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The Steeple



April 13th, 2022

The Weekly Newsletter of St. Luke's Episcopal Church



Preparation

This morning the last of the bulletins have been printed for our services this weekend. (Thank-you Penny.) And while the hum of the printer is constant, the church is unusually quiet this morning. This silence is sort of the deep breath before we begin if you think about it - and with it comes a very calm peace. Even the Easter lilies have started to pop up in the memorial garden this morning. It seems as the world itself cannot wait to offer its witness to life. Signs of Spring are all around and I can hear the words of Jesus, "Behold, I am making all things new."

As I prepare for our observance of the Triduum, I can't help but think of how different Easter looks to me than it did when I was a boy. The images of Christ are a constant especially the window to the left. This image of Jesus emerging from the tomb adorns the chapel in the church that I grew up in. When my parents were about their business, I would lay in the pews in the chapel and gaze up at this beautiful image in awe - of Christ Victorious. How the light makes the sun shine!

The thing I never expected, however, is the ways at which I would see resurrection in real time as a man. There is a saying that we are resurrection people and as such, that is what we practice. After journeying with you this past year, I believe that statement to be as accurate as it can be because along with love, signs of Easter are all around - most notably in you. Thanks be to God.

Almighty God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Deep Peace
Nick+



For Concern

Bring your can donation on
Easter Morning!

Also remember ½ gallon of
milk!

Casa Hispana Thanks You!

Thank you for your support!
On behalf of Casa Hispana, **THANK YOU VERY MUCH** for your support of
our Bingo event.

- **THANK YOU** to those who attended. — I hope you had a great time!
- **THANK YOU** to those who contributed. — Those funds bought tickets for quite a few folks who would not have attended otherwise. — At least three of these folks won prizes!
- And, **THANK YOU** to the entire parish for allowing us to hold this event at St. Luke's, as well as for recently allowing Casa Hispana to make 90 dozen tamales, (that's nearly 1,000!), at St. Luke's. — Casa Hispana sells these all year long, to raise funds.

Sincerely — Jeff†



Maundy Thursday at Luke's place: Light supper , 6pm, Metcalf Hall, April 14th. 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! Those signed up will enter and leave through the Chapel door.



It Sometimes Takes a Village to Feed an Army! Our 'Manna' helpers, Thank you!



Theologians Corner: Fleming Rutledge

Fleming Rutledge, having spent twenty-two years in parish ministry, now has an international preaching vocation. Her three sermon collections, *The Bible and The New York Times*, *Help My Unbelief*, and *The Undoing of Death* (Eerdmans) have met with wide acclaim across denominational lines.

Her most recent books are *The Battle for Middle-earth: Tolkien's Divine Design in The Lord of the Rings* and *The Seven Last Words*. She has received a grant from the Louisville Institute to finish her book-length treatment of the meaning of the Crucifixion for today's world. Mrs. Rutledge served as interim rector of St. John's, Salisbury, Connecticut (1996–97), and has twice been a resident Fellow at the Center of Theological Inquiry in Princeton.

Mrs. Rutledge is widely recognized in the United States, in Canada, and in the UK not only as a preacher and lecturer, but also as one who teaches other preachers. Her particular expertise is the intersection of Biblical theology with contemporary culture, current events and politics, literature, music and art. She is invited to preach regularly in prominent pulpits such as the Duke University Chapel, Trinity Church in Boston, the National Cathedral, and the Harvard Memorial Chapel. She taught at the Cathedral College of Preachers in 2006.

Ordained to the diaconate in 1975, Mrs. Rutledge was one of the first women to be ordained to the priesthood of the Episcopal Church (January 1977). She matriculated at General Theological Seminary and received her M.Div. degree from Union Theological Seminary in New York in 1975.

For fourteen years Mrs. Rutledge was assistant and then Senior Associate at Grace Church in New York City, a parish celebrated at that time for its youthful congregation and evangelistic preaching. She was actively involved in the renewal there. Her previous position was at Christ's Church, Rye, New York, where she was known for her creation and leadership of an extensive Christian program for high-school youth.

A native of Franklin, Virginia, Mrs. Rutledge graduated from Sweet Briar College in 1959, magna cum laude with highest honors in English. She was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. She was awarded an honorary D.Div from Virginia Theological Seminary in May 1999.

Mother Rutledge's meditations on the seven last words of Christ are particularly good.



Choir for Holy Week and Easter

We are singing for Maundy Thursday, The Great Easter Vigil, and Easter! The Choir is back! Future rehearsals TBA.

FAITH FORUM on Sundays 9:15 a.m.- 10:15 a.m. Metcalf Hall No Faith Forum Easter Sunday

April 24th Stations of the Resurrection – History and Tradition.

May 1st Easter Series – A 5 Week Series - TBD.

June 5th Pentecost - No Faith Forum (Parish Picnic).

Children's Programming K-5th grade

No Children's Programming Easter Sunday

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

Luke's Place April 13th-April 20th, 2022

April 14th- Men's Breakfast, 7-8:30am Metcalf Hall

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

Green Country Eucharist, 1pm GC Village

Light Supper, 6:00pm Metcalf Hall

Maundy Thursday Service & Foot Washing 7:00pm

• • Vigil, 9:00pm- 9:00am, Chapel of Repose-enter through Chapel Door

April 15th - Good Friday Service, 12:00noon

April 16th – Holy Saturday Service, 9:00 am

Great Easter Vigil, 6:00pm gather in Courtyard

April 17th - Rite I Easter Eucharist with Choir, 8am

Choir Breakfast, Metcalf, following early service

No Rector's Forum
 No Children's Program
 Rite II Easter Eucharist with Choir, 10:30am
 COFFEE HOUR, Metcalf Hall, after 10:30am service

April 18th – Vestry Meeting, 5:30pm, Vestry Room
 April 22nd – Maureen Forsythe Funeral, 11:00am
 April 23rd – Noel McGee Funeral, 2:00pm

Morning Prayer is held every Monday- Thursday at 9am, Chapel (No morning prayer Monday, April 18th)

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



The Hunt is On!



Birthdays and Anniversaries, April 14th – April 20th , 2022

Birthdays

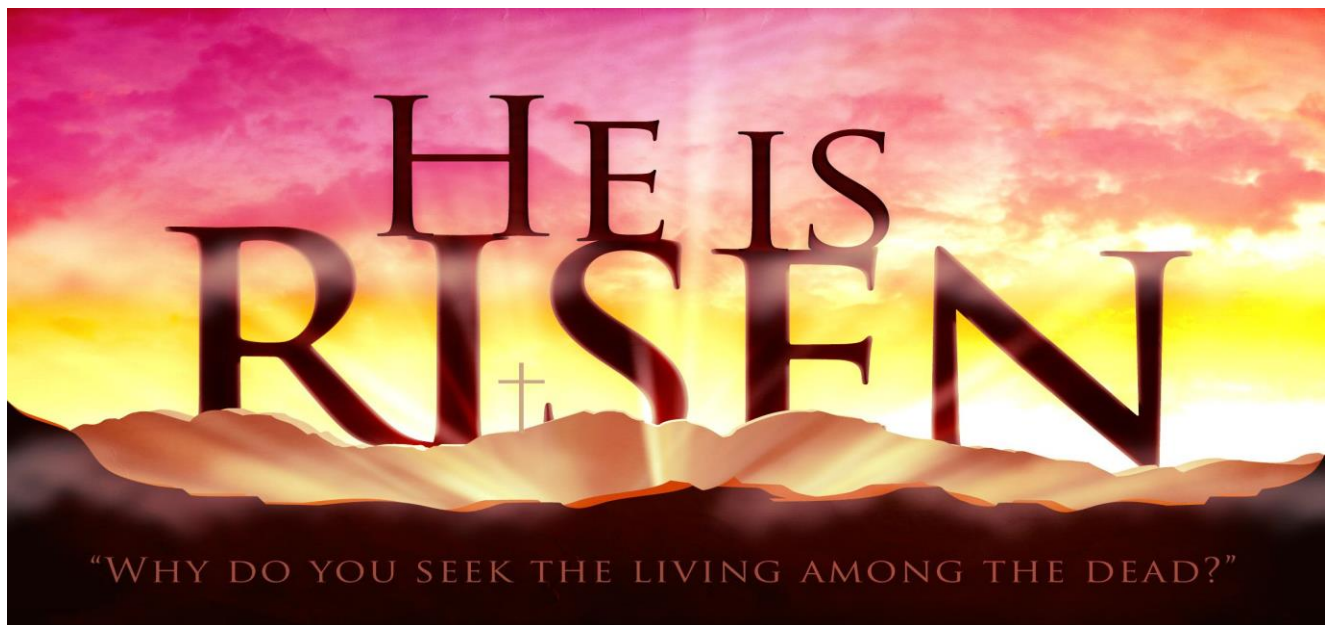
Anniversaries

Ethan Peterson 4/16
 Becky Liehr 4/18
 Aaron Williams 4/18
 Bill Gallery 4/19
 Kris Bonner 4/20

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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