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The Steeple



March 3rd, 2022

The Weekly Newsletter of St. Luke's Episcopal Church



We marked the beginning of Lent with ashes yesterday and the awareness that we are bound by our mortal nature to return to ash ourselves. It's not the most pleasant of images but it is our reality. It's grounding. With great humility we recognize the precious nature of the time that has been given to us in ten, brief words:

“Remember you are dust and to dust you shall return.”

In the very same service, having repented and turned towards the Lord, we approached the Lord's table and were reminded of the promise of life everlasting in His Body and Blood. For the bread and Wine are:

“The gifts of God for the people of God.” Right?

There is only one other service in the church year where we approach the altar twice – Maundy Thursday. Forty days may lay ahead of us before we get there, however, the commandment to love one another as Christ loves us remains. Our path is set my friends. To the cross we go.

On the way, remember to remember my friends. May our fasting this Lent awaken in us a hunger for justice; our alms be a way of making peace; our prayer, the song of humble and thankful hearts. As we journey on the road of mercy that is before us let us remember to remember that we are better together and that the Lord is with us every step of the way.

Deep Peace,

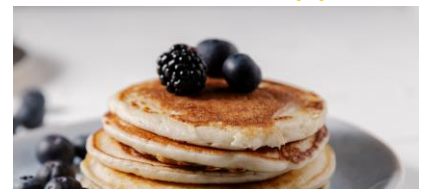
Fr. Nick+



*Fat Tuesday
Fun!*

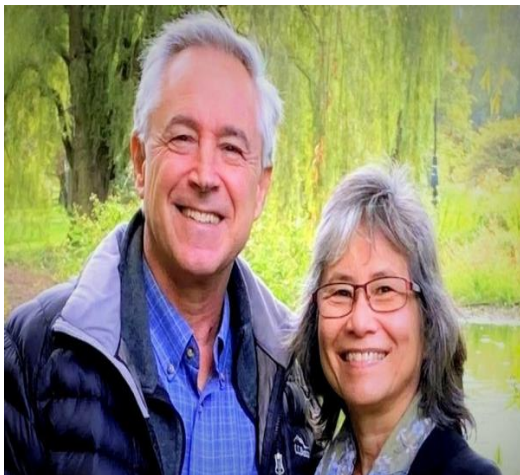
*"Look for the
helpers"- Mr
Rogers*

*Shrove Tuesday
Pancake Supper*





Pancake Supper A Success!



NEWS FROM ROGER AND JOANNE

Joanne Green <joanne_green@sil.org>

To: Joanne Green

Sat, Feb 19 at 4:08 PM

Thank you for praying for our daughter Juliette! She is getting better. The medicine to coat her stomach is helping her to not feel nauseated and to not vomit after eating. **Thank you for praying for Katie who is currently doing well in her clinical rotations in PA school.** Her last one was in the emergency room. This one is with an obstetrician. She is scheduled to finish her training the end of August. **Please ask God to guide Esther and the Westmont students in a leadership group in Ensenada, Mexico, this weekend.** They are planning for when they will bring more students to do ministry in March.

I'm currently going through the first three chapters of Genesis and the last three chapters of Revelation with my online 23-year-old Thai tutor. Although he is already a Christian, he continues to express surprise at what we're reading and discussing. With my in-person Thai tutor who is about my same age, we experience together how Scripture pierces our hearts. We're currently going through selected chapters of Job. **Please ask God to increase my Thai language ability so that I can transition to meeting with Thai Christian students to read and discuss the Bible.**

I thank God for continued good progress as I get feedback from a number of people about what I will be presenting at the mother/daughter retreat. My co-facilitator from three years ago recommended that I focus more on helping the daughters to understand themselves and to express themselves rather than give them a lot of content. **Please ask God to help me and the new Thai co-facilitator to plan a program where the daughters will feel relaxed and can express themselves and can also receive useful information.**

Please ask God to give wisdom to Roger as he maintains all the technical and administrative aspects of our lives here in Thailand as well as his virtual recording job with Faith Comes By Hearing and as Scripture engagement coordinator for teams working in a nearby country.

Thank you for praying with us,
Joanne

*For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.
Habakkuk 2:14*

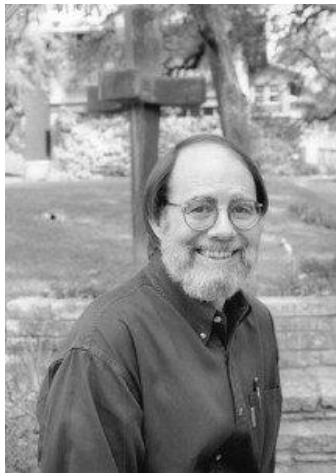
**Coffee Hour will be happening March 13th!
Stop by after the 10:30a.m. Service
Metcalf Hall**



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

Theologians Corner

Jerome Berryman the Founder of Godly Play



From 1998-2007 Jerome Berryman was Executive Director of the Center for the Theology of Childhood in Houston, Texas (as the forerunner of the Foundation) and from 1994 has been an active consultant in areas related to the moral and spiritual development of children and Godly Play. August 1, 2007 he retired as Director and was appointed Senior Fellow of the Center, which came under the umbrella of the Godly Play Foundation.

From 1994 - 1998 Dr. Berryman traveled widely as a consultant, giving workshops and teaching courses all over the world. From 1994 - 1995 he also served as part-time Associate Rector at The Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit in Houston and as Chaplain to Holy Spirit Episcopal School where he taught 14 religion classes for children and led 4 children's liturgies each week, as well as working with families. The school had about 370 children at the time from 3-12 years of age.

From 1984 – 1994 he served Christ Church Cathedral in downtown Houston briefly as a consultant in 1984 and then as Canon Educator. Before being ordained as an Episcopal priest in 1984 he had been a Presbyterian minister since 1962, serving in parishes and schools.

From 1973 - 1984 Reverend Berryman served various positions in the Texas Medical Center in Houston and as a Fellow at the Institute of Religion. This included teaching the pastoral care of children, medical ethics, the relation of science and religion, and faith development courses in five pastoral care programs in the Texas Medical Center's hospitals and at the Institute of Religion. He also served directly on health care teams, especially at Texas Children's Hospital and Houston Child Guidance Center. In addition, he was Adjunct Asst. Professor of Pediatric Pastoral Care on the clinical faculty of Baylor College of Medicine 1979-1984, and Adjunct Professor of Christian Education at The Houston Graduate School of Theology.

Dr. Berryman's educational experience with young people is broad. He has been Director of Christian Education in four churches of various size, served as a boarding school chaplain (as well as a teacher and as a basketball and track coach) at Culver Military Academy (1965-1968), and has done youth work in churches. His experience in non-church settings included being headmaster of a Montessori school for 250 children from 2-14 years of age in Cleveland Heights, where he built what was probably the third or fourth Montessori Middle School in the United States there.

He is a former member of the American Bar Association and belonged to the Family Law Section. He was also a member of the Oklahoma Bar Association. In Houston he served on the Ad Hoc Legal-Medical Child Advocacy Committee. He presented "Alternative to Bedlam: The Mentally Disabled and Society's Rights and Responsibilities" at the University of Houston's Half Century Symposium presented by the Graduate School of Social Work and spoke at the Texas Attorney General's Conferences on the Rights of the Handicapped in El Paso, Austin, Houston, and Dallas. In addition he presented a series of public lectures called "Law, Justice, and Human Development" at Texas Tech University School of Law. He also served as a member of the board of the Religious Education Association.

Today he continues his membership in the International Seminar for Religious Education and Values, and the Association of Professors and Researchers in

Religious Education in the United States. He is a retired priest in the Diocese of Colorado.



Choir for Holy Week and Easter

Yes, we will try again to *resurrect* our St Luke's Choir. And what better time than for Holy Week and Easter. It is our hope that we can have a choir to lead singing for Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and Easter! We may discover that having a choir is such a great addition to our worship that we will just keep on keeping on!

The plan is to begin rehearsals on Wednesday, March 9th at 5:15pm. Yes, I know this is different from our once-upon-a-time rehearsal schedule. However since we will be enjoying the Lenten Manna special event for Wednesdays in Lent, it seems prudent to combine our choir rehearsal with the Manna activities. So, we will meet in the Choir Room for a short rehearsal (5:15-5:57!) and still make it down to Metcalf Hall in time to join the supper line by 6:00.

We will only be rehearsing music for Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and Easter. So our shorter rehearsal time will be sufficient for these next few weeks.

New to St. Luke's? Want to give singing in the choir a try? We welcome all who really do love to sing. Needing to add a Lenten discipline? Think about adding choir rehearsals to your list! We'll dust off those choir robes (actually they are machine washable!). We'll provide the music and hopefully some inspiration to go along with the music. You provide the voices!

FAITH FORUM on Sundays

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

BEING
CHRISTIAN
BAPTISM, BIBLE, EUCHARIST, PRAYER

March 6th Parish Breakfast with Kate Bond
March 13th Eucharist
March 20th 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



Project Manager Needed: Parish Archivist

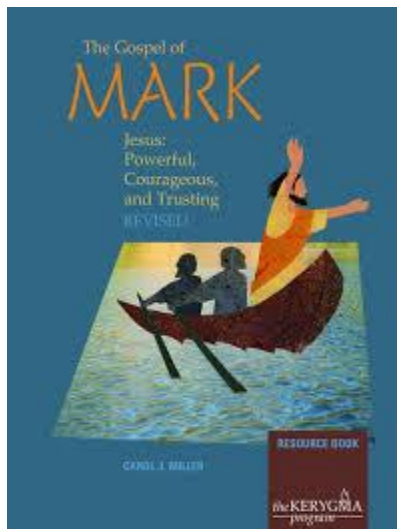
I hope you have enjoyed looking through the old photo albums as much as I have recently. It was like finding buried treasure when Penny located

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?



Pub Theology

Pub Theology is scheduled for the 4th Thursday of each month. The next meeting will be at **7 p.m. Thursday, March 3rd and 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



Rector's Bible Study

Dates:

March 3rd Chapter 15

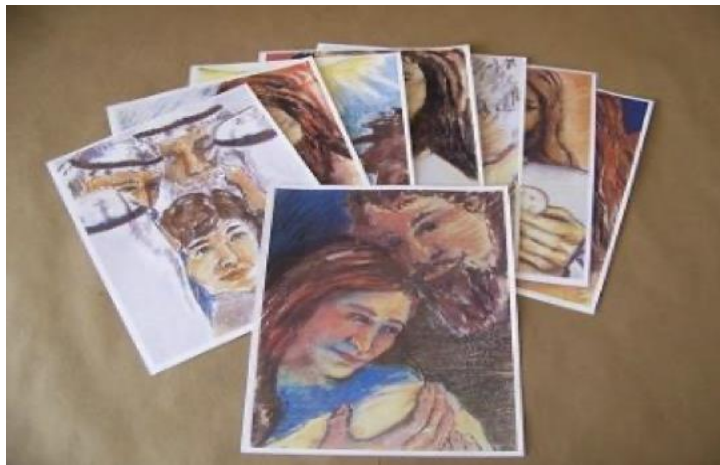
March 10th Chapter 16

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

Children's Programming K-5th grade



This Sunday we will meet in the Godly Play room upstairs at 10:15 am to begin the Faces of Easter Story. This story takes us through Jesus's life and journey to the cross and resurrection. We will hear new parts of this story each time we gather, and we will finish it in time for Easter.

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-5th 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

Begins March 9th

Midweek Manna



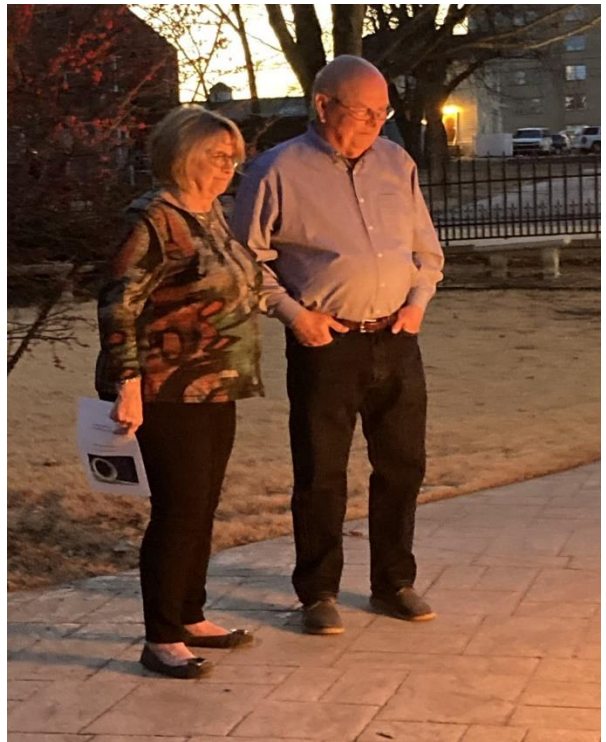
Wednesday Evenings

Metcalf Hall

Menu March 9th: Shepherd's Pie

5:45pm





BURNING OF THE PALMS



Luke's Place March 3rd-March 9th , 2022

Mar 3rd - Men's Breakfast, 7-8:30am Metcalf Hall

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

Pub Theology 7pm Tumbleweed's Steak House

Mar 6th - Rite I Eucharist, 8am, Chapel

Congregational Vitality Workshop, 9:15-10:15am, Metcalf Hall

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

Rite II Eucharist, 10:30am

Mar 9th - Choir Rehearsal 5:15pm Choir Room

Midweek Manna 5:45pm Dinner Metcalf Hall

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, -March 3rd – March 9th , 2022

Birthdays

Jeanne Rowlett 7th

Anniversaries

Jim & Becky Liehr 3rd

Friends: Ada & Jim Grillot 4th

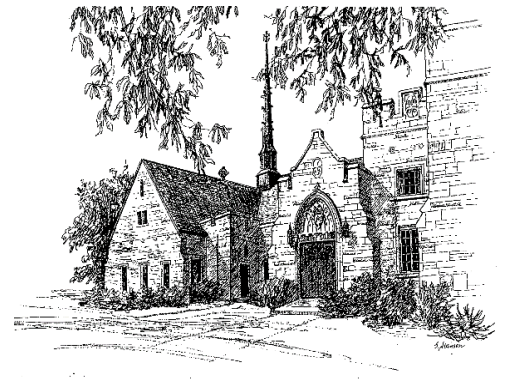
If your or a loved one's name doesn't appear on the list, please email or call the office, and we will add your birthday or anniversary!

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