

Dear Parents and Families,

It's been a great start to the school year for our St. Luke's community, and as chaplains for our school, we wanted to extend a warm welcome to all students, parents, and families. While St. Luke's has had a long-standing tradition of weekly chapel for our student community, in the last couple of years we have seen how our chaplaincy offerings have been able to grow. Our associate priest and chaplain, the Rev. Mary Alice Mathison, collaborates with students and staff to lead worship on both campuses, provides opportunities for Lunch and Learns with our middle and high school students, maintains office hours on the University Campus for pastoral visits for students, faculty, staff, and families, has instructed courses in Religious Studies and Service Leadership, and continues to actively discern the various ways she can practice a ministry of presence for our community.

Please know that parents and families are always welcome to join in our chapel services. The following service times meet on a weekly basis:

Lower School Chapel: Tuesdays, 8:05am, St. Luke's Church on Japonica

Upper School Chapel: Wednesdays, 7:55am, the Auditorium on University

Pre-k Chapel: Thursdays (starting after Labor Day), 8:30am, Outdoor Chapel (weather permitting) on Japonica and St. Luke's Church

At the end of last year we also had the opportunity to share in Holy Eucharist with our Upper School community, and look forward to sharing this practice on a monthly basis this year. We will send further information out preceding our first Holy Eucharist of the year which is scheduled for Wednesday, September 6, at 7:55am.

This year our chapel rota includes a theme for each month. For the month of August we are reflecting on the Transfiguration, the Creation Story, Abraham, and David. As we take time to share stories on the theme, "God is doing something new," we are all invited to reflect on how we can keep our hearts and minds open to all the new things we learn this school year—staying curious and creative in all we do while loving our neighbors.

Many blessings as this school year begins and please let us know if there is anything your student or family ever needs.

God's Peace,

The Rev. Jamie McElroy

Rector

St. Luke's Episcopal Church and School

The Rev. Mary Alice Mathison

Associate Priest and Chaplain

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