

# The Evangelion



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## From the Rector's Study

### "The Vicissitudes of Maturity"

Last month I celebrated my fortieth birthday. That, of itself, is a rare and special event at St. Luke. But, just as unusual, is that (on the Sunday before) the priest was honored to actually *receive* his birthday blessing—not be the one giving it. For those attending the 11:00 a.m. Sung Mass on August 15, that blessing was given courtesy of Fr. Eric Lewis, who happened to be visiting us that weekend for the occasion. We have all heard the Prayer Book's Birthday Blessing (see page 597 in the Family Prayer section), but it bears reprinting:

*"WATCH over thy child, O Lord, as his days increase; bless and guide him wherever he may be, keeping him unspotted from the world. Strengthen him when he stands; comfort him when discouraged or sorrowful; raise him up if he fall; and in his heart may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of his life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."*



As I can personally attest, getting older is both dreadful and wonderful at the same time. With age comes experience (and, hopefully, wisdom), and a more mature perspective on what is important in life and the best way to live it. Contrariwise, with age also comes the ever-increasing burden of loss and disappointment. Within us and around us, things seem to always be breaking down and breaking up, far faster than it seems like we're breaking through. No matter how much the inner man might learn and grow, the outer man fails under his ignorance and limitations. The mystery of temporal life!

However, it is not my own vicissitudes of maturity that I wish for us to consider this month. Rather, it is our own, as a parish. We have to remember that St. Luke is, by catholic standards (in the universal and historical sense) a baby church. There are Anglican churches in Britain alone still standing and active from Anglo-Saxon times in the early *seventh* century, and there churches of apostolic foundation in the Mediterranean and Middle-Eastern regions, which have remained extant since the *first*. On the other hand, for a Continuing Anglican parish, there are not many which are older than forty, as St. Luke is. We are juvenile, yet well-seasoned. Our presence is small, but our existence is still a big deal. In His mercy, God has softened our failures as much as He has blessed our triumphs. What we have experienced, we should continue to pray for, as we read in the Birthday Prayer:

## A Thought for September

Success is the sum  
of small efforts  
repeated  
day in and day out.

## Regular Service Times

### Sunday:

Low Mass at 9:00 am  
Sung Mattins at 10:30 am  
Sung Mass at 11:00 am

### Tuesday:

Morning Prayer at 8:30 am

### Wednesday:

Evening Prayer at 6:30 pm

### Thursday:

Said Mass at 11:30 am

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- May God keep an eye on us, as we multiply within and without
- May He prosper and direct us, that we remain on the narrow way of righteousness
- May He support us when we win and console us when we lose
- May He grant us His peace and never forsake us

My point is that, given the paradoxical nature of our identity, we must expect that our own vicissitudes will be of both a youthful and an elderly nature. Our unique situation reminds me of the lyrics from a couple of stanzas from "New World Man" by the Canadian rock band, Rush:

He's got to make his own mistakes  
 And learn to mend the mess he makes  
 He's old enough to know what's right  
 And young enough not to choose it  
 He's noble enough to win the world  
 But weak enough to lose it

He's not concerned with yesterday  
 He knows constant change is here today  
 He's noble enough to know what's right  
 But weak enough not to choose it  
 He's wise enough to win the world  
 But fool enough to lose it

Every Sunday, every season, and every year, God gives us the opportunity. We may not feel sure that we're "old enough" to always do it or get it right. However, as it is true in any stage of human development, the point is that we take advantage of God's opportunities. Such is the nature of faith, whether we're talking about a person or a parish. This Fall, St. Luke (corporately) is engaged in several opportunities, and some persons of our community are participating in their own. As a parish, the men are starting a new Fellowship Group, while the women are preparing to restart theirs.

Discussion continues about trying to launch a Trail Life USA or Americans Heritage Girls troupe through the church. The vestry and our benefactors, Lance Davis, and I are excited to renovate our organ and sound system; moreover, we hope to welcome some new singers later this Fall, who will be the core of our new parish *schola*. Individually, Lance Davis will become an ACC postulant as he begins his online seminary studies. Skylar Vandevender will be moving to Denver, CO, to begin her master's degree studies in counseling. I will be continuing to work with Archbishop Haverland and All Saints' to preserve the old Holy Rood library and to plan for its future availability to the Anglican Continuum.

What you cannot support in your efforts, please support by your prayers. Although as a body we are one, as members we are the many—of different ages and with different gifts. Don't forget that St. Luke is not our *chapel* which we *visit* for worship, it is our spiritual *home* where we *live*. As I say at each time during this season of the year, please do your best to help your parish family with our many activities and ministries. Thank you for what you are doing *now*; but remember that in order for St. Luke to have a future, it needs all of us—and more of us—including you.

## Saint of the Month

### St. Michael & All Angels (September 29)

The feast of St. Michael and All Angels is a celebration of the heavenly beings God created before the world to be His special emissaries. Angel means “messenger,” which role we frequently find angels performing throughout Scripture. The Old Testament records that angels appeared to the Patriarchs (Abraham and Jacob, especially) during critical moments of faith and judgment in their lives; and their visits always portended of important directions in the story of Israel. None is specifically named (apart from a title “the angel of the Lord”) until the book of Daniel in which the prophet is told repeatedly in a vision that the Archangel Michael, “the great prince who has charge of your people” (12:1), is engaged in spiritual warfare against the demonic “prince of Persia.” No other angel is identified in the Old Testament; and the last time one is described is in Zechariah, who appears throughout the prophet’s book as the guide of his seven visions.



The Apocryphal book of Tobit continues this witness, wherein we find the Archangel Raphael intervening to help the eponymous central character be healed of his blindness and to assist his son Tobias in marrying his love Raguel. Then, in the New Testament, the Bible introduces us to the Archangel Gabriel, best-known from his visits to Zechariah to reveal his wife’s pregnancy of their son John the Baptist, and to announce the birth of Jesus to Mary and Joseph—all of which are recorded in St. Luke’s Gospel. Later in the Gospels, angels also minister to and for Jesus Himself, most memorably after His Temptation and His Agony in the Garden and following His Resurrection and Ascension. In the Acts of the Apostles, angels come to the aid of the early Church, twice to St. Peter—the first time to introduce him to Cornelius the centurion and the second time to free him from prison. An angel also directs Philip the deacon to evangelize the Ethiopian eunuch, and another to St. Paul to assure him during a storm that his ship’s impending wreck would result in no loss of life.

For a single-chapter book, the epistle of St. Jude contains two very important references to angels. Firstly, he describes the fate of the fallen angels who followed Lucifer’s rebellion as “kept...in eternal chains in the nether gloom until the judgment of the great day.” Secondly, he quotes Archangel Michael saying ‘The Lord rebuke you’ to Satan in a dispute with the devil over the body of Moses in a seemingly apocryphal episode on Mt. Nebo. Finally in Revelation, an angel accompanies St. John throughout his series of apocalyptic visions,

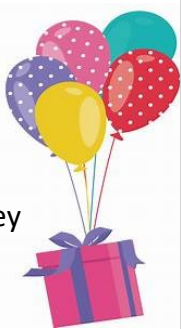
including in the “Seven Churches” of chapters 2 and 3, wherein we hear that Christ still sends angels to assist His Church, with possibly an angel assigned to every parish.

Moreover, we also learn from the Bible that angels were created to be celestial choristers, agents of Divine judgment and even warriors in God’s army. Again, St. John’s vision of heaven in Revelation depicts the angels at the forefront of God’s praise and worship, on the one hand, and administering His wrath, on the other. The angelic forces are led by the Archangel Michael, who is considered by the Church to be the chief of all angels. The most memorable demonstration of St. Michael’s strength is his casting of Satan into the Pit for binding during this age of the Church. This famous episode in Revelation 20 has inspired most representational art of St. Michael, usually depicting him with a brandished sword as he drives the Devil’s descent.

As the spiritual defenders of God’s People, angels have been taken as the patrons of all first responders, especially the police. In some churches, a “Blue Mass” is commonly celebrated on September 29 to recognize these civil servants who invoke St. Michael on this day for aid and protection. Again, this year, St. Luke is preparing to celebrate this special liturgy on Michaelmas and to invite the Richmond County deputies of our local precinct to breakfast in our parish hall.

*Birthdays/Anniversaries*

9/4	Leroy Walker
9/5	Beverly & Tom Thompson
9/8	Rebecca Blair
9/17	Joseph & Jennifer McRoy
9/18	George Champlin
9/21	Sandra & William "Mac" McKinney
9/27	Peggy Howell
9/29	Oscar & Juliet Bequillo

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*Spiritual Reflection*

*"Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen."*

*Altar / Flower Guild*

Anita Trout, the Altar & Flower Guild Directress, would like to thank everyone for continuing to donate toward the Sunday altar flowers, and to remind that there are still open dates in September, October and November if you would like to memorialize a loved one or celebrate a special occasion. The signup sheets have been posted in the parish hall or you can contact Anita directly at 321.696.9067 if you would like to participate. Your help to maintain our Flower Fund is always appreciated!

The next Altar Guild meeting has been rescheduled for Friday September 10, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. We will also have a mini-workday at this time to work on the altar linens, etc. The September/October Altar Guild Rota has been published and distributed, if you need to change your day/time to serve please call your fellow members. Phone numbers for all altar guild members are on the Rota for your convenience.

Finally, Anita and the Guild would like to thank Mrs. Barbara Cope for the donation of a new Thurible Stand (given in memory of Fr. Lou Lindsey) and Ms. Sue Rule for the donation of a Fabric Steamer. Moreover, thanks to everyone who faithfully donates monetarily each month in continued support of the Altar Guild and St. Luke!



Memorial plaque pew cards in honor of recently deceased parishioners Charles Edward Brinson and James "Preacher" Collins have been added. Also, a new Patrons Memorial Board has been included in the back of the church to recognize the donors of St. Luke's ecclesiastical décor and liturgical instruments and in whose honored memory that they have been given.

## Music Director Notes

Four times throughout the year, the Church sets aside a group of three days to focus upon God in his creation. These periods take place near the beginning of each season, and are known as “Ember Days”. The first comes in Winter after the Feast of St. Lucy; the second in Spring, after Ash Wednesday; the third in Summer, after Whitsunday; and the fourth in Autumn, after Holy Cross Day. There’s an old mnemonic which can be used to remember this: “Lucy, Ashes, Dove, and Cross”. The Book of Common Prayer establishes these days as obligatory fasts. We ought to spend the Ember Days in fasting and almsgiving, with the intentions both of thanking God for the gifts he has bestowed upon us through creation, and praying for a due supply of persons to serve in the ordained Ministry.

Mediaeval lore holds that the weather of each Ember Day will foretell the weather of the following three months, thus:

<i>The weather of:</i>	<i>foretells the weather of:</i>
Wednesday of Advent Embertide	January
Friday of Advent Embertide	February
Saturday of Advent Embertide	March
Wednesday of Lenten Embertide	April
Friday of Lenten Embertide	May
Saturday of Lenten Embertide	June
Wednesday of Whit Embertide	July
Friday of Whit Embertide	August
Saturday of Whit Embertide	September
Wednesday of Michaelmas Embertide	October
Friday of Michaelmas Embertide	November
Saturday of Michaelmas Embertide	December



C. Lance Davis

“Consider, O man, His works -- the timely rotation of the seasons, and the changes of temperature; the regular march of the stars; the well-ordered course of days and nights, and months, and years; the various beauty of seeds, and plants, and fruits; and the divers species of quadrupeds, and birds, and reptiles, and fishes, both of the rivers and of the sea; or consider the instinct implanted in these animals to beget and rear offspring, not for their own profit, but for the use of man; and the providence with which God provides nourishment for all flesh, or the subjection in which He has ordained that all things subserve mankind. Consider, too, the flowing of sweet fountains and never-failing rivers, and the seasonable supply of dews, and showers, and rains; the manifold movement of the heavenly bodies, the morning star rising and heralding the approach of the perfect luminary; and the constellation of Pleiades, and Orion, and Arcturus, and the orbit of the other stars that circle through the heavens, all of which the manifold wisdom of God has called by names of their own. He is God alone who made light out of darkness, and brought forth light from His treasures, and formed the chambers of the south wind, and the treasure-houses of the deep, and the bounds of the sea, and the treasuries of snows and hail-storms, collecting the waters in the storehouses of the deep, and the darkness in His treasures, and bringing forth the sweet, and desirable, and pleasant light out of His treasures; “who causeth the vapours to ascend from the ends of the earth: He maketh lightnings for the rain;” who sends forth His thunder to terrify, and foretells by the lightning the peal of the thunder, that no soul may faint with the sudden shock; and who so moderates the violence of the lightning as it flashes out of heaven, that it does not consume the earth; for, if the lightning were allowed all its power, it would burn up the earth; and were the thunder allowed all its power, it would overthrow all the works that are therein.” *Theophilus, Bishop of Antioch, AD 160*

*Artist's Corner***"The Reverend Hieronymus Brown"****By Jim Coombs**

Madness is the soul longing for a rest  
 From the mind's internal rounds of war:  
 Where fears and furies cannot engage  
 And all distress endures no more a scar.

And so Reverend Mr. Hieronymus Brown,  
 A saint unsainted, less a Solomon uncrowned,  
 Whose goodly sentiments into deep waters led,  
 Thence in madness like the mild Ophelia fled  
 And blissfully he drowned.

For all the Reverend Messrs. Hieronymous Brown,  
 Inured in high theology, silken band and lacy gown,  
 "Mayhem and murder and all the rude devices  
 Are our entertainments now (we see it not)  
 Now that pathology as art suffices."

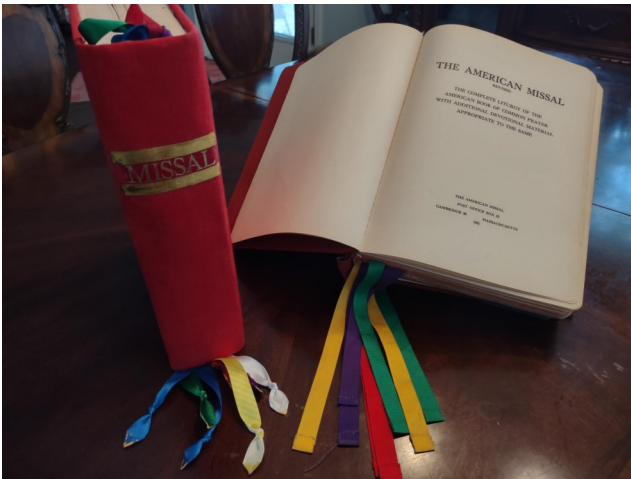
**"The Journey Home"****By Jim Coombs**

A homespun Baptist he was born and Southern bred,  
 Thence a Roman Catholic  
 By dent of the holy saints and father read.  
 But given to reality and papal disputation,  
 He slipped again and stayed awhile  
 A finger-tossing, High Episcopalian.  
 When that church fell to new-age and revision,  
 He chucked it all, the folderol,  
 And took the call  
 To be a proper Mormon-on-a-mission.  
 But the Urim and the Thumim  
 Proved his mind's undoin',  
 So, he ended all attrition  
 By shunning from that all religion;  
 Now as a boat without a motor,  
 He calls himself a floater--  
 And passes for a "Gentleman-in-perdition"!

## *Around the Parish*

### **Fr. Frank Martin Altar Missals**

Have you noticed a different altar service book at St. Luke recently? Since the second week in August, Fr. Trout has been using a copy of the 1988 American Missal (a reprint of the 1951 revision published by the Society of St. John the Evangelist) that once belonged to our late “Rector Emeritus” Fr. Frank N. Martin. This missal was used by Fr. Martin for years while he was the rector of Holy Cross Anglican Church in downtown Augusta, and then it received infrequent use at St. Luke after the two parishes merged in 1996. Father also bequeathed a second copy of the American Missal (an original 1951), which Fr. Trout will keep on reserve in the sacristy.



Fr. Martin had beautifully preserved the missal in present use. He added tabs to keep the pages clean and their edges crisp. He also had the entire book rebound with decorative fasteners to keep the missal snapped shut when not in use. This missal is a fine liturgical instrument for use at St. Luke—and a very important piece of 20<sup>th</sup> Century Anglo-Catholic



publishing. The American branch of the SSJE was founded at their Cambridge Monastery in 1870, just four years after their initial founding in Cowley parish of Oxford, England, by the renowned theological Richard Meux Benson+. Since their formation, the order has remained one of the most prolific Anglican publishers in the world; their first “American Missal” was released in 1931 with the help of Charles Winfred Douglas+, canon of St. Paul’s Fond du Lac, WI, and the musical editor of the 1916 Episcopal Hymnal.

Fr. Trout is very grateful to have these two precious missals in his stewardship and would especially like to thank Mrs. Frances Martin for allowing their use at St. Luke. After she decided to keep them on her home bookshelf in memory of Frank+ since his passing last December, Frances agreed that it was time to release them for their intended purpose. In her own words, Frances said, “I’d rather that they go where I know that they’ll be used and taken care of.” Fr. Trout plans to alternate their use with that of the ACC’s new revision of the “Anglican Missal” that was donated to St. Luke last year. Fr. Frank Martin’s legacy will always continue at our parish!

### **Midweek Latin Course & Sung Compline**

This Wednesday, September 1, our summer Latin course will consummate with a Plainsong chanting of Compline (in Latin) following the 6:30 p.m. Evensong and supper. The parallel Latin-English order of service has been uploaded to Faithlife, so please consider attending this week to join in praying this with us!

Due to the Latin course’s popularity and the request for continuing education, Lance will continue to provide further lessons for those interested. The chanted Latin Compline will become a regular office following Evensong on the first Wednesday of each month. Thank you to all students for your support of this program!

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### **Christopher Erickson Baptism**

On Sunday, September 5 at the 9:00 a.m. Holy Communion service, St. Luke and the Erickson family plan to welcome the newest member of Christ's Church through the Ministration of Holy Baptism—Mr. Christopher Erickson. Christopher is the youngest child of John and Carolyn, and they are looking forward to our parish beginning his spiritual journey in the first sacrament of Christian initiation!

Everyone is invited to the 9:00 a.m. liturgy that day to witness the Baptism and to share this joyful moment with the Erickson family. The sacrament will be administered firstly that morning, prior to the start of the Holy Communion service. Fr. Trout requests that the rear pews on the Epistle side (those closest to the baptistry area) be reserved for the family during this liturgy. Thank you in advance for your cooperation!

### **\*\*\*NEW\*\*\* Men's Fellowship Group**

St. Luke is preparing to launch a *new* Men's Fellowship Group, likely to begin during the first full week of September. The group is open for all male parishioners and invited friends. Other guests are also welcome, provided that you please inform Fr. Trout of their attendance beforehand.

The format of the group will be as follows:

- A monthly meeting in a host's house, preferably that of a St. Luke parishioner (a rotation TBD)
- Tuesday or Thursday evenings, **starting a 7:30 p.m.**
- Bourbon, Scotch, Beer and the discussion of a selected religious subject
- Praying together out of an office from an Anglican prayer book

We hope that the group will nurture much-needed Christian fraternity and male spiritual maturity/ leadership in an informal and welcoming setting. We want the makeup of group to be ecumenical, but the topics and sources used will be of Anglican origin and interest. Corporate prayer, likewise, will follow only approved Anglican devotional publications; such as, the 1928 Book of Common Prayer, The Anglican Service Book, The Prayer Book Office, or the Anglican Office Book.

Fr. Trout is tentatively planning that the first meeting will be on Tuesday, September 9 at the house of Mr. Joe McRoy (Senior Warden), 661 Hampton Circle, North Augusta, SC 29841. Please RSVP to help us know how many will be attending. We will begin our religious symposium with a general discussion about male spiritual practice and leadership in our era of secularism and "toxic masculinity" (so-called). We will also present what it means to follow a spiritual "Rule of Life" (in Anglican discipline) and introduce our first topic based on "The Weight of Glory" by C.S. Lewis.

### **Summer Jazz Concerts**

Fr. Trout and a few St. Luke parishioners enjoyed a wonderful after noon on August 8 at the most recent "Jazz Vespers" concert on the church's back lawn. They were joined by almost fifty other patrons, who came out to hear Ms. Niki Harris sing a great selection of jazz and traditional R&B numbers with the accompaniment of several outstanding young musicians from Augusta University. Wycliffe Gordon himself joined in several songs on both his trombone and trumpet. Although the weather was quite hot that afternoon, the music was very cool!

The final Jazz Vespers concert of the season is scheduled for Sunday, September 12 at 3:00 p.m. Father would like to encourage anyone, who has not come out yet, to try to catch this final show.

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Please remember to bring your own chairs and refreshments to stay cool and comfortable. See the [gardencityjazz.com](http://gardencityjazz.com) website for concert details and ticket reservations. Thank you ahead of time for your patronage as St. Luke continues to support arts & culture in our Augusta community!



### **Announcement: SKCM Meeting & Breakfast**

The next Society of King Charles the Martyr (SKCM) Meeting will be on September 25, starting with Sung Mattins (Morning Prayer) 10:00 a.m. in the chapel. Afterwards, breakfast and the SKCM Meeting will follow in the parish hall. Rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at the normally scheduled time of 11:30 a.m.

### **Announcement: St. Michael's Day "Blue Mass"**

On Wednesday, September 29, St. Luke will celebrate its second annual "Blue Mass" in honor of our law enforcement officers under the patronage of St. Michael the Archangel. As our parish did last year, we have invited Richmond County deputies from the Daniel Village precinct, who serve to protect St. Luke and the residences and businesses around the parish, to an 8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, followed by a full breakfast in the parish hall, compliments of the St. Anne's Guild.

The Blue Mass is a beautiful service, which includes a special ceremony to offer prayers for the police, a corporate recitation of the St. Michael prayer, and a blessing of keychain holy medals to be distributed to the deputies. If you would like us to pray for family member or a friend, who is not an Augusta-based officer/deputy, please give his/her name to Fr. Trout for inclusion in the prayer list. This also goes for officers killed in the line of duty, who will be remembered, too.

Please see Mrs. Jennifer McRoy, President of the St. Anne's Guild, if you would like to sign up to contribute food for the breakfast. Moreover, anyone able to attend is encouraged to come out for the 8:30 a.m. mass to support our law enforcement guests!



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## Organ Capital Campaign

*"Provide me now a man that can play well, and bring him to me." I Samuel xvi.17*

**Q. What is the Organ Campaign?** The electronic Allen organ that St. Luke has used for the past few years has been a great gift to the parish, but unfortunately its 1970s technology is degrading, and it will quickly not be usable. The time has come to replace this instrument with an organ that will be more suitable for our building and our needs. Your Rector, Vestry, and Organist believe that a modern, digital Hauptwerk organ will be the most cost-effective solution for our current parish needs.

**Q. What is an Hauptwerk Organ?** Hauptwerk is an advanced software sampler that produces a virtual pipe organ. By digitally sampling real organs from around the world, and then reproducing those samples through a computer-MIDI interface, Hauptwerk can produce outstanding sound replicas of pipe organs from any country, period, or style. Essentially, it will allow St. Luke to have access to hundreds of beautiful and historic instruments, at a fraction of the cost in both building and maintenance. Better still, we can re-purpose much of our current organ console to serve its new function.

**Q. How will this be accomplished?** We will complete the project in two Phases.

**Phase I:** This is the initial phase, and will get the new organ functional. It will require re-wiring the organ console, purchasing the components to build a computer that will adequately run the software, and acquiring new speakers for the instrument. Our goal for completion of Phase I is our patronal celebration of St. Luke's Day, October 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Phase II:** The more comprehensive part of this project, this will involve converting the south transept into a quire where the organ and choir will permanently reside, converting the cry room into a Lady chapel, and building an ornamental housing for the speakers and electronic equipment of the organ. Our goal for completion of Phase II is Easter 2022.

Supporting this project is an investment in the future of St. Luke Church. We wish to continue offering beautiful liturgy and music worthy of our Anglican tradition, but we require the tools that will allow us to do so.

**We anticipate that Phase I will cost approximately \$3800.**

Music plays an integral role in our weekly liturgies, and with your help we can build an environment of musical excellence at St. Luke's. Will you consider supporting your parish in this endeavour?

Donors will be listed in the following categories:

### PHILANTHROPISTS

\$1000 or more

### BENEFACTORS

\$600 to \$999

### PATRONS

\$300 to \$599

### SPONSORS

\$50 to \$299

Donations may be made via cash or cheque, or you may contribute online at [www.stlukeaugusta.com](http://www.stlukeaugusta.com)

Please make cheques payable to "St. Luke Anglican Church", and mark "Organ Campaign" on the memo line. Your gift is tax deductible.

*Parish Recipes***SUMMER SMOKY BROCCOLI SALAD****By Fr. Trout**

## Salad Ingredients:

- 2 lbs Broccoli florets (8 cups)
- 8 oz Smoked Cheddar, cubed
- 1 lb Bacon, cooked and minced
- 1 cup Red onions, minced
- 1/2 cup roasted sunflower seeds
- 1 cup Raisins (brown)

## Dressing:

- 1 large avocado
- 1 clove garlic, peeled
- 1 tbsp fresh dill, chopped
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 4 tablespoons olive oil
- 1/4 teaspoon kosher salt and black pepper, or to taste
- 3/4 cup water, (or, as needed)

## Instructions:

1. Combine the avocado, water, olive oil, lemon juice, dill, garlic, salt, and several grinds of fresh pepper in a blender. Blend until creamy, then transfer to a jar.
2. In a large bowl toss together broccoli florets along with cheese, bacon, red onions, sunflower seeds, raisins and prepared dressing. Can be served immediately, but is best when chilled for at least an hour.

**TOMATO PIE by Rebecca Blair**

## Ingredients:

- 1 9" pie crust
- 1 lb tomatoes chopped
- 1/2 medium onion, chopped
- 1/4 cup basil fresh, chopped
- 1 cup sharp cheddar shredded
- 1 cup mozzarella shredded
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 1 tsp garlic powder
- 1 tsp hot sauce
- 1/4 tsp salt or to taste
- 1/2 tsp pepper or to taste



## Instructions:

1. Preheat the oven to 450F. Prep a 9" pie dish with the pie crust
2. Salt the tomatoes and set them aside to drain on a paper towel or kitchen towel lined plate for about 10 minutes. Carefully squeeze as much excess moisture out of the tomatoes with paper towel or kitchen towel
3. Layer the tomatoes, onion, and basil into the pie shell
4. Mix the cheeses, mayonnaise, garlic powder, hot sauce, salt and pepper together. Spread this mixture over the tomatoes
5. Bake for 25-30 minutes or until browned and bubbly. Let the pie cool down fully before slicing and serving.

## *Vestry Minutes*

**July 11, 2021**

**Meeting Facilitators:** Fr. Daniel S. Trout and Joe McRoy.

Present were: Fr. Daniel Trout, Rector; Joseph McRoy, Sr. Warden; Barbara Zmijewski, Junior Warden; Rebecca Blair, Treasurer; Roberta Hannibal, Secretary; Barbara Cope, Lucy Whitehorne. Visitors in attendance: Deidre Daniels, Lance Davis, Robert Elliott, Katy Packard, Sue Rule, Anita Trout,

Opening Prayer by Fr. Trout.

**New Business:**

**Minutes from June 14, 2021 Vestry Meeting:** Rebecca Blair moved to accept; Joe McRoy seconded. Minutes were approved.

**Financial Report:**

Prior to reviewing the financial statements, Rebecca thanked Barbara Zmijewski for the invaluable assistance she has provided.

In reviewing the financial statements for the month of June, Rebecca reported that the budget is holding steady with no unusual expenses. However, giving is down for the year from what had been projected. It was mentioned that attendance and giving have not bounced back to pre-Covid levels and Father mentioned that we are not the only church experiencing reduced attendance. Rebecca suggested that the Vestry and all should pray for the Church's financial health.

Rebecca recommended closing First Citizens checking account 10003 which has a balance of \$105.

There was discussion regarding how to handle payment for Lance's services for special services such as funerals and weddings. It was agreed that the best way is for families to pay Lance directly.

Rebecca has developed a Check Request form to be used for better record keeping.

Father noted that there should have been \$100 received this month for Altar Guild. Joe explained that when funds come in through Faith Life they are received directly into the bank account but there is no way to note what they are for. He is preparing a spreadsheet that will show what incoming donations have been designated for. It was mentioned that it might be easier for parishioners to write checks. And it was discussed again that writing separate checks for different accounts streamlines the record keeping process because funds don't have to be transferred between accounts.

Father Trout asked what the expense in Special Events in the amount of \$170.31 was for. Rebecca will check.

**Rector's Report:**

Parish pastoral ministry: It has been a busy time recently. Father mentioned that Jim Coombs will be moving in to assisted living in August.

The Jazz series is in haitus until August 8.

George Whitehorne's funeral went well and Father mentioned that the St. Anne's Guild food was beautiful for both the memorial and 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

Latin class is going well.

Regarding church attendance, Father requested assistance from Vestry to stay in touch with people so that we know their circumstances and if any assistance is needed and to let them know they are being thought of and are missed.

Father will be meeting with Bishop Haverland shortly as he travels through Augusta on his way back from Aiken where he is meeting with Fr. George about bringing on a Curate to assist Fr. George.

The Hewett/Sheppard wedding will be July 17.

Father will be away July 22 & July 23 for Presiding Bishop APA installation.

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**Junior Warden Report:**

All is well with no issues. Barbara has a bag of white stones to install outside the piscina drain. Father asked us to assist Barbara with her many duties at St. Luke.

**Old Business:**

Church sign has been fixed at no cost by InkBoy.

Background check for Lance: Lance stated that he had gone for his background so he will check on the results.

Memorial Plaques and Thank You Notes: Anita offered to write thank you notes.

Memorial Funds are being used to repair/upgrade the organ. The current organ has issues such as squeaking and auto shut off. Lance has to be very careful to not turn in on too soon and it limits the repertory. The plan is to use and re-purpose the existing console. Rebecca suggested a separate meeting regarding the organ. Lance mentioned plans to start a Men's Chorus hopefully by November and asked for prayers.

**New Business:**

A decision has been made to combine certain Special Accounts in order to streamline and simplify record keeping. Rebecca suggested having the church accountant handle that and also bank reconciliation to make sure it's accurate and to allow the church to make more informed decisions.

Joe recommended voting on consolidation agreement proposal for cleanup and reconciliation with cost.

Roberta seconded. Measure was agreed to.

Sue suggested we pray that the Lord will provide new members with the knowledge, ability and time to assist with the Treasurer responsibilities.

It was confirmed that a decision has been made to increase the limits on two credit cards from \$250 to \$500 for Father and Barbara. Rebecca made the motion and Joe seconded. Motion carried.

Father noted that he needs a new phone for his office. Cost will be approximately \$75. Barbara Z made a motion and Lucy seconded. Motion passed.

There was discussion about the Mission Fund and that it supports St. Paul's Missionary Fund Society as well as Veterans and Golden Harvest. Father said he would write an article for the newsletter to provide additional information.

Next Vestry meeting will be August 8

**Adjournment** - There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned

Submitted by: Roberta Hannible, Secretary

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## *Prayer List*



Sam, Laura, Juliet & child, Beverly, Jim, Levine, Mac, Julia, Lynn, Benita, Leslie, William, Ernie, Ruth, Kristi, James, Luther family, Amy, Lamar, Wanda, Penny, Hope, Marsha, Maria, Stephanie, Becky, Norah, Kevin, Elizabeth, Michael, Robin, Ronnie, Michi, Todd, Bryan, Jacquie, Lecia, Diann, Donna, David, Jonathan, Stephen, Kathie, Alex, Phyllis, Nancy, Carol, Grace, Richard, Rich Jeremy, Marie, Naysel, Althea, Jeannine, Beth, Mark

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# Blessing of the Animals

Hosted by:

*St. Luke Anglican Church*

**A Ceremony & Celebration**

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**Saturday, October 2**  
**11:00 A.M.**

(Please arrive 15 minutes  
early for assembly)

Free and open to the public  
All animals are welcome,  
large or small.

Parking available with  
room for horse trailers.

**A tradition of  
the Franciscans.**

Blessing the animals is  
a much loved custom  
that coincides with the  
feast day of St. Francis  
of Assisi. He loved the  
animals and praised God  
for them in his "Canticle  
of the Creatures."

*Come & bring your animals for a blessing by Fr. Daniel Trout!  
Please keep your animals on a leash or in a carrier at all times.*



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