

## OUR ST. LUKE'S "USHER/GREETER" TEAM NEEDS YOUR HELP!

In a 2024 survey, our parishioners shared opinions on how effectively St. Luke's was fulfilling its mission and achieving its goals. Our consensus opinion revealed that we pride ourselves on being friendly and inviting, ensuring that our visitors feel greeted and welcomed.

Hopefully visitors feel so comfortable worshiping with us that may choose to make St. Luke's their new church home. The clergy, staff, Vestry, and lay leaders ensure that there are many opportunities to grow in faith and become more involved in our parish life.

Becoming more involved can include joining the choir, reading as a lectionary, participating in a committee, or serving on the Vestry, etc. Naturally, each of these options requires greater commitment of your time and availability.

Many of us wish we could participate more than we do, but work, family responsibilities, and other personal obligations often make it difficult to find time to serve.

*What if there was a way to serve our parish through an important, often overlooked opportunity that requires minimal time and commitment? We have such a need!*

**St. Luke's, we have an insufficient number of Usher/Greeters to adequately cover this important role every Sunday. We seek a new Coordinator, as well as additional participants.**

Most people agree that the first seven seconds of a "first time" meeting are crucial for making a lasting impression. *How organized, "inviting and welcoming" do we appear to be on a Sunday morning if no one is present to greet arriving visitors? What does that "seven second impression" look like to those visitors—and how well does that serve the Lord and us? It's a rhetorical question so obvious that we all know the answer. That has been happening too often at St. Luke's.*

**The Usher/Greeter's role is truly not difficult, and your personal time required to serve is minimal—especially, since you already attend church regularly.** A Quarterly schedule is posted for all Usher/Greeters to select as many or as few dates as they wish to serve--you make your own schedule. This is all that is required:

- Merely arrive 30 minutes earlier to greet and hand out bulletins to worshippers
- Ask visitors to sign our "guest book", and invite them for coffee hour after service
- During services, collect the morning offerings, and escort worshippers to the altar during Holy Communion services. **(Note: If you have not done this before, "fear not", we shall accompany and prepare you until you are comfortable with the entire process)**
- After church, just spend a few minutes removing bulletins and items left behind in the pews, and straightening hymnal and prayer books in the pew racks. That's it.

**Please prayerfully consider serving as the Coordinator, or otherwise to join our Usher/Greeter Team. If interested, for questions or additional information, please contact, Neil McDonald, in person or via email to: [n.mcdonaldiii@gmail.com](mailto:n.mcdonaldiii@gmail.com)**