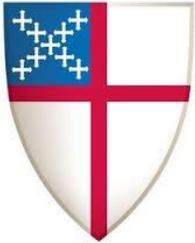


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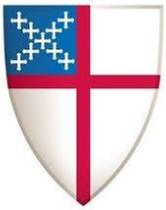
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Come As You Are

Welcome

A sense of connection is felt when spending time in the company of a loving family. There is warmth in times of joy and tenderness in times of hardship. A devoted family is not without their share of problems or challenges, but members can sense the security that only love can provide.

Such a home exists within the walls of a vibrant church in Shawnee, Kansas, right in the heart of the Kansas City Metro area.

For more than sixty years, St. Luke's Episcopal Church has been a warm and loving family, extending that love into the surrounding community.

We teach and nurture each other and spread God's word. We cherish our past while building our future together.

We celebrate the love of Christ in music, art, outreach and fellowship. We are a diverse, intergenerational parish whose doors are open to all.

Come as you are.



Special Event:
Evening service with the Bishop

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Worship

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Worship service

Communion, common prayer and music are rich traditions that make worship at St. Luke's personal and meaningful.

Our nave provides a peaceful setting for prayer and worship.

Members greet each other while first time worshippers find friendly faces and a sense of inclusion.

Music is an integral component of both our services. It is woven throughout and joyfully accompanies our celebration of faith.

Our priest shepherds us in our spiritual journey each Sunday.

Sunday Services

Our more traditional 8:30 a.m. Eucharist offers a sense of peace and reflection. All who are present feel a sense of connection to the Lord and to one another.

Our 10:30 a.m. Eucharist is complemented by contemporary and traditional music, celebratory worship and energy from a Parish who is committed to loving and serving the Lord.

Walking through the doors of St. Luke's our members and guests are welcomed by a team of devoted Greeters and Ushers.

Each service then includes full participation from Lay Ministers and Readers.

We celebrate our unity in the essentials of our faith as well as our diversity.

The Eucharist is the heart of our worship.



Mother Mary on Palm Sunday

Parish Statistics	2016	2017	2018
Avg. Sunday	84	87	77
@ 8:30 a.m.	19	21	20
@ 10:30 a.m.	65	64	59
All Services	4275	4571	3972
Baptisms	2	2	1
Confirmations	4	0	0
Weddings	2	1	1
Funerals	2	2	2

Music

Joyful Noise

St. Luke's has great appreciation for music and its ability to fill the church and our hearts with the love of the Lord.

We have a music director/organist who works together with the choir to create a most joyful noise.

Worship at the 8:30 a.m. service includes a cantor that accompanies the organ and provides a rich atmosphere that is enjoyed by all.

The choir, bell choir, vocal and instrumental solos from talented parishioners show the diversity of our musical interests and offer a little something for everyone.

The choir provides weekly music for the 10:30 a.m. service and special services around Christmas and Easter.

The choir performs regularly every Sunday from September through May.



Music Director Jacob Hofeling with the choir

Music for All

The musical interests of St. Luke's expand beyond our Sunday morning services.

Many of our fundraisers and events are complemented by outside musical styles.

We have had a jazz band led by Greg Richter and Joe Straws for our auction fundraiser an other special events. Traditional folk music gets us up, moving and singing God's praises.

We host instrumental and vocal recitals and hope to have an cappella group in the future.

Music speaks to all of us. It allows members to seek and feel God and to connect with one another.



Jazz musician Greg Richter entertaining young and old alike



Choir during Youth Sunday

Ministries

“THERE IS NO
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UP.”

-JOHN HOLMES

The Core of Who We Are

The Ministries at St. Luke's are the core of who we are as a community of Episcopalians here in Shawnee, Kansas.

We seek to serve God through our Garden of Memories, Vegetable Garden, Art Gallery, Hospitality, Parish Neighborhood Zones and Outreach Ministries.

Outreach

The members of our church believe in reaching out to others in need. We have several community ministries that we support each year so their efforts can reach more people with their important programs.

Further, as needs arise in our community, our country and across the world, we do all we can to make a difference.

Whether it is middle school nurses who need granola bars for hungry students, female refugees who need sanitary products, or Episcopal agencies who need our contributions to support their outreach efforts, we are there and we respond generously.



Harvesters BackSnack in action.

Ministries

Outreach

Harvesters' Back Snack Program

Our church works with Harvesters to pack healthy food each Sunday during the school year. Items are delivered to St. Luke's and packed up by parishioners following the 10:30 a.m. service. Our members then deliver the tubs to several local schools to be distributed to students who need the food to get them through the weekend.

Operation Breakthrough

This agency reaches out to the families they serve in the Kansas City metro area every Christmas season. Our church families help by adopting Operation Breakthrough families and provide gifts for the children and parents as well as donations for a family holiday dinner.

Shawnee Community Services

This local agency does much to support those in need in Shawnee. They distribute food, clothing and household goods gathered through donations to families in our community. Volunteers from our church go monthly and give their time to help the center fulfill its mission.



Shawnee Community Services volunteers



“ALONE WE CAN DO SO LITTLE;
TOGETHER WE CAN DO SO MUCH.”
-HELEN KELLER

Operation Breakthrough

Ministries



International Dinner

Hospitality

Preparing and serving meals to others is one way our parishioners show God's love.

Our Hospitality Team is the driving force that makes each event a success.

They are often tasked with preparing food and decorating our Parish Hall for a multitude of events. Fundraisers, such as the International Dinner and Outreach Auction, would not happen without the talents and resourcefulness of these indispensable parishioners.

Most important is the fact that all of this is done by volunteers. These extraordinary people often donate their time and supplies out of the goodness of their hearts.

Art Gallery— The Gallery at the Luke

The Gallery at the Luke is a hallway art gallery at St. Luke's that began in 2016 as an Art Ministry to display the work of local artists.

The work of a different artist, whether it is En plein air paintings, photography, mosaics or sculpture, is displayed each month. The Gallery is open to the public Sundays 8:00 am until noon and by appointment.

Our art ministry especially reaches out to artists who have never had the opportunity to display a complete show of their creative works. Through this ministry we have offered "Link Together" evenings open to the community full of creativity, fun and fellowship.



Above right: Bishop Cathleen Bascom presented mosaic by artist

Above: Gallery Opening

Right: Featured Artist and her work



Ministries

Community Garden

Our Church Vegetable Garden is planted and lovingly cared for by members of our parish.

Anyone from the Shawnee community in need of fresh vegetables is welcome to our abundant produce.

Vegetables from our garden are also donated to Shawnee Community Services.

We care deeply for our grounds and enjoy their beauty and bounty.



St. Luke's vegetable garden

The Garden of Memories

The Garden of Memories Columbarium was consecrated in 2000.

A columbarium established with the approval of the Vestry and made possible through the generous contributions of parishioners Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Wheatcroft and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Waters.

It is maintained by a group of dedicated members of St. Luke's.

It is a place of peace where people may pause to pray and also remember loved ones interred in its sacred ground.



Garden in bloom

Ministries

Neighborhood Zones and Fellowship

Our church community includes members who live throughout the Kansas City metro area.

The neighborhood zones are a way to group our members geographically with other church members who live near them.

The zones work together to provide coffee hours on Sundays after the 10:30 am service and are used to reach out to members in time of need.

Zones strengthen the communication within our parish family.



Above: Church family trip to Deanna Rose Farmstead



Above: Dinner club



Left: St. Luke's members with Bishop Cathleen Bascom



"Send forth your Word
Lord and let there be

Light!"

-Graham Kendrick



Education

“HOW MUCH BETTER IT IS TO GET WISDOM THAN GOLD, TO GET INSIGHT RATHER THAN SILVER!” - PROVERBS 16:16 (NIV)

Children and Youth

St. Luke’s hosts traditional Sunday School for ages 3 through 5th grade during the 10:30 a.m. service from September to May.

We are currently following the “Weaving God’s Promises” Episcopal curriculum. These lessons are aligned with the liturgical calendar and focus on faith, family and community. The children learn the teachings of the Bible through stories, prayers, songs and activities in a fun and engaging environment.

It is not uncommon to visit the room and see our kids acting out Joseph and the technicolor dream coat or making matza pancakes.

In addition to our Sunday School, St. Luke’s holds Vacation Bible School (VBS) during one week of summer each year.

It brings not only our own youth out but also those in the surrounding Shawnee community.

The entire church is magically transformed to fit the theme by the hard-working volunteers and Sunday School teachers.

It is an excellent time to celebrate the love and teachings of God; maybe even blast off in a rocket ship to Planet Courage to go beyond with boldness like Queen Esther.



Astronaut going beyond at VBS



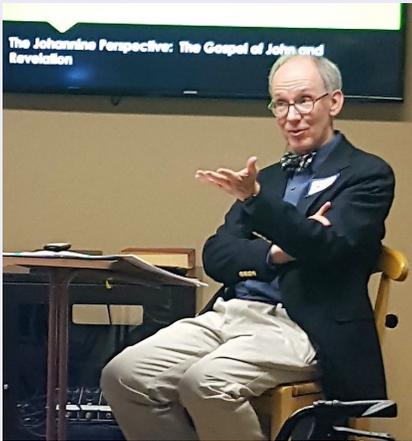
Palm Sunday Intergenerational retelling of the Passion of Christ



Children’s Sunday School Lesson

Education

Adult Forum



Above: Dr. David May during Lenten program, "Facets of Peace."

Right: Adult Forum

The focus of these lessons changes from season to season. These classes challenge our parishioners to ask questions, express viewpoints and think about our faith.

In addition to our weekly Adult Forum, St. Luke's welcomes experts in theology to Come to Table during Wednesday evenings during Lent.

These Lenten programs start with a light meal of soup and salad. Our guest speaker leads a discussion on relevant topics facing the Episcopal Church.



Continuing Education for Clergy

Education is such a vital part of St. Luke's that a section of the rector's salary is devoted to our clergy pursuing their religious endeavors beyond our walls.

This may include classes within the metro or assisting in the expenses of travelling to other opportunities.



St. Luke's parishioners with the Presiding Bishop Michael Curry

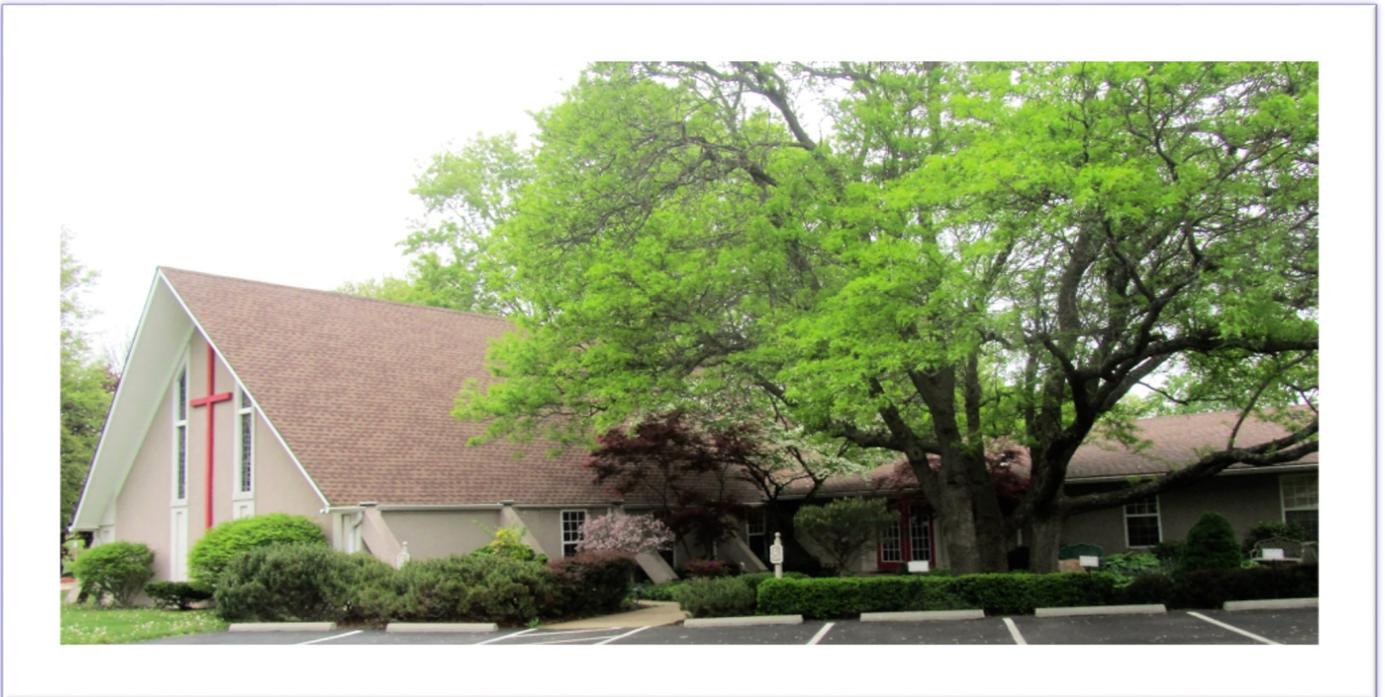
History

From Mission ...

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.

The goals of the mission were: to worship, to learn, to serve and to give. After breaking ground in March of 1962 on the land where the church sits, the first service was held July 22, 1962.

In August of 1966, St. Luke's became a self- sustaining Parish.



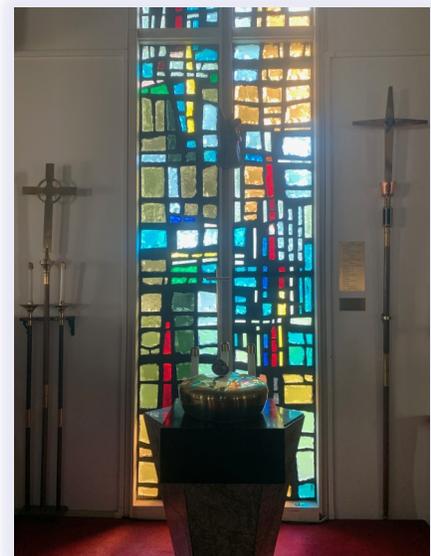
...to Church

The history of St. Luke's Episcopal 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, theological and political positions, we are united by our love of God and neighbor.

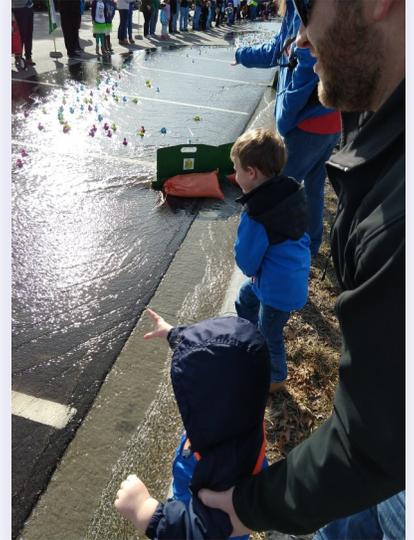
Sixty years later we still hold true to the goals outlined at our inception. We gather to worship, to learn, to serve and to give.



Baptismal font

Community

Shawnee, KS



Annual Shawnee Duck Race in Herman Laird Park

City Hall in Shawnee

Our immediate community is the City of Shawnee, Kansas, population of over 66,000 located in Johnson County and on the western outskirts of the Kansas City Metro area. Shawnee’s slogan “Good Starts Here” is very appropriate for the community and our church within its boundaries.

Recently Shawnee was listed as fourth in the nation among the country’s “hottest ZIP codes” reported by the Kansas City Star, citing a realtor.com list comparing the demographics of different markets. Our community is expanding and St. Luke’s hopes to grow with it.

Shawnee, like St. Luke’s, is in a renewal process. There is a big push to revitalize the downtown area. The Nieman Now project is currently underway with plans to change the landscape of the area into a mixed-use area with new businesses, bicycle and pedestrian paths, and address flooding issues.

Shawnee has seen growth in the up and coming beverage industry with the opening of two craft breweries situated in the heart of downtown. Annual events, such as Old Shawnee Days Carnival and the St. Patrick’s Day parade, are always well attended by residents and those from the surrounding areas.

The Shawnee Mission School District offers a number of highly accredited elementary, middle and high schools.

Situated just to the west of the Kansas City Metro, Shawnee has all the amenities of a large city a short fifteen minute drive away. Arts, entertainment and culture abound in Shawnee and in Kansas City.

Community

Surrounding Areas

Johnson County Attractions and Events

- ◇ Shawnee Mission Park and Lake
- ◇ Integrated network of hiking and biking trails
- ◇ Shawnee water parks
- ◇ Deanna Rose Children's Farmstead
- ◇ Overland Park Arboretum
- ◇ Nerman Museum of Contemporary Art
- ◇ Lake Olathe

Kansas City Attractions

- ◇ Kansas City Barbecue
- ◇ Nelson Atkins Art Museum
- ◇ Professional Sports teams
 - Chiefs (NFL), Royals (MLB), Sporting KC (MLS in KC, KS)
- ◇ Negro League Baseball Museum
- ◇ Kansas City Zoo
- ◇ 18th and Vine Historic Jazz District
- ◇ Crossroads art district
- ◇ Power and Light Entertainment District
- ◇ Country Club Plaza
- ◇ Union Station with Science City
- ◇ Crown Center with ice skating, Sea Life and Legoland
- ◇ Worlds of Fun and Oceans of Fun
- ◇ City Market farmer's market
- ◇ Kauffman Performing Arts Center
- ◇ Plethora of craft breweries and wineries

Higher Education

- ◇ UMKC (University of Missouri Kansas City)
- ◇ Baker University
- ◇ Johnson County Community College
- ◇ University of Kansas (KU)
- ◇ Ottawa University



Above: Mountain Bike Skills Trail at Shawnee Mission Park



Right:: Downtown KC and attractions

Financials

Dollars and Sense



Easter Sunday Altar

St. Luke's relies on the generous hearts of our parishioners. The funds that are pledged are instrumental in maintaining our health and ongoing vitality.

Our balanced budget is assembled each year with 100% of the collected pledges. St. Luke's has our own Endowment Fund that contributes annually to the church, education ministries and community outreach.

Our dedicated congregation and their support allow St. Luke's to maintain an amazing part time Executive Assistant, part time Bookkeeper, full time Music Director, Cantors and a Nursery Attendant.

However, St. Luke's real treasure is our parishioners. When unexpected expenses arise, we come together and reach a little deeper to help repair, fix or replace what has broken.

Parish Profile						
Financial Report Summary 2017 – July 2019						
	Budget 2017	Actual 2017	Budget 2018	Actual 2018	Jan-July Budget 2019	Jan-July Actual 2019
Revenue						
Pledges	173,510	164,807	172,650	167,584	104,559	98,049
Other	10,962	8,879	9,450	10,77	3,856	11,470
Endowment	1,463	1,463	1,405	1,405	1,628	648
Total Income	185,935	175,149	183,505	179,762	110,043	110,167
Expense						
Clergy	66,650	65,740	69,790	74,377	41,493	32,191
Diocese	29,855	29,485	27,810	27,624	17,117	16,534
Bldg & Grounds	30,935	23,152	32,768	35,014	19,933	21,538
Staff	25,517	19,644	25,147	22,576	14,669	14,068
Programs	13,737	16,940	16,240	14,991	10,676	9,200
Office	14,105	11,684	11,750	10,611	7,120	6,610
Other	5,136	13,710		375		
Total Ex- pense	185,935	180,355	183,505	185,568	111,008	100,141
Surplus/ (-Deficit)		-5,206		-5,806		10,026

Buildings and Grounds

Our Home

The St. Luke's building was constructed 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.

Our nave is an A-frame building and seats 170 people.

The past few years have included a repainting of the interior, two electronic hymn boards, new air conditioner, dishwasher and water heater.

Our nursery was also renovated this past year with the help and expertise of our loyal parishioners.



Bishop Cathleen Bascom confirming parishioner



Garden of Memories

Our Land

St. Luke's is very proud of the grounds surrounding the building.

In addition to the footprint of the building and parking lot, we have an extensive green space that abuts West Flanders Park.

We have dedicated mowers and gardeners that lovingly keep the outside looking lush and beautiful.

A local Boy Scout troop worked to renovate our outdoor picnic area for an Eagle Scout project last year.

Our Neighbors

The church is used by numerous outside groups including, Al-Anon, AA and the Welsh Society board. Yoga is hosted every Thursday and open to all.

St. Luke's is also a voting poll site for local and national elections.

Hope



Front Foyer

COME AS YOU ARE

Our hope for the future

Come as you are.

St. Luke's hopes for a leader that is **genuine** and tries to follow in the example of the Lord.

We've presented a picture of who we are and we look forward to the leadership that can take us into the future.

Our needs

Pastoral Care is an important part of the St. Luke's community. We have a strong deacon that shares this responsibility. There are also many parishioners that continually assist in this endeavor.

Our diverse and thriving parish needs a strong **administrator** to oversee all the aspects of our church. We have a balanced budget and good operating procedures.

Further, St. Luke's needs someone that can delegate tasks to members and manage capable people.

Building upon our strong system of lay leadership, we are seeking someone who can maintain the good working relationships that are in place.



Hope

Our needs

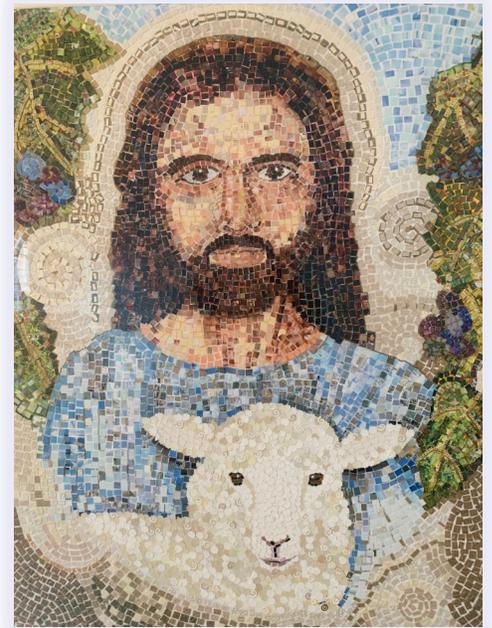
Education is an important part of St. Luke's dedication to ministry. We want to continue to strengthen our adult forum and provide other avenues for growth.

We look for ways to encourage **youth and families** by meeting the needs of those in our St. Luke's community.

We improved our website and social media ventures, but there is constantly more to learn to improve our presence in Shawnee.

St. Luke's would not be complete without someone that has a passion to **preach**. Listening to a great sermon is inspiring and uplifting. **Worship** and the ability to show God's love through scripture are areas that we treasure.

St. Luke's needs a **LEADER** who follows "the way of love" and supports the mission and ministry of our parish.



Good Shepherd mosaic by St. Luke's parishioner



Above left: Easter Altar

Above right: Blessing of the animals

Left: Christmas Pageant



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ST. LUKE'S MISSION STATEMENT

At St. Luke's Church-
we **WORSHIP** God, we **TEACH** and **NURTURE** each other in the faith, we
SPREAD God's word.

In our common life-
we seek in the essentials, **UNITY**;
in the non-essentials, **DIVERSITY**;
but in all things, **CHARITY**.



St. Luke's Search Committee