

ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH *Parish Profile*



Welcome!

A letter from the Discovery & Discernment Committee

“To Know Christ and to make Christ Known” is St. Luke’s Mission Statement and the fundamental basis for our thoughts, our feelings, and actions. We know peace and love through His name.

St. Luke’s, founded in 1890 as a mission church, is a remarkable place; rich in history, paralleling Arizona’s path through its early days as a Territory, into Statehood, to the present. The congregation at St. Luke’s reflects that journey.

We are active people who recognize our potential and share a clear common vision. We are a relaxed, informal congregation comprised of a mix of longtime parishioners and recent arrivals from various parts of the country.

We are serious about our Christian lives together, including this task of calling a new rector. We’ve worked hard creating this profile that it might represent who we truly are at St. Luke’s in an honest and forthright manner

On the following pages, you will find responses from our recent parish survey. We have confidence in our future in faith, in service and in spreading the Word. We are people who aspire to be worthy of the Love, Guidance and Grace of the Almighty.

It is a shepherd we need. We invite you to get acquainted with us through these pages.

Thank you,

The Discovery & Discernment Committee

What We're Looking For

St. Luke's is looking for a new shepherd for our congregation family. We hope to find someone who is enthusiastic and dedicated to this place we call home. We pride ourselves on being a congregation that is welcoming and works hard together. We want our leader to make everyone feel welcome wherever they are in their journey with the Lord. It is also important that our leader support the various ministries, volunteers, and outreach programs in which our church takes pride.

TOP 5 Characteristics

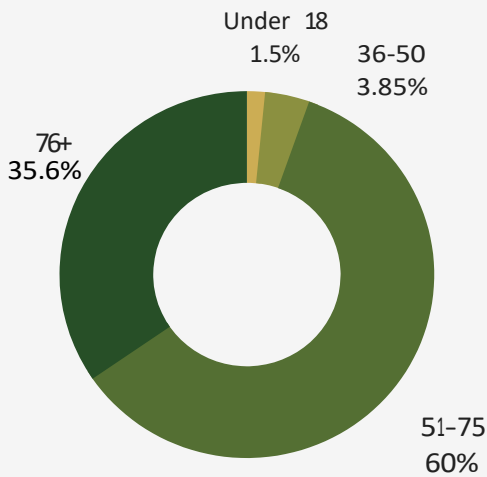
From a recent all-parish survey, these are the top 5 most important characteristics we would like in our new rector

1. A person of integrity
2. Able to preach meaningful & engaging sermons
3. Caring, compassionate, approachable
4. Welcoming to all people
5. Invites input from Vestry & Congregation in decision making

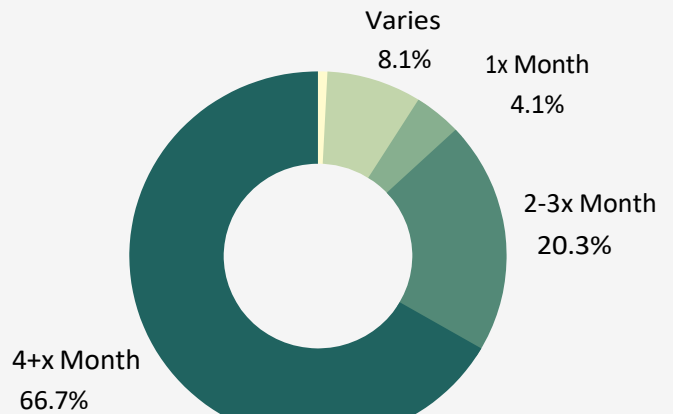


Who Is St. Luke's?

AGES OF PARISHIONERS



HOW OFTEN PARISHIONERS ATTEND



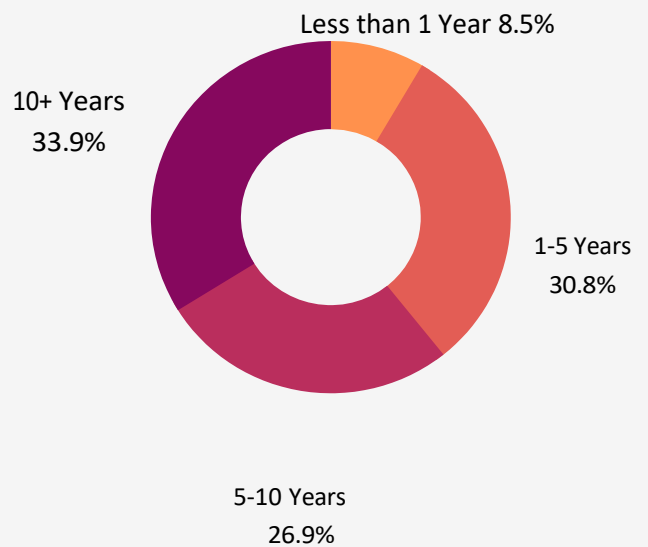
From a recent survey of parishioners, St. Luke's largely attracts people with Episcopalian ties who enjoy our worship style.

However, we have found that people also stay at St. Luke's because of their friends and connection with the rector.

Most future congregants find our parish through word of mouth or an online search.

Although many of our parishioners are retired, we encourage the involvement of families and eagerly support the programs for children and young people.

LENGTH OF TIME ATTENDING ST. LUKE'S



SOURCE: 2021 Survey of St. Luke's Parish

Parishioners Make Us Special!

PARTICIPATION LEVELS

73% of our parishioners volunteer within the church
72% belong to a committee or group outside of congregational membership
29% belong to 3 or more committee or groups
Average weekly attendance: 150 in person; 60 virtual streams

SOURCE: 2021 Survey of St. Luke's Parish

MEMBERSHIP

Greeters with welcome bread
Welcome table

Newcomers' luncheon
Strong volunteer organization
Time and talent opportunities

STAFF SUPPORT

Parish Administrator
Director of Family Ministries (TBD)
Comptroller

Music Director
Organists
Sexton (part time)

VOLUNTEER ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT

Treasurer
Volunteer staffed reception desk
Money counters
Epistle newsletter support

Property maintenance
Safety & Security Team
Sunday bulletin assistants



Worship Opportunities

St. Luke's provides full and comprehensive opportunities for worship. This includes weekly, monthly and special liturgical celebrations.

There are three regular services held each week. On Saturday at 5:30 pm with no music, Sunday at 8:00 am with organ and hymns, Sunday at 10:00 am with organ, hymns, choir and special music on selected occasions. There is one midweek Wednesday Healing Service with Eucharist. We plan to start a Contemporary Service in 2023.

Seasonally, we Celebrate Lenten Stations of the Cross and daily Morning Prayer Services, Palm Sunday Service, Maundy Thursday with foot washing, EASTER Vigil, and EASTER Morning Service. At Christmas we celebrate a Blue Christmas Service. On Christmas Eve we offer an early Family Service and a Traditional Service with choir in the evening.

Other services during the year include our Blessing of the Animals and participation in other faith-based events.



Music Ministry at St. Luke's

St. Luke's has a very active and talented choir, a much admired and dedicated music director, two organists and an accomplished pianist. The choir presents a wide range of musical genres from religious Chant to Gospel. From time to time, guest singers and instrumentalists join the choir for special music.

Along with the choir, we also enjoy the talents of Bell Ringers. And we are proud that St. Luke's is the home of the local, highly esteemed Prescott Chorale, a group of 45+ talented voices who rehearse and perform in our sanctuary.

We firmly believe that "when you sing you pray twice."



Christian Formation

Twice a year we offer an inquirer’s class for new parishioners and those who wish to renew their understanding of our Episcopal Prayer Book and traditions. During Lent, we offer short courses on several Christian topics of interest. Wednesday mornings we have a 10:00 a.m. Healing Service and Eucharist during which we have laying on of hands for those wanting specific prayers. We also read the list of those who have asked for prayers and we discuss the lesson for the day and its implications in our lives.

Education for Ministry (EFM) is another educational opportunity that St. Luke’s has offered for many years.

Adult and Youth classes for Christian Formation are offered on Saturday evenings and Sunday mornings between services. Adult Bible study groups meet in parishioners’ homes. Cursillo groups meet regularly to discuss their Piety, Study and Action. We encourage our parishioners to pursue their Christian journey through these offerings.

Youth

This ministry is currently in a development stage. The curriculum is Lectionary based with fellowship, prayer, weekly check-in, music, service projects, games and refreshments included. The Youth have also participated in a week of Summer Vacation Bible School and Church Camp. We are looking for a Rector who will actively support the development of a Youth Program.

**“YOUR WORD IS A LAMP TO MY FEET
AND A LIGHT TO MY PATH”** PSALMS 119:105



Pastoral Care

St. Luke's is blessed to have a team of clergy and trained lay volunteers providing pastoral care at this time. We reach out to those who are homebound due to medical/aging issues, those in temporary recovery situations, and those who hesitate to worship in person due to issues with the Covid virus.

Our team of external Lay Eucharistic Ministers bring communion to the homebound. Our Interim Rector is involved in home visits, personal counseling and outreach. Our long-time Deacon has hospital-visiting privileges and has been able to visit any hospitalized parishioners. She also leads a grief support group at a local funeral home.



St. Luke's Food Pantry

The St. Luke's Food Pantry serves a vast number of individuals in our community each week. At Thanksgiving we assemble around 30 boxes which include everything needed to prepare a traditional meal. Goody bags are given to children at Christmas and Easter



The pantry is stocked through funds and donations from parishioners, as well as contributions from St. Mary's Food Bank, the LDS church, and the "Green Bag" program, among other resources. Our group of dedicated volunteers work hard to network within our local community to feed as many as we can.



Don't Spend Christmas Alone



Each year for the last forty-four years volunteers assemble a traditional Christmas dinner for over 500 people who would otherwise be alone on Christmas Day. Many volunteers spend months planning and preparing the dinners. On the big day they serve dinners to our guests and, in coordination with the Police and Fire Department, deliver dinners to those homebound. This event is the mainstay of St. Luke's Outreach Ministry and an excellent example of the blessing of both giving and receiving.

" THEN THE RIGHTEOUS WILL ANSWER HIM, ` LORD, WHEN DID WE SEE YOU HUNGRY AND FEED YOU, OR THIRSTY AND GIVE YOU SOMETHING TO DRINK?" MATTHEW 25:37

Outreach Ministry

" WHOEVER SERVES ME MUST FOLLOW ME; AND WHERE I AM, MY SERVANT ALSO WILL BE. MY FATHER WILL HONOR THE ONE WHO SERVES ME." JOHN 12:26

St. Luke's is very proud of its work in our local communities and abroad. We seek to serve Christ through serving our neighbor. Our mission is to bring parishioners together to help others, especially those in need of food, water, shelter, clothing, and educational opportunities. The following are just a few highlights of our work.

GRANTS

Grants are awarded each year to applicants serving the needs of others, both locally & internationally

2022: \$8,500

2023: \$17,000 (budgeted)

CHRISTMAS

Our Angel Tree drive sponsors an average of 80 children every year. Hundreds of gifts of clothing, shoes, toys, books, & toiletries are provided to children whose families don't have the means to provide these items.

OTHER PROJECTS HAVE INCLUDED

Blood Drives

Camp Genesis Backpacks

Winter Warm-up dinners

Warm 4 Winter coat drive

SCHOLARSHIPS

Every year we award higher education & trade school scholarships to graduating seniors who attend a Quad City High School.

CLOTHING DRIVES

Recent clothing drives have provided: pairs of socks for local homeless shelters; pairs of socks, and underwear for a local school district; sheet sets, hats, socks, underwear, and body warmers to local veterans; knit hats, headbands, scarves, and blankets provided to local organizations

US Vets Organization

Prison Ministry

Highway Cleanup

Fellowship at St. Luke's

FOR WHERE TWO OR THREE ARE GATHERED IN MY NAME, THERE AM I AMONG THEM.” MATTHEW 18:20

St. Luke's provides various opportunities for fellowship where members and visitors get to know each other informally. There are numerous ways to become an active member in St. Luke's church family, connect with others, and volunteer to help with various projects.

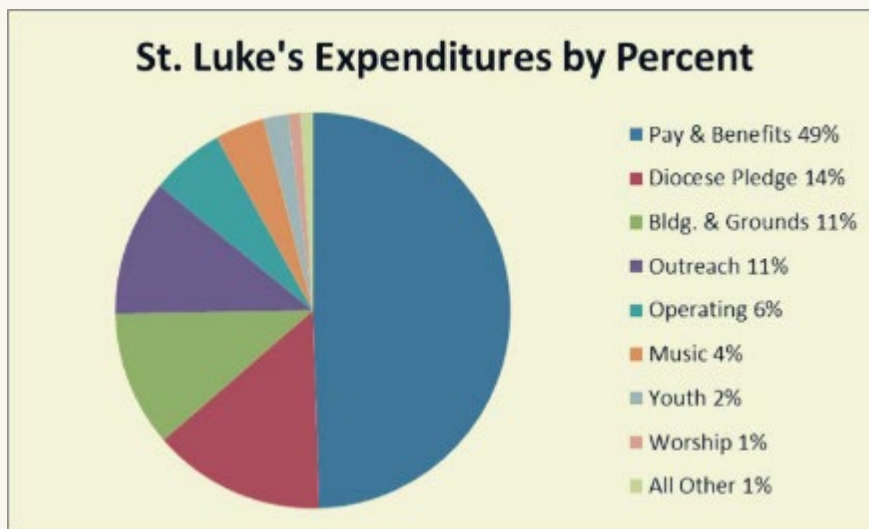
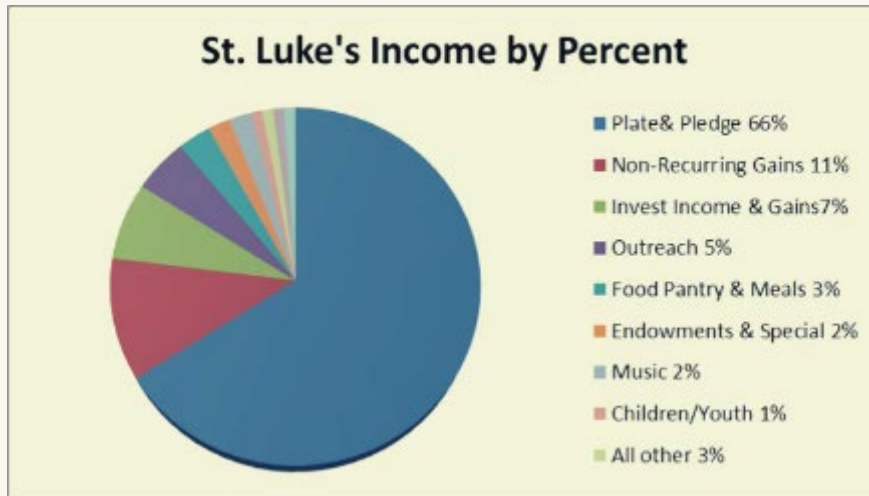
- Daughters of the King
- Lenten soup suppers
- Women of St. Luke's
- Cursillo groups
- Coffee hour after the services
- St. Luke's book group

Other social gatherings have included:

- Chili cookoff
- 4th of July BBQ
- Harvest & Halloween party
- Shrove Tuesday pancake supper
- Christmas Craftivity
- Easter Egg hunt



Financial Health & Stewardship at St. Luke's



St. Luke's financial position is strong. We have no debt and investments are nearly equal to the annual operating budget, though some of the investments are restricted. Unrestricted investments are sufficient to meet near short term operating needs, if necessary. We are also proud to be mortgage free!



CONNECTION, COMMUNICATION & SECURITY

Examples include:

Weekly Epistle Email Newsletter

Emergency Medical

Safety and Security Team

Security Cameras/Monitors

24 Hour Pastoral Care Hotline

Regular updates to website

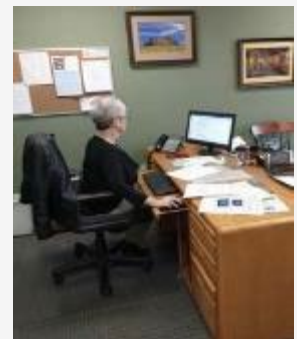
Independent in-house servers in dedicated LAN room

Weekly service streaming

Google email and document hosting

Updated sound booth and LED lighting in Sanctuary

All PCs replaced Fall 2021



PRESCOTT

"Everybody's Hometown"

Founded in 1864, Prescott was the first territorial capital of Arizona – and the home of the “World’s Oldest Rodeo”! Prescott is located 90 miles northwest of Phoenix at about 5,000 feet. This mile high elevation brings all four seasons to the area, counter intuitive to what many people think . . . Arizona is not all desert. Skiing is two hours away. Recreational lakes abound. Pine forests provide camping, hiking, and mountain biking opportunities.

The economy is thriving partly due to a large retirement community that continues to grow, in addition, younger families with children are attracted and moving to the area due to the “home town” feel. Schools are good, traffic is not overwhelming, and there is plenty of shopping.

Construction is at full swing and multiple neighborhoods are being developed. Local realtors forecast this trend not to change and that the area can expect house values to appreciate for the foreseeable future.

Prescott has gone far to attract people to the city center on weeknights and weekends. Summers are full of free events almost every night, and at Christmas time, the whole city center lights up with more events and music. There are many opportunities for entertainment on all levels...performing arts, local sports, art galleries, etc. Several colleges and a University in the area attract educated and talented people in various fields.

A convenient airport serves the local businesses and those who travel out of town.

PRESCOTT AREA QUICK STATS

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| QUAD Cities Population: | 105,000 |
| Growth since 2000: | 30.5% |
| Median Age: | 59.7 |
| Median Home Value: | \$594,000 |
| Median Rent: | \$2,500 |

SOURCES: census.gov; city-data.com







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