



In the Edition

- Scenes from Holy Week & Easter - 2024
- St Luke's in the News
- Parish and Liturgical Calendar
- April Servants of the Lord

Financial Wellness Forum
April 7, 2024
Griffin Hall
following service

Monthly Giving Totals

(includes all categories of funding and does not factor in expenses)

- **January** - \$24,440
- **February** - \$26,662.31
- **March** - \$34,573.66

*** Reminder - Please be very specific on the memo line of your check, online or on your offerings envelop (for example -- Pledge, Capital Improvement, Chorister, Security, St. Luke's Day, etc.). This helps us ensure your funds are placed in the correct budget line.*



From the Rector's Desk

ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN!

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

It felt so good to say that phrase three times on Easter Day! It was a day that we all had been anticipating since Ash Wednesday. In order to get to Easter Day, we had to do "our work." The Lenten season gave us ample amount of time to do some inner reflection, inwardly digesting what the Holy Spirit is trying to perfect within us, and to search our hearts for ways in which we can be more like Christ.

Easter Day was among other things: glorious, exciting, uplifting, and refreshing. We had 127 persons present to help celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. It was most exciting and promising to see the number of youth in the Church and participating in the service. They are the future of St. Luke's. In order for them to be the future, they must be present to learn the service and various roles and duties so that when it is their turn, they will be able to step right in and keep the momentum alive.

I did something that I have asked most of you to do that contributed to the 127 people present as well as the number of lilies purchased. I invited people, made calls, and sent emails to family members and present and former parishioners. Many of you did the same because you introduced me to your guests. We must continue to invite, reclaim, and welcome those who are curious; those that want to return home, and those who visit. We are only given one time to make a good impression.

Sunday felt like a big family reunion in so many ways. It is my desire that we can keep that same feeling throughout the year, and not just on celebratory days. Jesus arose to show us that there is life after tragedy, life after death, and life in the world to come.

As we enter the Season of Easter and in the months to come, we have a lot of "in house" work to do. Our Senior Warden and Treasurer, Shauna Hicks, will host a forum on this coming Sunday to give you the latest State of the Parish Financial Address. It is important that we know where we are and where we need to be by the end of 2024.

There will be more programming coming our way in the months to come. One such example is that St. Luke's has been chosen to serve as the host Church for the Columbia Operatic Laboratory for the 2024 performance year. Basically, they will need a place to rehearse twice a month during the summer months and will perform their winter concert at the parish. This is just one of many new and refreshing things coming our way.

Thank you for your continued support with the Choral Fund and the contributions to the Blakely-Robinson Choral Fund, which also funds our extra choral singers and instrumentalists. If some of the young men in the Easter Brass Ensemble looked familiar, it is because two of them were with us on Shrove Tuesday. Their teacher worshipped with us on Sunday, much to the surprise of his students. We have an untapped resource in our colleges.

So, as I come to the close of this correspondence, I will leave you with these three words, Invite! Invite! Invite!

In Peace,

Fr. Raphiell+
 April 1, 2024

Scenes from Holy Week & Easter



St. Luke's in the News!



Excellence in public service recognized
Beverly Turner wins the Outstanding Public Health Retiree award at SC Public Health Association Meeting

Kennedy shines on the dance stage!



Special Thanks

Captain Denetta Dawson, niece of Ronald and Beverly Turner, extends a special thank you to Fr. Raphiell and the St. Luke's Episcopal Church family for congratulating her on her recent promotion to captain. As a child, Danetta and her family attended St. Luke's when her father was stationed at Ft. Jackson. Danetta asks that we continue to pray for her and her aspiration to inspire the next generation to "dream big and prepare themselves for great things in the future".



Fresh Start

Fresh Start and Alpha Psi Lambda, Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity team up for community service event on April 12



April 2024 Parish and Liturgical Calendar

Sunday

- 7th** - Choir Rehearsal - 8:00 am - 9:15 am - Chancel and Choir Room
 - Sunday School - Youth - 9:00 am - 9:45 am - Youth Room
 - The Second Sunday of Easter, The Holy Eucharist: Rite II - Thomas Sunday - 10:00 am
 - Parish Financial Wellness Forum - 11:45 - Griffin Hall
- 14th** - Choir Rehearsal - 8:00 am - 9:15 am - Chancel and Choir Room
 - Sunday School - Youth - 9:00 am - 9:45 am - Youth Room
 - The Third Sunday of Easter, The Holy Eucharist: Rite II - 10:00 am
- 21st** - Choir Rehearsal - 8:00 am - 9:15 am - Chancel & Choir Room
 - Sunday School - Youth - 9:00 am - 9:45 am - Youth Room
 - The Fourth Sunday of Easter, The Holy Eucharist: Rite II - Good Shepherd Sunday - 10:00 am
 - Men's Club Meeting - 12:00 noon - Youth Room
- 28th** - Choir Rehearsal - 8:00 am - 9:15 am - Chancel & Choir Room
 - Sunday School - Youth - 9:00 am - 9:45 am - Youth Room
 - The Fifth Sunday of Easter, The Holy Eucharist: Rite II - 10:00 am

Monday

- 1st** - Parish Office Closed
- 8th** - Rector & Wardens Meeting - 4:30 pm - Rector's Office
 - Waverly Neighborhood Association Meeting - 6:00 pm - First Calvary Baptist Church, Pine Street

Tuesday

- 2nd** - Parish Office Closed
- 9th** - Archives Committee - 10:30 am - Archives Room
 - Endowment Committee Meeting - 12:15 pm - Griffin Hall
 - Finance Committee - 4:45 pm - Griffin Hall
- 16th** - Vestry Meeting 6:00 pm - Griffin Hall
- 30th** - Building & Grounds Committee Meeting - 5:00 pm - The O'Neal Center

Wednesday

- 3rd** - Morning Prayer with Holy Eucharist: Rite II - 10:15 am, Nave - Adult Formation The Book of Ezra - 11:00 am - Griffin Hall
 - Treasurer's Special Call meeting (Treasurer, Past Treasurer, Fresh Start) - 2:30 pm - Treasurer's Office
 - Fresh Start Board Meeting - 6:00 pm
- 17th** - Quilters and Crafters - 10:30 am - Griffin Hall
 - Altar Guild Meeting - 5:00 pm - Griffin Hall

Thursday

- 4th** - Fresh Start - 9:00 am - 12:00 noon - The O'Neal Center
 - AIDS Healthcare Foundation (AHF) - 11:00 am - 2:00 pm - Griffin Hall
- 11th** - Fresh Start - 9:00 am - 12:00 noon - The O'Neal Center
 - ECW Meeting - 5:00 pm - Griffin Hall
- 18th** - Fresh Start - 9:00 am - 12:00 noon - The O'Neal Center
- 25th** - Fresh Start - 9:00 am - 12:00 noon - the O'Neal Center

Friday

- 12th** - Daughters of the King Women's Retreat - Charleston, SC
 - Columbia Operatic Laboratory Auditions - 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm - Nave/Griffin Hall

Saturday

- 6th** -
- 13th** - Columbia Service Project - A collaboration between Fresh Start & Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc, Alpha Psi Lambda Chapter - 10:30 am - 12:30 pm - The O'Neal Center
 - Second Saturday Feeding - 12:00 noon - 1:00 pm - Meals distributed from Griffin Hall
- 20th** - Acolyte Rehearsal - 10:30 am - 11:30 am - Nave & Chancel
 - Youth Commission Meeting - 1:00 pm - Nave
 - Private Rental - 12:00 pm - 7:00 pm - Griffin Hall
- 27th** - Fourth Saturday Feeding - 12:00 noon

April Servants for the Lord

April 7

The Second Sunday of Easter

Old Testament Lesson: Lorin Palmer
Epistle: John Bowden
Prayers of the People: Joni James
Chalice: Corliss Wise
Ushers: Ronald Turner, James Kelley, Pat Cokley, Rachel Hall
Oblation Bearers: Patricia Ancrum, Errol Porter
Acolytes: Cory James, Kennedy & Levi Johnson, Jr., Aaliyah & Landon Moore, Jaylen Caldwell
Vestry Person of the Day: Rachel Hall

April 21

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Old Testament Lesson: Audrey Evans
Epistle: Errol Porter
Prayers of the People: Cynthia Parker Reed
Chalice: Cynallyhia Indriago
Ushers: Rudolph Wise, Judy Battiste, Darnell Holmes
Oblation Bearers: Beverly & Joseph Ray
Acolytes: Isabella Bracy, DeNell Hickman Aaliyah & Landon Moore, Jaylen Caldwell
Vestry Person of the Day: Errol Porter

April 14

The Third Sunday of Easter

Old Testament Lesson: Brian Baldwin
Epistle: Milton Parker
Prayers of the People: Ja'Ve'll Bynoe
Chalice: Sheryl Belcher
Ushers: Gloria Eaddy, Loretta Johnson, Dorothy Walker, Shauna Hicks
Oblation Bearers: Cassandra Sims, Gloria Eaddy
Acolytes: Isabella Bracy, Valarian Couch, Jr., DeNell Hickman, Aaliyah & Landon Moore, Jaylen Caldwell
Vestry Person of the Day: - Shauna Hicks

April 28

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Old Testament Lesson: Levi Johnson, Jr.
Epistle: Sheryl Belcher
Prayers of the People: Corliss Wise
Chalice: DeNell Hickman
Ushers: Joseph & Beverly Ray, Daryl Hammonds, Alexis Jacobs
Oblation Bearers: Deadra & Steven Bowden
Acolytes: Isabella Bracy, Valarian Couch, Jr., Cory James, Kennedy & Levi Johnson, Jr., Aaliyah & Landon Moore, Jaylen Caldwell
Vestry Person of the Day: Joni James