



The Heart of St. Luke's

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March, April, May 2025



A Message from Fr. Joel

Dear Friends,

As I write this we are approaching the end of a long season of Epiphany and the beginning of a new season of Lent. Ash Wednesday is March 5, and Easter is April 20 (April 25 is the latest date for Easter in the Western Church). For those of you who are able, I encourage you to be with us in-person for the Ash Wednesday service of your choice. Also, this year's Lenten series is "The Seven Last Words of Christ," a series of reflections offered on Tuesday evenings, March 11—April 15, 6:00pm—7:15pm. All parishioners are invited to participate in-person as part of your Lenten devotions.

We had another good Annual Meeting on January 26. Packets containing the written reports are available to be picked up at various points on campus. If you were not able to be here on the day, please do pick up your copy of the reports, as they contain much vital information regarding parish life.

Please enjoy this edition of *The Heart* and all the information and invitations it contains.

Love and peace,



Home Gathering Groups

Spring-Summer 2025

Home Gathering Groups are one of the key fellowship opportunities at St. Luke's to build friendships and community among our parishioners, new and

not-so-new! Groups are encouraged to meet 3-4 times over the course of six to eight months to get to know one another better. This can be done in many ways: dinner out to a restaurant, a shared excursion to a park or the lake, dinner in someone's home, an extended coffee hour after church – whatever meets the moment!

If you are interested in participating, simply let the church office know at (423) 476-5541 by Friday, February 28th. We are looking for Host households willing to help coordinate their group for a season, as well as those just looking to participate and get to know their fellow parishioners better.

ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
CLEVELAND, TENNESSEE



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5TH

Ash Wednesday

HOLY EUCHARIST AND
THE IMPOSITION OF ASHES

12:00 PM & 6:00 PM

In-Person and Online

"Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

Ash Wednesday | Wednesday, March 5th

12:00 PM | Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes*

6:00 PM | Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes*

Nursery provided for the 6:00 PM service.

**2025
Lenten Series**

**THE
SEVEN LAST
WORDS
OF
CHRIST**

6:00 PM - 7:15 PM
Nursery Provided
St. Luke's Parish Hall

**Tuesdays
beginning
March 11th**

The 2025 Lenten Series is "The Seven Last Words of Christ".

Fr. Joel will offer a series of reflections exploring the theology, context, and significance of the Seven Last Words of Jesus Christ from the cross and how these words resonate with us today.

"Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing."

"Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

"Woman, here is your son." ... "Here is your mother."

"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

"I am thirsty."

"It is finished."

"Father, into your hands I commend my spirit."

The series runs for six weeks beginning Tuesday, March 11th, from 6:00 PM—7:15 PM in the Parish Hall. There will be a sign-up sheet for light refreshments. Nursery is provided.

If you are unable to attend in-person, the series will be made available online on our St. Luke's podcast, "Faithful Echoes", and our website, Facebook, and YouTube pages later in the week.

Holy Week and Easter Sunday

Palm Sunday | Sunday, April 13th

- 8:00 AM Passion Gospel & Holy Eucharist, Rite I
- 9:30 AM Passion Gospel & Holy Eucharist, Rite II
- 10:45 AM Passion Gospel & Holy Eucharist, Rite II*

Tuesday, April 15th

- 6:00 PM "The Seven Last Words of Jesus Christ"
2025 Lenten Series with Fr. Joel Huffstetler

Maundy Thursday | Thursday, April 17th

- 12:10 PM Holy Eucharist, Rite II*
- 6:00 PM Holy Eucharist, Rite II*
with Footwashing & Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday | Friday, April 18th

- 12:00 PM Good Friday Liturgy*
- 6:00 PM Good Friday Liturgy*

Saturday, April 19th

- 11:00 AM Easter Egg Hunt & Bake Sale

Easter Sunday | Sunday, April 20th

- 7:45 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I
- 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II*
with the Flowering of the Cross
- 11:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II*

All services and classes offered in-person. Services and classes marked with an asterisk (*) are available online and in-person. Nursery is provided on Sundays, and all evening services.



**HOLY WEEK
AND EASTER**



PALM SUNDAY

SUNDAY, APRIL 13

- 8:00 AM
- HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE I
- 9:30 AM
- HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II
- 10:45 AM
- HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II*
*OFFERED ONLINE AND IN-PERSON



MAUNDY THURSDAY

THURSDAY, APRIL 17

- 12:10 PM
- HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II*
- 6:00 PM
- HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II*
WITH FOOTWASHING & STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR
- *OFFERED ONLINE AND IN-PERSON



GOOD FRIDAY

FRIDAY, APRIL 18

- 12:00 PM
- GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY*
- 6:00 PM
- GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY*
*OFFERED ONLINE AND IN-PERSON



EASTER SUNDAY

SUNDAY, APRIL 20

- 7:45 AM
- HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE I
- 9:30 AM
- HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II*
WITH THE FLOWERING OF THE CROSS
- 11:30 AM
- HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II*
*OFFERED ONLINE AND IN-PERSON

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EASTER EGG HUNT & BAKE SALE

SATURDAY, APRIL 19
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

For Children 5th grade and younger
Sponsored by St. Luke's Episcopal
Youth Community (EYC)

You are invited!
Come celebrate with us and get your
picture taken with the Easter Bunny!

Join us on Saturday, April 19th, at 11:00 AM for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt and Bake Sale sponsored by the St. Luke's EYC. Come get your picture taken with the Easter Bunny!
(Rain Date: Sunday, April 20th at 10:45 AM)

Parish Family Notes

- **Congratulations to all those Confirmed or Received during the Bishop's Visit:** Riley Alderman, Rob Alderman, Cheryl Bacon, Jade Brooks, Campbell Burton, Charlotte Cannon, Sadie Crandell-Stone, Drew Crissman, Xanadu Crissman, Tony Gray, Meredith Gray, Sherry Harper, André Harriman, Ella Jane Jackson, LJ Kilby, Darion McConaghay, Debi McDonnell, Blake Newsome, Silas Randolph, Kathy Ray, Leroy Rodriguez, Nicole Rodriguez, Sara Rush, Monica Stone, Nancy Thomas, Tom Trout, and Nora Williams.
- Welcome to Sylvia Miller, who joined St. Luke's as a baptized member.
- Welcome to Linda Callaway, who joined St. Luke's as a baptized member.
- Congratulations to Channing Bronson-Roan Durham on his baptism. Channing is the son of Ryan and Annabella Durham. Channing was baptized at St. Luke's on January 19, 2025.
- Congratulations to Janet Smith on her baptism. Janet was baptized at St. Luke's on January 26, 2025.
- Sympathy to Jeff Sellins, and the family and friends of Alexis Sellins, who passed recently.
- Sympathy to Nancy Scruggs, and the family and friends of Fenton Scruggs, who passed recently.



Join us on Sunday, May 18th, following the 10:45 AM Service for a Covered Dish Luncheon celebrating another wonderful Church School Year. We'll be thanking all of our amazing Church School Teachers for sharing their gifts with us this year.

Summer Schedule begins on Sunday, May 25th (Memorial Day Weekend). Sunday Services will be held at 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM*. *Offered Online and In-Person. Nursery provided on Sundays.

Easter Flowers

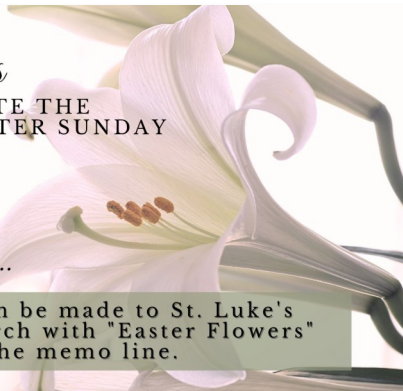
HELP US DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR EASTER SUNDAY

In Memory of...

In Honor of...

In Thanksgiving for...

Donations can be made to St. Luke's Episcopal Church with "Easter Flowers" in the memo line.



Easter Flowers Form

Name

Phone Number

In Memory of

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In Thanksgiving for

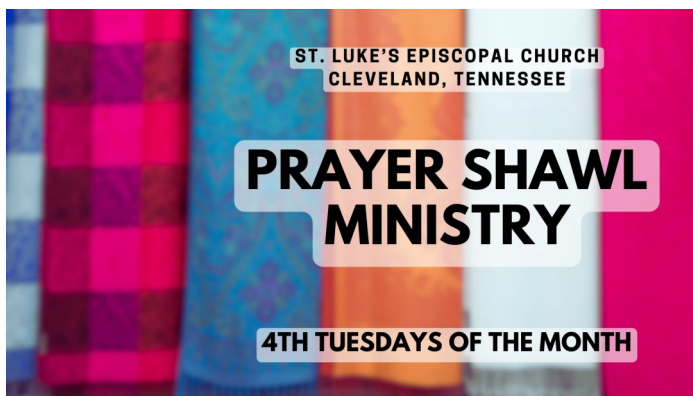
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Help us decorate the church for Easter Sunday!

As part of our Easter tradition here at St. Luke's we decorate the church with beautiful lilies every year to the glory of God and in memory or honor of, or thanksgiving for a loved one. It serves not only to make St. Luke's more beautiful, but as a thoughtful reminder on Easter Sunday of those we hold dear.

If you would like to include a remembrance in the bulletin, please list their names on this form and return it to the church office no later than Wednesday, April 9th. Please make your check payable to St. Luke's Episcopal Church and indicate "Easter Flowers" in the memo line.



The St. Luke's Prayer Shawl Ministry has had an exciting first year! As of January, they have distributed:

- 5 Baby Blankets
- 29 Baby Hats
- 7 Blankets
- 3 Shawl/Blankets
- 294 Prayer Squares
- 12 Shawls (3 Wedding Shawls)

In the coming months, they plan to partner with the TN-Bradley County Chapter of Sleep in Heavenly Peace to donate youth sized blankets to children in our community in need of beds and bedding. They will also be gifting custom blankets to our graduating high school seniors. And production has begun on blankets for families affected by Hurricane Helene as they begin moving back into their homes.

If you know someone who would appreciate receiving a handmade blanket or shawl, crafted with love and prayer and blessed by Fr. Joel, please complete the request form available in the back of the church and outside the church office, or by visiting www.stlukescleveland.org/shawl. Your requests for a shawl or blanket will be fulfilled as soon as possible. The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 6:00 PM. All are welcome to join us!



Daylight Saving Time begins Sunday, March 9th! Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour before going to bed Saturday night.

- **Worship** | Serve as a Lector, Chalice Bearer, Acolyte, or Usher during our Eucharist services on Sundays and Thursdays, or join the Altar Guild and help prepare our the church between services.
- **Formation** | Join one of our ongoing church school classes, Bible studies, or book clubs that meet regularly at the church, or check out our digital platforms for past offerings.
- **Music** | Love to sing? Join the choir and enrich our worship services.
- **Online Ministry** | Get connected online with others who worship online. Share content from the church with friends and family.
- **Children and Youth** | Have children or teenagers in your household? Get involved in our children and youth programming.
- **College and Young Adults** | Join us for fellowship at Coffee Hour and game nights and group outings.
- **Hospitality and Fellowship** | Join us for Coffee Hour every week and strike up a conversation! Sign up for Home Gathering Groups. Serve on the Parish Life Committee for parish-wide events. Serve as a greeter welcoming newcomers and visitors to St. Luke's!
- **Outreach Ministries** | Get involved with one of our affiliated community organizations or volunteer with a parish-led volunteer opportunity.
- **Pastoral Care** | Help tend to the needs of our church community through prayer, fellowship, creativity, cooking, and helping hands.

Learn more about our programs on our website, www.stlukescleveland.org. Want to get connected? Contact the church office at (423) 476-5541.

Connect with us Online

- www.facebook.com/stlukescleveland
- www.youtube.com/@stlukescleveland
- Instagram: [@stlukescleveland](https://www.instagram.com/stlukescleveland)
- "Faithful Echoes" Podcast
- www.stlukescleveland.org
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ADULT FORMATION CHURCH SCHOOL

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

Join us for our **Adult Formation Church School Classes for the spring**. These classes will be offered for all persons on Sundays at 9:30 AM in the Parish Hall.

- **Feb. 23rd & March 2nd | Dr. Nathan Napier**

The Prayer Jesus Taught: Living into the Lord's Prayer

Join us as Dr. Nathan Napier guides us in a close reading of the Lord's Prayer, and how it informs our understanding of scripture and walk as Episcopalians.

- **March 9th & 16th | The Rev. Ryan Lockwood**

A Foretaste of Heaven: the Liturgies of St. Luke's

The Rev. Ryan Lockwood will walk us through the Eucharistic liturgies of St. Luke's and how our participation in the liturgical language, symbolism, and embodied practices enrich our sacramental theology and draw us closer to God.

- **March 23rd & 30th | Jennifer Matthews**

A Conversation with Great Christian Thinkers: Bonhoeffer, Lewis, Augustine, and more

Jennifer Matthews will lead us in a conversation that explores how great Christian thinkers inform our day-to-day living and how their wisdom speaks to the challenges of the modern era.

- **April 6th & 13th | Lori Jacob**

From Samuel and Kings to Chronicles: The Theology of Retelling Stories

Lori Jacob will guide us through a survey of the Old Testament books of Samuel, Kings, and Chronicles, exploring how Israel told and retold their story throughout the centuries.

- **April 27th & May 4th | The Rev. Art Bass**

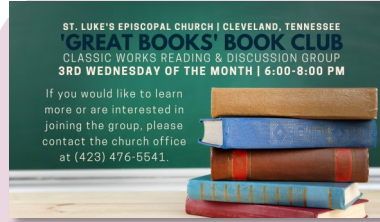
Anglican Poets and Their Poems

Deacon Art Bass will share selected works and biographies of some of the beloved Anglican poets of the 17th to 20th centuries. Deacon Art will read and comment on some of their more popular works, both religious and secular.

- **May 11th & 18th | Dr. Coral Norwood**

Reading Backwards: Christian Interpretation of Pre-Christian Texts

Dr. Coral Norwood will explore how Christian themes and issues are read into pre-Christian texts, emphasizing the role of reader interpretation and the need for flexibility over a fixed textual meaning.



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

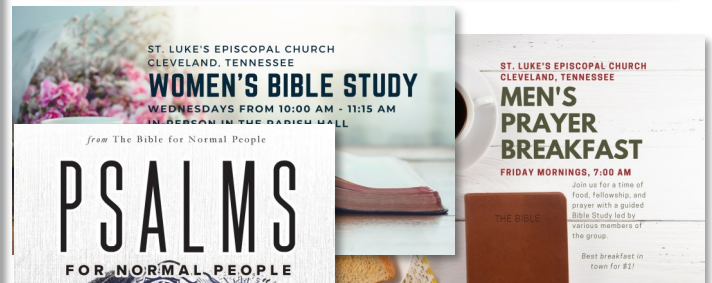
are interested in joining the group, please contact Fred Mueller at (423) 650-1867 or the church office at (423) 476-5541.

Mar. 19 | *The Death of Ivan Ilych* by L. Tolstoy

Apr. 16 | "True Relation of the Apparation" by D. Defoe

May 21 | "Savannah-La-Mar" by T. DeQuincey

& "The Heavenly Christmas Tree" by F. Doestoevsky



The Women's Bible Study meets on Wednesdays in the Parish Hall from 10:00 AM — 11:15 AM. We conclude our series on *The Moral Teachings of Jesus: Radical Instruction in the Will of God* by David P. Gushee. In late-March we'll begin our next series, *Psalms for Normal*

People: A guide to the most relentlessly theological book in the Bible by Joshua T. James. 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.

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

- SPARK: Holy Moly! (age 4-4th grade)
- SPARK: Animate Faith (5th-8th grades)
- Your Faith, Your Life (9th-12th grades)



To support the ministry of St. Luke's, please scan the QR code or visit www.stlukesccleveland.org/give.

You may also place a contribution in the offering plate or by mailing it to:

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P.O. Box 5, Cleveland, TN 37364.



Senior EYC (9th-12th grades) — Sundays at 5:00 PM
Sundays, March 16, 23, 30, & April 13

Junior EYC (5th-8th grades) — Wednesdays at 5:15 PM
Wednesdays, March 19, 26, April 9, & 30

Feb. 28-March 1 — Happening #87
Sr. EYC — Grace Point Camp

March 5 — Ash Wednesday Service
All Ages — 6:00 PM

April 4-6 — New Beginnings #8
Jr. EYC — Grace Point Camp

April 17 & 18 — Maundy Thurs. & Good Fri. Services
All Ages — 6:00 PM

April 19 — Easter Egg Hunt
Setup — 10:00 AM; Egg Hunt — 11:00 AM

May 4 — Youth Sunday
Jr. & Sr. EYC | Rehearsal — 9:00 AM; 10:45 AM Service
No EYC on March 9, 12, April 16, 20, & 23.



Youth Sunday will be held on Sunday, May 4th, during the 10:45 AM service. Please join us for this celebration of the children and youth of St. Luke's, and for the awarding of the C.L. (Buddy) and Jane Patten Scholarship. The 8:00 AM and 9:30 AM services will be held as usual.

The C.L. (Buddy) and Jane Patten Scholarship



Each year St. Luke's Episcopal Church offers its graduating high school seniors the opportunity to apply for and receive the C.L. (Buddy) and Jane Patten Scholarship, as part of our commitment to the ongoing growth and success of

the young people of this church. The scholarship is a one time award of up to \$1,200, and has been funded in year's past by donations and memorials made to the church in memory of many faithful members of the parish.

In the eighteen years since the scholarship was founded, fifty-one graduating seniors have received \$51,450 in financial assistance for their college education. Over the next ten years, St. Luke's expects to award *at least* another \$15,000 in scholarships. Memorials and donations to support the Patten Scholarship are always appreciated, and help to ensure the scholarship will be available for years to come.

If you would like to contribute to the Patten Scholarship and the education of future graduates, please write a check to *St. Luke's Episcopal Church* and write "Patten Scholarship" in the memo line. This year, the C.L. (Buddy) and Jane Patten Scholarship will be awarded during the 10:45 AM service on Youth Sunday, May 4th. Requirements for the Patten Scholarship are:

- Graduating High School Senior
- Attending a college, university, or trade school
- Parishioner of St. Luke's

Seniors may pick up an application form by contacting Isaac Doty in the church office at (423) 476-5541.



Mark your calendars for St. Luke's Vacation Bible School! Our theme this year is "Telling the Stories of God". VBS is scheduled from June 23rd-26th, from 9:00 AM to 12:00pm.

St. Luke's VBS is open to children ages 4-5th grade, so please sign up your children, grandchildren, friends and neighbors! There is no cost for participating in VBS, however, we ask that you register as soon as possible so we can order plenty of t-shirts for the children.

Register for VBS: www.stlukesccleveland.org/vbs



IN GOOD COMPANY

2ND ANNUAL WOMEN'S RETREAT APRIL 25-27, 2025

In Good Company: Women Across the Holy Scriptures and Meaning-Making for Today
Grace Point Camp and Retreat Center, Kingston, Tennessee



Casey Cole Higginbotham leads an honest and courageous examination and celebration of women and their stories from both Testaments and what they might mean for the Church today. Provides historical, theological, and literary insight into biblical women's relationships with each other, with men, and with God.

Sessions include:

- +Three Marys and a Martha: What Jesus' interactions with these women mean for us now.
- +*Those Bible Verses*: an academic interpretation of the Scriptures most hotly debated for gender relationship in the home, the world, and the church.
- +How to Read the Rough Stuff: a pathos-approach to the 'terrifying texts' about women in the Bible.

Women come away from this time feeling seen, loved, and emboldened, and have a better sense of belonging and curiosity about their faith, church, and Holy Scriptures.

A woman following Jesus? You're in good company.

By popular demand, Casey Cole Higginbotham returns as our guest speaker for the 2nd Annual Women's Retreat at Grace Point Camp and Retreat Center in Kingston, Tennessee on April 25th-27th, 2025.

The Planning Team is once again hard at work putting together this amazing weekend. We'll gather for times of prayer, food, and fellowship; opportunities for discussion in small groups; knitting/crochet, journaling, hikes, sabbath time, **YOGA**, and more. The weekend includes meals provided by Grace Point.

There are two ways to participate in this weekend retreat: Friday-Sunday, and Saturday only. Those attending Saturday only will arrive in time for the first session that morning and enjoy a full day of conversation and activities through dinner and the evening Q&A. Those attending Friday-Sunday will begin with dinner Friday evening, a social hour, and small group discussions.

We expect the retreat to fill up quickly! The deadline to register is Sunday, April 13th. The retreat is open to the Women of St. Luke's, and to friends and family who may wish to join us. Register at www.stlukescleveland.org/retreat.

Cost for the Retreat

(Fri. Dinner-Sun. Breakfast) | \$180/person — Double Room Occupancy | \$220/person — Single Room Occupancy
(Saturday Lunch-Dinner) | \$100/person — Saturday Only

Financial Assistance is available. Please contact the Church Office at (423) 476-5541.

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The Rt. Rev. Brian L. Cole, Bishop
The People of St. Luke's, Ministers

St. Luke's Vestry

2026	2027	2028
Heather Jackson	Rose Allen	Sarah Brown
Leslie Melton	Nathan Napier	Gary Farlow
Tammy Randolph	Chad Shores	Abbey Fuller
Amy Wasson	Stephanie Taylor	Lou Patten

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

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