

# St. Luke's Church

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## Welcome

Anyone who has spent time in the company of a loving family can immediately sense the connection between its members. We have all been in these homes. Instead of the tension or uncertainty that fills the air when some families gather, a loving home gives the visitor an immediate sense of warmth and familiarity. It is not that the loving family is without their share of problems or challenges, but those who visit would never sense that the problems were too big, and those who live there would know the security that only love can provide.



Such a home exists within the walls of a small but vibrant church in Shawnee, Kansas, right in the heart of suburban Kansas City. For more than fifty years, St. Luke's Church has built a warm and loving family from the inside, and extended that love into the surrounding community. Those who worship within have found a welcoming Parish that has become so much more than just a place to seek God. Within the walls of St. Luke's exists a place where faith is nurtured and grown.

Within the pages of this Parish Profile, the reader will find a short summary of who the people of St. Luke's Church are, where we've been, and why we believe our very best years as a Parish are still ahead. From a glimpse at how we serve God to a synopsis of our hopes and dreams for the future, this profile should serve as an exciting introduction to St. Luke's Church, Shawnee.



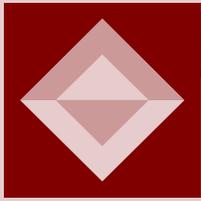
## Our Worship Service

Communion, common prayer, and, sacred music are just a few of the rich traditions that make worship at St. Luke's Church so beautiful. Our nave provides a feeling of warmth and a peaceful setting for prayer and worship. Members greet each other with a sense of familiarity and newcomers find friendly faces and a sense of inclusion as we gather each Sunday to celebrate the Eucharist.



Our more traditional 8:00 a.m. Eucharist, while lightly attended, offers a sense of peace and reflection to those who are present, as well as a connection to the Lord and to one another. Our second Eucharist, at 10:15, is complemented by beautiful traditional and contemporary music, celebratory worship, and energy from a Parish who is committed to loving and serving the Lord Jesus.

Parish Statistics	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Avg. Sunday Attendance	119	108	110	114	97
Avg. at 8:00am	24	19	20	23	21
Avg. at 10:15am	93	88	90	92	76
Attendance all Services	7407	6746	6274	7045	5526
Baptisms	9	3	8	4	0
Confirmations	7	3	0	10	0
Weddings	1	2	3	1	0
Funerals	5	5	2	9	4



Each service includes full participation from Lay Eucharistic Ministers and readers, which allows for a special closeness during moments of prayer, reflection, and contemplation. Our annual “Service on the Green” allows us to worship in the Lord in the midst of the natural beauty that surrounds St. Luke’s Church. Special services such as the “Blessing of the Animals” for the Feast of St. Francis provide more unity and fellowship to the Parish.

### *Fire without Brimstone*

If you asked each member of St. Luke’s Church individually where he or she is in their spiritual journey, you might get a unique answer from every one of us. We nurture each other in our faith partly by respecting our differences. We have always celebrated our unity in the essentials and our diversity in everything else. It is our hope to find a priest-in-charge who can celebrate this unity and diversity as well.



The Eucharist is the heart of our worship, and the sermon is the soul. We are challenged in our walk as Christians and strengthened to go out into the world to love and serve the Lord, to know Jesus and to make Him known. We are looking forward to a priest-in-charge who will shepherd us as we journey together by leading us in spiritual worship and inspire us by declaring the Gospel and offering inspiring sermons. A priest with a gift for oratory will be a key to our future as a Parish.





## *Music To Our Ears*

The chancel choir, bell choir, vocal and instrumental solos from talented parishioners, and our contemporary music group show the diversity of our musical interests and offer a little something for everyone. The chancel choir provides weekly music for the 10:15 service and special services around Christmas and Easter. The bell choir provides music for Easter and Christmas services.

Our contemporary Christian music group meets twice a month and has provided music for Sunday services. The group gathers together to reach out to God and each other through music. It allows members to seek and feel God through music and to connect with one another as well.



All of us have been touched by music at some point in our lives. It might be the beauty of a particular instrument or the hauntingly beautiful sound of a singer's voice.

Whatever the case may be, music is vitally important to this Parish. There has even been an expressed desire among some members to find ways to incorporate more contemporary music into the Liturgy.

*"Strengths: great community, good child education, strong support"*

*"Another strength is the music ... both traditional and contemporary."*

*-St Luke's Parishioner (response to what is good about our church)*





## *Outreach and Small Groups:*

### *The Ministries That Make Us Who We Are*

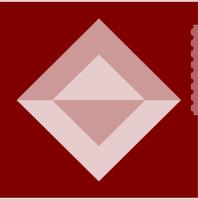
Anyone who has ever driven past St. Luke's Church and wondered what might be going on inside could very well be surprised at how much is going on within. Our ministries are the core of who we are as Episcopalians, Christians, and human beings. They range from seeking God in nature to seeking God in each other and in our neighbors. We have highlighted some of our outreach programs for your consideration.



*"Whatever You Do To The Least of These... You Do It To Me"*

Perhaps nothing better defines St. Luke's Church as our outreach into the local community. Since outreach requires time, stewardship, and leadership, we hope to find a priest-in-charge who can provide strong leadership in all three areas. We live out our commitment to outreach through a wide range of ministries such as:

- Packing Back Snacks in the Parish Hall on Sundays for Harvesters to feed area children
  - Adopting a student through CFCA in the Philippines and helping her obtain an education
  - Providing food and fresh vegetables to the Food Pantry at St. Paul's Kansas City, Kansas
  - Adopting 6 large families for Christmas that included 36 children through Operation Breakthrough.
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St. Luke's has long been committed to bringing the healing ministry of Christ into the community. This passion runs deep and strong in St. Luke's and our next priest must share this passion.



St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Kansas City, Kansas operates a food pantry that provides basic provisions to impoverished families from the local community. This service ministry could not be undertaken without the help of parishes like St. Luke's. On March 9 we held a food drive and scavenger hunt to collect items for the food pantry. We had nine dedicated groups of volunteers go out into our community and collect items for this worthy cause. It was a rousing success with 665 items collected in just two hours. This was followed by a celebratory ice cream social which was open to the community.

This ministry is just one example of who St. Luke's strives to be as a church. The second Commandment laid down by Christ "that we love our neighbors as ourselves" is lived out at St. Luke's in many ways. Anyone who has had the opportunity to volunteer in any number of outreach programs has seen Christ's love in action. No matter your age or your abilities there is a way for you to be a part of a loving and giving church home.





## *Come Garden with us*

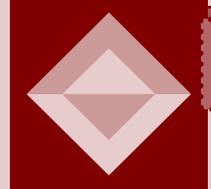
First time visitors to St. Luke's would no doubt take notice of the lush vegetation that surrounds the area near the main entrance and they would also notice the care that must go into such a serene setting. New visitors would probably assume that a green thumb or two has spent time tending to it and they would not be wrong.

The "Garden of Memories" Columbarium was dedicated in October 2000, and has been lovingly tended by parishioners. Additionally in recent years, some of our members have planted and cared for a community garden on our grounds. We have shared vegetables with St. Paul's and have always had enough volunteers to make the garden a success.



The garden has become part of our outreach as well as a way for our children to connect with nature. Our Sunday School children have planted seeds in the garden, and been able to reap what they have sown. It is a tradition we would like to continue. While the Midwest has an interesting weather pattern, there are plenty of good gardening conditions throughout the year. What better way to connect with God than in the midst of such beauty!





## *Being Hospitable*

Episcopalians celebrate diverse experiences. One thing that unifies us is our love of big events, such as holidays and fundraisers. Our hospitality group is the driving force that makes each of these events a big success. They handle the food preparation and decorating tasks for special occasions and holidays. This includes fundraisers like our annual shrimp boil dinner, the annual chili cook-off, the last Sunday of Advent, the International Dinner, and just about anything else that comes up. They also serve breakfasts or light meals at funerals.



Most important is the fact that all of this is done by volunteers. Hospitality is in the heart of the parishioners although, often not found in the budget at St. Luke's. It is in the generous hearts and minds of the people who make us shine.

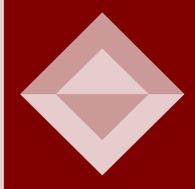




### *Leaders From Within*

We have talked about our “outreach” ministry and now it is time to touch on our “in-reach” ministry. This group includes the greeters and neighborhood leaders who play a variety of roles within the Parish. They communicate urgent information, greet newcomers to St. Luke’s, offer food and support when times are tough, and ensure that the all-important coffee hour has a host. Each coffee hour is hosted by a particular zone group. St. Luke’s has 9 geographical zone groups, and each zone has a Vestry sponsor and a zone leader who live in that particular zone. The zone leader and the zone members ensure that more than just coffee is served as all of us enjoy a light snack and fellowship following our celebration of the Eucharist.





## *Our Kids, Our Next Generation*

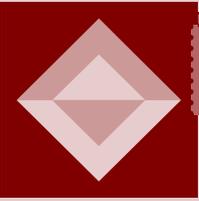
Christian Education is important to St. Luke's and fundamental to who we are.

It forms the faith of our young people and strengthens our love for one another. In recent years, we have involved our kids in Godly Play, Journey 2 Adulthood, Youth Confirmation classes, youth groups and more. For many years we have provided "Children's Chapel" that allows our youngest members to learn about God before joining their parents for Communion following the Peace.



This past September we launched a traditional Sunday School Curriculum called "Weaving God's Promises" and have seen increased attendance and some new faces in our faith community. "Weaving God's Promises" is an Episcopal curriculum, aligned with the liturgical calendar which focuses on faith, family and community.



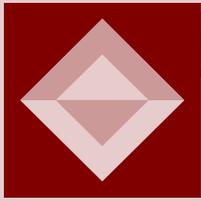


Perhaps the central feature of our Christian Education is our volunteers. Some of these men and women donate their time every week as Sunday school teachers to ensure that these vital programs continue at St. Luke's Church. Others help out with special events such as pageants, vacation bible school, and the annual Easter egg hunt. Every one of these special people is committed to Christian education and devoted to our kids.



For the past six years, Vacation Bible School has been a big hit at our parish, seeing growing support from young and old alike. Last year's theme was the Worlds Fair, and the children learned about Christians in many other countries. During VBS, we host on average about twenty children for an interactive and engaging program designed to help children connect with their faith, not only within their home parish but also the greater community and globally.





## *Never Stop Learning*



Part of the job of any search committee is getting a feel for the priorities of the Parish. We have highlighted our love for outreach, and a close second is education. Our Christian Education volunteers are committed to finding new ways to teach our kids about Christ's love. We hope our next priest-in-charge can offer ideas for growth and improvement in this area as well. While our Christian education program now focuses strongly on our kids, there has always been a strong desire at St. Luke's for more varied adult education also.



High on our priority list is a priest-in-charge who can find new ways to bring Christian education both for children and adults to the forefront. This might involve more traditional learning styles such as Bible study and small group activities, or it might involve some more "outside the box" thinking and utilization of technology. We are always ready to learn, and we hope to find a priest-in-charge just as eager to help us continue down this path.





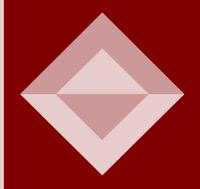
## *Our History*

Founded in 1959 as a mission, St Luke's held its first service in the Multi-Purpose room at Hocker Grove Junior High School, Shawnee. After breaking ground in March of 1962 on the land where the church sits, the first service was held July 22, 1962. The goals of the mission were: to worship, to learn, to serve and to give. In August of 1966, St. Luke's became a self-sustaining Parish.



The history of St. Luke's Church is as varied and wonderful as its parish membership. For St. Luke's is, and always has been, made up of people who are as diverse as one can imagine. And yet, despite our diversity of age, income, ethnicity, and theological and political positions, we are united by our love of God and neighbor. Fifty-five years later we still hold true the goals outlined at our inception. We gather to worship, to learn, to serve and to give.





## *Growing at Just the Right Pace*

Spend some time with any of St. Luke's parishioners and they will tell you two things about the Parish: they love its small and home-like atmosphere, and they would also like to see enough growth to build for the future.

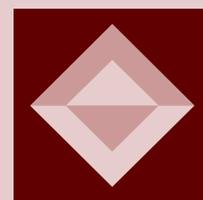
Throughout its history, St. Luke's Church has brought a small-town appeal to a larger city. Our hope in our next priest-in-charge is someone who can find the balance between healthy growth and a small, close knit atmosphere.

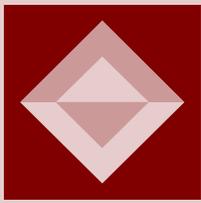
## *Our Next Priest-in-Charge*

Throughout this profile, we have noted characteristics, skills and abilities that we at St. Luke's would like to find in our next priest-in-charge. We hope for an inspired and enthusiastic priest with effective leadership and administrative skills and one who has the ability to minister to diversity. We also have a need for a strong mediator. Conflicts arise even in the closest of families, and whether those conflicts involve financial decisions or day to day issues, we need a priest-in-charge who is willing to make the tough decisions that keep problems from being swept under the rug.

In composing this Parish Profile, our search committee surveyed the parish at large and asked what they were looking for in the next priest-in-charge. Bulleted below are a few of the common responses.

- inspired excellence in the pulpit
- motivational, effective, & enthusiastic leadership
- passion for outreach
- strong mediator
- skillful administrative oversight
- dedication to teaching
- ability to Minister to diversity
- compassionate pastoral care
- energy, open-mindedness and willingness to try new things
- engaging personality





## Dollars and Sense

A smaller church doesn't necessarily mean short on cash, but it does mean that stewardship focuses on a smaller group of people. St. Luke's has always been willing to contribute when funds are needed. With that said, we feel that our next priest-in-charge should possess a good business sense. He or she should be fiscally responsible in allocating funds for ministries as well as overhead expenses.

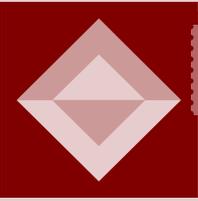
This past fall the parish took a large step in the Pledge Drive 2014 "Called to be Bold." Even with the usual loss of members and pledges during times of change, the stewardship team led the parish to not only increase the number of pledges but to also increase the total amount pledged. St. Luke's is now working to develop stewardship as a year round ministry.

### St Luke's Episcopal Church

#### Financial Report Summary 2010-2013

##### Budget / Actual

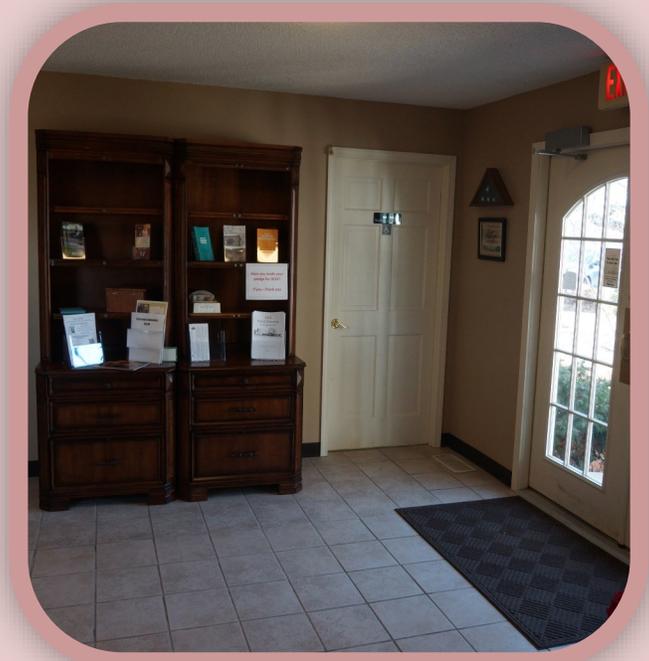
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>Budget 2010</b>	<b>Actual 2010</b>	<b>Budget 2011</b>	<b>Actual 2011</b>	<b>Budget 2012</b>	<b>Actual 2012</b>	<b>Budget 2013</b>	<b>Actual 2013</b>	<b>BUDGET 2014</b>
Pledges	179,423	171,409	181,450	166,801	169,040	176,184	176,418	166,150	180,835
Other Unrestricted Income	15,745	92,176	17,100	19,126	13,067	17,685	17,614	13,586	7,250
Restricted Income	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,500	33,931	
Misc. Income									3,600
Endowment Support									1,120
Outreach Funds									3,275
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>195,168</b>	<b>263,585</b>	<b>198,550</b>	<b>185,927</b>	<b>182,107</b>	<b>193,869</b>	<b>195,532</b>	<b>213,668</b>	<b>196,080</b>
<b>Expense</b>									
Clergy	82,290	72,855	83,553	84,611	88,127	98,756	101,413	92,455	74,708
Office	9,800	8,975	9,300	9,563	7,375	9,919	9,615	8,658	5,435
Diocese	32,448	32,348	33,864	34,114	34,500	34,920	33,150	33,757	36,318
Building & Grounds	26,195	22,794	27,430	30,837	21,355	20,722	27,074	33,686	32,300
Staff	37,571	38,060	39,058	38,711	33,398	37,511	29,978	29,949	29,723
Program	5,330	10,522	5,030	1,828	400	952	2,717	3,008	2,300
Restricted	0	0	0	0	0	0	800	14,384	
Outreach									3,275
Search									12,000
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>193,634</b>	<b>185,554</b>	<b>198,235</b>	<b>199,664</b>	<b>185,155</b>	<b>202,780</b>	<b>204,747</b>	<b>215,898</b>	<b>196,059</b>
<b>Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>1,534</b>	<b>78,031</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>-13,737</b>	<b>-3,048</b>	<b>-8,911</b>	<b>-9,215</b>	<b>-2,230</b>	<b>21</b>



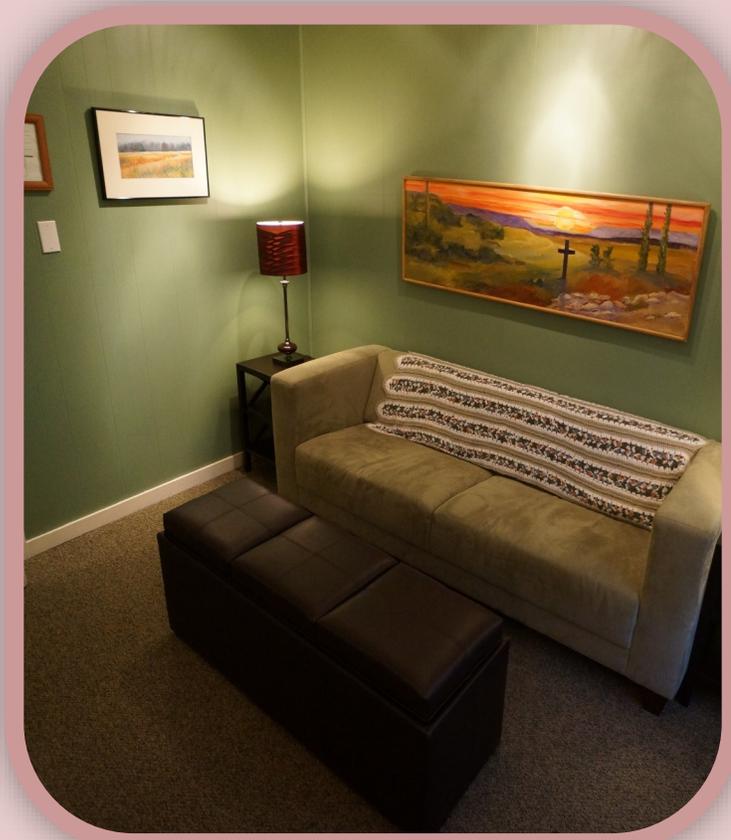
## *Our Building and Grounds*

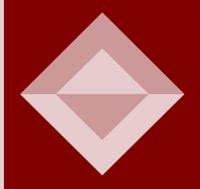
The building sits on 2.83 acres of land bordering a large city park. The overall effect creates a quarter mile of green space to the south of St. Luke's.

The parking area of 68 spaces forms a horseshoe around the west, south and east of the building. Large trees were planted by parishioners many years ago and form a boundary along the parking area. The back area of the church includes a community garden, brick patio and BBQ area for gatherings during good weather.



The St. Luke's building was built in 1962 and included the main nave, narthex, kitchen, three offices and parish hall. In 1975, the parish added an annex of five new rooms, a basement, additional restrooms and storage closets. In 1998, the parish hall and kitchen were expanded and side aisles were added to the nave. And, finally, in 2000, the "Garden of Memories" Columbarium was added at the main entrance to the church around three large trees with wide branches which created a beautiful approach to the church.





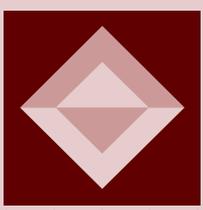
The nave is 2280 sq. ft. and seats 170 people. It is an A-frame building with a high peak inside. The sanctuary has a free standing altar and two stained glass windows facing west. The sound system was upgraded in the past year. The choir, organ and baptismal font are in the rear with one stained glass window.



The rest of the building sits in an L-shape south from the nave and narthex, offices to the right, kitchen and a 980 sq. ft. parish hall to the left. A 60" flat screen TV was added in the last year on the back wall of the hall and has provided updated technology for educational videos, watch parties and computer programs.

The Christian Education rooms, nursery, vesting room, and two bathrooms are on the "L" wing back to the east. The basement area provides two 300 sq. ft. rooms for Christian Education classes and two large storage rooms. It was recently remodeled for more efficient usage.

The church is used by numerous outside groups including Al-Anon, AA, Boy Scouts of America, and the Indian Mar Thoma congregation. A recently renovated room called the Heritage Room, provides pictures of St. Luke's history to visitors, as well as, a quiet place to relax and have small meetings. Overall, St. Luke's facilities are modest, but comfortable and welcoming, and provide adequate, functional spaces for activities.





## *The Community*

Our immediate community is the City of Shawnee, Kansas, population 64,000, on the western outskirts of the greater Kansas City area. You'll feel all the warmth of a small town as you sit on the curb and watch the Old Shawnee Days parade with hand-made floats going by and home-made ice cream being cranked out on the street corner. You can visit the farmer's market, Wonderscope Children's Museum, Shawnee Civic Center, Shawnee Water Park, or the public library all conveniently located on the same city block. Be sure to check out the many classes and activities offered by Shawnee Parks and Recreation. Or, just down the road, you can enroll in classes at Johnson County Community College (a highly acclaimed school including the Nerman Museum for the visual arts and Yardley Hall for the performing arts). If you like the great outdoors, visit Shawnee Mission Park which has 1600 acres of paved and unpaved trails, a beautiful lake, tennis courts, a marina, and is the "the Bluebird capital of Kansas"!

Shawnee Mission offers highly acclaimed public schools, as do nearby Blue Valley, Olathe, and DeSoto Districts. If you're looking for higher education, there are over a half a dozen major colleges and universities such as UMKC, KU, K-State, MU, Baker University and the Kansas City Art Institute) as well as numerous community colleges within a two hour radius.



A twenty-minute drive east will land you right in the middle of Kansas City. This "Paris of the Plains" has so much to offer. If you are interested in the "arts", you came to the right place. Visual arts abound at the Nelson Atkins Museum of Art which is famed for its Chinese collection, Henry Moore Sculpture Garden, and contemporary Bloch Building addition. There is also nearby, the Kemper Museum of Modern Art with ever-changing contemporary exhibits, and "First Fridays" with open studios in the Crossroads Fine Arts District.



Downtown Kansas City is also home to the historic 18<sup>th</sup> and Vine Jazz district, where barbecue, baseball and blues meld together. Two of the city's most acclaimed museums are under one roof, the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum chronicles the stars and stories of America's favorite pastime from the leagues' origin after the Civil War to their demise in the 1960s. Next door is what *The New York Times* called "an interactive paradise," the American Jazz Museum with its many listening stations, touch-screen adventures and custom-mixing soundboards. Sample KC's signature sound at the district's acclaimed "Jammin' at The Gem" series or inside the museum's working jazz club, The Blue Room. Night owls are in for a real treat at the Mutual Musicians Foundation, where the late-night sounds bebop until 5 a.m. Have an instrument of your own? You're welcome to join – this is where the jam session was invented after all

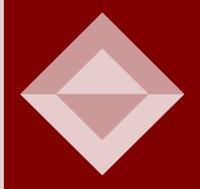


If you enjoy spectator sports, Kansas City cheers on Chiefs' football, Royals' baseball, and Sporting KC soccer. If you'd rather participate, there are many running, biking, tennis, golf, and other sports organizations.

Shopping is fun at Kansas City's "City of Fountains" Country Club Plaza, Crown Center (featuring an aquarium and Lego Land), and numerous shopping centers and retail stores including REI, Crate and Barrel and IKEA. If you're interested in history, you won't want to miss the Truman Library, the WW I Museum, the Steamboat Arabia, and the historic Union Station. Kids will delight to see Worlds and Oceans of Fun, twin amusement and water parks, and the Kansas City Zoo, recently remodeled and featuring polar bears, penguins, and a sky transport.

You won't go hungry in Kansas City, which is famous for its barbeque. We offer everything from homey "comfort food" at "mom and pop" cafes to fine dining on the Plaza, around town, or at the revolving American Restaurant in Crown Center. Nearby Overland Park's Rye Restaurant boasts chef Colby Garrelts, winner of the James Beard's 2013 "Best Chef in the Midwest".





Kansas City's central location gives easy access to weekend getaways to St. Louis, Chicago, Oklahoma City and beautiful northern Arkansas, featuring the spectacular Crystal Bridges Museum in Bentonville. You can spend your weekend biking on the 237-mile Katy Trail (the longest Rails-to-Trails project in America) or canoeing on any of several rivers including the Niangua, the Buffalo and the Current (both national scenic waterways).

Kansas City's climate can be described as anything **but** "moderate". But, if you like to see the changing of the seasons, we've got them - you could even see all in the course of a week!

The City of Shawnee and the greater Kansas City area offer the best of both worlds - small town community and big city amenities. It's a place you'll love calling "home"!



Shown here are members of the St. Luke's Search Committee and Vestry, along with our diocesan consultants."



To nominate a candidate for Priest-in-Charge of St. Luke's Church, please contact the Rev. Canon Meghan F. Froehlich, Canon Interim: The Episcopal Diocese of Kansas, 835 SW Polk St., Topeka, KS 66612-1688 or (785) 235-9255 toll-free (800) 473-3563.

If you have questions about any part of the transition process at St. Luke's Church, please contact Tom Schrempp, Senior Warden: [tschrempp@kc.surewest.net](mailto:tschrempp@kc.surewest.net) or (913)-461-5502.

*Helpful Links:*

St Luke's Church website: [www.stlukes.net](http://www.stlukes.net)

The Episcopal Diocese of Kansas: [www.episcopal-ks.org](http://www.episcopal-ks.org)

City of Shawnee website: [www.cityofshawnee.org](http://www.cityofshawnee.org)

Johnson County Parks and Recreation: [www.jcrpd.com](http://www.jcrpd.com)

Shawnee Mission School District: [www.smsd.org](http://www.smsd.org)

The Kansas City Star: [www.kansascity.com](http://www.kansascity.com)

Kansas City, Missouri website: [www.kcmo.gov](http://www.kcmo.gov)

Johnson County Community College: [www.jccc.edu](http://www.jccc.edu)

The Sprint Center: [www.sprintcenter.com](http://www.sprintcenter.com)

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