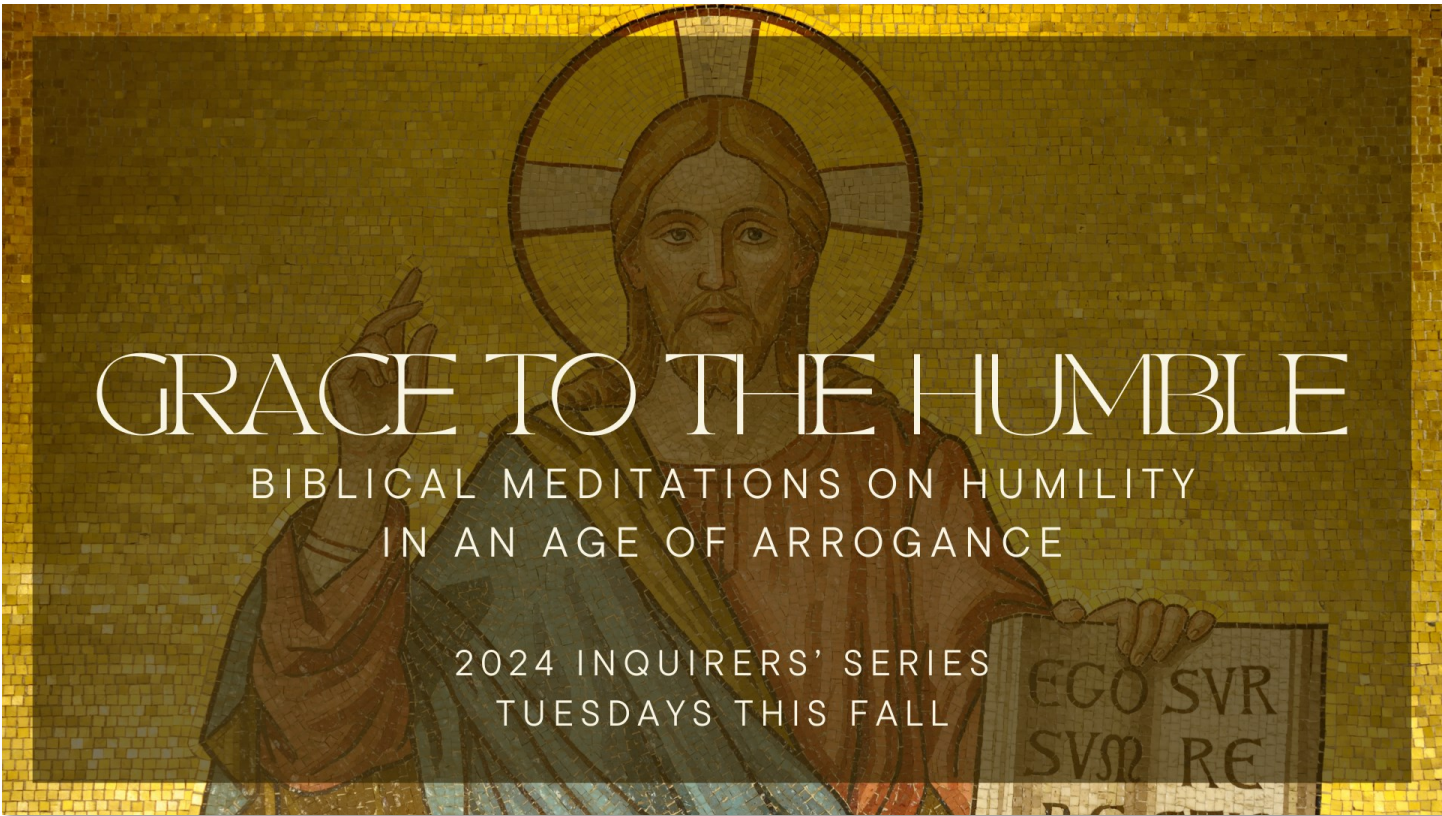


our Mission for Ministry 2025 Campaign. The whole project has been produced by Will.K Films.

Join us on Kickoff Sunday, September 8th, during our Kickoff Breakfast as we premiere our new 'We are St. Luke's' Welcome Video and thank Will for all of his hard work in producing it.

Parish Family Notes

- Congratulations to Remington Johnston on his baptism! Remington is the son of Dane Johnston, Jr. and Courtney Johnston. His godparents are Dylan Johnston and Amber Holden.
- Welcome to Tony and Meredith Gray, who have joined St. Luke's as baptized members.
- Congratulations to Mallory Shealy and Taylor Calhoun on their wedding. Mallory and Taylor were married at St. Luke's on June 15th.
- Congratulations to Kate Harper and Porter Ownbey on their wedding. Kate and Porter were married at All Saints' Chapel in Sewanee, Tennessee on July 20th.
- Sympathy to Britany Kelly, and the family and friends of Wayne Kelly, who passed recently.
- Sympathy to Deacon Jo Wilcoxson, and the family and friends of Fr. Fred Wilcoxson, who passed recently.
- Sympathy to Lisa Harper, and the family and friends of Lynn Gobble, who passed recently.
- Sympathy to John Hagler, and the family and friends of Bro. James Robert Hagler, who passed recently.



GRACE TO THE HUMBLE

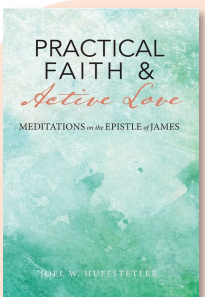
BIBLICAL MEDITATIONS ON HUMILITY
IN AN AGE OF ARROGANCE

2024 INQUIRERS' SERIES
TUESDAYS THIS FALL

The 2024 Inquirers' Series this year is "Grace to the Humble: Biblical Meditations on Humility In An Age of Arrogance". Fr. Joel Huffstetler will explore biblical examples from across scripture of humility as a spiritual response to the challenges of living a Christ-like life.

This series will be offered via our various online platforms (Facebook, YouTube, Faithful Echoes Podcast, Website) weekly on Tuesdays beginning in early October. Each episode will be 15-20 minutes in length, and we encourage you to find a quiet moment in your week to listen and reflect. For those seeking Confirmation or Reception when

Bishop Brian Cole visits on December 8th, this series is supplemented by the Episcopal Essentials Church School class on Sunday mornings (detailed on the next page).



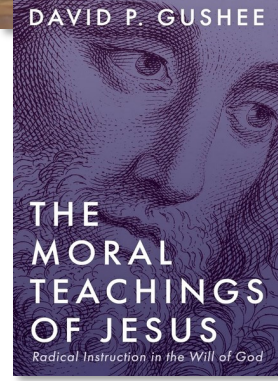
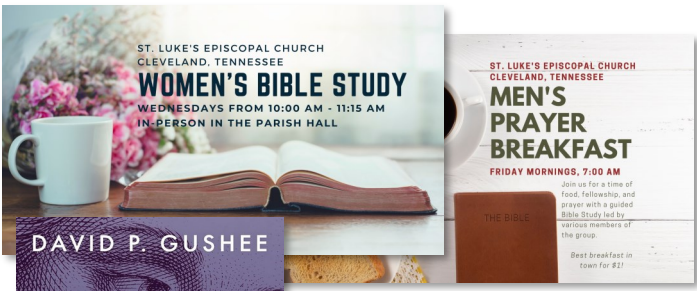
In his recent book review for Amazon.com of Fr. Joel's book, *Practical Faith & Active Love: Meditations on the Epistle of James*, Dr. Nathan Napier writes the following, excerpted:

Yet, if I could propose a common textual thread that binds cover to cover, it is the thread of prayerful humility. At the end of

chapter 9, Father Joel writes, "Practice having no ego and you will be free." Time and again, the teachings of James are injunctions into a journey of humility. Nestled deep within active love is humility as an *a priori* condition. Indeed, how can we listen to the other in understanding if we are always already correct? What is self-reflection for a person so bold as to presume their opinions, politics, and worldview, are immovable? Why would we bridle our tongue in a world that tells us to be "our authentic self?" How does a spirit devoid of humility pray and seek understanding? How can we embrace, and live into, the present with a spirit of haughtiness?

A teachable spirit is a humble spirit; "practice having no ego and you will be free" Sounds eerily similar to "take up your cross and follow me." (*Gospel of Matthew 16:24*)

This book is commended to all who, unsatisfied with the world they see, are willing to sit at the feet of James, and with Father Joel and the rest of us, and imagine another.



The Women's Bible Study meets Wednesdays in the Parish Hall from 10:00 AM — 11:15 AM. On September 11th, we'll begin our Fall series on *The Moral Teachings of Jesus: Radical Instruction in the Will of God* by David P. Gushee. The Women's Bible Study is led by Isaac Doty and Lori Jacob.

Men's Prayer Breakfast meets Friday mornings at 7:00 AM for food, fellowship, and prayer with a guided Bible Study each week.



EPISCOPAL ESSENTIALS

SUNDAYS AT 9:30 AM
THE GATHERING ROOM, PARISH HOUSE

Explore key aspects of our Episcopal tradition: liturgy, history, and practice

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

SUNDAYS AT 9:30 AM
ST. LUKE'S PARISH HALL

Join us for weekly discussions on scripture, theology, and faith

We are delighted to share that Church School for Adults resumes on Sundays at 9:30 AM, beginning September 8th. This year we have two classes on offer for you to choose from: Episcopal Essentials and Adult Bible Study.

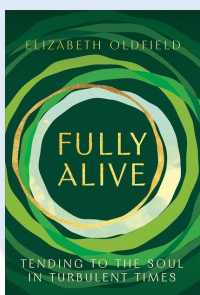
EPISCOPAL ESSENTIALS explores key aspects of our Episcopal tradition, including liturgy, history, spiritual practices, and theology. This class is intended for all those looking to learn more about what defines us as Episcopalians in our common life together, and the ways in which we can further enrich our faith through ongoing exploration of our faith tradition. Episcopal Essentials meets in the Gathering Room of the Parish House.

- **Sept. 8th, Oct. 6th, & 13th | Deacon Art Bass**
Discovering Our History: The Richness of the Anglican Tradition
- **Sept. 15th, 22nd, & 29th | Nathan Napier**
Prayer Book Grammar: Navigating *The Book of Common Prayer*
- **Oct. 27th, Nov. 3rd, & 10th | Nolan McBride**
The Liturgical Seasons: The Rhythm of Our Common Life
- **Nov. 17th, 24th, & Dec. 1st | Isaac Doty**
Worship Without Words: The Signs and Symbols of Our Faith

Episcopal Essentials will also serve as a supplement to the 2024 Inquirers' Class for all those interested in Confirmation or Reception on December 8th.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY continues to offer weekly guided discussions by presenters on scripture, theology, and faith. Adult Bible Study meets in the Parish Hall.

- **Sept. 8th, 15th, & 22nd | Lori Jacob**
The Book of Genesis as Prologue
- **Sept. 29th, Oct. 6th, & 13th | Chad Shores**
The Gospel of Mark: Evocations of God's Glory
- **Oct. 27th, Nov. 3rd, & 10th | Matthew Melton**
Public Witness and Discourse
- **Nov. 17th, 24th, & Dec. 1st | Lori Jacob**
Fully Alive: Tending to the Soul in Turbulent Times



These classes are offered in three week blocks so participants can attend as many of the series as they wish.

These classes will not be recorded, however, we plan to offer previews of them on the *Faithful Echoes* podcast for those interested in learning more.

SUNDAYS AT 9:30 AM | UPSTAIRS IN THE PARISH HOUSE

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

ALL AGES

SPARK: HOLY MOLY!

AGES 4-4TH GRADE

SPARK: ANIMATE FAITH

5TH-8TH GRADES

YOUR FAITH, YOUR LIFE

9TH-12TH GRADES



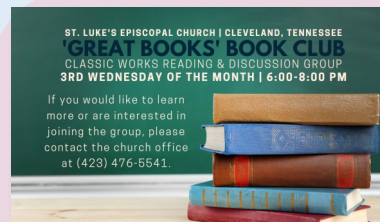
St. Luke's offers Church School for Children and Youth on Sundays at 9:30 AM, beginning September 8th, in the Parish House. Each morning begins with Children's Chapel before going to our separate classes.

SPARK: Holy Moly! (ages 4 — 4th grade) | Holy Moly! engages through imagination as we imagine what the Bible characters are saying and thinking while watching the Bible story video. Interactive games and crafts help us engage with the Bible story of the week.

SPARK: Animate Faith (5th — 8th grades) | This class is in two parts. In the Fall, it serves as our Youth Confirmation Class, as we explore our Episcopal tradition and learn about what it means to make a mature commitment in faith. The class is for all 5th-8th graders, whether they plan on being confirmed on December 8th or not. 9th-12th graders interested in being confirmed are welcome to join this class.

In the Spring, we'll be focusing on deepening faith with topic discussions on faith, the Bible, and spiritual practices.

Your Faith, Your Life (9th — 12th grades) | This class meets downstairs in the Parish House, and explores incorporating Christian Formation into our daily lives and growing closer to God.



The 'Great Books' Book Club meets on a Wednesday evening each month from 6:00 PM — 8:00 PM to discuss a great literary work. If you would like to learn more or

are interested in joining the group, please contact Fred Mueller at (423) 650-1867 or the church office at (423) 476-5541.

Sept. 18 | "An Evening in Spring & Vanka" | Bunin & Chekov
Oct. 16 | *Fathers and Sons* by Ivan Turgenev
Nov. 20 | *A Simple Heart* by Gustave Flaubert



The Education for Ministry (EfM) Group meets regularly on Thursdays evenings. EfM is an opportunity to discern vocational ministry in the context of ongoing

theological reflection and conversation. To learn more about EfM, please contact Isaac in the church office at (423) 476-5541.

ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH | CLEVELAND, TENNESSEE
**EPISCOPAL YOUTH COMMUNITY
 & CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES**



- Wed., Sept. 4 — Jr. EYC (5th-8th grades)**
Peer Leadership Training — 5:15—6:30 PM
- Sun., Sept. 8 — Loaves and Fishes**
Jr. & Sr. EYC — 4:00 PM
- Wed., Sept. 11 — Jr. EYC (5th-8th grades)**
5:15—6:30 PM
- Sun., Sept. 15 — Sr. EYC (9th-12th grades)**
5:00—6:30 PM
- Wed., Sept. 18 — Jr. EYC (5th-8th grades)**
Peer Leadership Training — 5:15—6:30 PM
- Sun., Sept. 29 — Sr. EYC (9th-12th grades)**
5:00—6:30 PM
- Wed., Oct. 2 — Jr. EYC (5th-8th grades)**
Peer Leadership Training — 5:15—6:30 PM
- Sun., Oct. 6 — Blessing of the Animals**
All Ages — 2:00 PM
- Sun., Oct. 13 — Pumpkin Patch & Corn Maze
 at Ocoee Valley Farms**
All Ages — 1:30 PM
- Wed., Oct. 16 — Jr. EYC (5th-8th grades)**
Peer Leadership Training — 5:15—6:30 PM
- Sun., Oct. 20 — Sr. EYC (9th-12th grades)**
5:00—6:30 PM
- Wed., Oct. 23 — Jr. EYC (5th-8th grades)**
5:15—6:30 PM
- Oct. 25—27 — Happening #86**
Sr. EYC — at Grace Point Camp
- Sun., Nov. 3 — Sr. EYC (9th-12th grades)**
5:00—6:30 PM
- Wed., Nov. 6 — Jr. EYC (5th-8th grades)**
Peer Leadership Training — 5:15—6:30 PM
- Nov. 8-9 — Jr. EYC Lock-In**
9:00 PM — 8:00 AM
- Sun., Nov. 17 — Sr. EYC (9th-12th grades)**
5:00—6:30 PM
- Wed., Nov. 20 — Jr. EYC (5th-8th grades)**
Peer Leadership Training — 5:15—6:30 PM
- Sun., Dec. 1 — Advent Lessons & Carols**
Jr. & Sr. EYC — 5:00 PM Arrival, 6:00 PM Service

YOUTH CONFIRMATION CLASS

Sundays, September 8 — December 1
 9:30—10:30 AM in the Youth Room

*For ALL YOUTH interested in Confirmation when
 Bishop Brian Cole visits on December 8th.*

No EYC Events on:

Sept. 22, 25, Oct. 9, 30, Nov. 10, 13, 24, & 27



**Join us on Sunday, October 13th at 1:30 PM At
 Ocoee Valley Farms for our Annual Pumpkin Patch
 and River Maze Outing for St. Luke's Children,
 Youth, and Families!**

EVERYONE IS INVITED to come and join us for a fall picnic, fellowship, and fun. Please pack a picnic lunch (or bring money for concessions) and join us at the picnic tables for a group gathering before exploring all the fun activities on offer. There is no cost for this event, but please RSVP with the church office at (423) 476-5541 so we have plenty of tickets for admission.



St. Luke's EYC partners with Taylor Elementary School to provide Christmas gifts to children in need in our community. Each year, our Jr. & Sr. EYC shop for 20-25 elementary age children and their siblings to help bring them a Merry Christmas.

If you would like to help support this ministry, please consider writing a check to St. Luke's Episcopal Church with 'Christmas Gifts' in the memo line. **The deadline for contributions is Sunday, December 1st.**



This year, the Jr. EYC will begin their journey through the Peer Ministry Leadership program.

The program offers dynamic ways for young people to learn how to be active leaders and listeners in their communities. In it, they will experience how all of us are called to a vocation of loving others in our day to day lives. It will give them tools to use when their friends, loved ones, and neighbors are in need of support and God's love as they minister to them.

Members of St. Luke's Adult Choir, Amanda Moran, Rob Arneson, and Dakota Dunman and Cody Hooper, had the opportunity to travel abroad this summer studying vocal performance, piano, and more. Below are excerpts of them sharing their adventures with the choir when they returned. We are truly blessed to have such talented singers and performers in our church.

AMANDA MORAN

I was in a little town called Kiefersfelden in Bavaria, Germany, for three weeks. I was there with the International Performing Arts Institute, and I basically had Opera Boot Camp. Every day we had dance class at 8:30, acting class at 9, and then we'd have master classes every other day. And they'd bring in guests, like opera singers, from all over Europe. So, there's musical theater students, opera students, and then there's collaborative pianists. I got assigned a voice teacher. So I had three lessons a week for three weeks, and I had a vocal coach as well to help me with acting and diction and all that. I learned from like professors from all over the US and Europe. I did a master class, and it was really good. That was really fun.

We got to see a Wagner opera. We saw the last of the series of "Götterdämmerung", which I'm just not a big fan Wagner, so it was like, it's a lot. It was five hours. It was five hours in a theater with no AC. Oh my gosh. It was really good, though. I mean, vocally, it's crazy.

We would have lunch together every day, breakfast together. We stayed in a little hotel in a little town. It was really cute, and we would have to hike, literally, to get to our practice rooms. Because it's a little town they don't have like, a music school or anything. So we could practice at the dance studio where we have acting class, or you have to hike up the mountain to go to the abandoned hotel. We had keyboards, and only had a real piano in one room.

Make some good friends, from different parts of the world. A lot of people that I have mutuals with, which is crazy. I mean, a lot of professors, like knew Cameron Weatherford. My vocal coach was mutuals with my high school choir teacher from Colorado, and with Dr. Lee, which that makes sense, yeah, vocal coaches, but my high school teacher, which is from Colorado? I was like, you guys know each other?

I was there for three great weeks. Learned a lot. We did opera scenes and an aria competition and a German leiterabend concert. It was really fun.

ROB ARNESON

Okay, so I did two summer programs this summer. I was in Puerto Rico for part of June. I did a one week program with Ian Hobson, Dr Wei's husband. He did an international piano program. So I got to perform a piano concerto, and I performed in a solo recital, and I got to take private lessons with him, and a professor from Boston University named Boaz Sharon. So I had like four lessons. It was a really intense week.

And then we got to travel around a little bit. It was Viejo San Juan, so I was staying in a building that was like 450 years old and it was really an incredible experience. There's a famous talking parrot named Competé. They were filming a documentary for Animal Planet there, because he's got a very special bond with music. He was very animated. So he would dance on the piano when you were playing, and he kept it up every recital he was at. So he would sing along with the music. And sometimes he'd get a little too boisterous, and they would have to take him out.

And then I came back and recovered, and I went to Los Angeles for another international piano program, and at the last minute, I

learned another piece of chamber music, so I did two chamber pieces, and then I participated in two master classes. There was a lady, Oxana Yablonskaya, she was from Juilliard Schools. I think she was like 86, but she'd studied with Tatiana Nikolayeva. She's the lady that Shostakovich dedicated "24 Preludes and Fugues" to. She was a great pianist, and her master class was really quite good. And she gave a spontaneous piano recital after and she just called out pieces and played them. It was an incredible experience.

And then I made a lot of friends doing chamber music. I did the Schumann piano quintet, and then I did Dvorak, the Dumky trio. So that was really fun. I got a lot of performances in between the two master classes and all the coaching. And I got to travel a little bit with Dr. Wei, which was really nice. So I got to spend a lot of the summer with some really incredible pianists and just kind of soak it in. I feel very fortunate, blessed to have all these opportunities. But yeah, it was a big summer.

DAKOTA DUNMAN and CODY HOOPER

We studied in a place called Todi, Italy, also a small town, like medieval town, so it's super old on top of the hill, the view was incredible. Waking up was amazing. No AC anywhere, I learned that the hard way. They had a beautiful school called the Teatro Comunale and we had a home stay, and the theater was like on the top of the hill, like the very top. So our home stay was halfway down the park. So we had to hike up like this incline, like every day, we were the only ones actually staying in town, though, everyone else is, like in a valley. So they had to take a bus to get everywhere. We had a walk, and my thighs still hurt.

We were under the direction of Mira Yang. The staff was incredible. We had a teacher from the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland. We had people who taught in Italy. Actually the person who taught in the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland, her name is Miss Kathleen. She reminds me so much of Doctor Dismukes, like, same energy, oh, she was so loving. And they just had incredible—they all had different focuses in their lessons. Like one would teach about breath specifically, would like, when we teach about how the body is like an instrument, when we teach about finding, like, falling in love with your own sound.

It was interesting, I feel like in a 30 minute lesson, she could pick apart so many things and I'd grow so much with just within 30 minutes. It was just crazy how good of a teacher she was.

And all the people in the program as well were incredible. It was also international. I made amazing friends who I still talk to now, because they're iconic. And I think my best friend was from Portugal.

So we had an evening of art songs, a night of arias. We also did opera scenes. What else we do? A lot of them did an oratorio as well, that was written in Todi. We did it in this really beautiful church. The acoustics were hard to work with, but other than that, it was, it was it was great. The soloists were perfect. They just killed it every time.

We also had "lingua la vida". So we had language classes from 9:00 until 1:00, with one 20 minute break. And then from one until four, we had lessons on and off, like practice your opera scenes, private lessons, diction lessons. And then right at 4:00 we had a master class, and that went until 5:00. And then 6:00 until 7:30 we had, like, group rehearsal. But it was definitely emphasis on boot camp, very boot camp. Very, very boot camp.

The program, overall, I took so much away from it. I learned so much from all the faculty. I can't wait to apply that to see how that changes my music.

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2025	2026	2027
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Regular Service Schedule

Sundays, 8:00 AM — Holy Eucharist, Rite I
Sundays, 9:30 AM — Holy Eucharist, Rite II
Sundays, 10:45 AM — Holy Eucharist, Rite II*

Thursdays, 12:10 PM — Holy Eucharist, Rite II*

*Services also available online at www.facebook.com/stlukescleveland/live and www.stlukescleveland.org/live.

Office Hours

Monday—Friday, 9:00 AM — 4:00 PM

St. Luke's Staff

The Rev. Dr. Joel W. Huffstetler, *Rector*
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