



THE VOICE

A St. Luke's Pandemic

My Two Cents

You There's still time for you to get your 2022 pledge to the Treasurer. The sooner we get your pledge the better, as it will help us put together next year's budget for approval by the Vestry in December. Please fill out a pledge card and drop it in the offering plate or mail it to me. You can also pledge online by going to:

<http://bit.ly/StLukesPledge2021>

At press time (10/28/21) 66 pledging units have pledged \$167,341 for 2022. This compares to last year's numbers at this same time of 78 pledging \$201,627. So you can see that we are behind.

A true blessing so far this year, is nine NEW pledgers as compared to three last year!

Your support of St. Luke's ministries is so vitally important - you make what the church can do possible. Thank you very, very much. Your Treasurer

(Catherine Way)

Have you ever been around someone so mirthful and lost in bout of laughter that you couldn't help but join in? I wandered into the church

early one morning this week to find Ron already practicing on the new organ console and when noticed I was there, he gushed



about how wonderful the new sound is and expressed just how grateful he is to be able to steward this instrument and to use it to raise up a future generation of organists.

I was so taken by his sincere gratitude that I had to make my own list of people and things for which I am grateful. You can be sure that I will be listing them on my gratitude leaves for inclusion in our November Gratitude Project. You should have received in the mail several leaves and letter including this quote:

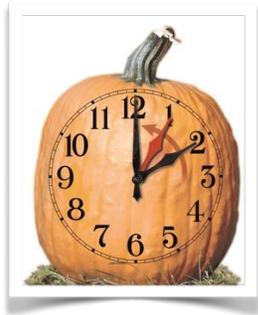
Gratitude is not a passive response to something we have been given, gratitude arises from paying attention, from being awake in the presence of everything that lives within and without and beside us. – David Whyte

We invite you to pay attention to the wonder and joy around you. Help us a create a Pandemic of Gratitude at St. Luke's this



Daylight Savings Time Ends Nov 7th

Don't forget to set your clocks back an hour on Saturday before you go to bed on November 6th.



Calling all Readers!

Do you like to read or do you have a good public speaking voice? Are you willing to assist with administering communion? We are looking for individuals young and old who would be willing to assist with both. We'll have a special training after the 10am service on November 7th at 11:15am. Contact Marge Fiore margefiore777@gmail.com with questions and to confirm your presence.

Thanksgiving Day Service

Eucharist means thanksgiving! What better way to celebrate Thanksgiving than by giving thanks to God? Join us for meditative and joyful music and a holiday themed homily. Sorry... communion will NOT be holiday-themed (no Turkey-flavored wafers!)

November—let your gratitude become so “catchy” that it passes on to the next person.

Organ Dedication on Nov 7 at 4pm

Please join us for a festive Evensong on November 7th at 4pm as we celebrate the completion of our organ restoration and enhancement project. Bishop Sean Rowe will be on hand to dedicate the new console and Ron will “pull out all the stops,” showcasing some of the instrument’s new sounds and features. A light reception will follow.

Organ Restoration Questions, Answered

Many have asked about the new organ at St. Luke’s: Is it still an Aeolian-Skinner? What all has been done? Will it sound differently than it used to? Weren’t improvements previously made during the tenure of Richard Corbin and Josh Stafford?

To begin answering some of these questions... In 1957, the Aeolian-Skinner firm installed at St. Luke’s an organ of 34 ranks of pipes and a standard console from which to operate it. The console had three “manuals” (keyboards) of 61 note range each made of ivory and a 32-note pedal board which was radiating and concave. The organ, built to the specifications of the American Guild of Organists, under the opus number was # 1303.

In 1932, Aeolian-Skinners were known as the Cadillac of organs, installed in prestigious venues: the National Cathedral in Washington, DC, St. John the Divine in New York, and the Mormon Tabernacle. These organs were romantic in style and were known for their warm sounds.

In time, Joseph Whiteford became chief tonal designer for Aeolian-Skinner and tried to incorporate the newer brighter tones into their organs in order to compete. He was never truly successful. His organs tended to lack the lower foundational sounds and became top heavy with screeching mixtures.

St. Luke’s Opus 1303 was one of those instruments. It has always lacked the foundational lower





stops. Its stops are beautiful and warm, but not balanced. Aeolian-Skinner's attempt to change from its roots led to its bankruptcy in 1973.

Organs and organists are not stagnant. At St. Luke's, attempts were made to improve our Aeolian-Skinner. Very early on, another low 16' stop was added to the pedal in order to beef up its foundations. With the addition of solid state technology, four digital stops were added as well, two of which were the lowest sounds at the 32' level. In 1990, a large solo trumpet was added to the great chamber to create a regal trumpet.

However, these improvements were only moderately successful. Along with the new digital software, canned MIDI sounds were added such as a birdcall, helicopter, gunshot, and others that Aeolian-Skinner would not have installed. These sounds have not been working for several years. With the organ restoration and enhancement project, Walker Technical has installed and voiced digitally sampled pipes, faithful to the sounds of Aeolian-Skinner. It is extremely difficult to now discern what is "live" pipes and recorded ones. Walker Technical owns the Aeolian-Skinner name, along with its intellectual property.

In addition, the organ console's ivory keys were removed and replaced with wooden ones to give it the look and feel of an authentic, tracker organ of Europe. These had worn out badly, creating one (of many) reasons to replace the console.

In summary, the organ restoration and enhancement project, now nearing completion, is based on the following philosophies:

- 1) To have a new console, built of the finest quarter-sawn oak, ergonomic for the organist with modern features and tools, including pistons and memories and record-play back features.
- 2) To be able to play the Episcopal liturgy, accompany hymns, as well as preludes and postludes with many possible combination of pipes full of dynamism and color.
- 3) To be able to play the great organ literature from Germany, England and France.
- 4) To be able to add more stops if desired in the future.
- 5) To be designed for the long term and future needs of the church.



Ultimately, what was the organ project *for*? In addition to supporting worship at St. Luke's, the organ restoration is also a commitment to be a musical resource for the church and the community... (For more on this, see page six!)

Greening the Church

Save the Date! The holiday season is coming and it will soon be time to 'deck the halls.' Join us on **November 27th at noon** to green the church. All ages welcome!

Blue Bag Sunday

The Blue Bag ministry supports our community organizations in substantial ways with items their ministries need to succeed.

In November, St. Luke's is supporting St. Susan's, whose wish list includes: paper towels, dinner napkins, toilet paper, and 100% fruit juice. Other food items are also permissible.

Bring your Blue Bags with you to church on November 21st (Harvest Sunday), when we will present them at the altar with the offering gifts.

THANK YOU for supporting our local community organizations with your generous donations!

Wednesday Group

Since the fourth Wednesday of the month falls on the day before Thanksgiving, we're moving November's Wednesday Group gathering to **December 8th**. Join us at **11:30 am** in the Undercroft for Eucharist and lunch. Call the church office if you need a ride (or would like to offer one!)

Veterans Day Service on November 11 at 11:11

On Thursday, November 11th at 11:11 a.m., St. Luke's will hold its annual Veterans Day Service. We welcome the members of the American Legion and all members of our community who join us in this celebration and remembrance of those who have served, and those who still serve, in our Armed Forces. We especially remember all who gave their lives in the defense of our nation. We offer our appreciation to the members of the Ira Lou Spring Post #149 in sponsoring this Veterans' Day service and are proud to join them in bringing this service to our community.



EVENTurers on the Move

St. Luke's EVENTure series hits the road in November: Join us on Friday, November 26th at 7 pm for a new introductory Buti yoga class, hosted by our partners at Grace Episcopal Church in Randolph.

Buti Yoga is a fusion style format that combines dance, high intensity cardio bursts and yoga poses to create a release of tensions, emotions and stress and encourage physical and spiritual health. Buti is music inspired, beat-driven and fun! Bring your yoga mat, water bottle, a towel, and an open mind! Masks will not be required if proof of vaccination is supplied. The event is free to the public, but donations will be accepted to benefit Randolph's local Community Cupboard. Light refreshments will be provided after class.





SLY PYG November News

Hear ye, hear ye! Youth of all sorts – bards, barons, knights (and all students in grades 5-12) – are invited to a Knight Night event on November 7th from 6-7:30 pm at First Presbyterian Church. Join us for coats of arms, jousting, sword fighting, and games straight out of the Middle Ages. Medieval-themed costumes* welcome!

In addition to having fun, SLY PYG values, supports, and encourages the leadership of young people in our community. To that end, in November high school senior and recent confirmand (class of 2021) Emma Anderson will present youth group lesson, sharing her learnings from faith and life.

SLY PYG, St. Luke's youth group in partnership with First Presbyterian Church, will be gathering at First Pres throughout the month of November.

*This will be an evening of active fun and games, so be sure costumes are comfortable and allow for movement.

Celebrating Harvest Sunday November 21st

Harvest Sunday at St. Luke's: The last Sunday before Advent (also known as Christ the King Sunday), celebrated with a beautifully adorned harvest altar, with the produce donated to those in need after the service.

Building on this tradition, and with gratitude for our partnership with the Jamestown Public Market, this year we will celebrate Harvest Sunday with a special service giving thanks for farmers and all those who contribute to our local food systems. Linnea Carlson, the director of the Jamestown Public Market, will be the guest preacher.



Caring Community Update

Recently in the Gospel of Mark, we took a look at the discussion Jesus had with the scribes about the greatest commandment. When Jesus says to them, "Love your neighbor," they immediately push back by asking, "Who is my neighbor?" This is where things seem to get a little tricky. Jesus demonstrates the answer in the gospel of Luke with the parable of the Good Samaritan. Jesus' admonition to the Pharisees was that love for your neighbor is wrapped tightly in care, compassion, and mercy. This is who we are at St. Luke's. We don't cross the street when one of our neighbors is in need. Our Caring Community is always active even when it doesn't appear like it. Throughout this pandemic Darcy Kell has been continually sending cards to reach out to our neighbors during difficult times. Marge Fiore sends cards in celebration of birthdays and anniversaries. Willow Fodor organized a cooking event and our freezers are

full with meals to take to someone in need. Many others in our parish family have given rides, prepared food, sent cards, and called others to let them know they are loved and cared about. If you see a need for someone who might need extra care, send a note, make a call, and contact the church office or speak to one of our staff. If you yourself are interested/able to deliver a meal, mail a card, give a ride, please contact the church office (716-483-6405) or Deacon Cathy (deaconcathy@gmail.com) and we will assist you in loving your neighbor. Thanks be to God for all our neighbors! **(Deacon Cathy Smith)**

Jamestown Public Market Impact 2021 Report



Public Market

- 25% increase in SNAP sales over 2020
- \$35,000+ Local Economic Impact
- Over 13 individual community partners
- Vendor space offered to 7 newly established small businesses



Mobile Market

- 415 individual customers reached
- 1,000+ transactions
- 3 family farms; 2 home gardeners
- Establishment of Eat Fresh, Do Good CSA; total of 50 families served



GROW Jamestown

- 30 community gardeners
- 3 community organizations reached (Aspire; SLY PYG Youth Group; Jamestown Justice Coalition)
- Over 1,200 seedlings distributed

What's Cooking this Season?

Whether you're looking for creative new side dishes for Thanksgiving dinner, or thinking ahead to holiday shopping... If so, look no further! St. Luke's still has in stock "The Two Towers" cookbook: A community cookbook developed in partnership with First Presbyterian Church, in support of our joint youth group.

The title references the bell towers of the two churches – and it is the one cookbook to rule them all! The book contains over 250 recipes for appetizers, beverages, soups, salads, vegetables, main dishes, breads, desserts, and more.

Books are \$15 each and all proceeds go to support our youth groups.

Funds raised will support future service learning trips and trainings to empower our youth to be leaders and agents of change in the community.



Community Organ Recital Series to Kick-off November 19th

St. Luke's is committed to creating a culture of music: After investing in the organ as an instrument, we are using this restoration and enhancement as an opportunity to support organists in our community.

Join us at **7pm on Friday, November 19th** for an organ recital featuring community organists and students. Brian Bogey, the organist at First Lutheran Church, and our own Ron McEntire will perform, as well as Ron's organ students — Madeline DeJoy, Judd Demers, and Andy Schmidt. This recital is the first of a four part concert series for the 2021-2022 programmatic year. Stay tuned for details on the second recital in the series — currently set for April 1, 2022 — featuring music for the Stations of the Cross.

Save the Date: Ordination on December 5th



While it is not 100% official, we have heard from the Bishop that there will be an ordination to the transitional diaconate for Jessica Frederick at St. Paul's Cathedral in Buffalo on December 5th at 4 pm. While we are still waiting for details about who is permitted to come, please do mark your calendars.

Although Jessica has not yet finished her seminary studies, the Bishop has decided to ordain her early so she could more effectively minister at Grace Church. This will allow the congregation at Grace to have communion every Sunday — as a deacon, she may administer communion from the reserves (as Deacon Cathy does at St. Luke's on Sundays when Luke is at Grace). Naturally, her ordination will also expand her ministry capacity at St. Luke's.

“Jessica is being ordained to the transitional what now?”

You may be asking... “What is the transitional diaconate? Will she be a deacon like Cathy? I thought she was still in seminary and is called to be a priest...”

If you're confused, you're not alone — I get lots of those questions! It's understandable, because the process to ordination to the priesthood is long (and sometimes confusing!)

Let's start with a deacon definition: Deacons are members of one of three distinct orders of ordained ministry (with bishops and presbyters). In the Episcopal Church, a deacon exercises “a special ministry of servanthood” directly under the deacon's bishop, serving all people and especially those in need, with a special emphasis of social care and service (particularly to and for people outside the church) (BCP, p. 543).

In addition to those ordained deacon as a permanent vocation (that's Deacon Cathy!), there are also “transitional deacons” who are ordained deacon as a preliminary step toward ordination as a priest (that would be me!) **(Jessica Frederick)**

Advent Meditation Guide

It might not seem like it, but Advent is around the corner. In order to assist you in this holy time of year, we have ordered a special meditation guide produced by the Wellness Compass called *Living Well Through Advent 2021: Practicing Patience with All Your Heart, Soul, Strength, and Mind*. It is available for pick up at Church on Sundays, the Church office on Wednesdays or you can sign-up for daily emails as well at <https://shop.livingcompass.org/collections/advent-and-lent-resources>.