



ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Dear St. Luke the Evangelist parishioners,

Praised be Jesus Christ!

Below please find below a summary of the sacramental and financial picture of our parish during the July 2023 - June 2024 fiscal year. We have 446 families registered and many UNG students. Your generosity to our parish is truly remarkable. May God reward you.

The sacramental life is at the heart of life in Christ, with the Eucharist as “the source and summit” of our faith. During this year, we celebrated 4 infant Baptisms and 3 adult Baptisms. There were 16 teens confirmed by Archbishop Hartmayer and 7 Confirmations at Easter. Three others were received into full communion. This year, many are attending our convert classes. Over 415 Masses were offered this year. We had 10 children make their first Holy Communion. Additionally, over 2,000 hours of Eucharistic Adoration were offered. Ten couples celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage. One of our former parishioners and UNG students, John Washington, was ordained a priest for Yakima, WA. Pete Chacon is in formation to become a permanent deacon at St. Luke. As for the Sacraments of Healing, on average 198 people went to Confession per month. Over 23 times the people received the Anointing of the Sick, and there were over 57 sick visits by clergy altogether. We had 6 funerals. Our parish school of religion (PSR) forms disciples in families and has 59 elementary school students and 25 high school students.

Numerous UNG college students attend our parish. On Tuesday nights they gather for the “Community Night” with dinner and a program and with monthly Adoration and Confessions. Thank you to our parishioners who help give our future leaders in the church a home-cooked meal. On Thursday they assemble for men’s and women’s small groups. On Fridays they have a Rosary on campus and a Bible study or time of Adoration. We provide a fall retreat for all and in the spring there are separate men’s and women’s retreats. Thank you to our benefactors who make our retreats possible! Last year we held our first procession of the Eucharist through campus, and we are planning to do so again this spring. Under Victoria Thompson, a leadership team of students meets regularly to receive formation and plan the group’s formation. I’m glad to see them giving back to St. Luke by volunteering to serve at Dinner & Doctrine events, during the Fish Fry events, and at other times.

We have a consistent, charitable outreach through our St. Vincent de Paul chapter. Additionally, we have been, and remain, a financially stable parish, thanks to cost controls and wise planning. Our parish continues to be very generous with our second collections which reach local and national charitable causes. Thankfully, we have no debt at St. Luke the Evangelist.

Our Source and Summit capital campaign has come to a close, and I want to acknowledge the generosity of our people. Our revenue was over \$185,000, and, to date, our expenses were almost \$127,000. With these contributions, we installed all new audio equipment and software in our hall and church. Initially we installed hanging speakers in the church, but these caused too much feedback. So, new speakers were installed in our ceiling. We are planning to sell the hanging speakers. We have a new digital control in the sacristy and all new equipment in our AV closet in the hall. We have over the ear devices for the hearing-impaired. Our next project is to install Wi-Fi hearing aid technology. Our organ and choir microphones are new as well. We have hired Marina Moffatt in our music program, and I am so happy she is at home with us, building up our Sacred Music program. We will use the excess funds from our capital campaign to make further enhancements to our sanctuary and church.

This year a number of repairs and improvements to our parish physical plant were accomplished: repair of the rotting deck floor at the rectory, repair and enhancements to the parish center ice machine (which failed last winter, causing our flood), and a new sloping floor in the kitchen of the parish center (which now includes 2 drains). The ceiling in the bottom level of the center was repaired, and new carpeting was also installed. Unrelated, in the summer we discovered that our dehumidifiers in the parish center were not working properly. This caused some mold to begin growing in the bottom level. We have repaired the dehumidifiers and installed new carpeting squares. The outside stairs at the back of the parish center have been repaired and sealed against weather damage. We have begun a project to assess our long-term capital improvement needs so that we can begin working on them in a proactive and systematic manner instead of waiting for breakdowns to occur.

I'm happy to see our parish become a real source of healing in north Georgia. With the advent of GriefShare and Transfiguration Counseling, these ministries of healing are really taking off. We now have a weekly men's prayer group and a men's Bible study. Also, the Seven Sister Apostolate has begun at St. Luke! This apostolate of prayer is a ministry spreading rapidly across the Archdiocese.

Other recent additions include a new Sunday chalice, paten, and incense stand. Our new painting of St. John Henry Newman was blessed and hangs in our secondary exit. Two icons of military saints were commissioned, and we await their arrival. A new sign for our front yard display has been installed. New decorative covers were added to the sanctuary vents to cover the black vents.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our parish. Please take a moment to review the attached Balance Sheet Summary and contact us if you have any questions. I'm grateful for our finance council's prescient advice. You are, of course, welcome to come to our finance council meetings, which are open to the public. These usually occur on the last Monday of the month in room 103/105 at 5:45pm in the parish center. Please contact our chair, Stan Kunka, if you would like to attend. (smmpkunka@aol.com) As the year draws to a close, please consider St. Luke the Evangelist in your annual giving or in your will. A charitable distribution to the parish will result in a tax deduction. For those receiving the Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from their IRA, you can consider using a Qualified Charity Distribution (QCD) to St. Luke which has certain tax advantages. If you have questions about this, please contact us. I continue to pray for each of you daily.

In the Lord,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rev. Matthew Dalrymple". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned in the lower-left quadrant of the page.

Rev. Matthew Dalrymple
Pastor



St. Luke the Evangelist

<u>Income and Expense Summary</u>	
FY 2023-2024	
<u>Income</u>	
Offertory	343,405
Building Fund/ Maintenance	34,388
Religious Ed/Campus Income	61,021
Archbishop Annual Appeal Refund	20,953
Capital Campaign	36,625
Other Income	144,276
Total Income	640,668
<u>Expenses</u>	
Liturgy	131,284
Religious Education	130,584
Admin & General	91,392
Facilities	141,717
Rectory	15,335
Archdiocese Support	44,887
Capital Campaign	16,328
Music	31,067
Total Expenses	602,593

Balance Sheet Summary

as of 6/30/2024

ASSETS

Cash	187,538
Savings	373,329
Endowment	119,459
Land, Building & Equipment	1,860,137

Total Assets **2,540,463**

LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS

Liabilities	32,840
Exchange Accounts	15,366

Total Liabilities **48,206**

Total Net Assets **\$ 2,492,257**

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