

April 23, 2020

Dear St. Luke's Family,

I miss being with you in person at weekly worship and in our varied activities.

While our church building will remain closed at least until the end of May, the St. Luke's family remains active and connected. Our virtual church is meeting regularly and I want to make sure you are aware of the multiple opportunities to connect throughout each week.

I enjoy speaking with you on the phone (970-987-1524), receiving your texts and emails (<u>rectorstlshawnee@gmail.com</u>).

Deacon Karen is also available for pastoral care by phone (316-841-3271) or email (<u>karen.wichael@att.net</u>)

Our Vines & Branches groups (attached) are each led by a current Vestry member. Please stay in touch with your Branch and keep us your church family informed of your daily joys, challenges and life updates.

The best source for updated service information is our **church website's homepage**: <a href="https://www.stlukes.net">https://www.stlukes.net</a>

In addition to our church's public Facebook page, we also have a private group called "St. Lukes Family Room" where we share posts & photos about what inspires us: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/663661091077159/?ref=bookmarks">https://www.facebook.com/groups/663661091077159/?ref=bookmarks</a>

If you are on Facebook, but aren't part of the St. Lukes Family Room private group, let Tom Schrempp know (<a href="mailto:tomfschrempp@gmail.com">tomfschrempp@gmail.com</a>)

Remember, we are each called to be lay ministers of faith in the Episcopal Church. We will hold each other up in prayer, and be open to the promptings of the Holy Spirit to lead us through unchartered times. The Body of Christ is not reduced to where we go and what we do on Sunday. Together let's prayerfully and proactively re-imagine how to be church in new ways, for our congregation and our community.

Serving alongside you,

In Christ's name,

Fr. Jonathan Brice

Rector, St. Luke's Episcopal Church



Below is an overview of St. Luke's Sunday, Wednesday and Friday evening activities

EVERY WEEK we are coming together & we would love you to join us as you are able (& invite friends!)

## Sunday Services, Morning Prayer at 8.30am

Join us at 8.30am or access the service link as it suits your family. From the homepage of our St. Luke's website, you can access the "Link to Service Video" and follow along with the "Link to Service Bulletin" <a href="https://www.stlukes.net">https://www.stlukes.net</a>

Watch or re-watch services on **St. Luke's YouTube channel at** https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCJmB4I40AEJBFalA7QErK4w

**Children's Chapel & Sunday School** continues on Sunday mornings, via Zoom Email Debbie Fowler for more information: <a href="mailto:dhfowler@fowlershome.org">dhfowler@fowlershome.org</a>

**Wednesday Refresher, 12.30pm,** Rite II Noonday Prayer. Register here to get your Zoom password protected link\*\*: <a href="https://www.stlukes.net/wednesday-noon-refresher.html">https://www.stlukes.net/wednesday-noon-refresher.html</a>

Wednesday Night Online Bible Study, 7pm Register here to get your Zoom password protected link\*\*: <a href="https://www.stlukes.net/lenten-series.html">https://www.stlukes.net/lenten-series.html</a>

**Friday Fellowship, 7pm** coordinated by Senior Warden Rosie Wrede (913-396-1377) <a href="mailto:reallyrosie13@gmail.com">reallyrosie13@gmail.com</a>. Get to know each other through shared interests. We will be using Zoom to come together for virtual events. Invite friends & family to join you!

1st Fridays/Week A is for Art 2nd Fridays/Week B is for Book Club 3rd Fridays/Week C is for Cooking 4th Fridays/Week D is for Digging (gardening)

This Friday's session will be led by Debbie Fowler. An email will be sent to the congregation with the link. If you don't receive the email, then email her for the Zoom link to join: <a href="mailto:dhfowler@fowlershome.org">dhfowler@fowlershome.org</a>

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**Daily Prayer:** Pray at any time! God is always here for you. Download prayer booklet here: <a href="https://www.stlukes.net/uploads/2/6/4/3/26434673/join st.lukes in daily prayer.pdf">https://www.stlukes.net/uploads/2/6/4/3/26434673/join st.lukes in daily prayer.pdf</a>

**St. Luke's Little Free Pantry**: Take what you need. Give what you can. Help stock our new freestanding pantry in the St. Luke's parking lot. Need ideas? Contact Amanda Textor (amandatextor@gmail.com) 816-517-6343

**Giving:** St. Luke's expenses continue even while services are suspended. Please consider paying your pledge by mail or online. Here's how:

- 1. Log into your bank account or call your bank for help.
- 2. Select pay bills online.
- 3. After entering the vendor information (in this case **St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 5325 Nieman Road, Shawnee, Kansas 66203**), you can schedule automatic payments. For example, set the schedule to pay your pledge on the first of each month, every month for the whole year.

## \*\* More information about Zoom, our virtual meeting platform:

Our **Zoom Meetings** are now password protected. To connect you must receive an email with instructions on connecting including the password. You can just click the Join Zoom Meeting link listed in the email. It automatically enters the password for you. Then it should give you the option to either run Zoom in your browser of to download the Zoom app to your PC. When you connect to the meeting you will be give the option to connect with internet audio and video or to dial in. Most of you should be able to use internet audio and video. Please try to connect to the meeting 5-10 minutes before the start so we can confirm you have a good connection. If you are unable to use the internet audio, you can dial in on the phone lines listed in the email. They are toll lines, but if you have a cell phone with free long distance, there should be no toll charges to you. For dial it will ask you the meeting ID and password listed in the email.