



# St. Luke's Church

107 East Broadway

Granville, Ohio

**2019 PARISH PROFILE**

# St. Luke's Vision Statement:

*Recognizing our call to proclaim by word and example The Good News of God in Christ, striving for justice and peace among all people and embracing our diversity as a strength, we, the people of St. Luke's Church, honor our past to move into the future.*



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# Who We Are

We are a welcoming, inclusive and loving congregation. We are a community of diverse people from many walks of life who enjoy warm relationships and opportunities to worship together. We have a strong commitment to our core values of service and outreach, have a deep love of learning, and appreciate a robust musical tradition.





# Worship at St. Luke's

Worship at St. Luke's unites our community in celebration of the Creator, Son and Holy Spirit. Members worship in ways that personally resonate with them in three unique Sunday services. We are a warm and friendly community that enjoys each other, draws strength and meaning from the services, and relishes the opportunity to worship together. The average overall weekly attendance at Sunday services is 120-130. Educational opportunities for children and adults occur between the 9:15 and 11 a.m. services.



## *Three Services*

The 8 a.m. service is Rite I, celebrated without musical accompaniment. A stalwart and dedicated group of between 15 - 20 people gather for the 8 a.m. service, which is characterized by a community that greets each other in an enthusiastic and extended passing of the peace. Typically, the priest serves unaccompanied at the altar, though a chalice bearer has served in the past. A lector reads the lessons and the Prayers of the People.

The 9:15 a.m. service is Rite II, oriented for families with children, though people of all ages attend. The 9:15 service is celebrated with music supported by the organist, and the congregation is heartily and joyfully engaged in singing the hymns. The priest offers a children's sermon to the appreciation of all. A crucifer, chalice bearer, and two acolytes serve. The Choristers Choir sings at this service at least once per month. A lector reads the lesson and leads the Prayers of the People and the lessons of the day are the foundation for the Sunday School program. The average attendance of this service is 55-60.

The 11 a.m. Rite II service is the most formal of the three services. The Adult Choir sings at this service, sometimes accompanied by the Choristers Choir. The congregation joins in robust singing of hymns, and the Choir leads the Psalms and the Anthem. Occasionally members of the community offer additional music. A crucifer and chalice bearer serve, and a lector reads the lessons and leads the Prayers of the People. This service is generally attended by adults of all ages. The average attendance is 55.

## *Summer Services*

In the summer, the number of services is reduced to two, at 8 and 10 a.m.



# Christian Education

In our education program, we investigate the world through the lens of our faith. Our education programs explore the word of God through scripture, liturgical traditions, a variety of readings, practices, and fellowship. During the program year (September through May), St. Luke's holds an education hour each Sunday from 10 to 11 a.m. In addition, numerous special programs help support spiritual growth, social interaction and outreach throughout the community.



## *Children's Education*

Sunday children's education builds on the Biblical lessons and themes from the 9:15 family-oriented Sunday service. Children gather in multi-age sections and are led by parent volunteers through discussion, hands-on activities, and creative expression.



## *Adult Education*

During "Coffee: Grounds for Discussion," adult parishioners meet in the recently remodeled undercroft of the church to enjoy a wide cross section of speakers and topics. Speakers include St. Luke's clergy and parishioners, as well as people from the broader community of Granville and organizations in central Ohio. Subjects we have explored include Buddhism, women of the Bible, Celtic Christianity, observations of Lent and Advent, and preparing for the end of life.





# Education Beyond Sunday Mornings

Both children and adults can participate in additional education opportunities throughout the week, month and year.



Special programs for adult education include St. Luke's Book Club, which meets six times during the program year to discuss works of both fiction and nonfiction. Our recent six-week course in Spiritual Gifts provided the opportunity for Parish members to identify not only their spiritual gifts, but how and where they can use these gifts within our ministries to Parish members and the larger community. Additional programs led by a variety of people have included Centering Prayer, Bible study, iconography, artistic creativity, yoga, and assisting people with Alzheimer's.



St. Luke's also participates with five Granville-area churches of differing denominations in an ecumenical summer vacation Bible school that serves 250 children. We also participate in an ecumenical Lenten Crosswalk and an ecumenical Thanksgiving Service.





# St. Luke's Ministries

## *Our Parishioners Respond to the Good News in Christ*

Our church is blessed with people who care deeply about social issues and put that care into action as individuals, families and community groups. St. Luke's values the individual qualities, life experiences and perspectives of our members. The similarities of our outward appearances may, in fact, belie the diverse pathways we each travel in our service within the Parish and in our larger community.



## *Helping Those in Need*

Our mission and outreach are the pathways by which we transform our hearts of worship into our hands of service. The parishioners of St. Luke's, as individuals, families and in concert with others, strive to serve our community through our leadership, labor and resources. We believe that every person has a role to play in creating a just, peaceful and honored world.

St. Luke's has a long history of going beyond our walls to identify and help address the challenges facing our neighbors and the larger community. We continue to seek deeper ways of putting our faith into action. While the diverse skills and interests of our members shape the type and focus of our outreach programs, much of our work has centered on those facing life challenges, such as a lack of adequate food.

Within our home of Licking County, 36% of households earn less than the amount needed to provide for housing, child care, food, transportation and health care. Having an adequate amount of food is, for many, a daily challenge. Our members' commitment to addressing this situation takes many forms.

St. Luke's founded and continues to be a strong supporter of the Food Pantry Network of Licking County. This nonprofit agency supports dozens of food pantries and coordinates both the registration of clients and the purchase and distribution of food for the pantries. Bulk and discounted food purchases maximize the amount of food which can be provided but without the donation of funds these purchasing opportunities are lost.



## St. Luke's Ministries

For thirteen years, on Thanksgiving morning, St. Luke's has sponsored the Granville Turkey Trot – a run/walk down the main street of Granville. Through registration fees paid by about 2,500 participants, corporate sponsorships, special events and the sale of every manner of event clothing (e.g. hats, scarves, and vests), the church and the community raise funds for the Food Pantry Network. Thanks to the dedicated work of many, in 2018 the Turkey Trot contributed \$79,000, to bring our ongoing support for the Food Pantry through the Turkey Trot to almost \$800,000.

In 2012, through the Food Pantry Network, the Parish began exploring the possible need for additional food pantry sites. As a result, in 2013 St. Luke's opened the Market Street Pantry near the downtown area of one of our neighboring cities, Newark, Ohio. Volunteers from the Parish and other churches operate the Market Street Pantry two mornings each week. The multitude of tasks involved, such as working with the clients, stocking shelves, transporting supplies, and completing paperwork means there is work available for anyone who volunteers. A typical morning finds between 30 - 40 families benefitting from the market.

The Turkey Trot and the Market Street Pantry are just two of the many programs supported by St. Luke's Outreach Committee, which provides grants to a number of different programs. Additionally, we prepare and serve meals to St. Vincent Haven (a men's shelter) and our Wise Women group gathers personal hygiene products to distribute at the Market Street Pantry.

Never static, our outreach programs evolve and continue to grow. We have just initiated two new programs – providing meal support at the Center for New Beginnings (a shelter for survivors of domestic violence) and exploring our role in Bishop Curry's initiative, Becoming Beloved Community. Consistent with the Parish's history, we continue to seek new and deeper ways of acting out our faith.





# Pastoral Care Ministries

## *We Share God's Love with our Church Family*

St Luke's parishioners believe that pastoral care is a ministry that is most effective when shared among the Rector, the staff and the parishioners. Our care ministries are a source of support and comfort that nurture the well-being of the parishioners and complement and amplify the care provided by the clergy. When a member of our Parish faces changes, challenges, or particular difficulties, we strive to be a source of compassion, help, support and love.



### *Prayer:*

We remember in prayer those in need. This is done in several ways, including our regular services, through our prayer list, and in our prayer card ministry.

### *Eucharistic Visitors:*

Specially trained and registered laity go in teams of two to take communion to home-bound parishioners. Communion also is shared in a small group for some of our members who are living in a local retirement community.

### *Friendly Visitors:*

Laity go through training, including Safe Church Training, to visit parishioners who cannot attend our Sunday services. These visitors provide an ongoing connection between the church and those who are at home or in care facilities and offer encouragement and support.



## Pastoral Care Ministries



### *Prayer Shawl ministry:*

Both novice and experienced knitters, crocheters and others who enjoy the needle arts, meet on a monthly basis to handcraft prayer shawls. The shawls are blessed and offered as a source of comfort and caring. They serve as tangible reminders of prayers prayed and love shared.

### *Kendal services:*

One Sunday each month our Rector and parishioners provide a service in the meeting room at Kendal, a local community retirement center. All Kendal residents are invited to attend and laity often participate by providing music, reading scripture and offering a warm welcome.

### *Denison University:*

St. Luke's church has a close relationship with Denison University. Many of our members are graduates and/or current and former faculty and staff at Denison. Through the Canterbury Club, the Rector and students meet weekly to reflect on the issues that are most important to the students. St. Luke's also offers a Choral Scholars program in which university students receive a stipend and share their talents as members of our choir. With the assistance of the University Chaplain & Director of Religious and Spiritual Life, who is a St. Luke's member, we continue to explore additional ways in which we can expand our support of the university students.

### *Health and Wellness ministries:*

St. Luke's continues to explore ways to support the health and wellness of our family members. Our programs have included a health fair, a parish bike ride, exploring end-of-life care, and an annual Solstice service for those dealing with loss during the holiday season.



# Stewardship

St. Luke's has been a growing, generous group for the past decade. As with most churches located in a fairly affluent area, there is room for growth in the financial contributions of our members. Such growth would make substantial additional resources available for our ministries.

## *Annual Pledging*

We take a traditional approach to monetary resources. Pledge cards are sent out on St. Luke's Day encouraging members to complete and return cards by the Sunday before Thanksgiving. During Sunday services, selected parishioners provide testimony to the congregation on their experience at St. Luke's and encourage others to join in the stewardship campaign. We experienced an expected pledge drop in 2018 when our Rector's departure coincided with the beginning of our campaign. However, two-thirds of our pledging households from the previous year have committed to increase their gift in 2019.

## *Capital Campaigns*

St. Luke's undertook successful capital campaigns in 2009 and again in 2014. The first raised \$1 million from parishioners to update our facilities, replace the bell tower and retire the original mortgage on our Parish House. Ten percent of that campaign was pledged to outreach. The second campaign raised an additional \$600,000 to completely renovate and modernize the undercroft of our historic church.

Now that we no longer have any foreseeable "capital campaign" items on the horizon, future plans include the creation of a general endowment. A small portion of our current congregation has inquired about testamentary gifts and we need to provide that opportunity, as well as education on the process of future gifts as part of our ongoing stewardship education plan.

## *Endowment*

Our building endowment, begun in 2014 from a key gift of \$50,000, has risen to almost \$200,000 from continued giving by other members. These endowed funds are restricted and may only be used to care for our physical plant.

## *Fundraising efforts*

The generosity and affluence of our community is obvious -- yet annual stewardship giving remains a challenge, not unlike congregations of similar means and education. St. Luke's is implementing new methods of approaching stewardship by being more transparent with the congregation about the financial needs of our parish and approaching stewardship through more holistic, intentional, and future-oriented techniques.

As we continue to educate members and evolve to understand what Bishop Curry describes as "Transformational Giving," our annual budget should remain as strong in the future as it has in the past.



# Parish Administration

Both paid professional staff and volunteer lay leaders support the everyday business of our parish. In addition, a cadre of volunteer lay leaders serve internal ministries of the parish, and outreach programs that serve the larger community. The Rector directs the professional staff and works closely with the lay leaders. Rector and staff offices are located in St. Luke's Parish House.

## *Paid, Part-time Professional Staff*

Our Parish Administrator coordinates our Parish events and calendar, oversees publications (the service bulletins and our monthly newsletter), Parish records and bookkeeping, leases, and hospitality.

Our Director of Christian Education is responsible for infant through high school programming.

Our Director of Music and Choristers Choirmaster manages and directs both the adult choir and St. Luke's music program for children ages seven to sixteen.

Our Organist coordinates the music for our services in collaboration with the Rector.

St. Luke's employs a number of additional part-time, paid, professional staff including our Financial Administrator, Communications Specialist, Systems Administrator, Information Technologist, and Sexton.

## *Volunteer Lay Leaders*

St. Luke's Vestry consists of twelve members who meet monthly to discuss and assist the Rector with Parish business. Vestry members liaise with specific ministries (e.g. Outreach, Fellowship, Worship). The Rector works closely with the vestry and, in particular, the Senior Warden, Junior Warden, and Clerk.

Volunteer lay leaders assume major responsibility for our ministries —both internal and to the larger community. These ministries include Outreach, Historic Preservation, Building & Grounds, Membership, Lay Worship Ministries, Altar Guild, Stewardship, and our Health and Wellness Ministry.





# St. Luke's Campus



## *Our Historic Building*

Our church building was consecrated in 1838 and added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1976. It is considered to be one of the finest examples of Greek Revival architecture in the United States, with the original box pews, plaster ceiling medallion, and chandelier.

Due to aging and weather damage in 2012, a new bearing system, a new ceiling support structure, a new ceiling, and wall cladding were designed and installed. A new plaster ceiling matching the original was hung. The six huge 24-over-24 windows were reconstructed and the original glass panels reinstalled, and the beautiful original chandelier was re-hung. In addition, our undercroft and gardens have been redesigned and updated. They are cheerful, light-filled spaces for social gatherings, choir rehearsals, and meetings.





# St. Luke's Campus

## *Parish House*

Several years ago, through a combination of foresight and a bold belief in God's mission for the church, St. Luke's acquired the Parish House, which abuts the church property. The Parish House holds our Sunday School and Parish administration offices, as well as space for meetings and choir rehearsals. The Parish House, formerly a retail establishment, was renovated and updated at the time of purchase.



Both properties flank the Opera House Park, a corner park and former home of Granville's Opera House before it burned to the ground in the mid-1980s. The park is often used by St. Luke's for outdoor gatherings including the Palm Sunday Procession, Easter Egg Hunt, and Blessing of the Animals.





# Our Community

St. Luke's is blessed to be located in a charming village that also is home to a nationally ranked liberal arts college.



*Granville*

Nestled in the rolling hills of Central Ohio, Granville is a quaint New England-style town known for its vibrant downtown, walkability, and historic architecture. St. Luke's Church is one of more than 100 of the town's buildings listed on the National Historic Registry.





# Our Community

Granville is located 35 miles east of Columbus, Ohio—the state capital and fourteenth largest city in the United States. An international airport, vibrant cultural events, and great restaurants are only a short drive away.

Granville Exempted Village School District, with its elementary, intermediate, middle, and high schools, is consistently ranked among Ohio’s top public school districts. More than 80% of Granville School’s teaching staff hold a master’s degree or higher and over 85% of students go on to attend four-year institutions.



Granville is a highly livable community with an enviable standard of living, plentiful recreational and cultural activities, and a strong economy. Median annual household income exceeds \$100,000 (nearly double that of average households across the U.S.). Employment stability is offered by Granville’s two largest employers -- Denison University and the Granville Exempted Village School District.



St. Luke’s is one of four “corner” churches in Granville. Ecumenical services, such as the ones offered at Thanksgiving and at Easter, provide opportunities for parishioners, university students, clergy and choirs to gather together in faith. St. Luke's has been the recipient of the support and caring of other religious and secular institutions and organizations in our community. Most notably, when our church was closed for more than a year because of severe storm damage, Denison University allowed us to worship in the University’s Swasey Chapel.



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### *Denison University*

Denison University, home to 2,000 undergraduates, is central to the intellectual and economic life of the community. A highly selective, nationally ranked liberal arts college, Denison supports students in becoming critical thinkers and active, informed citizens through its global academic programs, off-campus studies, as well as its diverse student body and faculty. A number of Denison faculty and staff claim membership at St. Luke's and the community-at-large benefits from the cultural and intellectual vibrancy Denison offers.



Located on the hill overlooking the village, Denison offers intellectual and cultural activities including music, theatre, and dance performances, as well as nationally known speakers and performers including Bobby McFerrin, Yoyo Ma, and Bela Fleck. The college's soon-to-open Eisner Center for the Performing Arts will provide even more opportunities for arts and entertainment.

St. Luke's is a presence on the Denison campus through the Canterbury Club, as well as through our Choral Scholars program, which employs between four and six music students to sing with our adult choir.



# Our Community

*A beautiful setting, an engaging community*

The beauty of the surrounding rural area is unsurpassed. Must-see areas for nature-lovers include Flint Ridge State Memorial Park, Blackhand Gorge, Dawes Arboretum, Denison's Biological Reserve and the fourteen-mile T.J. Evans Bike Trail. Our community offers local cultural touchpoints including Concerts on the Green, Heisey Wind Ensemble, and Welsh Hills Symphony Orchestra.

The natural beauty of Licking County, the high quality of education available in our community, and our location close to Columbus make Granville a superb place to live.





# Who We Seek

This profile includes those qualities we believe to be the most important to our members and the future of our church. They are grouped under several broad categories. We recognize the challenge and limitations of creating such a list as well as the challenge that potential applicants face in interpreting our ideas and how they may apply to their skill set and interests. For us, this list is a starting point from which further discussions can take place. We look forward to those conversations.

## **The Broad Church**

We seek a rector who...

- is committed to and skilled in engaging a parish with a broad church culture characterized by compassion, exploration, service, and intellectual engagement.

## **Worship**

We seek a rector who...

- will reach diverse groups of people through intellectually, experientially, non-partisan and engaging sermons for an articulate, educated congregation.
- is skilled at addressing the broad church and differing theological perspectives within worship.
- shares our love of music and values and supports the role of music in the worship service and beyond.

## **Spiritual Development**

We seek a rector who...

- takes their own spiritual journey seriously and gives time and attention to prayer, self-care and spiritual practice.
- has the ability to lead and encourage others in the formation and development of a deeper spiritual life.

## **Leadership and Leadership Development**

We seek a rector who...

- is a dynamic, collaborative leader with extensive experience in identifying, encouraging, equipping and supporting lay leaders.
- displays warmth and humor and who can make caring connections with individual parishioners.
- listens attentively to all voices and helps connect and engage those whose voices may not be as readily heard.
- is skilled in helping identify common goals.
- is an experienced parish priest who will be a competent administrator of the church's affairs including the ability to appropriately manage and delegate responsibility.
- is skilled in communication.
- values our rich history and traditions while creating excitement for exploring new pathways.



# Who We Seek

## Pastoral Care

We seek a rector who...

- is skilled in developing and sustaining small fellowship opportunities that deepen friendships and spiritual growth and strengthen reliance and trust in one another.
- is skilled in pastoral care and can empower lay leaders for pastoral care and outreach to serve others.
- can foster an environment that cares for and engages a variety of constituencies in caring and productive relationships.

## Church Growth

We seek a rector who...

- can fulfill their ministry by helping us to reach new people, deepen our spiritual lives, develop our financial generosity, and continue to care for and share our resources.
- will join us in promoting our growth as a welcoming, inclusive and loving community.
- can help ensure that new members are incorporated into the life of the church.

## Community Involvement and Outreach

We seek a rector who...

- will live in and become a part of our community.
- will build upon our rich heritage of service both within the church and in the community, and who will remain faithful to our baptismal vows to strive for justice and peace among all people.
- is skilled in developing and supporting church ministries both for those in our church and in the community.



We appreciate your thoughtful consideration of our invitation to explore together this exciting possibility. We are confident that the Holy Spirit will guide our discernment team and candidates in a successful search process and call.

Thank you,

The Discernment Team on behalf of the Vestry and Parish of St. Luke's Church

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