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# *The Steeple*



February 23, 2022

## The Weekly Newsletter of St. Luke's Episcopal Church



### Lent

As much as I am reminded to live in the moment, the planner in me looks ahead. Ash Wednesday is one week away and with it, the beginning of the season of Lent. We will have three services this year to mark the beginning of this penitential season: one at 12:00 p.m. at St. Luke's, another at 2:00 p.m. in the chapel at Green Country Village, and a service at 7:00 p.m. back at St. Luke's (Livestreamed). The 12:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. services will be Rite I and the 7:00 p.m. service will be Rite II. All services will be Holy Eucharist with the imposition of ashes. The vestry and I invite you to consider which one of these services fits your schedule and we will look forward to seeing you next Wednesday.

I don't know about you, but I've been thinking about taking on a disciple this year for Lent. Yesterday one was presented to me by our own Jo Baughman that I really like. Jo's suggestion was that we find a basket or some other container in our house that we could set aside and each day, place one item of food in it for CONCERN. At the end of Lent, we could take all those items to CONCERN and offer them up to the glory of God. You know Faith is built at home and I for one am going to join Jo in her discipline this year? Anybody else on board?

Just as a reminder on March 6<sup>th</sup> Kate Bond will be traveling up from the diocese to present the Congregational Vitality Assessment during our Faith Forum at 9:15. I know how the sound of "assessment," just makes you want to come to church. So, with that in mind I am reminded that balance is everything. Therefore, we will be providing a little breakfast to go alongside the CVA. It's not to miss! The CVA that is.

This Lent we will also offer a weekly program called Midweek Manna. We will meet each Wednesday night for a shared meal and then break-up into formation groups. The adult program this Lent will feature Amy Jill Levine's, "Witness at the Cross." <https://www.abingdonpress.com/product/9781791021122> And, don't forget to join us for coffee hour beginning March 13<sup>th</sup> after the 10:30 service!

During these final days of the season after the Epiphany of our Lord Jesus Christ, may you all continue to know a profound sense of God's presence in your lives. "May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may continue to be a light to the world."

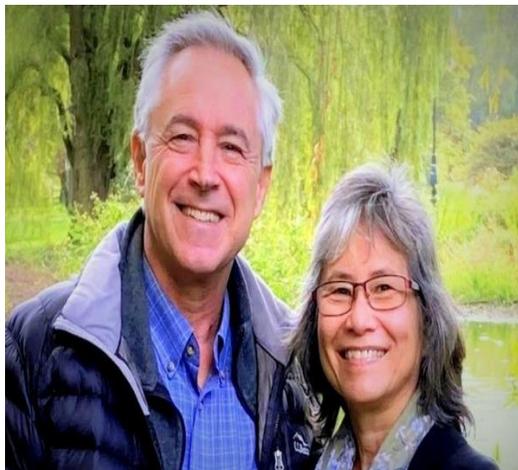
Every Blessing,  
Fr. Nick+



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

Join with our friends at **Green Country Village at 1:00 p.m.** in the chapel there. Services last approximately 45 minutes and are a

great way to reconnect with friends new and old.



### NEWS FROM ROGER AND JOANNE

On Sun, Feb 6, 2022 at 4:10 PM Joanne Green <[joanne\\_green@sil.org](mailto:joanne_green@sil.org)> wrote:

Hi everyone,

I'm making progress on planning the next stage of the mother/daughter retreat for Thai mothers and daughters. We've chosen March 25 and 26 at a venue close to Chiang Mai. God blessed our time

together at the last mother/daughter retreat three years ago. This is a follow-up on that time. Helping mothers and daughters to understand identity, sexuality, boys and marriage from God's perspective is the focus. God has provided a new Thai facilitator to interpret for me and to lead groups. **Please ask God to give me wisdom to lead the mothers and daughters during the retreat.**

I'm also making progress in helping a Thai mother who has an adult disabled son to invite people to become part of her son's personal advisory board. We've had a couple of discussions, and she's praying through when to have our first party planning time with a small group of people. I will be the facilitator with an interpreter. I've been studying the vocabulary with my Thai tutor, so that will be helpful. **Please ask God to bring the right people to be on Thomas' personal advisory board.** Thomas had to have the front part of his brain removed after a vehicle accident. He is confined to a wheelchair. He has a wonderful smile and loves listening to music and the audio recording of the Northern Thai New Testament.

Roger continues to lead Scripture engagement training for our group of 20 Bible translation teams working in a nearby country and in this city. Roger's work includes numerous planning meetings and communication; managing the choice, use and transportation of devices; and doing online training. He is also still managing virtual recording projects with Faith Comes By Hearing. **Please ask God to give wisdom to Roger for priorities in training and for translation teams to be able to encourage the people groups with how to grow spiritually as they read, listen to and discuss the translated Scriptures.**

**Please ask God to bring healing and strength to our daughter Juliette. Her symptoms are pointing to a stomach ulcer. Her mother-in-law is with the family right now. We are grateful for that.**

Thank you for praying!  
Joanne



Coming  
March 6<sup>th</sup>, 9:15am  
Metcalf Hall!  
Everyone invited-  
Breakfast menu:  
Tatertot Breakfast  
Casserole, sweet  
rolls, & fruit

### *Theologians Corner*

Cynthia Bourgeault is a modern day mystic, Episcopal priest, writer, and internationally acclaimed retreat leader. She divides her time between solitude in her seaside hermitage in Maine and a demanding schedule traveling globally to spread the recovery of the Christian contemplative and Wisdom paths.



She is a faculty member emeritus of the Center for Action and Contemplation and the founding director of an international network of Wisdom schools, uniting classic Christian mystical and monastic teaching with contemporary practices of mindfulness and embodied presence. She has been honored as one of the 100 most spiritually influential living people in 2021

Cynthia's website can be found at:

<https://cynthiabourgeault.org>

From the Gospel of Thomas to the "Fourth Way" of G.I. Gurdjieff, the Christian Inner (or Esoteric) tradition has been that branch of the Christian

lineage most directly concerned with passing on the spiritual knowledge and practices that “put teeth” in Jesus’s radically transformative teaching.

Here you’ll find the practices of mindfulness, non-identification, conscience, three-centered awareness, and cosmic energy exchange, contexted against a metaphysical backdrop broad enough to let you see the fuller picture of our human purpose and responsibility in the wider scheme of things.

Cynthia has been a student of the Gurdjieff Work for nearly three decades, and her unique synthesis of Fourth Way and Christian mystical reference points has broken new ground not only for Christians but within the Work itself.

This work is showcased in her 2013 book *The Holy Trinity and the Law of Three* as well as her acclaimed book *Eye of the Heart: A Spiritual Journey into the Imaginal Realm*, which earned her a place on the prestigious 2021 Watkins List of “the hundred most spiritually influential people in the world.”

## Young Disciples Casserole Fundraiser Information

The day to pick up casseroles ordered is Shrove Tuesday at the Pancake Supper. Buyers have a choice of egg or French toast casseroles of approximately five servings each.

There is a suggested donation of \$10 for each casserole. Please reserve a casserole by contacting the church office at (918) 336-1212 or ([stlukesbartlesville@outlook.com](mailto:stlukesbartlesville@outlook.com)) by Sunday, Feb 27th after 10:30am service.

# FAITH FORUM on Sundays

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

BEING  
CHRISTIAN  
BAPTISM, BIBLE, EUCHARIST, PRAYER

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

This Sunday we will continue our discussion on Baptism and then onto the Bible. If you would like to join

us and participate in the discussion, let Fr Nick know and he will get you a copy of Being Christian

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### Project Manager Needed: Parish Archivist

I hope you have enjoyed looking through the old photo albums as much as I have recently. It was like finding buried treasure when Penny located

them tucked away in the Tom Beard Library. Perhaps the reason they were placed there isn't so much that they were forgotten but was because the Parish Archive Room needs some loving attention. To my delight, Dennis Mueggenborg has volunteered to go through the archived Parish Financials and get us into compliance with diocesan standards. Nevertheless, there will still be a significant amount of material history to go through, organize, and catalogue upstairs when he is finished. I am hoping that someone might read this and feel called to this faithful and loving work. There is history to preserve upstairs and as good stewards of what has been given to us, it is my hope that our history could be tended to in such a way as it would be accessible to everyone and preserved the right way for future generations. Does such a mission call to you?



Metcalfe Hall, beginning  
5:30pm.

Donations accepted  
pancakes, sausage, juice  
and King Cake



### **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

**Weather Advisory: If there is ice on the roads Thursday evening- we will not meet. Watch for an Email blast.**

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



This Sunday we will meet in the Godly Play room upstairs at 10:15 am to hear the story 'The Parable of the Mustard Seed'. If you miss church on Sunday or you would like to watch the story together as a family, [here](#) is a link to the Godly Play Foundation's YouTube video.

As you discuss the story with your children over the next week, you might want to use these wondering questions to start the conversation.

- I wonder which part of the story you like the best?
- I wonder what part of the story is the most important? Why?
- I wonder which part of the story is especially for you?
- I wonder if we could leave out part of the story and still have all we need?

Wondering together with these questions can become a simple family ritual. You could even try using these same questions to wonder together about other topics!

**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)**

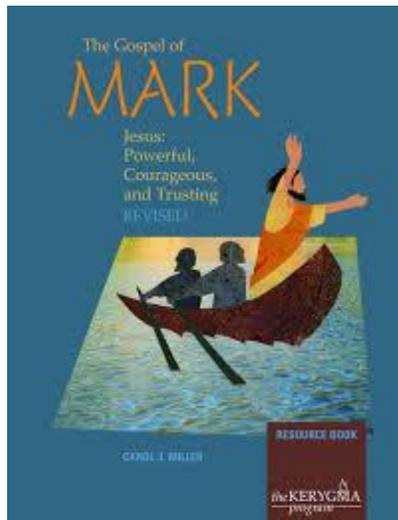
# Rector's Bible Study

Dates:

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

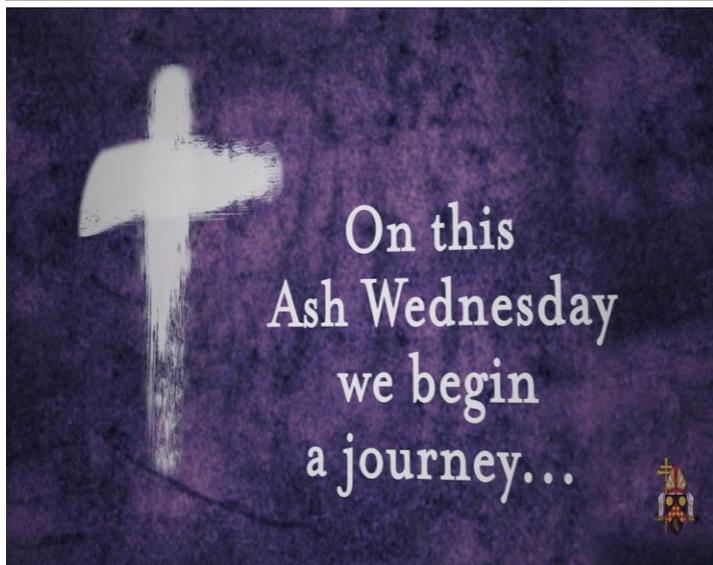
March 3<sup>rd</sup> Chapter 15

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.



## Ash Wednesday

Services

March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022

12:00 noon St. Luke's

2:00 pm Green Country

7:00 pm St. Luke's

## 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)



**Begins March 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Midweek Manna**

**Wednesday Evenings**

**Metcalf Hall**

**Menu March 9<sup>th</sup>: Shepherd's Pie**

**5:30pm**

**At Luke's Place February 24<sup>th</sup>-March 2<sup>nd</sup> , 2022**

**Feb 24<sup>th</sup> - Men's Breakfast, 7-8:30am Metcalf Hall**

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

**St Matthias the Apostle-Green Country Village Eucharist, 1:00pm**

**Feb 27<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**

**Mar 1<sup>st</sup> - Pancake Supper 5:30pm Metcalf Hall/Pick up Casseroles**

**Mar 2<sup>nd</sup>- Ash Wednesday, St Luke's noon, Green Country 2pm, St Luke's 7pm**

**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 24<sup>TH</sup> – March 2<sup>nd</sup>  
2022**

**Birthdays**

**Jerry Nezam 1st**

**Anniversaries**

**Jim & Becky Liehr 3rd**

**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 Penny Williams in loving memory of  
Louise Pitts**

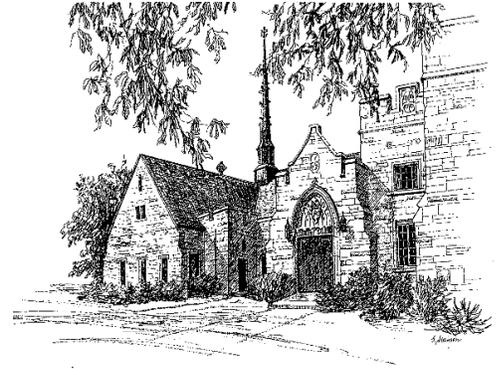
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Coffee Hour will be happening March 13<sup>th</sup>!

## solicitations...

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