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St. Luke’s Anglican Church is a traditional parish in the Missionary Diocese of All Saints and located in East Aurora, NY. We value a bold proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ through Word and Sacrament, worshipping the Lord in the beauty of holiness and loving one another as He first loved us. We are looking for a Rector who will lead us as disciples of Jesus Christ and shepherd us as we reach out in love to our village and all of Western New York.

Our parish ministries include:

- Lay Readers
- Ushers
- Altar Guild
- Prayer Group
- Glory Guild ministry for women

Christian Education

We offer nursery care for infants and young children during the service and Sunday School for grades 1-5 during the school year. We have an Adult Education hour after the service and coffee hour which is currently working through *To Be a Christian: An Anglican Catechism*. Our Thursday Evening Prayer and Bible Study Group has featured in-depth studies of the Gospel of John, Ephesians, a book study of *Pilgrim’s Progress* and the Gospel in the Pentateuch.
Our regular events include:
• Annual Meeting & Brunch
• Prayer Group Soup Supper
• Stations of the Cross on Fridays in Lent
• Tenebrae on Holy Tuesday
• Maundy Thursday Agape Meal
• Easter Egg Hunt & Easter Brunch after the service
• Prayer Group Breakfast
• Parish Picnic
• Blessing of the Animals
• First Responder Blessing
• Christmas Eve Family Service at 4:00 PM & Midnight Candlelight Service

Our outreach ministries past and present include:
• A Bi-Monthly Service at an area nursing home
• Advent Fundraising for Samaritan's Purse
• Baby Items Donation Drive for a local crisis pregnancy center
• Knitting and Crocheting hats and booties for the Sisters' Hospital NICU
• Lenten offerings for Anglican Relief & Development
• Regular financial support for the Magdalene Project in Niagara Falls which brings the Gospel to street prostitutes and disadvantaged youth
• Back-to-School Backpack Drive for the Magdalene Project
• Intercessory Prayer Services and fundraising for the persecuted Church
• Making blankets for nursing home residents
• Thanksgiving Food Drive for the Buffalo City Mission

Blessing of the Animals at the Knox Farm State Park dog park

Maundy Thursday Agape Meal
Blessing Easter baskets before the Easter Egg Hunt
Our History

St. Luke’s Anglican Church was founded in 2003 when seven people left their parish church due to recent innovations in the Episcopal Church. They began meeting on Sundays in one of their living rooms for Morning Prayer. Within a matter of weeks the pastor of First Baptist Church in East Aurora invited them to use their building for services. In February of 2004 Fr. Bill Stott became the first Rector of St. Luke’s and the following year by-laws were adopted, the Vestry was formed and St. Luke’s joined the Anglican Province of America. Fr. Seth Brooker was called as the second Rector and began his ministry at St. Luke’s in November of 2009. Several months later the parish voted to join the Missionary Diocese of All Saints in the Anglican Church in North America. St. Luke’s has also been blessed by the ministries of several retired and assisting clergy. Fr. Danny Hart and Dn. Vince Coppola are currently providing additional leadership. In October, 2015 Fr. Brooker was called to a new ministry and St. Luke’s began the search for a new Rector.
RECTOR PROFILE

Closes: February 1, 2016
Reports to: Bishop William Ilgenfritz, Bishop, Missionary Diocese of All Saints

SUMMARY OF THE POSITION

St. Luke’s Anglican Church is seeking a Rector who will lead us in faithfully keeping, defending, and proclaiming “…the faith once delivered unto the saints.” (Jude 3).

The Book of Common Prayer reminds us that a Priest is called to “…Have always therefore printed in your remembrance how great a treasure is committed to your charge. For they are the sheep of Christ, which he bought with his death, and for whom he shed his blood…to give your faithful diligence always so to minister the Doctrine and Sacraments, and the Discipline of Christ, as the Lord hath commanded …to banish and drive away from the Church all erroneous and strange doctrines contrary to God’s Word…be diligent in Prayers, and in reading the Holy Scriptures…be diligent to frame and fashion your own selves, and your families, according to the Doctrine of Christ.”
1928 BCP, page 540, 542.

QUALIFICATIONS

• Those set forth in 1 Timothy 3 and Holy Scriptures.
• Priest in good standing, ordained in the Anglican Church in North America (ACNA), Anglican affiliates, or continuing Anglican Church.
• Master of Divinity from an ACNA or Affiliate-recognized seminary is preferred.
• Sign the Forward in Faith North America Declaration of Common Faith and be in agreement with the constitution and canons of the Missionary Diocese of All Saints
• Be committed to our only Lord and Savior Jesus Christ as He is revealed in Holy Scripture

RESPONSIBILITIES:

• Leadership
  • Preach and teach God’s inerrant and infallible Holy Word boldly.
  • Demonstrate faithful practices of the spiritual disciplines of the faith and prayer.
  • Lead the Vestry in discerning and fulfilling God’s will for St. Luke’s
  • Lead the parish in walking before God in holiness and righteousness.
  • Oversee the church’s ministry by delegating and holding accountable the clergy and Vestry to the mission and goals they set together.
  • Encourage, affirm, and promote stewardship of gifts, talents, and service in the Church.

Worship
  • Lead weekly services, maintaining the Anglican order of worship as set forth in the 1928 Book of Common Prayer and 1940 Hymnal.
  • Ensure clergy and any teachers are developed in the Scriptures and faithfully minister God’s Word.

Pastoral Care
  • Model and encourage the parish to be welcoming, helping, and rich in good works.
  • Offer spiritual counsel and guidance, hear confessions, and comfort those in need.
• Ensure the pastoral care of individuals and families in times of particular need, sorrow, celebration and transition.
• Tend to the quality of your own spiritual life through retreats, days of refreshment, spiritual direction, and other appropriate means.

Outreach
• Help the parish discern and respond to its call to spread the Gospel in word and deed at home and around the world.
• Work together with other orthodox churches and organizations when practical to further the work of Christ’s Kingdom.

Administration
• Consult regularly with the wardens and lead the monthly Vestry meetings.
• In collaboration with the treasurer, Wardens, and Vestry, monitor all aspects of the parish’s assets and finances, budget and spending.
• Facilitate effective communication throughout the parish.
• Oversee the teams delegated to perform services for Sunday ministries.

RECTOR’S REMUNERATION

Proposed Rector’s Compensation, including benefits, is as follows:

Stipend and Housing Allowance (division upon hire): $44,500.00
Benefits (listed values are upper limits):
  Health & Dental Insurance $12,000.00
  Disability Insurance $500.00
  Pension To be negotiated

Total Compensation Package : $57,000.00

St. Luke’s will also pay for all relocation expenses.
DECLARATION OF COMMON FAITH AND PURPOSE

In the name of the Holy and Undivided Trinity: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

I, ________________________________, a Lay Member/Religious/Deacon/Priest/Bishop and my spouse,_____________________________, a Lay Member/Religious/Deacon of the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church, affirm the following so that the faithful witness to apostolic Faith and catholic Order may be continued within the Churches of Anglican heritage.

1. I believe our Lord Jesus Christ has given His Church an Order which claims the loyalty of faithful Christians above and beyond any deviation sanctioned by any humanly-invented institution, whether secular or ecclesiastical.

2. I accept the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testament as “containing all things necessary to salvation,” and as being the rule and ultimate standard of faith and morals.

3. I accept the Apostles’ Creed as the Baptismal Symbol; and the Nicene Creed as the sufficient statement of the Christian faith.

4. I accept the historic episcopate, locally adapted in the methods of its administration to the varying needs of the nations and peoples called of God into the Unity of His Church. I affirm the Christian ministerial priesthood as male, and that the churches of the Anglican Communion have no authority to change the historic tradition of the male priesthood. I pray that God grants me the strength and ability to uphold the Church’s Order, both materially and spiritually as concerns the ministerial priesthood of His holy Church. Accordingly, I will reject any and all actions that might signify acceptance of a deviation from the Church’s Order regarding the Christian ministerial priesthood.

5. I recognize the seven Sacraments of the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church – Baptism and the Supper of the Lord – ministered with unfailing use of Christ’s words of institution and of the elements ordained by Him, Confirmation, Matrimony, Ordination, Reconciliation of a Penitent, and Unction of the Sick.

6. I believe that, in the Sacrament and mystery of the Holy Eucharist, Jesus Christ is truly, really and substantially present in the Body and Blood in the outward and visible sign of Bread and Wine. (cf. 1 Cor. 10:16-17, 11:23-29, John 6:32-71)

7. I affirm our Lord’s teaching that the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony is in its nature the exclusive, permanent and lifelong union of one man and one woman.

8. I believe all Seven Councils are ecumenical and catholic on the basis of the received Tradition of the ancient Undivided Church of East and West.

9. I affirm that God, and not man, is the creator of human life. Believing that the unjustified taking of life is sinful, I will promote and uphold the sanctity of life from conception to natural death.

In making this Declaration, I accept all the responsibilities which pertain to the common witness of all who participate in this endeavor and I ask God’s blessing upon our labors.

Signature____________________________________ Date______________________________

Spouse Signature________________________ Date______________________________

Having signed this Declaration, I hereby apply for Membership/Associate Membership in Forward in Faith, North America.

Print name, with title of preference________________________________________________________

Spouse, title and name ________________________________________________________________

Street address________________________ Mailing address _____________________________

City/State/Zip________________________ Phone Number (________)____________________

Parish/City________________________ Diocese__________________________________________

Jurisdiction________________________ E-Mail Address_______________________________

Please return to: Forward in Faith, North America
P.O. Box 210248
Bedford, TX 76095-2248

This form should be copied and given to other interested persons.
## Our Finances

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Our Community

The Village of East Aurora, founded 1804 and incorporated 1874, has a rich history that remains an integral part of its present-day character. Located just 25 miles from downtown Buffalo and 45 minutes from Niagara Falls, East Aurora has been home to interesting individuals, including U.S. President Millard Fillmore and Elbert Hubbard, the Roycroft Arts & Crafts movement and international companies, such as Fisher-Price Toys.

A walk down East Aurora's bustling Main Street is, in some ways, a step back in time with a variety of specialty shops, restaurants, churches, municipal buildings and carefully preserved homes. Main Street is home to various local businesses and attractions, including an old-fashioned five and dime store, an ice cream parlor and a big-screen theatre with a classic neon marquee.

Local museums and national historic sites provide direct links to East Aurora’s dynamic past. Fillmore, the nation’s 13th president, built the Millard Fillmore House on Shearer Avenue when he was a country lawyer in East Aurora. The 1825 structure is restored to that period and features some original Fillmore furniture of the era, as well as items from Fillmore’s presidential years.

Founded in 1895, the Roycroft Campus on South Grove Street grew to be a leading international Arts & Crafts center under the leadership of Elbert Hubbard. The Roycroft Inn is completely restored and is open to the public for dining and accommodations. The Elbert Hubbard Museum on Oakwood Avenue features an extensive collection of Roycroft books and Arts & Crafts pieces. The birthplace of Fisher-Price Toys, East Aurora is a community that is passionate about children. Fisher-Price’s international headquarters are located on Girard Avenue in the Village. A local non-profit organization operates Explore & More...a children's museum.
**Parish Profile**

Conducted September-November, 2015

**What is your age?**

- 30-39: 4
- 40-49: 1
- 50-59: 4
- 60-69: 10
- 70-79: 1
- 80+: 5

**Gender?**

- Female: 14
- Male: 10
What is the highest level of school you have attended or degree attained?

- Some College, No Degree
- Associate’s Degree
- Bachelor’s Degree
- Graduate Degree

Which of the following best describes your current relationship status?

- Single
- Married
- Divorced
- Widowed

Do you use a smartphone?

- Yes
- No
**Which of the following best describes your current employment status?**

- Employed, working full-time
- Employed, working part-time
- Retired
- Not Employed

**How often do you read Scripture?**

- Daily: 13
- Few times a week: 4
- Weekly: 4
- Several times a month: 1
- Monthly: 2
Which of the following do you use in your personal devotional time:

- Daily Devotional: 9
- Daily Office: 8
- Devotional Magazine: 3
- Prayer List: 17
- Digital Resources: 2

How long have you attended St. Luke's?

- 0-2 Years: 7
- 3-4 Years: 4
- 5-6 Years: 5
- 7-8 Years: 5
- 9-10 Years: 3
- 11+ Years: 1
**HOW OFTEN DO YOU ATTEND ST. LUKE’S?**

- Every Sunday: 21
- 2-3 Times a month: 3
- Monthly: 1
- Several times a year: 1

**TRAVEL TIME TO ST. LUKE’S FROM YOUR RESIDENCE?**

- 1-5 Minutes: 3
- 6-10 Minutes: 3
- 11-15 Minutes: 7
- 16-30 Minutes: 6
- 30+ Minutes: 6
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WHAT IS YOUR HOUSEHOLD’S ANNUAL FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION TO ST. LUKE’S?

WHAT FIRST BROUGHT YOU TO ST. LUKE’S?

Spouse/Family
Newspaper Ad
I am a founding member
I live close by
Anglican Church
Clergy
Internet
I knew many parishioners

Annual Financial Contribution

>$100 $100-$599 $600-$1199 $1200-$1799 $2400+

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Other responses: Sacraments, familiarity, sound Biblical doctrine, God's call on me.

In my experience St. Luke's is genuinely welcoming to visitors.
HOW LONG HAVE YOU ATTENDED ST. LUKE’S?

- 0-2 Years: 7
- 3-4 Years: 4
- 5-6 Years: 5
- 7-8 Years: 1
- 9-10 Years: 3
- 11+ Years: 1

I AM WELL INFORMED OF WHAT IS GOING ON AT ST. LUKE’S.

- Strongly Disagree: 1
- Disagree: 10
- No opinion: 1
- Agree: 14
- Strongly Agree: 7
RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION EVERY SUNDAY IS IMPORTANT TO ME.

I AM SATISFIED WITH OUR CURRENT 9 AM WORSHIP TIME.
What type of music would you prefer as part of our worship services?

- Traditional: 13
- Contemporary: 2
- Blended: 10

What type of preaching do you appreciate most?

- Expository: 1
- Topical: 6
- Textual: 14
- Narrative: 1
I am satisfied with the worship and prayer opportunities offered during the week.

I am satisfied with the currently available adult education opportunities.
I am satisfied with the currently available youth education opportunities.

I am satisfied with the community outreach programs offered by St. Luke's.
I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE MORE PARISH SOCIAL ACTIVITIES AND FELLOWSHIP.

I BELIEVE IT IS IMPORTANT FOR ST. LUKE'S TO GROW.
What do you think St. Luke’s needs to do in order to grow?

- Divine help
- More people - but more people are not going to church these days.
- More family friendly options
- More regular communicants.
- Stay true to God's word ask others to join us.
- We have had, on more than one occasion, new people come to a Sunday service when the Rector is away. I don’t believe any have returned. Those days the music chosen was abysmal and not uplifting. While Father Dan did a good job at preaching, if I were these people I would not have returned, either. We know nothing about them, traditional, contemporary, etc, yet the one place where we could have shone was the music selection. When the rector is away, we need to up our game, so to speak. And there are many, many, uplifting songs: (i.e. Joyful, Joyful we adore thee, Come thou font of every blessing to name a few).
- Pray that God will lead us to where He want St.Luke's to be.
- Find a way to encourage younger families to come. I think that our service could use a little more response time between clergy and the parishioners. Does the Anglican church have a more modern service such as Rite I used in the Episcopal church? Also we need more contemporary music. I like the hymns used from the Baptist hymnal.
- Although I like the small church atmosphere, we need more people at St. Lukes so we can build finances. I also think we need to be more visible, and would ultimately love to have our own building.
- Make the gospel heard.
- Location is important, however, I believe God blesses us as we reach out to others........specifically giving as a parish to mission or a seminary or even to our diocese --- something beyond our own needs done to spread the Gospel in obedience to God.
- Have a separation of older children and younger for Sunday school..according to their needs and understanding. Older children need to be able to have more mature conversations and studies without having to share a Sunday school teacher like a one room school house....no offense to our teacher! We need to grow because everyone seems to be doing what they can handle, we are aging, and most of us have been there, done that with a bit of burn out. Many hands make the tasks more enjoyable and not feeling like a burden when it has to be done all the time.
- We need our service time and service to appeal to younger families. Need the young to replace the old as our life cycle continues. This might not lead to growth, but will continue St. Lukes success for the future.
- St. Luke's Vestry and congregation must decide how to be faithful in our worship and outreach in order to bring more souls into the Kingdom of God. More of the congregation need to be involved in these matters.
- Stay faithful to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Do not try to "market" the church - the church is the Body of Christ, not a business. I appreciate the current style of worship which follows and honors centuries of Christian tradition.
- 1 Evangelize family, friends, acquaintances and surrounding communities.
- 2 Save our energy to put it toward evangelism.
- 3 Train members to share their faith plus continuing discipleship.
I think that we need a renewed commitment to and understanding of what ministry is and what our purpose is as a church. Right now, we kind of exist just for ourselves. We do financially contribute to other ministries and outreach, but for the most part, no one knows we're here. How will we grow if we're not actually touching people's lives and showing them the grace and love of Jesus in a way that is real and meaningful to them (not a tract or in-your-face "evangelism.") Also, growth is not just numbers and numbers are not the most important part of growth. Even if we continued to have the same number of people, it is possible for those same people to grow spiritually and make a huge impact in the lives of those around us, drawing them to Christ. Hopefully, it would also draw them to our church, but if not, as long as they are drawn to the body somewhere, that is the most important thing: growing God's church through the faithful spread of the gospel.

**HOW IMPORTANT ARE EACH OF THE FOLLOWING TO YOU?**

**Faithfulness to the Gospel**

- No Opinion
- Not Important
- Somewhat Important
- Important
- Very Important

24 points ranked Very Important.
HOW WOULD YOU PREFER TO HEAR ABOUT PARISH EVENTS, ACTIVITIES AND PRAYER REQUESTS?

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WHAT KIND OF MINISTRIES IF ANY, WOULD YOU LIKE TO TAKE PART IN OR WHAT MINISTRIES WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE ST. LUKE'S TAKE ON?

- Helping those in need.
- Healing service offered on regular basis.
- Christmas Cookie Sale
- Prayer Group. Social events (mixers), community revivals, reaching out to the disenfranchised,
- Local personal or social ministry.
- Become active ARDF supporter
- Become a chapter of the Daughters
- Support an orthodox seminary
- expanded sunday school....sharing the teaching of a curriculum that is easy to follow for each grade.
- Men's fellowship, regularly scheduled.
- I would like to see more outreach to women in need and participation in women's groups
- I am just getting to know the Anglican liturgy and catechism as well as the life of the church at St. Luke's.
- One time we had healing prayer offered and many came forward. I would like to have this on a regular basis. People seemed pleased with it. I would participate if you want to expand the ministry as I have had training in prayer ministry through VMTC.
- I'm not quite sure.
- I really want to be involved in ministry to women in crisis, particularly those who are considering abortion. I'm hoping this is something that we can really get behind as a church, considering how little value our society places on the lives of these women and their babies.
ARE THERE ANY RESOURCES YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE AVAILABLE FOR YOUR PERSONAL DEVOTIONAL USE?

- interpretation of scripture
- I am satisfied at this time.
- Bible study,
- some type of daily devotional
- Something like a quick daily devotional that has a simple morning prayer and bedtime prayer service. Maybe that's put out monthly.
- Traditional, orthodox resources in the Anglican tradition
  - 1. Rector or Deacon's sermon online
  - 2. Expansion of our website w/schedules, activities, links for spiritual growth that we would otherwise not know, etc.
- A copy of the CD used at Evening Prayer. How to sing psalms.

REFLECTING ON YOUR ENTIRE EXPERIENCE AT ST. LUKE'S, REMEMBER A TIME WHEN YOU FELT THE MOST ENGAGED, ALIVE, AND MOTIVATED. WHO WAS INVOLVED? WHAT DID YOU DO? HOW DID IT FEEL? WHAT HAPPENED?

- I try to take an active part at church, whether bringing food or being on the Altar Guild. However, I seem to be running out of energy lately so I am not doing too much.
- Watching my children welcomed to the church. Seth and Kathleen made it more comfortable for families with small children to participate in church activities.
- When I was accepted into the Order of St. Luke the Physician.
- Every Sunday service
- When St. Lukes reached out to the Southtowns community. When evangelism was an important ministry of St. Lukes. Also, I am very excited with our involvement with St. Georges Anglican Church in Niagara Falls, NY and the support we give to the Magdalen Project. I feel God is leading St. Lukes with our prayer group, which is a great vehicle or form of evangelism.
- I feel highly motivated each week as we worship together and reflect on the sermon.
- When I served on vestry I felt most engaged in what was going on in the parish.
- Traditional Christmas Eve Service
- I can not think of one specific time --- Sunday worship is always good.
- Bible studies both after church and Thursday evenings are terrific.
- Seeing Fr. Seth's enthusiasm for God's word is so evident and such a blessing, especially at Thursday's study.
• Music always breaks down walls for me........including some contemporary music gets my attention and becomes more worshipful.
• In addition to Fr. Seth & Kathleen, Dorothea, Craig, Amy, Sue, Holly, Roy & Carolyn are always very warm and welcoming.
• Experiencing the FIFNA gathering & road trip in 2014 with the group from St. Luke's was awesome -- fun and uplifting and spiritually rewarding.
• The Truth project
• When we had guest musicians during the holidays...not just vocal but instrumental.
• Our church picnic....one reason I felt moved to join St. Lukes
• I was most involved after my father passed away. Father Bill administered to our family and brought opportunities up with St. Lukes for you to participate in. He would ask you for help within the church and you accepted to help whether you meant to or not. It brought meaning to me and made me feel great when my family became more involved.
• Study groups, where members participated, shared personally.
• I especially enjoy congregational get-togethers, such as educational opportunities, picnics and suppers, trips such as the FiFNA /MDAS road trip, time spent in retreat at the Abbey of the Genesee, and especially times of congregational prayer, such as the recent time of prayer for persecuted Christianity
• My experience at St. Luke's is one of discovering a local group of Christians quite serious about and mature in their faith. This was an answer to our prayers and just what we needed at this point in our spiritual lives Ivan leads us in beautiful organ music. This is a bit of fresh air to my soul and inspires me toward worship. Celebrating communion regularly is also something I'm glad I can do.
• When Seth, Lyle, Kathleen and I were talking and planning the logistics of evangelizing.
• Well, because I am a new member, and this form of service is still new, it's all engaging and interesting. I did enjoy the novelty of worshipping in the EAF&G log cabin - very easy with a fire in the grate, etc.
• Being involved in the Glory Guild outreach to families in need at Christmas, and also now that we are working on getting involved in the pregnancy center. It's exciting to think that our church can be making a tangible difference in the lives of these women and showing that this mission of the church isn't just to get people into the building but to love and support them, ministering to their physical and spiritual needs, and leading them toward Christ.

When you consider all of your experiences at St. Luke's, what has contributed most to your spiritual life? What relationships or programs or events have been most powerful and helpful in fostering our relationship with God?

• Reliably consistent, reverent worship
• People believing in prayer and doing so daily.
• I took little bits to each weekly sermon. A well spoken sermon helped me lead a better life in the Lord.
• The above and being chalice bearer.
• Ordination and service to others.
• You forgot the hospitality committee (i.e. receptions, funerals) in ministries at St Luke's that we participate in.
• The emphasis of prayer and the our sermons which emphasizes the Bible as the true word of God. Also, I feel that our members really believe that what is preached by Fr. Seth is what God wants us to hear. I feel that our members love one another as God's children and that we are all concerned about the welfare not only about fellow members, but people who are not members and are experiencing some form of adversity.
• My spiritual life has been helped greatly by all that I have learned from Father Seth. I have also learned how important prayer is my life.
• The beautiful worship services and the preaching. The closeness and family like atmosphere amongst the members.
• Liturgy, Pastoral guidance, Fellowship
• Using the Book of Common Prayer at home.
• Prayer breakfast
• Healing service ---
• The Truth Project
• Studies after church
• Attending church on Sunday's is how far my spiritual life is. I pray daily. Having a great Sunday service and I feel this foster my relationship well with God. I do feel that helping with a out reach would fulfill my spiritual life more.
• The traditional liturgy, performed faithfully, weekly. The Gospel explicated, celebrated. But, most of all, relationship with clergy and fellow members, realizing the power of the Holy Spirit amongst us.
• My spiritual life has changed and become enriched because of a gospel preaching priest and weekly worship using the 1928 BCP. The Truth Project was also inspirational. All of our St Luke's yearly events have inspired me with love and joy
• The Sermons and the Service
• In my short time at St. Luke's I've appreciated the Thursday evening Bible study of Ephesians. After previous experience with short (4 to 6 week) video series Bible studies, it is a welcome change to participate in a real study of the Bible taught by a knowledgeable person - Fr. Seth.
• 1. Participating in Adult Ed and Thursday evening studies, building relationships with co-participants has been essential in ministering to me during the difficult times before and after my husband died.
• 2. Fr. Seth's continuing ministry to me in my grief.
• Celebrating communion - weekly, meaningfully, joyfully
• Also, I do not feel like I must hide the fact that I am a literate Christian. I never have attended such a Bible study - almost everyone using a study Bible!
• Bible study, adult ed, preaching, and some of the musical offerings.
WHAT DO YOU THINK IS THE MOST IMPORTANT, LIFE-GIVING CHARACTERISTIC OF ST. LUKE'S? WHEN WE ARE AT OUR BEST, WHAT IS THE SINGLE MOST IMPORTANT VALUE THAT MAKES ST. LUKE'S UNIQUE?

• We don't drift with the winds of fashion.
• When we help each other, or pray for one another.
• Close family like feeling of caring folks.
• Offering our traditional 1928 Book of Common Prayer Holy Eucharist service.
• Our trust in Jesus and that all things are in His timing.
• Our congregational concern for one another.
• Concern for our fellow man and that we fervently desire to carry out God's will, even if we do not grow in numbers in the Southtowns.
• Our love of God and worshiping together.
• The worship service and how new people are welcomed in.
• Gospel centered preaching.
• Personal, family atmosphere.
• That we are faithful to the God's Word and the Gospel.
• Our concern for each other.
• The whole involvement and feeling of the spirit during our Sunday worship.
• We are a caring and welcoming group.
• Reverence.
• We are a welcoming community of true believers, who reach out to visitors. Our relationship with one another is unique. We genuinely care for one another. We welcome anyone into our midst.
• St Luke's is unique in that its congregation truly manifests Christian values of Christ's love and caring without the ugly, mean-spirited byproducts of many so-called churches.
• The Service and the Sermon.
  1. The love of Christ and commitment to His truth.
  2. The love and concern for each other.
• There is reverence and sincerity in worship. Traditional christian worship is alive and well.
• There is serious study of the Bible.
• There is friendliness and joy.
• We truly are a loving group of Christ's servants.
MAKE THREE WISHES FOR THE FUTURE OF ST. LUKE'S. DESCRIBE WHAT THE CHURCH WOULD LOOK LIKE AS THESE WISHES COME TRUE.

Our own building
Enough people to support it
That we will always continue to be of one mind and heart

It would look like the Kingdom of God.

A larger congregation with several children and a strong youth group to enjoy growing up with the church.
Draw in more regular communicants/members.
Continue having an outstanding rector.
Own our own building.

A vibrant larger congregation, visible and active in the community, strongly spreading the True Gospel to all.
A more accessible location for services to draw more in through a better location.
Stop worrying about money.
Work hard to tighten our budget.

1. That people in the Southtowns see St. Lukes as a religious community that has a strong desire to be instruments of God's will.
2. That what is consistently preached is the true word of God.
3. That the Holy Spirit leading us.

Great leadership in our clergy.
More families joining our church.
More children, rooms for teaching.

As our numbers grow we could offer activities for young people. A second service time would be nice so that teachers do not have to miss the service each week.

Our own building
A balanced budget ending in the black each month.

1) I wish for new, younger families who are willing to take on some of the leadership positions.
2) I wish St. Luke's offered personal ministries with lay persons taking active parts. Examples, women's issues, youth outreach, local servant type ministry.... "for the least of these" ministries.
3) I wish we could afford and have our own building.

I think it very important that continue to use only the 1928 Prayer Book and that we maintain very traditional reverent music from the 1940 Hymnal.
continued commitment to be obedient to God in thought, word & deed
willingness to step out in faith
growth
Studying together, discerning God's plan for St. Luke's & following His lead will put us where He wants us.

1. A more inviting Sunday School so that when young families come, they can see children being nourished...which is our future
2. Sorry I have to say this but..... the reconnection and rejoining of St. Luke's with St. Nicholas with a love and understanding that we need each other to carry on the spread of God's work.
3. More involvement from the congregation to expand our music which is so important to our service. Ivan is wonderful but we have talent sitting in church that should be heard once in a while. I know we are too small for a choir...We love Ivan's music...I just think to have more involvement would enrich our souls.

#1. We have a location on or closer to Main Street. This would make St. Lukes more visible and hopefully provide more people for growth.
#2. Father Seth stays with St Lukes. This will provide continuity and growth with the younger side of our potential growth. He has a great gift and we need that for our future.
#3. I wish St. Lukes will have the ability to grow our yearly income by $30k. This will provide support to many avenues of St Lukes. It will allow us to provide services during Christmas and Easter that draw people in. It would allow us to provide better for our Minister and provide needed money to provide to more outreach programs within the East Aurora and surrounding area.

1. That those of us who are current members would reach down inside of ourselves and look for greater energy and commitment to grow our church.
Result: Better outreach in our community. Whether we get more members or not, we will doing God's work.
2. That our children will receive a more cohesive and stronger Sunday school education. That we will strengthen our teaching program; support our teacher(s);b that our pastor would become more involved.
Result: Our children will become better versed in our liturgy, if only simply.

1) Our own church building (anywhere in WNY Southtowns)
2) a dedicated, growing congregational "family"
3) 1928 BCP used as often as possible
4) Parishioners happily giving time talent and treasure for the spread of Christ's Kingdom on earth Acquire more members especially young families.

1. Growth of the members of the congregation achieved through new people coming to faith in Jesus.
2. More vibrant worship through singing, prayer, and elevation of the Word.
3. More members involved in the communal activities of the parish because their hearts desire is to worship and to be with God's people. The church would be large, loud, and busy.

1. I wish we had more to offer or were more accessible to families. As a mother, it is a struggle to be involved in parish life. I don't have anyone to watch the kids while I participate in Christian ed, so I miss out on that. I spend most of my time at events chasing children (which would happen anyway) and that makes it difficult to be engaged. We have enough young families now that it seems that figuring out a way to involve us in parish life and structure parish life and events so that they are "family-friendly" would go a long way toward us wanting to invite our friends. At the moment, there is no good option for Sunday School for kids: either they attend Sunday school, or they attend the
service. We should be able to offer both options (meaning Sunday School would not happen during the church service). Our service itself isn’t particularly geared toward children, but that’s not a reason for them to be absent from it. Once kids reach a certain age, the nursery should not be an option and the expectation of all the congregation should be that there will be noisy kids in church who are learning how to worship reverently. That’s a process and they can only learn by actually doing it. It’s hard to be the only mother sitting in church with her kids because it feels like an unwelcome disruption to everyone else’s worship. That may just be my perception.

2. I wish we could pour more energy into outreach. Not outreach like handing out tracts (or not JUST that), but outreach that truly stretches us beyond our comfort zones and out into the lives of those in need in our community. There are so many people around us who need to hear the gospel. It’s hard to reach people in an affluent community with the message that they are in need of a Savior. We need to figure that out (along with every other church in the world). In the meantime, we can and should still be reaching out to "the least of these": the homeless, the pregnant teen, the addicts, the lost. Yes, it is tiring to minister to these people or to anyone...but it is necessary. If we as a church don’t care enough to actually put ourselves in these people’s lives, what message does that send, since we are Christ's representatives? That He doesn’t care? I think that our church, though we would go through a period of weariness (which isn't necessarily a bad thing) would also grow and thrive spiritually because we would be doing His work.

3. Personally, I’d really love to see more contemporary worship music and language (for example, the ESV Bible rather than NKJV). Not just new stuff for the sake of having "new" music, but good, solid, faithful, reverent, beautiful contemporary hymns. There are traditional hymns that meet those criteria as well and I love them...but so many of the hymns in the 1940 hymnal are just dirges and don’t sound like we’re really worshiping the Lord with joy. Infusing more life and energy into the congregation through different music offerings would really only help to encourage us to broaden and fuel our efforts to spread the gospel.