



Dear St. Luke's,

We want to share a little about our journey with St. Luke's. When we met, both of us were active and happy in our own faith traditions. Maria was a cradle Catholic and Craig worshipped at a non-denominational Christian church. However, when we decided to get married, we felt that we were called to worship together. Our intention was to visit several churches before making a decision, but God had other plans. Our first Sunday at St. Luke's was Father Justin's last Sunday. Despite all the activity of that day, we felt welcomed and invited to join the St. Luke's family. From that day on, we were pleasantly surprised by the open and welcoming nature of the staff and all of you. And one year ago today, we were married in this church by Father Mike.

For us, a key element of belonging to a church is Stewardship – how we are called to use our time, talent, and treasure. We have been called to use our time and talent in a number of ways from Vacation Bible School, to Ushering, to leading bible studies, even working the popcorn machine at Luketoberfest. Craig was honored to be invited to represent St. Luke's at the 174<sup>th</sup> annual Diocesan Council – what a blessing to prayerfully contribute to the workings of the Episcopal Church and to worship with about a thousand folks, including hundreds of clergy. Finally, in the area of Stewardship, we also prayerfully discerned our call to monthly giving and other charity support. For 2024, we discerned that God is calling us to increase our giving, and we are blessed to be able to do so.

We have only known St. Luke's through the recent period of transition, and we are excited for this new beginning with Reverend Kathy. We look forward to growing in faith and fellowship with all of you in 2024.

Blessings,

Craig and Maria Cavins

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"I will fulfill to you my promise and bring you back to this place. For surely I know the plans I have for you, says God, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope."

+ Jeremiah 29:10-11