

## The Chapel Program and Policy regarding external Religious groups and Ministries

The chapel program at St. Luke's is grounded in the traditions of the Episcopal Church. Chapel embodies the rich heritage of Episcopal schools throughout the United States and beyond. Chapel strengthens the unique identity of our school.

St. Luke's Episcopal School values all of God's children as sacred. This value is integrated into all aspects of our school life. We are an Episcopal school. This identity is not limiting; it opens us to the richness of many faith perspectives. Many of us are not Episcopalians or even Christians; thus, our varied conversations and spiritual expressions are, indeed, rich, diverse, and articulated with tolerance and understanding. Our capacity for unity within diversity is our most distinctive feature!

Chapel services encourage students to discover the presence of God in their lives and to respect all religions of the world as sources of knowledge and truth. The school is committed to serving a diverse, interfaith student body. In chapel, students will have an authentic experience of Christian worship that is unapologetically and identifiable Anglican. Chapel is also a place to welcome, affirm, and support the spiritual development of students of all faiths or no faith at all.

*All students and faculty are required to participate in chapel services, regardless of their faith or religious background. All students, parents, and faculty are expected to respect our commitment to maintaining the principles of our Episcopal identity.*

### Policy regarding external religious groups or ministries

St. Luke's is committed to the nurturing of caring and responsible human beings. The school provides an environment where the values of community, self-worth, compassion, respect, service, and responsibility are taught by the Rector, Head of School, faculty and staff. ***External church groups or Christian ministries, youth directors, or other related organizations will not be allowed on the school campus during regular school hours without the expressed consent and approval of both the Rector and Head of School. When religious groups or ministries are properly screened and approved, parents will receive notification of the nature, purpose, and date of the visit.***

Mr. Mike Notaro, Head of School

The Rev. Ken Cumbie, Rector and Chaplain

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