St. Luke’s Episcopal Church, Merritt Island

St. Luke’s is a warm, loving, and generous family of faithful Christians. We believe that the mission of the Church is to bring all people to unity with God and each other in Christ. We pursue this mission as we pray and worship, proclaim the Gospel and promote justice, peace, and love. We know we are not perfect as we strive to glorify God by following Christ’s commands: to love God with heart, mind, and strength, and each other as ourselves. We look to the future with positive expectations and trust in God’s mercy, providence, and love. We understand that our mission is larger than ourselves and that God calls us to serve our neighbors, both locally and globally. We have a Biblically-based faith and are immersed in Episcopalian theology, liturgy, and traditions. We are inclusive and welcoming of anyone who worships with us.

St. Luke’s is located in the heart of the Space Coast, just south of the Kennedy Space Center on Merritt Island, FL. Encompassing over seven acres, the parish consists of four buildings and a cemetery located near the bank of the Indian River Lagoon in a rural residential area of Brevard County. Founded in the 1870’s, our parish is blessed with two beautiful churches. Both our historic chapel and our newer church are examples of the “Carpenter Gothic” style. The main campus also includes Perrine Hall (our fellowship hall and church office building) and the cemetery. The rectory is located across the road from the main campus.

Once a robust and thriving community of Christians, our membership declined after the space shuttle program ended. We are currently an aging parish; however, North Merritt Island is beginning to see a development boom that will bring potential new members, including families, to the area.

Before COVID, on Sunday mornings we offered services at 8am (Rite I) and 10:30 (Rite II with choir) with Christian Education between the services. In addition, there were morning and evening Holy Eucharist services on Wednesdays in our historic chapel. We also had two weekly Bible Studies, on Tuesday morning and Wednesday evening. We currently offer one service on Sunday at 9:30am that is also live streamed. We also offer a Wednesday evening Holy Eucharist service in the chapel on the first Wednesday of the month. Our weekly Bible Study has been converted to a Tuesday morning ZOOM.

We seek a part-time rector who is biblically grounded, compassionate, friendly, has a sense of humor, and is able to relate to both the young and the old. We need a faithful pastor who will provide spiritual leadership to our congregation, someone who challenges and inspires us with thoughtful, educational sermons and provides compassionate pastoral care while equipping us for our ministries. The ideal candidate will be an energetic, enthusiastic, honest, and positive
individual that will lead our dedicated, commission-based Vestry and welcoming congregation with wisdom and grace.

Website: [www.stlukesmi.org](http://www.stlukesmi.org)
Facebook: [www.facebook.com/stlukesmi/](http://www.facebook.com/stlukesmi/)
Instagram: [stlukesmi](http://stlukesmi)

**OUR KEY PERSONNEL**

Senior Warden: Marcia Lambert
Junior Warden: John Bartuska
Retired Associate Priest: Fr. Eugene Fernsler
Parish Musician: Christina Jordan
Search Committee Chair: Helen Stubbs

**WHO ARE WE?**

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(Do not have ages on nine members)
### Participation: 2019

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### 2020

- Jan 5 - Mar 15, average 65,
- Mar 22 - Jun 28, 4 in person for production team and 24 average online on Sunday
- Jul 5 - Nov 22, 27 in person and 20 average online
- Oct & Nov, 90 average views in week after service

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## OUR FY 2021 FINANCIAL PICTURE

![Financial Pie Chart]

**Category Definitions**

**Admin and Upkeep (46%):** This category includes most of the fixed cost associated with the building and grounds, utilities, property insurance, pest control, and other items that do not change based on a shift in our mission priorities.

**Diocese (13%):** This category is also mostly comprised of fixed costs, primarily the percentage of income that goes to support the Diocese of Central Florida.
**Worship (19%)**: This category includes a little less than a third of the rector’s costs, a significant percentage of office supplies & internet access, and the full costs associated with the music program, altar supplies, flowers, vestments, etc.

**Inreach (11%)**: This category also has about a third of the rector’s costs, some of the website costs, and the expenses for Christian education & youth ministry, coffee hour, and social function expenses.

**Outreach / Mission (10%)**: This category has about a quarter of the rector’s costs, some of the website costs, budgeted donations to the Central Brevard Sharing Center & My Island Projects, and the expenses related to some outreach programs and events.

**VESTRY**

The St. Luke’s Vestry has nine members that serve for three years and are elected on a rotating basis. The Vestry is fully involved in the workings of the parish in support of our rector. Each Vestry member is responsible for one or more commissions (Worship, Evangelism, Education, Pastoral Care, Finance, Service, Fellowship, Property, Administration, and Cemetery). Our current vestry consists of:

- Marcia Lambert (Senior Warden)
- John Bartuska (Junior Warden)
- Geri Bonavito (Secretary)
- Yvonne Fernsler (Treasurer)
- Sean Campbell
- Judi Davis
- Sherrill Stramara
- Gary Young
- Pam Zeitler

**SEARCH COMMITTEE**

The Search Committee consists of six members representing our parishioners and includes three vestry members. The Search Committee is:

- Helen Stubbs (Chair)
- Judi Davis
- Elaine LeClerc
- Carolyn Pincheck
- Sherrill Stramara
- Gary Young

**HISTORY AND MISSIONS**

Please see the St Luke’s Welcome Brochure and website for a description of St Luke’s history and missions.
FELLOWSHIPS, MINISTRIES, GROUPS, AND ACTIVITIES

- Prayer Group
- Healing Blankets
- Quilters
- Bible Study
- Men’s Breakfast
- Ladies’ Lunch
- Choir
- Altar Guild
- Cub Scouts & Boy Scouts
- Girl Scouts

+ Pioneer Day
+ Holiday Fair
+ Fish Fry
+ Fun Run
+ Chapel Talks
+ Annual Picnic
+ Blessing of the Animals
+ Field Trips
+ Monthly Fellowship Activities
+ Tours of Historic Chapel & Cemetery