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# *The Steeple*



February 16, 2022

The Weekly Newsletter of St. Luke's Episcopal Church



## **“What’s Cookin?”**

One sure fire way, albeit not the most scientific way, in measuring vitality is to sit in a gathering and feel the energy that’s present. I’ve heard from several folks about how wonderful it felt to be with everyone at the annual meeting - sharing a meal with one another, and looking ahead to what is in store during our time together this year. If it’s one thing St. Luke’s knows how to do it is to eat well, and more importantly - to gather.

For the past year our Young Disciples and Men’s group has committed to meeting weekly, despite COVID restrictions and its associated challenges. They have modelled for me healthy and intentional ways that folks can still meet and make the most of what they have. Learning from them this past year has been such an honor for me and I hope to be able to replicate their method of communication and intentionality in offering two more ways that we can gather in the next couple of months. First is through a program called Midweek Manna and second is through the return of Coffee Hour!

Briefly, the idea behind Manna is to offer a space where we can intentionally focus on some intergenerational interaction through a shared meal. After we spend some time eating with one another, groups (Adult, Children, and Youth) will then break up into groups and have

an opportunity to share formation time with each other. In the coming weeks we will roll out our program for Manna during Lent, but the first dinner is already set: Shepherd's Pie. Midweek Manna will begin on March 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:45 p.m. in Metcalf Hall and end by 8:00 p.m.

Now, Coffee Hour. COVID has certainly changed the way we gather at church and it certainly has changed the way we gather after church. For one, I know Eggbert's has seen an increase in traffic. And while I can't promise an omelette bar at Luke's Place (well not yet) what I can do is offer some awesome cookies for the return of Coffee Hour on Sunday March 13<sup>th</sup> after the 10:30 service. Coffee Hour's first Sunday back will feature cookies from Susan Miller - formerly of the Rolling Pin. I encourage you to stay after Church and catch-up from last week and perhaps set-up for the week ahead with friends.

Finally, with Lent on the horizon that means Shrove Tuesday is on the horizon - March 1<sup>st</sup>. We will ease back into our tradition of the great and blessed feast of pancakes this year and I'm happy to say that we are adding something new to that tradition. As you may recall last year, the combination of COVID and a wicked snowstorm kept the blessed feast at bay, so in an effort to maintain some semblance of tradition YD made casseroles instead! The feedback was great and furthermore the Youth had fun putting the casseroles together. In hopes of keeping that energy up YD is offering take home breakfast casseroles for order again this year in conjunction with our Pancake Supper. Ways to put in your order will be forthcoming.

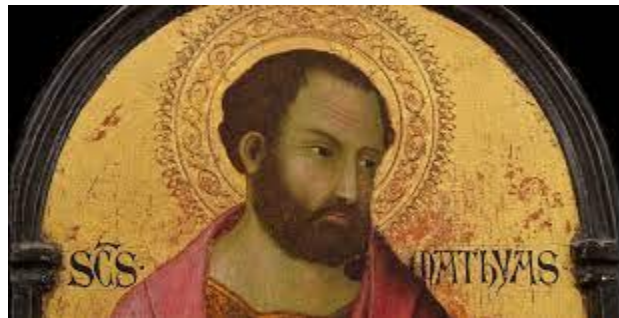
Geeze, Let's eat.

Fr. Nick+





Save the Date!!  
March 6<sup>th</sup>, 9:15am  
Metcalf Hall!  
Everyone invited-  
Breakfast  
provided!



### The Feast of St. Matthias – February 24<sup>th</sup>

Our observance of the Feast of St, Matthias is just a week away. This is a special feast day for me, as it is the one year anniversary of our Celebration of New Ministry with each other. Last year on February 24<sup>th</sup> Bishop Poulson travelled north to St. Luke's with Canon Eric and the Rev. Sarah Smith to celebrate our new partnership with us. As is our practice of observing the major feasts of the Church year in the Chapel of the Holy Spirit at 12:15 p.m., I was hoping we could take our celebration on the road this year and join in with our friends at **Green Country Village at 1:00 p.m.** in the chapel there. For the past year I have been travelling to Green Country every Thursday and I know our friends would love to host us. Services last approximately 45 minutes and are a great way to reconnect with friends new and old.



## home in Northern Thailand

From: Joanne Green (joanne\_green@sil.org)

Date: Thursday, January 20, 2022, 04:13 AM CST

Hi all,

Thank you for praying for our ministry! I'm thanking God that my Thai tutor, who is a Christian, asked me how I share my faith. Now we are going through the passages (using Thai) that I use in the "Intentional for a Lifetime" course. Please ask God to keep his heart open as we keep talking about who God is, so that he will gain a bigger vision for reaching out to the people God will bring to him. I've also started working with a second Thai tutor. She is helping me with how to make my presentation in Thai to parents of adult children with disabilities. I'm really enjoying my interaction with both tutors.

Roger and I are working on meeting with Northern Thai pastors and praying for their church members, who are actively reaching out to their Northern Thai friends. According to many, the Northern Thai people group is the least reached group in Northern Thailand. Through prayer we are hoping to understand more of how the Northern Thai New Testament can become a blessing to many.

The husband of one of our coworkers, who lives in a nearby country and is a citizen there, died. He had had a stroke, and we had been praying for several days as they worked to get medical help for him. We are sad about our coworker's great loss. Her husband is also survived by their very young son. Please ask God to comfort the many people who are grieving.

Luke has recovered from Covid, but Juliette is still not feeling strong. The care of their two-year-old son has become difficult for her, and they have now hired someone to help a few days a week. Please ask God to give healing and strength to Juliette.

Photos are of me in front of our house with cuttings planted as a surprise by our neighbor next door, the kitchen ready to use after buying the stove, refrigerator, microwave and kitchen cabinet unit, the view of the mountains from our bedroom window, Roger and the electrician/plumber working together to install the water filter under our sink, and Roger at church with three young adults who have a Northern Thai background.

Joanne





## *Theologians Corner*

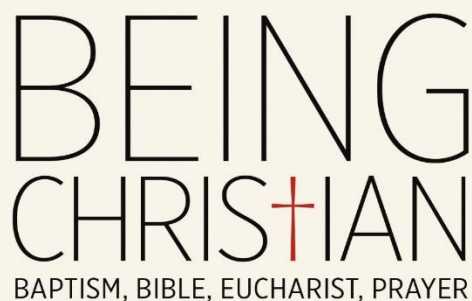
For the past several months we have enjoyed selections from the Rev. Scott Stoners blog, Weekly Words of Wellness. In the next few weeks we will be shifting gears a little bit though. For those of you who have liked reading Scott's blog you can find it at <https://www.livingcompass.org/wwow> along with several other gems associated with Living Compass.

Looking ahead, we are hoping to incorporate suggestions of reporting on not just the “goings on” at Luke's Place but what we are studying and engaging in, with respect to our various ministries. This likely will mean that you'll see reports and food for thought from the likes of YD and our Children's ministers from the outreach committee, vestry, Roger and Joanne Green, not to mention book recommendations and other announcements.

Taking the place of Rev. Stoner's Weekly Words of Wellness, however, will be our new “Theologians Corner.” Each week we'll take a look at a contemporary theologian and offer a concise overview of their thought and perhaps, their students who continue to shape Christian dialog to this day. I hope this exploration will enrich our theological understanding of where we come from and where we are going.

# FAITH FORUM on Sundays

## 9:15 a.m.- 10:15 a.m. Metcalf Hall



Continuing with our focus on getting back to basics and catechesis, we will be reading and discussing *Being Christian* at our Faith Forum for the next few weeks. “In this simple, beautifully written book Rowan Williams explores four essential components of the Christian life: baptism, Bible, Eucharist, and prayer.

Despite huge differences in Christian thinking and practice both today and in past centuries, he says, these four basic elements have remained constant and indispensable for the majority of those who call themselves Christians.

In accessible, pastoral terms Williams discusses the meaning and practice of baptism, the Bible, the Eucharist, and prayer, inviting readers to really think through the Christian faith and how to live it out. Questions for reflection and discussion at the end of each chapter help readers to dig deeper and apply Williams's insights to their own lives.”

Please join us if you are able. Fr. Nick has a few copies of the book left. If you would like to purchase your own you can find this easily on Amazon. Faith Forum is from 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. in the Metcalf Hall.

Dates: Feb 20<sup>th</sup> Baptism

Feb 27<sup>th</sup> Bible

March 6<sup>th</sup> Parish Breakfast with Kate Bond

March 13<sup>th</sup> Eucharist

March 20<sup>th</sup> Prayer

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### **Pub Theology**

Pub Theology is scheduled for the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month. The next meeting will be at **7 p.m. Thursday, February 24th at Tumbleweed's Steak House**. Call the church office and let us know if you will be joining us so we can have enough tables set up at Tumbleweed's. If you have any questions, contact Fr. Nick, Penny Williams, or Steve and Cheryl VanAken

## Children's Programming K-5<sup>th</sup> grade

### **MUSIC THIS SUNDAY!**

Drop your K-5<sup>th</sup> graders off upstairs at 10:15am. Each week, we will alternate between music and Godly Play, giving children a chance to experience both! The children will rejoin their families in church before communion. Please contact Keeli Droege: [keelidroege@gmail.com](mailto:keelidroege@gmail.com)

# Rector's Bible Study

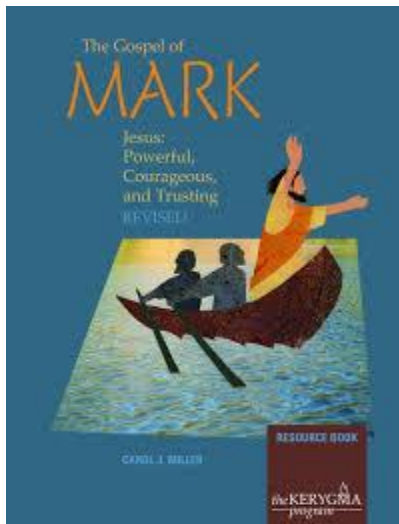
Dates:

February 17<sup>th</sup> Chapter 13

February 24<sup>th</sup> Chapter 14

March 3<sup>rd</sup> Chapter 15

March 10<sup>th</sup> Chapter 16



We are finishing up our study on the Gospel of Mark in the next few weeks.

Our study time together has been wonderful, insightful, and profoundly personal. Our study consists of reading through a chapter slowly and discussing what arises for us when we read the passage together. Guided by Carol Miller's commentary we let the word sink in and let our discussion unfold. Led by the Spirit we walk side by side as explore the Bible and our spirituality.

If you are interesting in purchasing Carol Miller's commentary, please see Fr. Nick. Bible Study is every Thursday from 9:15 to 10:15 in Metcalf Hall.

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**CONCERN** needs: Complete Pancake Mix, Sugar, Jiffy Cornbread Mix, Bar Soap, and egg cartons.

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**A photo of St. Luke's members who are qualified for the state swim championship this Saturday with the rest of the BHS swim team. Pictured is: Annabelle Droege, Luke Olsen, and Ethan Peterson (all freshman). The public is invited to a brief State Send-Off (pep rally) at 10:00 am, outside the Fine Arts Center at Bartlesville High School on Thursday, Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>.**

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**LET'S HEAR  
IT FOR OUR**

**YOUNG**

**DISCIPLES!**

**So Proud of You!**

## St Crispin's is Calling ALL Campers!

Registration is now open for Summer Camp 2022 at St.

Crispin's! Click [this link](#) to find out more and to register your campers. Counselor, CIT (counselors-in-training), and Medical Staff applications are also open. We can't wait to see you there! Questions? Email Teresa Phares at [tphares@epiok.org](mailto:tphares@epiok.org)



**COMING SOON!**

**Midweek Manna**  
**Wednesday Evenings**

**Watch STEEPLE for Details**

**At Luke's Place February 17<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> , 2022**

**Feb 17<sup>th</sup> - Men's Breakfast, 7-8:30am Metcalf Hall**

**Rector's Bible Study, 9:15- 10:15am Metcalf Hall**

**Green Country Village Eucharist, 1:00pm**

**Feb 20<sup>th</sup>- Rite I Eucharist, 8am, Chapel**

**Faith Forum, 9:15-10:15am, Metcalf Hall**

**Children's Godly Play, 10:15am, upstairs Playroom 1**

**Rite II Eucharist, 10:30am**

**Feb 21<sup>st</sup> - Vestry, 5:30pm in the Vestry Room**

**Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> - YD 6pm in Rodgers Hall**

**Feb 24<sup>th</sup> – St Matthias the Apostle Eucharist Green Country Village 1:00pm**

**Morning Prayer is held every Monday- Thursday at 9am, Chapel**

**Evening Prayer is held every Monday-Thursday at 4pm, Chapel (or via Facebook)**

**Birthdays and Anniversaries, -February 17<sup>TH</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> ,  
2022**

**Birthdays**

**Sally Finch 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Tom Droege 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Doug Rhett 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Everett Ellis 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Friend: Jim Grillot 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Anniversaries**

**If your or a loved one's name doesn't appear on the list, please email or call the  
office, and we will add your birthday or anniversary!**

**Sunday's altar flowers are given by Robert Lonski in loving memory of  
All Departed Souls**

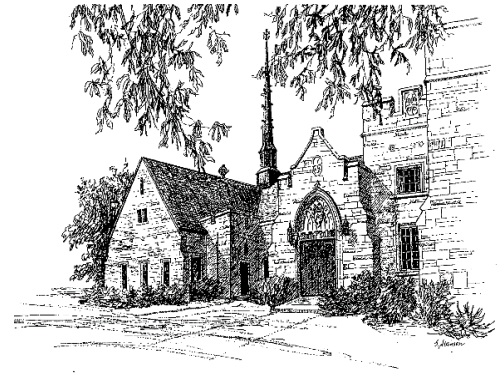
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Coffee Hour will be happening March 13<sup>th</sup>! Watch for details

## solicitations...

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