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# *The Steeple*



March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022

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



### **Midweek Manna**

I hope you have enjoyed gathering on Wednesday nights for supper as much as I have these past few weeks. Next week we are in for a treat. Mark Petersen and family have been going up to Copan Lake and catching their limit on crappie for the past few days so that we can have a fish fry the next time we gather! In addition to sauces made by Karole Cozby, we'll have potato salad, coleslaw, and rolls. If fish isn't a dish for you, no worries, I'll have some chicken prepared as well. Next week is going to be so good!

The following week of course is Holy Week, and we won't have midweek manna on Wednesday. Instead, on Maundy Thursday we will have a light parish supper before heading into service that evening. Supper will start promptly at 6:00 p.m. so as to give us an hour to eat before church. The evening will conclude with our all-night watch at the Altar of Repose in the chapel. Sign-ups for the watch will be available in Metcalf Hall during manna and in the narthex before Sunday services.

Thank-you all for your generous support of our parish activities during Lent. Your donations have gone on to fund every meal that we enjoy and to sponsor our young adults who want to offer their talents in support of coffee hour on Sunday. This week Josie McIver will be making some of her famous cinnamon rolls for us to enjoy after services. Not only that, but Jeff and Laura Birk are grinding the coffee, so that means "Beans and Buns" is set for this week!

My friends, if it's one thing I'll never take for granted again it is the ability for us to gather and share a meal, share a cup of coffee, share our space, and in so doing share life. We are better together. And the saying is true whether you are from the

north, south, east, or west – if there is something good to eat – gathering is a whole lot easier – so y'all come. We got you covered.

Along with gathering, I have been overjoyed to see some new faces in our midst. Welcome to St. Luke's! Everyone, please take time to introduce yourselves if you see someone new – heck - take some time to introduce yourself if you've met someone three times and still can't remember their name! It happens to all of us and if I've learned anything it's to take a chance and reach out no matter what. Take them back for coffee, especially this week, strike up a conversation, and get to know one another. All shall be well.

As we round the corner on Holy Week, know that I am honored to walk this way with you, to serve alongside of you, and humbled to experience the movement of the Spirit amongst us. As you plan ahead, please make every effort to attend and participate in our Holy Week services. You won't be disappointed that you did.

Deep Peace,

Nick+



For  
Concern

Bring your can  
donation on  
Easter Morning!

# BINGO

BY **CASA HISPANA** *night*

Join us for an evening of Bingo, Raffles, Family Fun, and Hispanic Food

For tickets call 918.907.1584

**Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**5:30 PM**

**St Luke's**

**Episcopal Church**

Casa.Hispana.Bartlesville@gmail.com



**\$12**  
Ticket

Include:

 Admission Price &  
 10 cards

**Games start at 6:00 PM**



All proceeds benefit Casa Hispana a Bartlesville non-profit organization that provides support to local individuals and families by enabling connections to community resources, offering translation services, English and citizenship classes, and providing highly subsidized dental/health care to under-served communities



Easter Egg  
Hunt

April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022

9:30am

Courtyard

Bring your  
baskets

## Rector's Bible Study

### Thursdays, Metcalf Hall 9:15am-10:15am



## What is Maundy Thursday?

Maundy Thursday, also known as “Holy Thursday,” is the Thursday of [Passion Week](#), one day before Good Friday (the Friday before Easter). Maundy Thursday is the name given to the day on which Jesus celebrated the Passover

with His disciples, known as the Last Supper. Two important events are the focus of Maundy Thursday.

First, Jesus celebrated the Last Supper with His disciples and thereby instituted the Lord’s Supper, also called Communion ([Luke 22:19-20](#)). Some Christian churches observe a special Communion service on Maundy Thursday in memory of Jesus’ Last Supper with His disciples. Second, Jesus washed the disciples’ feet as an act of humility and service, thereby setting an example that we should love and serve one another in humility ([John 13:3-17](#)). Some Christian churches observe a foot-washing ceremony on Maundy Thursday to commemorate Jesus’ washing the feet of the disciples.

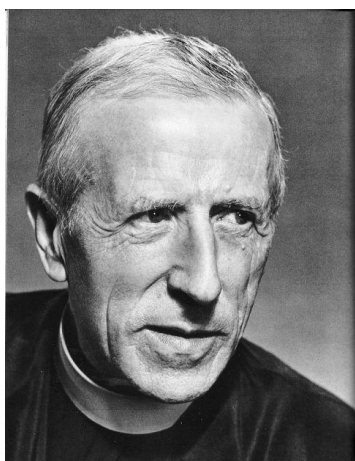
The word *Maundy* is derived from the Latin word for “command.” The “Maundy” in “Maundy Thursday” refers to the command Jesus gave to the disciples at the Last Supper, that they should love and serve one another. Should we observe Maundy Thursday? The Bible neither commands nor forbids it. It is a good thing to remember the Last Supper and Jesus’ sacrifice on our behalf. It is a good thing to remember the Lord’s example of humility. However, at the same time, we should avoid ritualistic observances of holidays unless they are truly focused on God and our relationship with Him.

Observing a special Lord’s Supper service on Maundy Thursday/Holy Thursday in



remembrance of the [Last Supper](#) is a good thing to do. Doing a [foot-washing](#) in remembrance of how Christ humbled Himself and washed the feet of the disciples is a powerful reminder of how we are to live the Christian life ([Philippians 2:1-11](#)). Let's just make sure we are observing Maundy Thursday in a way that truly honors what happened at the Last Supper.

**Maundy Thursday at Luke's place:** Light supper , 6pm, Metcalf Hall, April 14<sup>th</sup>.  
Maundy Thursday Service with foot washing and stripping of the altar at 7pm.  
Gethsemane Watch begins 9:00pm in Chapel for all night Vigil. Sign up for an hour!



## Theologians Corner

Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, (born May 1, 1881, Sarcenat, France—died April 10, 1955, New York City, New York, U.S.), French philosopher and paleontologist known for his theory that man is evolving, mentally and socially, toward a final spiritual unity. Blending science and Christianity, he declared that the human epic resembles “nothing so much as a way of the Cross.” In 1962 the Holy Office issued a monitum, or simple warning, against uncritical acceptance of his ideas. His spiritual dedication, however, was not questioned.

Son of a gentleman farmer with an interest in geology, Teilhard devoted himself to that subject, as well as to his prescribed studies, at the Jesuit College of Mongré, where he began boarding at the age of 10. When he was 18, he joined the Jesuit novitiate at Aix-en-Provence. At 24 he began a three-year professorship at the Jesuit college in Cairo.

Although ordained a priest in 1911, Teilhard chose to be a stretcher bearer rather than a chaplain in World War I; his courage on the battle lines earned him a military medal and the Legion of Honour. In 1923, after teaching at the Catholic Institute of Paris, he made the first of his paleontological and geologic missions to China, where he was involved in the discovery (1929) of Peking man's skull. Further travels in the 1930s took him to the Gobi (desert), Sinkiang, Kashmir, Java,

and Burma (Myanmar). Teilhard enlarged the field of knowledge on Asia's sedimentary deposits and stratigraphic correlations and on the dates of its fossils. He spent the years 1939–45 at Beijing in a state of near-captivity on account of World War II.

Teilhard's attempts to combine Christian thought with modern science and traditional philosophy aroused widespread interest and controversy when his writings were published in the 1950s. Teilhard aimed at a metaphysic of evolution, holding that it was a process converging toward a final unity that he called the Omega point. He attempted to show that what is of permanent value in traditional philosophical thought can be maintained and even integrated with a modern scientific outlook if one accepts that the tendencies of material things are directed, either wholly or in part, beyond the things themselves toward the production of higher, more complex, more perfectly unified beings. Teilhard regarded basic trends in matter—gravitation, inertia, electromagnetism, and so on—as being ordered toward the production of progressively more complex types of aggregate. This process led to the increasingly complex entities of atoms, molecules, cells, and organisms, until finally the human

body evolved, with a nervous system sufficiently sophisticated to permit rational reflection, self-awareness, and moral responsibility. While some evolutionists regard man simply as a prolongation of Pliocene fauna (the Pliocene Epoch occurred about 5.3 to 2.6 million years ago)—an animal more successful than the rat or the elephant—Teilhard argued that the appearance of man brought an added dimension into the world. This he defined as the birth of reflection: animals know, but man knows that he knows; he has “knowledge to the square.”

Another great advance in Teilhard's scheme of evolution is the socialization of mankind. This is not the triumph of herd instinct but a cultural convergence of humanity toward a single society. Evolution has gone about as far as it can to perfect human beings physically: its next step will be social. Teilhard saw such evolution already in progress; through technology, urbanization, and modern communications, more and more links are being established between different peoples' politics, economics, and habits of thought in an apparently geometric progression.

Theologically, Teilhard saw the process of organic evolution as a sequence of progressive syntheses whose ultimate convergence point is that of God. When

humanity and the material world have reached their final state of evolution and exhausted all potential for further development, a new convergence between them and the supernatural order would be initiated by the Parousia, or Second Coming of Christ. Teilhard asserted that the work of Christ is primarily to lead the material world to this cosmic redemption, while the conquest of evil is only secondary to his purpose. Evil is represented by Teilhard merely as growing pains within the cosmic process: the disorder that is implied by order in process of realization.



### *Choir for Holy Week and Easter*

There's still time to come around and make music with the Choir! Rehearsals will continue each Wednesday beginning at 5:00pm. We are preparing to be ready to sing for Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday and Easter! Yes, there is plenty of room, plenty of music, and robes to fit every size!

## FAITH FORUM on Sundays 9:15 a.m.- 10:15 a.m. Metcalf Hall

April 3<sup>rd</sup> Stations of the Cross – History and Tradition.

April 10<sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday – Holy Week Overview.

April 17<sup>th</sup> Easter Sunday – No Faith Forum.

April 24<sup>th</sup> Stations of the Resurrection – History and Tradition.

May 1<sup>st</sup> Easter Series – A 5 Week Series - TBD.

June 5<sup>th</sup> Pentecost - No Faith Forum (Parish Picnic).



## Pub Theology

Pub Theology is scheduled for the last Thursday of each month.

The next meeting will be at **6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 31st**

**at Tumbleweed's Steak House.**

**Note: New time- New place!**

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

### Music this week!

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.

We are looking for people to serve as doorkeepers.

Please reach out to Keeli Droege at [keelidroege@gmail.com](mailto:keelidroege@gmail.com) to sign up!



**Coffee Hour is Back! Metcalf Hall after the 10:30am service. Josie McIver will be serving up the treats for “Beans and Buns” (cinnamon rolls and coffee) this Sunday!**

**Luke’s Place March 31<sup>st</sup> -April 6<sup>th</sup> , 2022**

- Mar 31<sup>st</sup> - Men’s Breakfast, 7-8:30am Metcalf Hall  
Rector’s Bible Study, 9:15am-10:15am, Metcalf Hall  
Green Country Eucharist, 1pm GC Village**
- April 3<sup>rd</sup> - Rite I Eucharist, 8am, Chapel  
Rector’s Forum- 9:15am-10:15am  
Children’s Godly Play, 10:15am, upstairs Playroom 1  
Rite II Eucharist, 10:30am  
COFFEE HOUR IS BACK! Metcalf Hall, after 10:30am service**
- April 6<sup>th</sup> - Choir Rehearsal 5:00pm 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)**

**Midweek Manna**

**Wednesdays**

**At**

**5:45pm**

**Metcalf Hall**

**Dinner Provided**

**Program for Children, Youth, and Adults**

## Birthdays and Anniversaries, -March 31<sup>st</sup> – April 6<sup>th</sup> , 2022

### Birthdays

### Anniversaries

Elliott Ingram	3/31	Jim & Susan Brooks	3/31
Daisy Droege	4/3	Scott & Sigrid Williams	4/2
Grace Mitchell	4/4		

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!

## St. Luke's Vestry Members

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