

St. Luke's Church

2016 Annual Report

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Rector's Report for Annual Meeting 2016

Before talking about “where we are and where we are going,” it may be helpful to reflect on this past year. As we entered 2016, we were grieving the loss of our beloved Assistant, the Rev. Martha Horn. Martha died at the end of December last year, and we found ourselves reeling from that loss. Martha was (finally!) ordained in October and we were looking forward to her hitting her stride here at St. Luke's. Not long after that, the good news was that Steve Chisholm was ordained; and on the heels of that, Nathan Bistis announced his plan to move, and accepted a call to another church in June. Since that time, Steve has been part-time Youth Minister and part-time Assistant Rector. As much as we are blessed to have our Deacon, Kathie Phillips, we have been short staffed since June, and trying to do the best we can to continue to meet the needs of our St. Luke's parish family for pastoral ministry.

Fortunately, we are blessed with wonderful support! Pastoral ministry is done in a variety of ways through a variety of people: Sharon Smith with ACTS Counseling Center, Stephen's Ministry, our Lay Eucharistic Ministers, our Connection Groups, and through individuals caring for one another. A parish family is intended to be just that: a parish, where the Body of Christ comes together sharing the heart, compassion, gifts, and talents that God has given to share with one another; and family, where individuals, through relationships and Connection Groups, care for one another. Another example of this caring is the Church Mouse! Not only do they come together to do an incredible Outreach Ministry of service to the community (the money that they raise for local outreach and missions is incredible), but it is also a place where people care for each other “in community!”

In the midst of our challenges, our staff as well as many volunteers work hard to provide a church that blesses many members and visitors, as well as people in our community who are not members, with a vibrant, loving, Christ-centered, Spirit-filled Body that through worship, fellowship, service, and ministry blesses Hilton Head Island constantly! Denise Gildner and Amy Cross are in the office to provide in any way they can for your needs to run and administrate our parish. Wulfrano Luna and Brooks Munch take care of our physical plant. And, our Vestry oversees the fiduciary stewardship of the church, as well as the various committees and teams that carry out the ministry of our church. This current Vestry has blessed my life tremendously. John Evans has been a great blessing to me as Rector's Warden, and Frank Bowen has served faithfully as People's Warden, and works closely with Denise, Amy, and Wulfrano to make sure that the physical plant runs smoothly and is well cared for. Another loss that we experienced in our Parish family this year was our Vestry Treasurer, Bill Thomas. With the combination of his background in business, combined with previous church board experience, he was an incredible asset to our “Executive team” of the Vestry. And, the fact that he was a “Pittsburgher” and we shared many past connections personally, was a loss to our Vestry, our Church, and to me. Thankfully, Sarah Tillman has stepped in as Interim Treasure until the next Vestry is elected.

The Vestry would never be accused of merely being a “sitting board;” they are a hard working group of people who serve on at least one other committee in the church, and are involved in other ministries as well. They are truly “servant/leaders” of our Lord, and a blessing to me and to St. Luke's. Further, as we have had to address challenges such as the Capital Campaign, staff changes and losses, challenges due to the lawsuit and the Diocese, and, because of the number of deaths in our parish family and the challenge that we have had in stewardship, the Vestry continues to rise to the occasion to address these challenges with godly counsel and faithful work.

One of the most visible ministries of our church, and the one that touches people week in and week out, is our Sunday worship. Consider how many faithful servants facilitate that worship! Beyond the staff, we have ushers and greeters, altar guild and brass polishers, lay readers and chalice bearers, acolytes and Lay Eucharistic Ministers, Sound and Screen Ministry, the variety of choirs and musicians at the 10am worship service. Under the leadership of Nina Rodman and Jordan Sturm, our ministry of music and worship is unique and draws us into worship and lifts our hearts to praise our Lord. Also on Sundays, we have the ministry of Education for all ages: Sylvia Maye, the volunteer teachers and chapel facilitators, the nursery workers; and those who teach and facilitate the Adult Education. As an Extension of Sunday, to continue our “Parish Life” together, we offer “Connection Groups” that are led throughout the week. We have a number of wonderful teachers and facilitators who run a variety of opportunities throughout the week, including and especially our Family Night, Wednesday Night, which also includes a potluck dinner! Don't forget our Moms and Women's groups, including the faithful ministry of Judi Clifford; but also the Men's fellowship. Being “the church” isn't just about coming to worship once in a while! Being the church is about being connected to the Body of Christ (see Romans 12, I Corinthians 12, in fact, chapters 12-14; and especially, Ephesians 4). It means being involved, connected, expressing your gifts, growing constantly, caring for others, and being cared for by the body.

As I mentioned above, we are also in the midst of a Capital Campaign. What we are doing now at St. Luke's is actually Phase II of what was meant to be on the heels of the completion of the Sanctuary expansion. Over the years, we have had delays for a variety of reasons. The time has come, and we must and have been addressing what should have been done over 15 years ago. The

Preschool is proof of what could and must be done. It is wonderful, and necessary if we are going to attract young families! Janice Ring, our Preschool Director, loves the new space, as do the teachers, aides, parents, and students. And, while I am on it, Janice is such a blessing to us! Not only is she committed and tireless, she is truly a godly woman committed to Jesus, and to young people and families coming to know Him. She is truly a blessing!

And, on the heels of the renovation of our Preschool, our Parish Hall is next (along with the renovation of the hallway, older rooms lining the hallway, including the restrooms!). As I have said in the past, none of us would let our homes get as run down as much of our physical plant had become. I thank God, and all of you who have participated, to facilitate in what has taken place thus far. But, we are not finished. We have more to do, and more capital to raise. Please pray, and, if possible, give, so that we might “do the work;” the future of St. Luke’s depends on its completion. The completed Parish Hall will give us the opportunity to gather for fellowship, dinners, for celebrations, for receptions, and possibly, for future programs, and even worship!

Our Goals for 2017, and beyond....

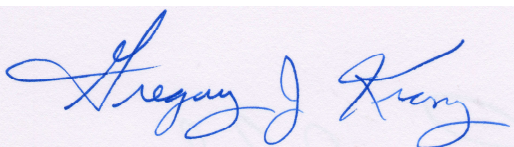
The Vestry has spent substantial time in reflection, prayer, brainstorming and goal setting. We have come to the place where we have set two goals; or, at least, two primary areas of focus in order for us to move forward as a Parish Family:

Stewardship: stewardship in the broadest and most complete sense. When most people hear the word “stewardship” they hear “money.” But stewardship, from the creation of humankind onward, was about “all we are and all we have.” That we, as humans, are not “owners” but “stewards.” Stewardship is time, talent, and treasure; and, it is meant to be “year round.” That is why we have put together the Time and Talent Handbook. That is why, when we were asking for people to “pledge,” it wasn’t just their financial support, but so much more. And, when it comes to financial support, that this, too, would be in line with God’s intention: the tithe (10% of our income; and, even beyond that, again, if you understand Biblical giving). Stewardship is about being an ever growing, ever deepening disciple who seeks Him, and how He would have us live and give of ourselves, our life and our labor. You will be hearing more about this as time goes on!

Seeking growth, especially reaching out to younger families. Slowly, over the years, we have lost a number of members and families. One of the major causes has been to death (since I have been here, I have buried over 600 people) and to moving (including during the time of the recession). Also, when I had a young family, it was easier to attract younger families! The “run down” facilities have not helped either! WE must seek to be a congregation that is intentionally invitational to others. That we seek to find ways, in particular of “growing” and “growing younger” as well. Another way of saying it: We want to be a church that is attractive and relevant to all ages; who has a ministry from the pulpit, in education and discipleship, and in pastoral care that touches and transforms lives and has a lasting impact. We have much to offer those individuals and families looking for a liturgical church that is meaningful, has good Biblical preaching and teaching, and even more, those who are lost or hurting and need the gospel of Jesus Christ! We need to reach out: to get the word out, to invite!

We are in a day in our culture and in our country where people are looking in many places for answers to questions. Oftentimes, they are looking to secular media and the easy answers. We have the gift of Jesus, the gift of the Holy Spirit, and the gift of His Word along with our Anglican Heritage in a wonderful church called St. Luke’s to offer. Liturgical, yes; but relevant and meaningful, and full of life and love. We have gifted people. And, we are becoming a place that is more attractive because we are being responsible for the place that God has given to us, and making it a place that will be attractive for the next generation. But, we still have work to do. We still need to strive, to give, to labor for the gospel. It is a privileged life, a blessed life; but the life of Christ is also a life of sacrificial love and service. The promise to our father in faith, Abraham, was that he was “blessed to be a blessing.” We are blessed; and charged with being a blessing. Let us, in 2017 be a blessing to those around us! May God bless you!

With my love, in Christ,



Greg Kronz

Rector's Warden Report

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YOUR VESTRY

Let me begin this report by discussing who is on the Vestry and what they do in general terms. In describing our activities, it brings to mind a couple of Bible verses that reference the meaning of "service."

From Mark, 10:45, it says, "For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve and give his life as a ransom for many."

And, from Second Corinthians, 4:5, "For what we proclaim is not ourselves but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus sake."

There seem to be different views of what your Vestry does and what it means to be a member of the Vestry. As someone said in describing the Vestry's role, "we do not come to Church to be served by others. We come only to serve others." The Vestry has a fiduciary duty for the "fiscal well-being of parish property and ensure that facilities are maintained and that all bills are paid."

Your Vestry, in 2016, worked very hard, tackled some difficult issues, and gave a great deal of their personal time, with a single focus, "doing what is best for St. Luke's." I want to personally thank each person for their contributions and their ability to work together with humility and respect for each other. The following are members of the 2016 Vestry: Frank Bowen, People's Warden, Sarah Tillman, Treasurer, Connie Anderson, Ling Graves, Ruth Hauck, Susan Oschner, Rick Pfannenschmidt, Amy Starnes, Rick Tranquilli, and Carolyn Vanagel. Also, there are two other people who must be recognized: Bill Thomas, who had been Treasurer and left us, sadly, late in the year and Bev Connor, who serves unselfishly as our Secretary.

Finally, I want to thank Greg for his leadership as head of the Vestry. Greg works tirelessly for St. Luke's; is very open to change; and has offered wise and spiritual counsel to the Vestry.

THE VESTRY'S WORK

Last year, I told you that the Vestry wanted to set some goals and establish metrics to determine how well we are doing. Our efforts are still a work in progress but we made some major strides. And, we have a committed group of people who will continue to work on these challenges.

The following are some of the major projects that we worked on in 2016:

Establish Goals for St. Luke's

Growth is a challenge for St. Luke's, as well as for many denominational churches. As you know, our Church has seen a declining membership and flat revenues for the last few years and we are committed to reversing these trends. To address this challenge, we identified both short and long-term goals around the areas of Stewardship and Developing a Strategic Plan for Growth. We identified these goals through a process that examined multiple priorities and then selected two that were considered the most important for us to focus on.

For the short term, we choose to focus on Stewardship and decided that the definition at St. Luke's should be broadened to include your time, talent, and treasure. The Celebration of Ministries in September was a major stewardship effort to help our congregation get involved by using their time and talent in ministries of the Church. This Sunday celebration will be an annual event and we hope will get more of us involved in our good works.

Unfortunately, Hurricane Matthew interrupted our plans to involve our members with their treasure. While we got started late, we did do a lot of work to encourage all members to pledge and begin to grow our revenues. While we did not achieve these goals, we will continue to work on them to help increase the commitment of our members.

Stewardship needs to become a year around activity at St. Luke's and an activity that involves a large number of our members. We must give you a compelling reason to support our ministry. We want to inspire you to give of your time, talent and treasure and ultimately generate more momentum for all of our ministries.

Complete the Construction of a New Preschool

The Preschool was completed on time and within our budget. It is now a beautiful facility that promotes an important ministry in attracting students and young families to our Church. The Preschool also represents a freshness to our campus that we believe will help us reach future generations, who are important to growth.

Create a Plan for Maintaining Our Campus

Thanks to the dedicated leadership of Frank Bowen and help from many people, we now have an effective plan to maintain our growing campus. This activity is critical to ensure we are efficient with our resources and create a safe, clean and functioning environment. This proved valuable in our cleanup efforts following Hurricane Matthew.

Establish a New Personnel Committee

While St. Luke's does not have a large workforce, we do encounter the same human resource issues that other employers have. Tom Connor assumed leadership of this committee that reports directly to the Vestry. Tom and his committee are hard at work making sure we understand each person's role; how we are organized to deliver services; comply with requisite laws; and plan for our future growth.

WHERE ARE WE HEADED?

There is still much to do in 2017 to keep us moving forward. Here are some of the activities that you will hear about this year and where you may be asked to participate in:

Develop a Strategic Plan for St. Luke's Growth (that must be relevant to Christians of all ages).

Establish a Permanent Stewardship Committee (that will function on a year-around basis).

Build on Our Celebration of Ministries (so we continue to involve everyone in what makes St. Luke's a wonderful church).

Conclude Our Capital Campaign and Construct a New Parish Hall (to complete our plan for modernizing our campus).

Hire a New Youth Minister (critical to attracting young people to our Church).

St. Luke's is a blessing in all of our lives. Our future will require the commitment and prayers from all of us.

John M. Evans
Rector's Warden

People's Warden Report 2016

Buildings and Grounds

Thanks be to God for guiding our planning and accomplishments in 2016.

As People's Warden, I work with several committees on a regular basis. These include Finance, Building, Executive, Capital Campaign, Stewardship and Maintenance.

Our building committee (Amy Cross, Chris Darnell, Kent James, Milt Kirby, Sam Tooma, Dan Wallace and chair, Tom Conner) has been meeting regularly to plan our renovations with Ling Graves, our contractor. We have completed part of our parking lot, our office building and the preschool building. The next agenda includes the Parish Hall, Education wing, Vestibule wing, remaining parking areas and additional landscaping. Our Capital Campaign may be short of our needs as construction proceeds and we are arranging bank financing to carry us through. Any committee member can answer your questions but please note that Kent is our liaison with Ling and should be the contact if there are any specific questions about the construction process.

Amy Cross, Denise Gildner, Wulfrano Luna and I meet weekly to discuss schedules and work plans for the week. We are coordinating our plans with Rick McDevitt of Ocean Woods and Nancy Bachelder and her group to plan landscaping and outside maintenance issues. We plan to put together an indoor maintenance/handyman ministry team to assist with the many small but quite noticeable repairs that are needed on a regular basis. In addition, we will be seeking a Maintenance Manager to coordinate maintenance of our buildings and grounds with our sextons (currently Wulfrano and Brooks) and contractors as needed.

In addition, you may have noticed a storm last fall that knocked a tree onto our Parish Hall but left all the newly renovated buildings alone. There was debris everywhere and an immense group of helpers from both St. Luke's as well as other churches and organizations. The result was a functioning school, playground area, parking area and church very quickly. Individual names and thanks would take a book!

All 2017 planning will be coordinated through our strategic planning process that will start very soon. Stay tuned for significant chances for members to participate in maintaining our buildings and grounds in first class condition. We are Blessed with a church and location that should make us both humbly grateful and proud.

I cannot begin to name all the St. Luke's members and friends who have helped in all these efforts throughout the year including our whole church cleanups. I pray daily for them and it is clear that our Lord is with them. The helping hands, kind hugs, words of support and prayers are deeply appreciated. Our St. Luke's campus could not be maintained without everyone's assistance.

Frank Bowen, Peoples Warden

ACTS Counseling

Annual Report 2016

Agape Counseling & Training Services of the Lowcountry, Inc., better known as ACTS Counseling has now been operating for twenty years, reaching out to the greater Hilton Head/Bluffton community, including Beaufort and Jasper Counties.

Since our inception, we have considered ourselves as a ministry rather than a business. Therefore we offer our services to all people, regardless of ability to pay or religious affiliation. Each of our counselors are committed Christians who are also licensed professionals in South Carolina, and each counselor takes half of our normal fee for those who come on Scholarship in order to make the most of those donations.

Over the years we have earned a positive reputation as reliable and caring counselors, gaining referrals through word of mouth. We now accept Blue Cross and CIGNA insurance and we are providers for a number of employee assistance programs. The best part of our work is that we have the freedom to share Christ with those who are hurting. However, we allow the Holy Spirit to minister to all who enter our doors, not forcing our beliefs on anyone.

Thanks to the generosity of St. Luke's Church, many people have been helped through our Scholarship Fund, receiving assistance for services they would otherwise be unable to afford. We have been blessed to again be recipients of an Outreach month and a generous grant from The Church Mouse Thrift Shop. In these tough times in our economy, these funds have been invaluable and greatly appreciated, providing hope to many in need.

Thanks for supporting us in our ministry and partnering with us to reach out to hurting people with God's healing touch. We continue to covet your prayers and your referrals so that many might come to know Christ as their lives are changed by the healing power of God's Holy Spirit.

Sharon K. Smith, LMFT, Director of ACTS

Acolyte Ministry Report

January, 2017

Acolyte Ministry recruits, trains, supports, and schedule acolytes to assist the clergy on the 10:00 a.m. service on Sundays, Christmas Eve, Easter Vigil and Easter services. Kathie Phillips and myself are in charge of this ministry.

Young students ages 10 and above are eligible to serve as acolytes. Some of the acolyte duties are: carrying the Processional Cross, lighting and extinguishing the altar's candles, collecting the offering plates, and assisting the Celebrant in preparing the Communion table.

Since last fall we have ten acolytes, five Seniors and five juniors. Our goal this year is to have 12 acolytes. Thanks to God for bringing more young people interesting in this ministry. We pray that our students will be blessed by serving others.

If you know anyone who would like to be part of the Acolyte Ministry, please contact Juliana Martel at juliemartel@hargray.com or call at (843)384-8208.

Sincerely,

Juliana Martel

Altar Guild Annual Report

The St. Luke's Altar Guild has dedicated women who serve our Lord by preparing His table for communion for all weekly services. Our ministry, unfortunately like others, has experienced a decline in the number of members. About 10 years ago, we boasted over 45 members, but have seen our number decline due to illness, relocation, or retirement. We have added a few new members to our team this year but are still struggling with how to recruit new volunteers.

The Altar Guild is responsible for general care of the Altar, the church pews, and preparation of the Lay Eucharistic Ministry kits. Our service includes the ordering and care of the linens, the Altar hangings, the Eucharistic elements and the candles for all services throughout the year. The Altar Guild joyfully performs all duties that will assist our priests in their roles. The members work in teams of 4 or 5, rotating weeks and changing teams about three times per year in order to enjoy fellowship with one another. Each team meets on Saturday morning at 9 a.m. in the Sacristy and usually works for about 45 minutes to prepare for both Sunday morning services. The team is also then responsible for preparing for any funerals or other ceremonies in the coming week

Wedding coordination is another responsibility of the St. Luke's Altar Guild. Elizabeth Glick is head of this committee. You do not need to be an Altar Guild member to participate. Our objective is to be the link between the bride and groom, and the church tradition, so that the wedding will run smoothly and truly be a joyful and religious ceremony. The families do so appreciate our being present to answer any questions and to lend a helping hand.

Elizabeth Glick

Jane Asheroff

Being Men of Christ (BMOC)

Annual Report to the Parish 2016

Being Men of Christ is an organization of St. Luke's parish the activities of which are open to men of the church and their guests. BMOC's objective is to help enrich the lives of men through regular social contact, sharing faith journeys, breaking bread together, and other activities in support of our parish.

We met for fellowship, dinner, and a Christian speaker the fourth Monday monthly through June and in September. Dinners were held in our parish hall until construction of St. Luke's Preschool required moving their classrooms to the Parish Hall and necessitated holding our May, June, and September dinners in another location. Central Church graciously offered their Fellowship Hall, which we used. Our popular Christmas Dinner, to which men invite their spouse or a friend, was held December third and was combined with the Preschool's annual fall fund raiser. The Preschool's October fund raiser had been cancelled because of Hurricane Mathew. Combining the two dinners was a "good fit" resulting in fun for all attending and raising more money than had been anticipated. The Boards of Directors of BMOC and the Preschool have agreed to consider a joint Christmas dinner in 2017.

All of our meals are prepared and served by the famous and talented men of St. Luke's Hog Heaven BBQ, all of whom are members of St. Luke's Church.

We have more than 175 names on our list of those with whom we communicate regularly. This includes men of Saint Luke's and others outside our congregation who have attended our activities or have expressed interest in them. Each of these men receive an email invitation to our dinners and other activities. If you would like to receive these invitations, contact BMOC through the Church Office.

Our dinner speakers came from within and from outside our congregation, both local and out of town. Topics were faith based and about personal journeys and experiences, vocations, avocations, careers, and more.

BMOC is a zero-based, nonprofit operation. The charge for dinners goes directly to Hog Heaven BBQ to pay for food, cooking supplies, and equipment. A small amount of additional revenue came from the sale of wine at our dinners, which paid for drinks, cups, snacks, and other miscellaneous expenses. What came in, went out. Only a small reserve is maintained for expenses.

BMOC events are planned and operated by a board of directors. Those currently serving on the board are:
Nelson Britt, Norm Galloway, Hart Joseph, Allan McLaughlin, Steve Strelcheck, and Sam Tooma.

Hart Joseph, chairman

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Building Committee Update

Last year ended on a very positive note with the completion of two of the three major phases of our new construction program. The office building renovation was completed with new offices and conference room upstairs, all new finishes downstairs and a new heating and cooling system building wide. Our preschool doubled in size with the existing school being completely remodeled from the slab up. The existing parking lot and sidewalks serving the preschool and vestibule were demolished and new asphalt paving, sidewalks, landscaping and site lighting were completed.

During this period, the Architect was completing plans and working with our building contractor to carefully define scope and price for the new Parish Hall and Education areas, including the kitchen, bookstore and library. The review of plans by the Town of Hilton Head also took place during this time. There was much time spent with the Capital Campaign Committee insuring we were positioned to proceed. We are pleased to inform you that we are ready to proceed with construction starting the first full week of February. We anticipate completing the Parish Hall and associated site work, landscaping and lighting late fall of this year.

Thank you, again, for your patience and working with us during construction.

St. Luke's Next 50 Capital Campaign Annual Report 2016

Thanks to the generous support of our congregation we now have a wonderful new Preschool building, new parking areas, a renovated administration building and new phone and data systems. Receipts of pledges and other gifts to the Capital Campaign have fully paid for all this work and enabled us to begin the final phases including the new Parish Hall.

The total cost of our campus renovation plans including what has already been accomplished and the new Parish Hall are estimated to be \$3.5 million and our pledges at this point are \$2.5 million. Donations against those pledges and other building fund gifts are \$1.85 million through 2016.

During 2017 the campaign will be working to obtain additional commitments to meet our total goal. We will be working hard on communicating building status and making it easier to pledge and give electronically. We'll also be celebrating the ground breaking of our new Parish Hall and are anticipating a wonderful "Grand Opening Dinner" for our entire congregation..

Children & Family Ministry

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St Luke's ministry to children and their families began with the annual Epiphany celebration and Christmas tree bonfire (50+ people) celebrating the Light of the World.

We created a great team of volunteers to serve in the nursery beginning in January and were able to cut our costs significantly. These women supplement our paid staff and share God's love to our youngest church members.

In January we launched an eleven-week series for BIG FISH on Wednesday nights. We celebrated Chinese New Year in February that included some kids from the Cordillo Courts. Spring 2017 brought special Palm Sunday activities, massive Easter egg hunts, and the departure of Fr. Nathan. The first five months of 2016 included planning and support for Night Church and weekly Summit lessons for kids about New Testament heroes.

Godly Play continued in reaching & teaching our children during the 10 am service. We are grateful for Kyle Wallace and Carolyn Vanagel who faithfully serve and teach our kids. Traditionally, we take a hiatus in the summer (and the kids usually just play on the playground.) Instead, this summer we Journeyed Around the World with an in-depth look at global missions.

In June, our Surf Shack Vacation Bible School we caught "the wave of God's amazing love" and focused on "water" Bible events (Baby Moses, Baptism of Jesus, Breakfast on the Beach, etc.) We also learned about our mission to Honduras. We increased both the number of participants and volunteers compared to the previous year, and made sure kids had Bibles of their own. We had kids who were new to our church, and we hosted a parenting fellowship after our Family Dinner the first night.

On Wednesday nights this fall we enjoyed the new playground, ate pizza together, and studied the lives of Samuel, Saul and David at BIG FISH (Believers In God, Faithful In Serving Him). We have new faces this year from several families. Lee Holcomb and Jeremiah Marsh joined the team as helpers.

Hurricane Matthew blew away our Family Picnic, but the rest of the fall was full with Celebration of Ministries, another Family Movie Night, the November Gratitude Challenge, and making crowns for Christ the King Sunday.

We made Advent wreaths. We made ceramic angels. We made electricity(!) to light stars to guide the magi. We published Family Advent booklets to help families focus on Jesus during the holiday rush. Dec. 3rd & 4th were our rehearsal, lunch, Christmas Pageant, and cookie reception with 25 readers/actors/dancers and almost as many adult volunteers.

Behind the scenes admin included recruitment, lesson planning & prep, monthly Messenger articles, Facebook & bulletin announcements, nursery staffing, child protection policy adherence, and maintaining a parents' handbook.

After weeks of planning (and a little decorating) the first Sunday in 2017 was the launch of The ZONE, our interactive hands-on approach to the Bible for students ages 4-11.

In 2017 we will continue our emphasis on increasing Biblical literacy and practical application. We want to expand outreach opportunities (such as VBS and Family Beach Day), Our BIG FISH (Wednesday nights) will continue lessons from the life of David, and include a special missionary emphasis.

CFM happens because of many people: parents, volunteers, and church staff. I tell folks that I have the best "job" in the world. Serving the families at St. Luke's is a joy and a privilege. I thank the Lord for calling me here.

Sylvia Maye
January 2017



The Church Mouse Thrift Shop, Inc. 2016 Annual Report

TOTAL TEAM EFFORT enabled The Church Mouse to exceed its expectations in 2016 and meet the increased needs of over **51** missionary and outreach grant recipients! We could not

have accomplished this without the efforts of **95** amazing volunteers and staff.

Thanks to our supportive church members and the community, the Church Mouse's revenue

grew an astonishing

17%

This year The Church Mouse disbursed over **\$48,000** in pass-through goods to places

such as Allendale Prison Ministry, Savannah Missions, AEC Community Project and the Humane

Society. We are also proud to have distributed over **\$352,000** in matching monthly outreach and grant requests!

We give the Glory to God for our success and we thank you, St. Luke's, for your continued support.

2016 Board of Directors

Carol Gyllenhoff
Mike Hellman
Mary Hunter Crose
Keith Tillman

Sarah Partlow
Mark King
Scott Pullon
Katherine Gorman

Marshall Stone
Doug Riley
Wendy Connor

The Church Mouse exists as a Christ centered shop to provide useable goods to the people of the community at a reasonable price, to assist people in need by pass-through goods and to provide funds to non-profit Christian missions, Christian outreach and area non-profits as requested in Jesus' name.

THE CHURCH MOUSE THRIFT SHOP, INC. 2016 GRANT RECIPIENTS

MISSIONS

ACTS Counseling Center
Betsy Hake, Jericho Ministries
Candy Rieger, Missionary Ventures Int'l
Elizabeth Agumba, Global Teams Kenya
Esther Project
HOPE Addiction Prison Ministry
Kairos Prison Ministry
Kathie Phillips, Global Teams International
Live Oak Christian Church
Mission Vision
St. Luke's Honduras Mission Trip
St. Luke's Church High School Youth Group
St. Luke's Children & Family Ministries
St. Luke's Future Fund
St. Luke's Missions Committee
St. Luke's Preschool
SAMS – Juan & Maria Marentes
Suzy McCall – Servant Partners
The Valentine Project, Tanzania

OUTREACH

Action for Autism
Allendale Prison
Backback Buddies
Bluffton-Jasper Volunteers in Medicine
CAPA
Christian Orphan Health International
Community Foundation of the Lowcountry
Deep Well
Family Promise of Beaufort County
Fellowship of Christian Athletes
First Presbyterian Day School
First Tee of the Lowcountry
HELP of Beaufort
Hilton Head Heroes
Holy Apostles Prison Ministry
Hope Haven of the Lowcountry
Hospice Care of the Lowcountry
Hunger Coalition of the Lowcountry
Low Country Legal Volunteers
Memory Matters
Mt. Calvary Achievement School
NAMI Lowcountry (SC)
Neighborhood Outreach Connection
PEP – Programs for Exceptional People
Pregnancy Center of the Lowcountry
Sandalwood Community Food Pantry
St. Stephen's Outreach Food Bank

Deacon's Annual Report 2016

It is such an incredible blessing to continue serving St. Luke's as your deacon. This past year marked my eleventh year since I was ordained. It has been my privilege to serve at every Sunday service that I am in town, at the Wednesday Healing Service, and at many funerals. Occasionally I preach, which has been and continues to be a blessing and a wonderful learning experience. The work of a deacon, in our diocese, is a non-stipendiary position.

In 2016, I was blessed to join the team from St. Luke's on a trip to Betsy Hake's ministry at Jericho Villas in Danli, Honduras. And as you read this report, I am in Honduras with a Team of 7 from our parish, serving Betsy Hake and Jericho Ministry. The trips to Honduras have opened our eyes to the plight of children and women who are forced onto the streets to earn a living. Jericho has rescued many women and children over the past several years and our trips there are an encouragement to Betsy and an incredible blessing to our team.

As the Daughters of the King Chaplain, I prepared and presented devotions for the monthly meetings and this fall was a part of the "Bad Girls of the Bible" study group, which continues to meet every other Tuesday afternoon.

A deacon is under the Bishop and he in turn assigns the deacons to specific churches under the Rector of that church. Several times a year there are clergy conferences and meetings, continuing education programs and meetings with the Bishop and his deacons. These are usually held at Camp St. Christopher or at one of the churches in the Charleston area. Attendance at these is required, but the Bishop generally forgives my absence when I'm traveling for Global Teams.

Much of my time is taken up with my ministry with Global Teams. This is all part of my diaconate ministry which is to facilitate the care of our Field Partners, (It is too dangerous to use the word missionary to describe many of them...hence the term Field Partner). As the Global Teams International Partner Care Director, I facilitate and or lead several Partner Care Retreat and Training sessions around the globe to train others in the culturally specific care for their indigenous field partners. Global Teams is a leader in sending multi-cultural teams to the unreached and feels strongly that these Field Partners need care that is first and foremost specific to their home culture and given by care givers from their culture. The retreats are to foster Spiritual Formation in them and to give them a time to reflect and relax in an environment that is conducive to this process. My duties also include weekly calls with Kevin Higgins, the International Director and weekly conference calls with the International Lead Team. At part of my duties I attend the twice a year Lead Team Meetings like the one held in Nashville this past October. It is a blessing to have St. Luke's support in the mission work that Global Teams is doing around the world.

In His Service,

Kathie Phillips

Education and Discipleship

Education: Your word is a lamp to my feet, and a light to my path.

Psalm 119: 105

The Education and Discipleship Ministry seeks to provide a foundation for lifelong learning and growth toward a mature and vital faith. The Education and Discipleship Committee plans and provides information about opportunities at St. Luke's for Learning, Discipleship, Spiritual Gifts Assessment and Connection Groups; and the Committee provides oversight for Connection Groups and Spiritual Gifts Assessment and Coaching.

The Committee was active in the planning team for the Celebration of Ministries in the fall, which provided an atmosphere of fun/food and fellowship, while learning about the various ministries offered at St. Luke's and the opportunity to make commitments for ministry involvement. Each ministry developed a verse of Scripture which undergirds the ministry and shared the Scriptures with all who attended. The Committee's leadership assisted the Vestry in developing the new "St. Luke's Lay Ministry Guide", which provides a description of over 50 ministries. The Guide is a valuable tool to support growth as disciples of Jesus Christ through commitment to ministries.

Sunday Morning Adult Education between the worship services includes a teaching course and a facilitated discussion group. Jean Meany Wheatly taught an enriching course on Finding Jesus in Genesis. Buzz & Rhett Yount and Frank & Dottie Bowen facilitated a discussion group on Godly Grandparenting.

Connection Groups is a small group ministry in which members grow deeper in faith and encourage each other. Organized on a three-semester per year schedule, and led by a facilitator or facilitator team, Connection Groups have four purposes: Discipleship; Fellowship; Worship; and Ministry in a confidential, intimate setting. The groups meet in homes and on campus.

Spiritual Gifts and Ministry Coaching is a new ministry in development in 2016 which will assist in learning about spiritual gifts and how to be more connected through involvement in ministry that fits the God-given gifts and passion available to all Christians. Finding the right ministry fit is a way of honoring God's purpose in our lives. Additional coaches are most welcome; training is provided.

Watch for the launch of quarterly Education and Discipleship Forums that will engage leaders and facilitators in the celebration of growth in Christ and further planning of ways to grow the Body in Education and Discipleship. These events will replace traditional monthly meetings of the Committee. Other planning will be team-based with ongoing communication and planning by committee members, clergy and staff.

Thank you to Wendy Corbitt who chaired the Committee January-May, and to Chris Darnell, Shannon Murphy, Sylvia Maye, and Fr. Greg Kronz for their wisdom and commitment. Special appreciation is expressed to Ruth Hauck, Vestry Liaison and great partner in ministry.

In His Name,
Dottie Bowen, Chair

The Esther Project

..."for such a time as this." (Esther 4:14b)

The Esther Project continues to serve St. Luke's parishioners who are struggling to meet some of the basic needs of life. Following the practice of the early church recorded in Acts 2:45, The Esther Project "gives to anyone as he has need." Originally established as a Christmas fund by the Daughters of the King, the ministry took on a life of its own and grew into a separate year-round fund assisting those dealing with unexpected illnesses, ongoing health issues, job loss, and other problems causing financial stress.

Among those helped this past year was a family whose home was destroyed by fire during Hurricane Matthew and a young family struggling to make ends meet following the passing of the mother. Gas cards were provided for several families to help cover travel expenses for medical treatments. Food cards are often given as well. Some needs are ongoing, and some are more critical than others.

How is The Esther Project funded? St. Luke's parishioners have generously supported the ministry with donations throughout the year; grants from the Church Mouse in recent years have been extremely helpful. The Board is most grateful for the ways God has graciously provided the funds needed to continue the ministry. Donations are welcomed at any time. Checks can be written to St. Luke's Church, with Esther Project in the memo line and placed in the offering plate or left in the church office.

If you are aware of anyone needing assistance, please share the information with our clergy and ministry staff or contact a member of The Esther Project Board: Geri Colucci, Jennifer Thompson, Frances Worthy, and Janis Schluchterer. All requests are prayerfully considered; recipients are held in strict confidentiality.

Eleven individuals or families received assistance during 2016; additionally, fifteen families or individuals were given Christmas donations. Galatians 6:2 tells us to "Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the Law of Christ." The Esther Project is dedicated to sharing our love of Christ by helping those within our church family.

Janis Schluchterer
Coordinator, The Esther Project

1/14/17

Finance Committee Annual Report

The following page shows the proposed budget for 2017 for the Parish Operating Fund as well as the 2016 budget and projected results. Pledge income was both shy of budget and less than prior years with an unanticipated number of families not meeting their pledge commitment. Staff and the Finance Committee responded with severe cuts in spending and managed to avoid a deficit. The bulk of those spending cuts were in property maintenance and personnel, neither of which the Finance Committee endorses as long term solutions.

The next page shows the 2017 proposed budget for the Preschool and the 2016 projected results and budget. 2016 was a year of transition for the Preschool with much of the year being spent in temporary quarters and packing to move out and back in. The Preschool incurred over \$11,000 in additional one-time expenses to fund equipment and fixtures in their new facility as well as relocation needs. This contributed to a deficit for the year.

Elsewhere in this report you can read the details of some of our other finances including:

- How Outreach received \$55,331 for charities that the Church Mouse then matched to the tune of nearly \$50,000.
- How the Missions committee disbursed over \$44,000 in gifts received from individuals and the Church Mouse.
- How the Esther Fund uses the monies donated.

St. Luke's finances include managing funds not just for Parish Operations but also those funds designated as special purpose gifts (e.g. Missions, monthly Outreach), and funds for the Preschool's operations. Over the past few years the responsibility for managing the collection and disbursement of all funds associated with the campus improvements made under our building campaign, a.k.a. the Future Fund, has also been added to that charge. Fortunately, during this time, the leadership of the Finance Committee has been in the very capable hands of Bill Thomas, who served as Treasurer until his passing in October. He is sorely missed.

We were blessed with gifts sufficient to fund all of the capital improvement projects that were completed in 2016. This was accomplished in part because a number of parishioners chose to pay their Future Fund pledges early, and we appreciate them doing so. There are plans to move forward with the final phases of construction very soon. This will require bank financing which we have secured at very favorable terms. However, the earlier gifts are made in 2017 to the Future Fund, the lower our interest costs will be.

In 2017 we have already begun an initiative that will allow our parishioners new methods to give to St. Luke's. Soon we will be sharing how gifts may be made on-line via bank drafts and credit cards. The Finance Committee is prayerful that the income challenge of 2016 will be replaced with gifts that give St. Luke's ministries opportunities to impact lives.

I would like to recognize the other members of the Finance Committee who are a hard working group: Ron Anderson, Frank Bowen, Ron Clifford, Bill Coakley, John Evans, Hart Joseph, Norm Galloway, and Ling Graves. I also would like to recognize our secretary, Bev Conner and our Comptroller, Amy Cross.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Tillman, Interim Treasurer

St. Luke's Church - Parish Operations
Projected Results for the Year Ended December 31, 2016
and Proposed Budget 2017

	Projected Results 2016	Budget 2016	Proposed Budget 2017
Parish Receipts			
Unrestricted Income			
Pledge Income	889,204	965,500	974,000
Plate Offerings	162,807	148,000	161,000
Other Unrestricted Income	19,465	38,400	10,700
Total Unrestricted Income	1,071,476	1,151,900	1,145,700
Parish Expenses			
Personnel			
Compensation & Benefits	601,802	632,775	656,332
Other Personnel Costs	40,435	44,431	47,302
Total Personnel	642,237	677,206	703,634
Diocese Pledge	113,000	115,190	114,570
Administrative Expenses	66,943	72,300	70,796
Property Expenses	193,358	213,654	196,950
Church Programs			
Stewardship	87	0	500
Hospitality	3,329	3,600	4,000
Education, Discipleship & Small	16,046	23,750	19,250*
Missions	8,000	8,000	8,000
Youth Programs	4,644	6,000	0**
Worship and Music	19,454	21,200	18,000*
Total Church Programs	51,560	62,550	49,750
Capital Reserve Fund	0	0	0
Total Parish Expenses	1,067,098	1,140,900	1,135,700
Excess (Deficit) of Income Over Expenses from Parish Operations	4,378	11,000	10,000
Other Expense - Litigation & Legal Fees	0	11,000	10,000
Excess (Deficit) of Income Over Expenses	4,378	0	0

* Funds from designated gifts will be used to underwrite a portion of this program

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St. Luke's Church Preschool
Projected Results for the Year Ended December 31, 2016
and Proposed Budget 2017

	Projected Results 2016	Budget 2016	Proposed Budget 2017
Income			
Tuition	404,205	403,612	421,497
School Fees	12,747	8,000	8,000
Employee Tuition Discount	-13,092	-11,124	-17,175
Sibling and Member Discounts	-6,916	-4,360	-6,000
Fund Raiser Gross Receipts	15,537	13,500	15,000
Gifts/Grants	14,024	11,000	17,000
Transfer from Special Gift Fund	11,045	0	0
Miscellaneous Income	87	0	0
Total Income	437,637	420,628	438,322
Personnel Costs			
School Compensation	328,622	315,377	321,358
School Payroll Taxes	23,399	24,127	24,584
School W.C. Insurance	6,018	6,402	6,524
School Medical Insurance	44,043	25,000	44,244
School Retirement	20,503	29,828	24,000
School Continuing Education	459	1,000	1,000
Total Personnel Costs	423,044	401,734	421,710
Other Operating Costs			
School Supplies - School Year	15,683	9,550	9,550
School Advertising	0	660	0
School Telephone	469	720	720
School Copier	843	1,500	1,056
School Administrative Fees	468	504	240
Musical Enrichment	2,960	2,500	2,000
Fund Raiser Expense	1,762	1,950	1,450
School Maintenance	81	1,500	1,500
School Bankcard Fees	160	0	0
School Bad Debt	1,640	0	0
Total Other Operating Costs	24,066	18,884	16,516
Other Expenses			
Capital Reserve	0	0	0
Other Expenses	0	0	0
Total Expenses	447,110	420,618	438,226
Net Total	-9,473	10	96

St. Luke's Foundation of Hilton Head, Inc.

Annual Report 2016

St. Luke's Foundation was started in September of 2000 as just "St. Luke's Foundation." In June of 2011, it was incorporated as its own 501(c)(3) with the title of "St. Luke's Foundation of Hilton Head, Inc."

Over the years the Foundation has enjoyed modest annual donations and good returns on invested funds. This year was no exception; we received donations of \$16,940.00 and a 7.3% net return on invested funds. These funds are managed by Boys, Arnold & Co. and Wells Fargo Advisors who have continued to perform very well for us.

We made contributions from the fund that totaled \$18,341.00 and they were:

\$2,500.00 for The Foundation Scholarship

\$900.00 for Mission Scholarships

\$14,941.00 as directed by contributors

Bill Phillips continues as our Secretary/Treasurer. Forrest Frank, Leslie Richardson, Mark King and I found out the rest of the board. Beverly Conner continues as our recording secretary.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter H. Hunter

Intercessors

Annual Report 2016

The Intercessors meet weekly at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesdays in the Prayer Room off the Sanctuary following the Healing Service. We pray for an hour covering the following:

Members of the church including all the folks listed on a page of the church directory. By year end we have prayed for each person at least once, some twice, even if they have expressed no particular prayer need.

Our clergy

The Vestry

Our staff and sextons

Worship services

Families

Infants, children and youth in the church

Those with continuing health concerns such as those in nursing homes or at home with long-term illness

Specific needs that have been committed to us.

Those who grieve

Our Missionaries

The South Carolina Cycle of Prayer which is a rotating list of all churches in our diocese and the diocese of Tegucigalpa, Honduras.

The worldwide church and the persecuted church

Our military and their families

Our president, our governor, and all in civil authority

The nations of the world

Any other item we feel led to pray for.

Each week we compile a list of specific requests to be mailed to our fellow Intercessors who pray at home all week for those requests. Anyone is welcome to let us know of a personal or ministry prayer need.

We also maintain an email prayer chain. Prayers may be requested by contacting the church office or Sally Timberlake at 843-671-3656 or tedtlake@aol.com. Those requests are forwarded to the people who make up the email prayer chain and then later added to the weekly pray list that is mailed out.

Anyone is welcome to join us as each of us has an open line to the Lord; he listens to us all.

In Christ,
Susie Galloway

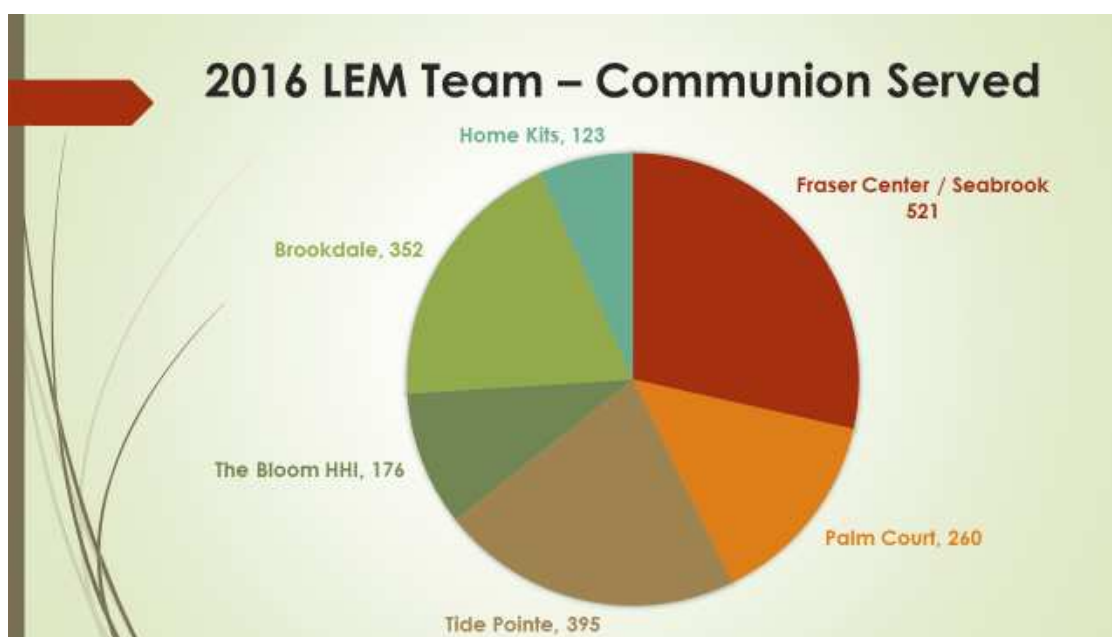
"For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them." (Matthew 18:20)

St. Luke's Church Lay Eucharistic Ministry

Annual Meeting Update on Sunday, January 22, 2017

The Lay Eucharistic Ministry represents the love, care, compassion and prayers of the whole congregation by sharing Christ's Body and Blood to those unable to join Sunday services at St. Luke's. Through weekly visits to several of the HHI care centers and through personal visits to those homebound, the team served 1827 during 2016. The ministry not only serves St. Luke's Church members but all believers who participate. A wonderful blessing!!

The LEM team visits Fraser Center at Seabrook, Tide Pointe-Broad Creek Care Center and Brookdale weekly after the SLC 8:00 am service. The Bloom on Hilton Head is served twice each month on Monday afternoons. The addition of the Brookdale located at the corner of Main Street and Hospital Center was quickly expanded to every Sunday by request of their residents. The former Palm Court (Brookdale Memory Care) was temporarily closed and under renovation after severe damage incurred by Hurricane Matthew. They are in the process of reopening soon and we look forward to resume our twice monthly schedule. Additionally, the LEM team works closely with clergy to respond to those who are homebound.



In addition to adding new services, we continue to reach out to those unable to join us for Sunday church service. If you know of anyone wishing to receive Holy Communion that you contact us as we will be so happy to accommodate any request.

We are blessed as our team grew in 2016 when Mike Znachko, and Rick & Doris Tamplin joined. Additional members are always needed to help with our growth in service. Our ministry is one that blesses us each week by sharing our Lord with other believers that have such faith and inspire us. Please consider joining our ministry. It is truly a joyous experience.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Hartmann, LEM Team Coordinator

LEM Team Members: Linda Buckner, George & Barbara Carmody, Jamie Evans, Norm & Susie Galloway, Leigh Ann Hoppe, Reg & Donna Johnston, Karl & Roselind Meyer, Sarah Partlow, Don Sager, Rick & Doris Tamplin, Kyle Wallace, Mike Znachko, and Peter Zych as LEM Lead Backup

Lay Readers

Annual Report 2016

We are blessed as a congregation to have the following serving as Lay Readers and Chalice Bearers for the Rite 2 services throughout the year:

Dottie Bowen (new this year)
Liz Bundy
Ron Clifford
Bev Conner
Chris Darnell
Jim Glick
Sharon Nelson
Bill Phillips
Judy Pugach (new this year)
Don Sager
Rennie Springborn
Keith Tillman
Rick Tranquilli
Kyle Wallace (new this year)
Mike Znachko
Peter Zych (new this year)

Gail Znachko has faithfully served and moved on to other ministries. New folks would be welcome. Please contact Bill Phillips for more information.

We give Him thanks for these faithful servants who "Serve the Lord with gladness" Psalm 100:2

Bill Phillips, Chair

Missions Committee

Annual Report 2016

The Missions Committee was truly blessed in 2016. We were able to distribute money to our 10 ongoing commitments, partners we support in the field through generous donations from our St. Luke's family and the Church Mouse plus support from the church budget.

This group of faithful believers truly deserves our prayers and support.

In addition to the ongoing support, we were able to fund a one-time project in Honduras during our annual mission trip to Jericho Villas to set up a solar dryer to process produce from the Villa gardens for sale in the community.

In 2017 we hope to continue to meet the ongoing needs of our 10 field partners.

A group of 7 missionaries is at Jericho Villas in Honduras as the Annual Meeting is taking place. Another trip to Tanzania is being considered and once the projects for this are known, funds may be allocated for this.

The Committee is acutely aware of the fact that many of the missionaries we support, submit very modest proposals to us. We also know that many of them struggle, in their daily lives to meet basic needs, food, clothing and shelter for themselves and the ministries they support. Our goal is to prayerfully discern how we may be of further blessing to each of them and their ministries.

We are thankful for the faithful service of Tamara and Bob Augustine as Missions Committee Co-chairs during the past couple of years and pray for continued blessings for them in the Upstate. As always we are seeking God's guidance as He works through us, for His purposes and glory.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Phillips, Missions Committee Chair

Monday Prayer Group

A small group of dedicated intercessors meets weekly at 11:30 a.m. on Monday in the new Prayer Room at the Mission & Ministry Center. Our prayers focus on the activities and needs of St. Luke's Church, our clergy, the staff, the Vestry, the South Carolina Diocese, and other concerns within our congregation. All are welcome to join us. Contact Janis Schluchterer for further information.

Janis Schluchterer

Contact person

1/15/17

Ministry through Music

***“Come, let us sing to the Lord;
Let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.”
(Psalm 95:1)***

7 MUSIC TEAMS/CHOIRS

Ministry through Music at St. Luke’s Church offers the following music teams/choirs:

- Canterbury Choir (boys & girls, 4-, 5-, & 6-year olds)
- St. Nicholas Choir (boys & girls, grades 2 – 5)
- St. Cecilia Choir (girls, grade 6 & above)
- Youth Bells (boys & girls, grade 3 & above)
- Ring & Rejoice Handbells (adults)
- St. Luke’s Music Team (high school & adults) – leads weekly 10am Sunday service
- St. Luke’s Choir (adults) – Christmas Eve 10:30/11:00pm service
April large choral work

There are 82 members on these teams!

SPECIAL EVENTS

JOSEPH & THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT, the annual Children’s & Youth Choir musical, was presented by the Canterbury, St. Nicholas, and St. Cecilia Choirs on Sunday, February 28 at 9:10am in the sanctuary. These choristers were fantastic as they told this Old Testament story with this Broadway musical! The two “dreamcoats” worn by JOSEPH were also worn in the Broadway production starring Donnie Osmond—thanks to Don Hite, accompanist!

In celebration of the Lenten season, the St. Luke’s Choir, soloists, treble trio, and St. Nicholas Choir plus Julia Nelson (St. Cecilia Choir), accompanied by instrumental ensemble and organ, presented John Rutter’s MASS OF THE CHILDREN on Sunday, April 10 at the 10 o’clock service. Returning for this special service were Matt Walley, baritone, and Danny Dennison, tenor, both formerly a significant part of the St. Luke’s Music Ministry.

On Christmas Eve at the 10:30pm Festive Prelude/11:00pm Service, the St. Luke’s Choir, Ring & Rejoice Handbells, and brass quartet celebrated the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ and then welcomed Christmas morning as all departed soon after midnight.

OUTREACH INTO COMMUNITY

2nd Friday at Noon Organ Concert Series: St. Luke’s hosts this series, presented by the Low Country Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, the second Friday of every month throughout the year from 12:00 noon to 1:00pm. In its 18th season, this series of FREE programs features organists from around the Southeast and beyond on St. Luke’s 20-rank Gabriel Kney tracker organ, Opus 108.

HHSO Youth Concerto Competition FINALS: St. Luke’s annually hosts this event, which in 2016 was held on Saturday, February 6 at 1:30pm. Competitors are young orchestral musicians, middle school and high school age. This event attracts many HHSO subscribers and other music lovers.

Dove Street at Shelter Cove: St. Luke’s Music Team returned this year to perform Christmas carols and songs of the season on Friday, December 15, 6:00 – 7:00pm. There’s a great spirit among team members for this event!

Tim Malchek Concert: this concert showcased many of Tim’s arrangements and compositions for a special time of praise and worship on Sunday, November 6 at 6:00pm. A return concert is planned for 2017, Sunday, May 21.

Ministry Through Music continued...

Ring & Rejoice Handbells, one of four handbell choirs, participated in a two-day handbell workshop led by Robert Ivy, clinician from Charlotte. This event was held at First Presbyterian Church, HHI, September 30/October 1.

CHANGES

The St. Luke's Music Team welcomed four new members: trumpeter, Tracy Yarbrough; singers, Mary Lou Haraburd & Nancy Messinger; and guitarist, David Haycock.

THANK YOU!

A very special "thank you" to all who have given to the Music Ministry in 2016 – your gifts are very significant and greatly appreciated! To God be the glory for His marvelous works past, present, and yet to come!

Respectfully submitted,

Nina Rodman

Minister of Music & Organist

St. Luke's Church, HHI

January 16, 2017

Monday Morning Bible Study

The Monday Morning Bible Study meets every Monday in the Mission & Ministry Building (unless Christmas Day falls on a Monday). Last year we met on 52 Mondays. Our study utilizes the ENCOUNTER WITH GOD series from Scripture Union which consists of a designated Scripture with discussion questions. Questions are not necessarily a detailed study of the Scripture, but seek how the particular Scripture applies to each individual's daily life. This is a great way to start each week with friends talking about how the Lord has touched our lives and the meaning the verses have for each of us. We then end with special prayers for those close to us having adversity in their lives. The group usually consists of 10 - 15 individuals who may or may not be members of St. Luke's but are seeking help in understanding the Bible and its application. All individuals are welcome regardless of denomination and Bible knowledge. We come to learn. Bibles are provided if needed along with coffee and pastry. The study ends at 8:30. Contact the Ministry Center or Mike Znachko for any additional information.

Church Office Volunteers Annual Report 2016

Thank you to all who have contributed their time and hard work to volunteer at our church office. It has been greatly appreciated by all.

Two long-time volunteers retired this year and we will miss them greatly – Sally Timberlake and George Irwin. Dory Teter is currently not working due to an injury, but we hope to have her back soon!

We currently have eight regular volunteers who work every week either in the morning from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. or in the afternoon from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Along with the regulars, we also have a sub list (but there is always room for more). If interested, please call or email me.

The duties of the volunteers can be different depending upon the day; however, the duties can include the following:

- Answering the phone and forwarding the call to the right person.

- Greeting people as they come in the door.

- Helping Denise, office staff, and others if possible.

Janice Gravelin

843-422-9104

Outreach Committee

Annual Report 2016

In 2016, the Outreach of the month raised \$55,199 for twelve non-profits in our community. The following table below itemizes the monthly sum given to each recipient. Because of people's generosity and the matching gift from the Church Mouse we were able to give more in 2016 than in previous years.

2016 Outreach Recipient Giving Summary:

January	ACTS	2,616
February	Kairos Prison Ministry	2,697
March	St. Luke's Missions	14,728
April	Fellowship of Christian Athletes	2,964
May	Hospice Care of the Lowcountry	2,162
June	Memory Matters	2,751
July	Volunteers in Medicine	2,735
August	Neighborhood Outreach Connection	7,974
September	St. Luke's Preschool	4,395
October	Second Helpings	2,264
November	Hilton Head Heroes	2,833
December	Pregnancy Center of the LowCountry	7,212
Total		\$55,331

In making our selections for 2017, the committee remained faithful to its mission and remained true to its guiding principles of:

- Priority is given to organizations that have involvement by St. Luke's parishioners.
- Priority is given for needs that involve capital expenditures and it not meant for operational expenses
- Consideration is also given for how a particular organization's project or mission may aid in the spiritual development of individual or maybe a witness of Jesus' love, by giving aid to their physical, mental, intellectual well being.

The following are the Outreach Recipients chosen for 2017:

January	ACTS
February	Kairos Prison Ministry
March	St. Luke's Missions
April	Fellowship of Christian Athletes
May	Mt. Calvary Achievement School
June	The Literacy Center
July	Pregnancy Center of the LowCountry
August	Memory Matters
September	St. Luke's Preschool
October	Neighborhood Outreach Connection
November	Second Helpings
December	Hilton Head Heroes

For questions, please contact Jamie Evans, Outreach Chairperson, 843-342-9450 or email jsevans129@gmail.com

Report of Part Timers 2016 experiences

During 2016 we had parties on the second or third Mondays in the fall, winter and the spring for current and former part timers. The parties were held at St. Luke's families' homes with wine provided and each attendee asked to bring an hors d'oeuvre. They generally started at five-thirty and ended at about seven PM. The attendees responded with gusto and the repasts were so delicious that for most people they served as dinner! Reverend Greg attended many of the parties, briefly, and the attendance varied from 15 to 30 or more. Interestingly, many of the attendees were full timers now and were glad to welcome newcomers as well as seeing their old friends.

Information about the parties was promulgated in the church bulletins for several Sundays prior to the part and Reverend Greg generally announced them verbally. RSVPs were sought, to facilitate wine purchases and gate passes were necessary. Many friendships have sprung from these parties and we gladly welcome all current or former part timers.

Respectfully,

John and Suzie Bennett

Report of Part Timers Bible Study

Sue Biasioli coordinates the Part Timers Bible Study. There are, on average, 10 - 15 members participating each week. The group meets weekly on Tuesday mornings for 10 weeks, beginning in January each year. Each winter the group begins or continues a study of a book of the Bible, chosen by consensus of the members. Currently the group is beginning a study of the Acts of the Apostles, using the New Daily Study Bible, with commentary by William Barclay. The sessions are conducted in open discussion format. Each session begins with prayer requests and intercessory prayer. Following each session, members generally gather for an informal luncheon at a local restaurant.

Members remain in touch through email during the year. Members who are unable to return for the winter may participate in the study via email correspondence. Participation is open to anyone who is interested and is encouraged through announcements in the Church Bulletin and at the Part Timers monthly socials.

St. Luke's Preschool

Annual Report for 2016

*"Praise the Lord, all you nations; extol him, all you peoples.
For great is HIS love toward us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever."
Psalm 117*

A recap of 2016:

- Ground breaking for the new building. God provided through HIS people a beautiful home for the preschool to continue the work HE has for us.
- The church graciously transformed the Parish Hall to meet the needs of the preschool while waiting for the new building.
- The summer program was able to continue in 2016 due to the space used in the church. There were summer staffing challenges but God got us through!
- God saw us through our move with all of its challenges. Through those challenges it made us stronger and more dependent than ever on HIM!
- The school year started out strong with a full enrollment (60 in the preschool and 23 in the Kindergarten through 3rd grade aftercare program). There is a little wiggle room in our 18 month old class but not much. We are praising God for the children HE has given us.
- Included in the above number of enrollees we added a 4th and 5th grade aftercare this year. There are 7 students in this group.
- The preschool now has a waiting list!
- Three new staff members were hired for the 2016-2017 school year. A lead teacher for the four and five year old class, an assistant teacher for the four and five year olds and an assistant for the 18 month old class.
- The children continually to show growth spiritually and academically.
- God has given us an AWESOME board led by Mr. Rick Pfannenschmidt. God truly chose these folks to be part of a ministry that impacts lives everyday with the gospel of Christ.

We are excited about what God continues to do at St. Luke's Preschool. Lives are being touched daily for HIS Kingdom.

Thank you for your encouragement and prayers.

Respectfully Submitted,
Janice Ring
Director of St. Luke's Preschool

Publications 2016 Ministry Report

Publications encompasses the **website** (Stlukeshhi.org), the **E-zine**, the **Messenger**, and **print advertising** (Island Packet Ad). 2016 saw some redesign, and some maintenance as far as design aspects are concerned.

Website



In 2012, our old website was scrapped and a new one constructed from scratch. This year, the design of the website was changed, moving to a “responsive” design, to allow the website to adapt to whatever the viewer happens to be using, be it a browser on a computer, a handheld tablet, or the ubiquitous smartphone, all while retaining a desired current, clean look, and functionality. And as always, other small updates are completed as necessary or requested. 2017 will see the addition of online payments, as well as taking on the Capital Campaign’s existing website. The website is an ever-evolving life form of its own, and will never be “completed”, but we believe that it suits our current needs, and is adaptable to future needs as well.

E-Zine

The E-zine is a weekly email blast to some 450 email addresses, updating our parish on current and upcoming events, aiding in preparation for each Sunday’s worship, and also occasionally supplying a Spotlight for special events.



Messenger



The Messenger continues, with gradual style changes. Its production has been reduced to bi-monthly. It is mailed to around 550 households, and is also always available to read on our website. It remains our major ministries’ biggest communication tool. The acquisition of the new office Xerox printer has impacted the Messenger’s production. While it doesn’t have the speed of the old Riso printer, the Xerox has given the Messenger a big increase in print quality, and has greatly simplified the assembly process, eliminating the need for the volunteer group of assemblers, whose numbers had dwindled anyway. All that is still required after the printing

is an address label being affixed by the regularly scheduled office volunteers.

Print Advertising

We continue to run a small ad on the Places to Worship page in the Saturday edition of the Island Packet. It has been redesigned in an attempt to better draw the eye, and for clarity and readability in poor newsprint quality. It needs to be discussed as to whether the Island Packet is a worthwhile place to spend our money, or if the money would be better spent on online advertising, such as Facebook or Google ads.



Stephen Ministry

Annual Report 2016

Stephen Ministry experienced limited but rewarding care giving in 2016. The Stephen Minister ranks were depleted by two departing Stephen Ministers this year, however the remaining 5 Care Givers were each supporting Care Receivers at year's end.

Due to the lack of new recruits to attend Stephen Ministry training, the lack of recent candidates for care, and the competing priorities for Stephen Leader Time supporting 2017 Church initiatives, Stephen Ministry will move to "inactive" status for 2017. The existing team will continue to support those currently receiving care, but not actively solicit new Stephen Ministers or candidates for care over the next 12 months. We will however, not turn away someone who seeks out our support and care. Next year at this time we'll re-evaluate the best way to proceed. We pray for the Holy Spirit to continue guiding us in our direction and priorities in support of St. Luke's Church!

Humbly Yours,
Rick Tranquilli, Frank Bowen and Linda Green - Stephen Ministry Leaders

Saint Luke's Youth Ministries

Annual Report 2016

We have seen many blessings with our youth ministry at St Luke's Church in 2016. There has been continued growth in both our Middle and High School groups. We have a great group of volunteer leaders. Our students continue to reach out beyond the walls of St Luke's, as they feel comfortable inviting their friends to our groups and trips. We are planning our 5th annual trip high school mission trip to Copan Ruinas in Honduras. Our mission continues to be developing young disciples who will follow Christ the rest of their lives by living out their faith in their community and throughout the world. Our hope is to hire a full time youth minister this summer.

Programs:

Sunday Nights: High School Youth Group

Wednesday Nights: Middle School Youth Group

Spring Confirmation Class

Events:

Youth Sunday

Christmas Parties for Middle & High School Groups

Spaghetti Fundraiser for Missions

Local Pie Silent Auction for Missions

Honduras Sunday School Report

NOC neighborhood party

Christmas Elves Decorating Project

Retreats:

6th Annual High School Ski Trip Winterplace, WV

7th Annual High School & Middle School Surf Retreat Ponce Inlet, FL

4th Annual High School International Mission Trip with Urban Promise to Copan Ruinas, Honduras

2nd Annual High School Fall Whitewater Rafting Retreat, Cooperhill, TN

Volunteer Leaders:

Middle School Leaders: Amy Starnes, Jennifer Thompson, Dan Wallace, John George & Ken Wisener.

High School Leaders: Ken Wisener, John George & Janet George

Parent Helpers: Pam & John Brackett (Ski, Surf and Rafting Trip), Harriet Pollitzer (Ski, Surf, Honduras, & Rafting Trip) Janet Peduzzi (Surf Trip) Gregg Alford (Surf Trip)