Virtual Coffee Hour
Join us for 10 to 15 minutes after the service to meet other St. Luke’s worshippers. At the end of the 10:00am Sunday service, Zoom will assign folks to “breakout rooms” where a smaller number of people can chat. We ask that people introduce themselves and then answer a thought-provoking question to get the conversation started. This week’s question: “What is your favorite kitchen smell?”

Rector’s Forum – Sundays at 11:30am following the Worship Service
Each Sunday, The Rev. John Mennell will host a weekly forum after worship at 11:30am using the same Zoom link as the worship service. The Rector’s Forum is an opportunity reflect on the morning service, engage in theological reflection on current events, and get updates about what is happening at St. Luke’s.

- September 20 - Fairness in the time of COVID. The crisis of the past six months has heightened awareness of the vast economic differences and opportunities in our country. The Gospel tells us not to be envious of what others have even when it seems unfair.
- September 27 - Signs in the Times. We will gather and look at headlines from the past month and reflect theologically on what they mean for us and what our call to action looks like.
- October 4 – Creation Care. As we celebrate the feast of St. Francis, we are called to remember our work as stewards of creation. We will look at scripture, tradition and current events to shape our understanding.
- October 11 – Faith Filled Generosity. This morning we will hear the story of a wedding banquet from Matthew’s gospel and ponder what we need to do and how we need to live to be part of the kingdom of heaven.

If you have questions or ideas for topics you would like discussed at the Rector’s Forum, please contact The Rev. John Mennell at mennell@slechurch.org.

In-Person Worship Update
The committee working to safely execute in-person worship continues to meet and make arrangements for how we can safely gather again together at St. Luke’s, taking ever-changing guidelines into account as they move forward. All expert scientific resources continue to highlight the risk of meeting together – particularly indoors. The team is working on both indoor and outdoor options for St. Luke's, making sure necessary sanitizing protocols are in place before we meet together. Based on current disease trends in New Jersey it is unlikely that we will be able to meet together, in-person in the next month. If you have a need or desire to be in the church please contact the Rector – The Rev. John A. Mennell (mennell@slechurch.org) directly to see what arrangements can be made. For more information on the progress of the committee, you may contact the Rector or Sr. Warden Wendy Drake-Schneider (drake-schneider@slechurch.org).
Toni’s Kitchen – The Work Continues
Toni’s Kitchen has continued to expand operations to meet the increased (and growing) need in our greater Montclair community. We salute the volunteers and donors who have made it possible for us to expand from 4,200 meals per week to over 20,000 meals currently sent into the community on a weekly basis—work garnering wide attention through articles in Episcopal New Service and AARP. Please consider supporting the ongoing work being done to serve our brothers and sisters in need. Visit toniskitchen.org to donate, learn more, or register as a volunteer.

Check Out and Update Your Profile!
Did you know that you have a profile in our database with basic contact information? We would love to see your profile updated with your birthday and even a current photo. This is also a great way to access your giving history or set up automatic payments. You can log in to the database via the “Log In” link on the website. Please contact Chris at corso@slechurch.org for more information.

Pop Up Youth Ministry – Sunday, September 20 at 4:00pm via Zoom
Whether you go with the flow or the flow is more stressful than your style, Back to School can be hard. Decompress with friends and reconnect with God with “Going with the Flow: A Back to School Zoom Event” from Diocesan Pop Up Youth Ministry. Register online at http://bit.ly/POP092020.

Spiritual Explorers Book Club – Monday, October 5 at 7:00pm via Zoom
Join us each month for an informed discussion about books that shape our understanding of faith. Recently our focus has been on articles and shorter readings for discussion. Please contact Walter Booker at booker@slechurch.org for links to the articles and the Zoom meeting.

Join us throughout the week for these opportunities to Connect, Worship and Contemplate

Join Us for Noonday Prayer – Monday - Saturday via Facebook Live
Each day, we join together on Facebook Live for Noonday Prayer. This service lasts 10-15 minutes and is accessible to all at facebook.com/pg/SLECMontclair/videos; you do not need a Facebook account to participate. Find The Order of Service and Prayers of the People on the website.

Contemplative Prayer – Wednesday evenings at 6:00pm via Zoom (link in calendar on website)
Does your soul long for quiet in this time of anxiety? St. John of the Cross said, “Silence is God’s first language. Everything else is a poor translation.” We invite you to join our meditation group that meets virtually at 6:00pm on Wednesday evenings to transform our fear into love.

Join Us for Wednesday Evening Prayer
Rev. John Mennell and Rev. Peter Savastano continue to offer Evening Prayer on Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm. You may access the service on Zoom via the worship link on our website.

Congregation Connection – Thursdays at 7:00pm via Zoom
We have started a pilot using Zoom for community gathering in small groups during this COVID time. It’s made a real impact on us to have the opportunity to meet virtually, sometimes over coffee (sometimes over wine) and catch up, share what’s going on in our lives, and even kvetch a little. We encourage you to consider joining this effort. It’s a great opportunity to get a respite from quarantine fatigue and connect with your community at St. Luke’s. Send an email to info@slechurch.org to be included, and join us via the Zoom link in the St. Luke’s calendar at slechurch.org.
**Weekly Calendar**

**Sunday, September 20, 2020**
- 8:00am Worship
- 9:00am Celebrate!
- 10:00am Worship
- 11:15am Fellowship
- 11:30am Rector’s Forum
- 5:00pm Toni’s Kitchen Dinner

**Monday, September 21, 2020**
- 12:00 Noonday Prayer on Facebook Live

**Tuesday, September 22, 2020**
- 12:00 Noonday Prayer on Facebook Live

**Wednesday, September 23, 2020**
- 12:00 Noonday Prayer on Facebook Live
- 6:00pm Contemplative Prayer
- 7:00pm Evening Prayer

**Thursday, September 24, 2020**
- 11:30am Toni’s Kitchen Meal
- 12:00 Noonday Prayer on Facebook Live
- 7:00pm Congregation Connection

**Friday, September 25, 2020**
- 11:30am Toni’s Kitchen Meal
- 12:00 Noonday Prayer on Facebook Live

**Saturday, September 26, 2020**
- 10:00am Morning Prayer
- 11:30am Toni’s Kitchen Meal
- 12:00 Noonday Prayer on Facebook Live

**Sunday, September 27, 2020**
- 8:00am Worship
- 9:00am Celebrate!
- 10:00am Worship
- 11:15am Fellowship
- 11:30am Rector’s Forum
- 5:00pm Toni’s Kitchen Dinner

**St. Luke’s Servers & Liturgical Leaders**

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In lieu of flowers, a donation to the Rector’s Discretionary Fund has been made in Celebration of the 30th Wedding Anniversary of Kris and Michael O’Connor at St. Luke’s Church on September 15, 1990.

*To make a donation or dedication, contact Chris in the Parish Office at corso@slechurch.org.*

**Zoom links for all events can be found on the St. Luke’s calendar on our website, slechurch.org.**

**Zoom Connection**

We hope you have been able to join us for Zoom conferences and meetings. If you have any issues connecting, please reach out to Chris Corso in the (remote) Parish Office at corso@slechurch.org and she will do her best to guide you.

**Join Our Lector Team!**

As we gather via Zoom each Sunday morning, we enjoy the many voices of St. Luke’s that offer our readings, psalms, and prayers. We would love to expand our team! Please volunteer to add your voice from wherever you are worshipping. Email Martha at thalheimer@slechurch.org to learn more.
Cross Roads Offerings
Cross Roads Camp & Retreat Center has designed creative virtual offerings for reflection and action in this challenging and uncertain time. Learn more and register for these opportunities for connection at crossroadsretreat.com (registration fees support the work of Cross Roads).

- **Women’s Retreat “The Way of Love”** Choose from several dates to partake in a one-day virtual retreat. Join via Zoom from 10:00am to 4:00pm on 9/26, 9/27, 10/10 or 10/11.
- **Wednesdays Away**: A time of spiritual renewal held on the first Wednesday of each month from 10:00am until Noon.
- Rally for Cross Roads: This virtual 5K run/walk will be held on Saturday, October 3.

Church Leader University – *Saturday, October 3 via Zoom – Registration Required*
Stay at home and join the diocese for workshops relevant to this extraordinary time! There is no cost to participate, but registration is required at [dioceseofnewark.org/CLU-Fall-2020](http://dioceseofnewark.org/CLU-Fall-2020), where you can also find more information.

**Schedule**
- 8:30am Check In
- 9:00am Message from the Bishop
- 9:45am Session A
- 10:45am Break and Slideshow with Announcements from Congregations/Organizations
- 11:30am Session B

**Workshops:**
- A1: Episcopal Polity 101
- A2: Church Finances 101
- A3: Food Ministries - What You Need To Know
- A4: Powering Up Your Annual Pledge Campaign
- A5: Church Safety
- A6: Communications in the Time of Pandemic
- A7: Housing Help for People with Special Needs
- A8: Maintaining Mentally and Spiritually Healthy Leadership in a Pandemic
- B1: Beyond Crayons and Worksheets: Church School that Engages in Everyday Life
- B2: Lay Leadership: Wardens & Vestries
- B3: Managing Church Leases
- B4: Your Welcoming Church
- B5: A Disciple’s Path: Hearing God’s Voice in these Turbulent Times
- B6: Practicing Christ: The Way of Jesus as Transformative Practice
- B7: God’s Good News: Episcopal Evangelism Here & Now

Community Resources
Our St. Luke’s family continues to support one another in this time of separation. Please also know of the following resources in our community:
- NJ Mental Healthcare (866)202 HELP (4347)
- Peer Support and Suicide Prevention (855)654-6735
- Domestic Violence (800)572-SAFE
- Addiction Resource has compiled a list of resources at this link: [https://bit.ly/3i64R02](https://bit.ly/3i64R02)
Please join us in these prayers, and your own, this week:

We pray fervently for the stop of the spread of the Corona Virus, for the development of an effective vaccine, for those who are immune compromised, and for those who have been infected, especially Tommy C.

We pray for the end of all gun violence.

We pray for peace in Syria, Israel, Palestine, all areas of unrest, and for those suffering the effects of natural disasters.

We pray for the end of racism and the racial injustice that is so ingrained in our society, and that we may be part of God’s new creation that faithfully honors all of God’s children.

We pray for those beginning a new school year as students, parents, teachers, and administrators, that they may stay safe and find enrichment and community.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Episcopal Church of South Sudan.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the clergy; wardens; vestry and people of Church of the Holy Spirit; Verona and Church of the Good Shepherd; Wantage.

We pray for those of our parish family who celebrate birthdays this week, especially:

Evan Eden on September 20,
Deborah Villareal-Hadley & Beckett Tamburro on September 22,
Kayla Herry & Maya Trojan on September 23,
Max Gofton, Annika Ginocchio & Easton Morah on September 24, and
Elijah Burrell on September 25.

We pray for those who are isolated in care facilities and other places of quarantine – that they may find connection and the peace of Christ’s presence, especially

Elena L, Adrianna D, Marie, Thomas, Lili, John M,
Betty M, Liz S, Ellen M, Suzanne P, and Marcelle G.

We pray for those putting themselves at risk to serve others, including first responders, delivery persons, grocery store clerks, Toni’s Kitchen workers, and other essential workers.

We pray for our families, that we may have patience with each other in close quarters and connection with those at great distances.
We pray for those members of our parish family who are sick or troubled, especially:
Noriko L, Dan H, Mitchell, Jeff, Barbara S, Sharon A, Ginni Z, Ed B,
Tom L, Carol A, Jiyeon P, Mary C, and Kayla H.

We pray for all who have died, especially
Alice Adeseyin Oyegbite on September 5 (Mother of Kayode Oyegbite).

We continue to pray for:
Anne M, Dan S, John S, Chap O, Nick B, Kristin O, Rob R, Mark E, Francoise V,
Denny C, Kevin D, the unemployed, and our guests at Toni’s Kitchen.

To include someone on the prayer list,
please email The Rev. John Mennell at mnenell@slechurch.org.