PARISH PROFILE
ST. LUKE’S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
IDAHO FALLS, IDAHO
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INTRODUCTION

St. Luke’s is proud of our heritage and mindful of our history, and as believers in Jesus’ resurrection we recognize that we are continually being called to new life. With help and guidance from Canon Lucinda Ashby and Canon Lauren Schoeck, the members of the Transition and Search Committee have tended the process as a gardener would a garden. This is not the first time of transition for the parish, and we are confident that we will emerge from this period stronger, wiser and much more in tune with what the Lord is calling us to do.

This parish profile incorporates interviews and fact-finding that has involved every available member of the parish. We have gathered stories from the past in order to understand ourselves better. In looking through the archives, it has been instructional to realize that a lot of the challenges we face today are not much different from the challenges the Episcopal community in Idaho Falls faced in the mid- to late 1960s.

ST. LUKE’S IN OUR WORDS

“I wish for the future of this church that we will be visionary. The world has changed and we need to be daring enough to be something that is really different.”

“The most important feature of our church is outreach! No matter what’s happening, the Episcopal Church is there.”

“Because of this church, I am not alone any longer.”

“I am proud that in this denomination I am allowed to question and think.”

“People here notice me, and check in, and care.”

“We not only love each other, we like each other.”

“I think we are true to God's call. We make a sincere effort to represent God in the community.”

“I belong here.”
To clear up any confusion, it would help to explain in this introduction that St. Luke’s is a church that was formed when two Episcopal churches in Idaho Falls — St. John’s and St. Mark’s — merged in the mid-2000s. St. John’s dated back to 1895, while St. Mark’s came into being in 1982. When the time came for the two churches to be pruned from their separate places on the vine and grafted together, the old gave way to the new and St. Luke’s came to life.

The past few years have also brought us the gift of fellowship with the people of New Day Lutheran (ELCA), who needed a place of worship after separating from First Lutheran Church (LCMC). While the arrangement began out of considerations of practicality, the people of New Day and St. Luke’s have formed new friendships and relationships. Special thanks to Pastor Gina Herman, for her preaching gifts, counsel and willingness to celebrate Eucharist with us on many, many occasions.

Many people have put a lot of prayer energy into this document. We hope what you see gives you an honest, faithful picture of who we are and what we hope for as we open a new chapter.

“I am proud of this parish because Jesus is front and center. We represent Christ in the world in a loving, compassionate, and conscientious way.”

“Inclusion, love and tolerance keep me coming back.”

“God is around all the time, not just for a moment.”

“Everyone is so generous with their time. They always try to make everyone feel good.”

“We accept all people no matter what shape they are in or what choices they have made.”

“It makes me feel good that everyone’s different ideas come together in a way that works.”

“I am proud of our open minds and our rainbow flag. It is heartwarming to know that all are welcome here.”
WHOM WE SEEK

We seek a compassionate priest who prioritizes pastoral care; an inspired preacher who empowers and encourages our gifts; an energetic leader who represents our established values in the community; and a nurturing individual who will help us grow.

Smith Chapel, St. Luke’s Episcopal Church
HARVEST FROM OUR PAST: A HISTORY OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN IDAHO FALLS

The Episcopal Church community in Idaho Falls dates back to the beginnings of the city itself. After the Utah and Northern Railroad reached Black Rock Canyon in 1879, a town called Eagle Rock emerged as a trading center for eastern Idaho. Historical records indicate that the first Episcopal service in Eagle Rock took place in April 1881 when Daniel S. Tuttle, Bishop of Idaho, married Luther Arthur Buckner and Emma Muckley in the home of John Muckley, the bride’s father. Bishop Tuttle returned in August that year to celebrate with a small group of worshippers and advise them on how to form a congregation.

Irrigation was transforming eastern Idaho into productive farmland, and the railroad town emerged as a regional center of trade. Bankers, lawyers and businessmen, many from the Midwest, began arriving with their wives and families and by the middle of the 1890s, Idaho Falls — renamed by land developers hoping to make the town sound less frontier and more genteel — had roughly 30 Episcopal families.

St. John’s Episcopal Church was established in 1895, with Bishop Etherbert Talbot presiding at the dedication of a red brick chapel at the corner of Park Avenue and A Street. The Rev. John Dawson was named missionary in charge. The chapel and choir pews were of carved oak, and the building featured three gothic windows that illuminated the altar. When colored glass windows arrived in 1896, the occasion was written up in the local newspaper. The chapel was often used by members of the Swedish Lutheran Church before they moved into their own building.

St. John’s remained downtown until 1909, when the lot was sold to business developers. Windows, pews and furnishings were taken across the railroad tracks to a residential section of town. The Placer Avenue lot had room for both a church and a rectory. Both were consecrated that September by Bishop James Bowen Funsten.

For the first half of the 20th century, St. John's remained a mission under a succession of vicars, but the coming of the Atomic Energy Commission to Idaho Falls in 1949 brought growth and change to the community. Because of the National Reactor Testing Station
new families were arriving from all over. In January 1953, St. John's Episcopal became a
self-supporting parish with Rev. David Blackhalter as the first rector.

As the congregation grew, it became apparent that a larger, more up-to-date building
would be needed. Much of St. John's energy in the '50s and early '60s was focused on
this. In 1964, the 1909 church was torn down and the rectory house was relocated to a
different part of town. The third St. John’s Episcopal Church was dedicated by Bishop
Norman Foote on December 10, 1964. Windows from the two
previous buildings were
placed in the new
sanctuary, and the
original, carved pews
were placed in a special
upstairs chapel where
they remain today.

"As I look to the future, I
find in myself the mixed
emotions of fear and
hope," Bishop Foote
wrote in a January 1966
letter to St. John’s
parishioners, to be read
at the annual meeting.
"On the one hand, the
world in which we live continues to exist close to the possibilities of its own destruction,
and on the other, to provide ever increasing opportunities for Christian service. Let us
learn new flexibility, with renewed dedication to witness to the good news and service to
the men and women of our world."

At the 1968 annual meeting, change was very much on the mind of the rector, the Rev.
Jack Viggers. In the next 15 years Viggers would play a large and lasting role in the life
of Idaho Falls’ Episcopal community. Viggers was very mission-focused and by 1968, in
addition to his duties as rector, he had set up Eastern Idaho Special Services Agency,
with St. John’s making an annual contribution of $6,000. By the early ‘70s, Viggers was
ready to leave the pulpit to become EISSA’s director. It survives today as Eastern Idaho
Community Action Partnership.

Choosing a new rector in 1972, St. John's vestry extended its call to the Rev. Robert
Noble. There could probably be no two Episcopal priests more different in style and
temperament than Father Jack and Father Bob. Without dwelling on details, it is fair to
say that in the 1970s, the congregation experienced a rift. By 1982, a second Episcopal
community, St. Mark's had formed, meeting six blocks away in an old Salvation Army
mission building. Father Jack and other supply clergy provided the Eucharist. Six blocks
down South Boulevard at St. John’s, Father Bob had retired and the parish was served by interim priests and supply clergy until a call was extended in 1983 to the Rev. Don Robinson.

The Idaho Falls Community Food Bank was founded in the basement of St. John’s over sixty years ago. During the 80’s, St. Mark’s members set up the Christian Sandwich Kitchen making brown bag lunches.

At diocesan urging, St. John’s and St. Mark’s merged in 2003, with members of both congregations symbolically walking the distance from one church to the other, now renamed St. Luke’s, in honor of the patron saint of healing. The building that had housed St. Mark’s was sold and the funds were used to buy and remodel the office building next door into a new Community Outreach Center. This building is home to the Idaho Falls Soup Kitchen, which feeds close to one thousand people per week, and provides rent and utility free office space to five other local outreach ministries.

Many parishioners who have joined St. Luke’s in the past 15 years have no awareness there used to be two separate Episcopal churches in Idaho Falls. As part of the search and transition process, a story gathering evening was held. Participants were asked to describe the parish with a single word. “Welcoming” and “acceptance” took the top two slots, while other strong contenders included “inclusive,” “compassionate,” “outreach” and “caring.”

The history taking surprised a lot of people, but if one thing came out clearly it was that St Luke’s is proud of its longtime reputation for service and hospitality and intends to take those qualities into its new life in the 2020s and beyond.
THE GROUND IN WHICH WE GROW: A SKETCH OF IDAHO FALLS

As a community, Idaho Falls is on the verge of some big changes. Idaho is the fastest growing state in the nation, and while the in-migration here is not as great as in the western and northern parts of the state, new people are coming. The Idaho National Laboratory (INL), a vital economic presence for 70 years, is attracting a new generation of researchers and scientists. While the workforce there has remained overwhelmingly white (90%) and male (80%), the lab is actively seeking to recruit a new, more diverse workforce from top universities across the nation and abroad. With the National Reactor Innovation Center, INL has reclaimed its original nuclear mission, but it has a broad portfolio that also includes cybersecurity, electric vehicles, batteries, biomass and geothermal energy production.

While the lab makes headlines, agriculture remains the cornerstone of the Idaho Falls economy. In addition to potatoes, the farm economy encompasses wheat, hay and malt barley for brewing giants Anheuser-Busch and Modelo. Since its founding in the late 1800s, Idaho Falls has been a regional trading and service center. To serve agriculture, packaging and warehousing are big business. The city now has three hospitals, and dozens of specialty clinics. With retail trade, the town draws people in from places as far away as western Wyoming, central Idaho and southwestern Montana. With a new Costco scheduled to open in the summer of 2020 on the city’s northern edge, retail shows no sign of slowing down.

Politically, Idaho Falls offers an interesting contradiction. While Idaho is one of the reddest states outside of the South, with a Republican-dominated legislature, city elections are conducted on a non-partisan basis. Because of this, Idaho Falls’ city government could be characterized as moderate. The city has a long tradition of progressive leadership.

Idaho Falls Power, the city-owned utility, has five run-of-river hydro-electric dams, which generate a significant portion of the city’s power. Idaho Falls has some of the lowest power rates in the United States as a result. The city is supplied with water from more than two-dozen municipal wells. In the early 2000s, Idaho Falls Power strung fiber-optic
cable in every direction, mainly for business bandwidth. That backbone has allowed the city to begin offering fiber to residences, giving users a variety of Internet service providers from which to choose.

The city itself has a strong tradition of parks and recreation that goes back to the early 20th century. Tautphaus Park is home to one of the top-rated small city zoos in the country, with a strong education and conservation component. Highland Park is home to Melaleuca Field where the minor league Idaho Falls Chukars play. The city has three municipal golf courses, and the Greenbelt around the Snake River is a popular walking and biking diversion for locals and tourists alike.

Since its establishment in 2002, the Museum of Idaho has expanded dramatically and hosted exhibits as diverse as “A T-Rex Named Sue,” Steam Punk, the Gutenberg Bible, the Titanic and Archimedes. A new wing has been added and a permanent exhibit called “Way Out West” is scheduled to open in 2020. The Colonial Theater, which opened in 1919, was renovated in 1998 and hosts a variety of community productions and acts brought in by the Idaho Falls Arts Council. The arts community is especially active with a symphony orchestra, a youth symphony, The Art Museum of Eastern Idaho, children’s Artitorium, many galleries, and several sidewalk art shows. For bigger productions, the Idaho Falls Civic Center has recently been given a facelift, and ground has been broken on a 6,000-seat event center intended to host shows, trade exhibitions, and a minor league hockey franchise.
As far as outdoor recreation is concerned, the opportunities for hiking, rafting, skiing, snowshoeing and camping are unparalleled. Idaho Falls is two hours away from Yellowstone National Park and Grand Teton National Park. Sun Valley is less than three hours to the west, and to the north lie the Sawtooth National Recreation Area and the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness. The Henry’s Fork and South Fork of the Snake River are world famous for their fly-fishing. Craters of the Moon National Monument, 75 miles to the west, was designated an International Dark Sky Park in 2017 and is a popular stargazing destination.

Coming into Idaho Falls from any direction, a person can’t help but notice the large white building with a statue of a golden angel on top. This is the Idaho Falls Temple of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The dominance of the LDS Church creates interesting challenges for worship communities like St. Luke’s. While the leaders of some local churches choose an oppositional posture to the LDS Church on theological grounds, as Episcopalians dedicated to positive witness, the people of St. Luke’s have traditionally looked for ways to reach out to LDS folks and share the Lord’s work wherever and whenever possible. From their side, and in their own way, LDS leaders have embraced these opportunities, for example sponsoring teams to serve in the Soup Kitchen or participating in the annual interdenominational progressive dinner.

Unlike other communities in the Upper Snake River Valley, Idaho Falls was not founded by Mormon Pioneers. The original toll bridge was built by a Methodist from Missouri, and a temperance crusader from Chicago, Rebecca Mitchell, was the driver behind the city’s
first church, First Baptist, which started in 1885. St. John’s Episcopal was built downtown in 1895. When downtown experienced a building boom in the early 20th century, the church moved across the tracks to a residential neighborhood, the Original Townsite, where bankers, lawyers, land agents and implement dealers were building mansions for themselves. This part of town is also home to First Presbyterian Church and Trinity Methodist Church, both over 100 years old as well.

While the stately homes remain in place and occupied, the neighborhood St. Luke’s calls home has changed in makeup (See box for story of our neighborhood walk). Some St. Luke’s parishioners live nearby, and demographic information gathered for this parish profile revealed that six people live within a one-mile radius. Another 54 live within two miles, and another 56 live within five miles.

In 2019, as the information for this profile was being collected, St. Luke’s counted 151 members. Average Sunday attendance in 2018 was reported at 51, down from 77 the previous year. We hope to see more Sunday participation when we have regular clergy.

In terms of age, the largest number of members, 61, was between the age of 52 and 69. The next largest number, 31, was 70 to 87, followed by 26 members who were 30 to 51 years old. Under 30, St. Luke’s counted 22 members. And four member are at least 88 years old.

There is timelessness about this part of town. In contrast to the three-story brick and masonry buildings of nearby downtown, here we find graceful, arching trees that tell stories when the breeze blows through their lofty branches. This is the neighborhood where the Episcopal Church of Idaho Falls moved to grow and develop when it moved from downtown. Strolling along the uneven sidewalks today, we see a collage of architecture: old basalt homesteads, pillared colonial revival mansions, graceful Queen Anne, Craftsman and Cape Cod cottages. The variation reveals that the neighborhood matured over decades, and ebbed and flowed with the economics of the years. We see some large homes that have been converted to multiplexes, some small business parks and even an old Spanish-revival motel that fills half a block. There are a few vacant lots, perhaps from homes that were lost or torn down. There are no parking lots and cars dot the streets. We hear children over the noise of some renovations and repairs. The people we meet are friendly and don’t really wonder what we’re doing, wandering whimsically past their homes. Near the Museum of Idaho we see a resident checking the construction dumpster for useful things. We make our way from the businesses near the railroad tracks, past the other old churches of the neighborhood, past schools, community service organizations like the IF Soup Kitchen, past the Y.M.C.A., and back to the park neighboring St. Luke’s where we discuss that the neighborhood could use a common meeting space. We hope that St. Luke’s could act as that meeting point - first communally, and eventually, spiritually. Things are changing slowly in this part of town, but it remembers its history. St. Luke’s has always been here, and this is what the trees, and their people, understand.
No profile of Idaho Falls would be complete without mentioning the weather. This is a four-season town situated at 4,700 feet above sea level on the western slope of the Rocky Mountains. Temperatures range on average between 87 and 14 degrees Fahrenheit. Winter usually begins in earnest between Thanksgiving and Christmas, lasting until the third week of March. Temperatures can go below zero in December, January and February. Spring is a mixed bag, and many an Easter Sunday has seen snow (although nothing that lasts long). You can expect occasional frost until early June. Summer begins the third week of June and typically ends the weekend after Labor Day. Fall is pleasant, with brisk mornings and golden light.

To sum up our place in the community we have described, St. Luke’s enjoys a reputation as a place where the people are friendly and hospitable, witnessing to the Holy Spirit and representing the Episcopal Church as a place of grace and unity.
TENDING OUR GARDEN: ST. LUKE’S MINISTRIES

I am the Holy Spirit. I am the bridge between the ways of Heaven and the ways of Earth. I flow where I will, and am an infinite source to those who seek me. I flow through Idaho Falls, and through St. Luke’s.

I am the Holy Spirit. I flow through those who guide the worship.

The Worship Committee’s main task is to schedule all the worship services for Sunday and Wednesdays, taking particular notice of holy days and special events. Their work is important as it directs the needs of the Worship Team including acolytes, eucharistic ministers, eucharistic visitors, worship leaders and lectors. The committee consists of a scheduler, hospitality coordinator, vestry liaison, altar guild director, spiritual director, and ordained ministers.
I am the Holy Spirit. I flow through those who practice the liturgy.

The Lay Liturgical Ministries are the people who serve at the altar. This includes the Worship Leader who assists the priest during the service or leads the service during Morning Prayer, Eucharistic Ministers, Eucharistic Visitors, Lectors, and Acolytes. A member of the worship committee schedules these positions. The diocese provides training for Worship Leaders and Eucharistic Ministers.

I am the Holy Spirit. I flow through those who tend my altar.

The Altar Guild does all the behind the scenes work relating to the worship space. It consists of five teams. Four teams prepare the altar one Sunday a month on a scheduled basis. Should a month have five Sundays our fifth team steps in. We have teams that have been doing this important work for years, and we have teams with newer members who are interested in learning the traditions of the church. We have married couples that serve, and one family with young children that serve.

SETTING THE LORD’S TABLE & CARING FOR THE IMPLEMENTS OF WORSHIP IS WHERE I FEEL THE MOST HOLY. I AM CENTERED AND FOCUSED AT ENHANCING WORSHIP FOR MY CHURCH FAMILY.  ~BRIAN GRANT
Weave my songs. Weave, weave, weave my songs.

St. Luke’s has a strong and varied Music Ministry, presenting many styles of music throughout a given month during the program year (September-May). Tintinnabulation Bell Choir plays English hand bells on the first Sunday of the month. Faith and Harmony is an acoustic group exploring different church music traditions. They provide music on the third Sunday of the month, and when portable music is needed. The remaining Sundays of the month are filled with offerings of the choir, currently a joint endeavor with New Day Lutheran. The church has both an organ and a piano to support congregational singing.

I am the Holy Spirit. I flow through those who comfort my flock.

The Pastoral Care Committee is a very important ministry at St. Luke’s. They visit parishioners who are homebound or in care facilities. They offer meals to parishioners who are ill or facing a difficult situation. They send postcards to parishioners having birthdays, anniversaries, and to those on the Parish Cycle of Prayer. They maintain the ongoing prayer chain. They are instrumental in coordinating wedding and funeral receptions.

Supporting each other through the ups and downs of life is a privilege of all of us at St. Luke’s. ~ Susan Mills

Being involved with music at St. Luke’s is my spiritual expression. I love the opportunity to make music with others, share faith through song, and be creative musically. ~ Angie Lee
I am the Holy Spirit. I flow through those who tend my garden.

The Building and Grounds Committee does most of the maintenance in and around the church. They also help with decisions on upgrades and making decisions on bids from outside parties. Some important projects accomplished in the last decade were the columbarium and indoor ramp, the labyrinth, and the boiler upgrade. All ministries of the church use the building making this an incredibly important ministry. Historically, the Junior Warden has been in charge of this ministry.

I am the Holy Spirit. I flow through those who welcome and feed the congregation.

The Hospitality Team exhibits how we share our love with each other and our community. They are in charge of setting up snacks & drinks each week after the Sunday service. They are instrumental in special events in that they work with various groups and committees to provide whatever is needed. Events include conducting the annual interfaith progressive dinner held each year in September which involves several neighborhood churches; providing refreshments for diocesan meetings and/or trainings held at our church; coordinating special lunches or dinners throughout the church year, such as the annual meeting, bishop’s visit, and vestry retreats.
I am the Holy Spirit. I flow through those who teach my ways.

The Education Ministry is founded on children’s education, but also provides seasonally-focused sessions during the church year for adults. Children’s education classes take place during Sunday Worship each week with children joining their parents in worship during the peace so that they are present for the Eucharist. Our current curriculum is Building Faith Brick by Brick which is a LEGO based curriculum published by the Episcopal Church. It works well as we have a one room schoolhouse model for our Sunday School class, with the older youth helping to teach the younger children as they creatively build a deeper understanding of the Bible. Our children ages 9 and up are also served through a youth group that is led by New Day Lutheran. We recognize that children and youth ministry is an area on which we need to focus, and which priestly leadership would be welcome.

We currently have adult education in conjunction with New Day Lutheran in between our service and their service on Sunday morning.

I ENJOY GETTING TO KNOW THE CHILDREN AND TEENS IN OUR CONGREGATION AND SHARING WITH THEM THE WAYS THAT I CONNECT WITH GOD TODAY, AS OPPOSED TO HOW I CONNECTED BY ROTE AS A CHILD. ~ BUDDY HALL
I am the Holy Spirit. I flow through those who extend my reach to the community.

The St. Luke’s Vestry approves a yearly calendar of monthly outreach programs with a specific cause designated for each month. Some of these programs we support: Regional Council For Christian Ministry, College of Eastern Idaho, FISH, Lillian Vallely School, United Thank Offering, etc.

An outreach of which we are very proud is the Community Outreach Center. This facility was purchased when the two Episcopal churches merged, and currently houses five local non-profits in a rent and utility free space. These non-profits house the homeless, provide hygiene products and school supplies to those in need, offer medications at low or no cost to those who qualify, and feed the hungry through the work of the Idaho Falls Soup Kitchen.

St. Luke’s has a team who serves the first Sunday of each month at the IF Soup Kitchen where they provide a free lunch to individuals in need of a healthy meal. The volunteers’ duties include preparing the food, setting up the dining room, serving the guests, and cleaning up the Soup Kitchen afterward. This is an important ministry that the Episcopal Church started in Idaho Falls, and has now branched out to the entire community through its partnership with the Community Outreach Center.

I AM FORTUNATE TO BE ABLE TO SERVE AT THE IDAHO FALLS SOUP KITCHEN. IT IS WONDERFUL TO SEE A COMMUNITY COME TOGETHER TO SUPPORT THOSE COMMUNITY MEMBERS WHO MAY BE GOING THROUGH HARD TIMES. PLUS, I’VE LEARNED TO COOK FOR 200 PEOPLE! ~ MISTY MARTINELL
Perhaps the most dynamic ministry of the past 20 years at St. Luke’s has been the Mission Team. Mission trips include youth and adults from the church, and are often accompanied by people from the community. They have gone as far afield as Kenya and Haiti to help people in need. Mission teams have also gone to states including North Dakota, Texas, Colorado, North Carolina and Alaska to give their aid and be the heart and hands of Jesus in the world.

I BELIEVE THAT SERVING OTHERS LOCALLY, NATIONALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY IS A GREAT WAY TO EXPERIENCE PERSONAL TRANSFORMATION. THE YOUTH AND ADULTS WHO HAVE TRAVELED WITH ME HAVE ALL BEEN CHANGED IN SOME WAY.

~ BUDDY HALL
The **Turkey Box Program** is a wonderful community outreach program that St. Luke’s has been doing for over 20 years. It started with one committed parishioner’s effort to provide Thanksgiving meals to underserved students in her school. Kelli Marshall’s project has blossomed and grown to a city wide interdenominational program feeding over 400 families.

St. Luke’s has supported St. Vincent DePaul’s Christmas baskets for over 10 years. Through the **Angel Tree** program, families who find themselves in challenging circumstances during the holiday season are given hope for a brighter Christmas.

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I CHOSE THIS PROJECT BECAUSE I THOUGHT IF PEOPLE NEEDED THINGS, THEN THEIR PETS WOULD NEED THINGS TOO. I THINK THAT THIS IMPORTANT, BECAUSE IF PEOPLE CAN’T TAKE CARE OF THEIR PETS, THEN THEY MIGHT HAVE TO GET RID OF THEM, AND IF THEY GET RID OF THEIR PETS THEY WOULD BE LOSING ONE OF THEIR BEST FRIENDS.

~ PHOEBE JONES

St. Luke’s also provides a **Necessary Needs Cabinet** outside our front door, stocked with staple food and personal care items for people and pets. It was started in 2018 by Phoebe Jones, a 14-year-old parishioner, for her Girl Scout Silver Award Project. The items inside the cabinet are received through donations or fundraisers, and in 2019 the Cabinet was awarded an Idaho Episcopal Foundation (IEF) Grant to support its mission.
The **LEGO League Robotics Team** at St. Luke’s was started when two dads in the parish noticed a need in our community for youth robotics programs. They wrote a grant asking for start-up funds from IEF, and were awarded the grant. The program is in its second year, and the team was just awarded a spot in the state tournament where they placed in the top half of participants. Kids from fourth to eighth grade can participate, and we currently host kids from five schools across the community.

With a grant from the IEF, we were able to remodel an unused space during 2012 into a useful art studio. **Art Studio** was founded in 2013 by a parishioner with an art degree who wanted to share this space with members of the parish and the community. The last Friday of every month, an artist has been showcased, and then the group creates an artwork in the style of this artist. Over the past few years, popular lessons have been Jackson Pollock, Gustav Klimt, ancient cave painting, mandala rock painting, and Katsushika Hokusai. All ages, novices, and guests are welcome.

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**I LIKE THAT KIDS ON THE LEGO ROBOTICS TEAM GET TO DO REAL WORLD PROBLEM SOLVING, AND THEY REALLY GET TO KNOW ONE ANOTHER AND HOW TO WORK TOGETHER AS A TEAM. ~ KRIS SMITH**
St. Luke’s is administered by its Vestry. There are currently 8 members including Senior Warden, Junior Warden, and liaisons for committees of the church. The Vestry is assisted by the Administrative Assistant, Lonnie Martinell. Volunteers often help fold weekly service bulletins (especially during Advent and Lent), copy, fold and mail the monthly newsletter, and cover the office during vacation and other times. The congregation is kept updated through the weekly Tuesday Tidings email and the monthly newsletter, The Link.

The Finance Committee maintains the accounts and budget of the Church under the supervision of the Treasurer. They meet quarterly and as needed.

The Stewardship Campaign is our annual effort to provide the vestry and finance committee with the information they need to determine a budget for the upcoming fiscal year. The Stewardship Committee develops a plan each year to educate the congregation on the meaning of stewardship, including the resources of time, talent and treasure.

St. Luke’s Vestry 2020
Brian Grant, Senior Warden
Mark Farnes, Junior Warden
Daniel Devasirvatham
Debby Green
Warren Jones
David Macfarlane
Carolyn Robertson
Edwin Skilling
Suzanne Buchan, Treasurer
Buddy Hall, Clerk of the Vestry

The Transition and Search Team
Canon Lauren Schoeck, Canon for Transition and Search
Misty Martinell, Team Chair
Jacquie Janibagian, Vestry Liason, 2019
Warren Jones, Chaplain, Vestry Liason, 2020
Joe Alexander
Kaitlin Gotch
Kelli Marshall
Paul Menser
Loretta Moses
# St. Luke's Episcopal Church

## Statement of Financial Position

As of December 31, 2019

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### Equity

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**TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY**

520,570.94
St. Luke's Episcopal Church - 2018 Use of Giving with Full Time Clergy
Total Revenue $158,673

St. Luke's Episcopal Church - 2019 Use of Giving with an Interim Priest and Supply Clergy
Total Revenue $142,715
CONCLUSION

Our transition and search process has involved much discussion about what we seek in a leader, and, as might be expected, a lot of different needs and desires have been voiced. We identify ourselves as a compassionate community, so we are seeking a compassionate leader who understands the importance of pastoral care and makes it a priority. In worship, we look for an inspirational preacher who can illuminate the scripture while speaking to the everyday cares and concerns of congregants. We have many talents at St. Luke’s, and seek to engage someone who can empower and encourage us in our spiritual growth. St. Luke’s is recognized in the community for its service to others and generosity. The person who comes to lead us will reflect these qualities. As we’ve prayed together throughout our transition process, “when the time is right, send us Your servant to complete our search, that together, in Your garden, we may sow the Good News of Salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.”