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April 20th, 2022

The Weekly Newsletter of St. Luke's Episcopal Church



The Great Fifty Days

Happy Easter my friends! And with it, The Great Fifty Days begins. As we enter the octave of Easter – seven days times seven (a week of weeks) – plus one: the fiftieth day Pentecost, I give thanks for all of you. “In many texts of the ancient church, the word ‘Pentecost’ referred not solely to the fiftieth day, but often the fifty days collectively,” and with it the capstone of Easter and the birth of the Church – us. What a wonderful and joyous time.

Thank-you all for a wonderful and deep journey through Lent and the Triduum. I hope you all felt a sense of accompaniment though those holy days and that the intentional preparation and experience of it all connected and centered you more fully in your relationship with Jesus and the community here, at Luke's Place.

The end of this week has us gathering together to celebrate the life and ministry of Maureen Forsythe. As I approach that solemn day with you, I am reminded of what the prayer book says about burying friends:

The liturgy for the dead is an Easter liturgy. It finds all meaning in the resurrection. Because Jesus was raised from the dead, we too, shall be raised.

The liturgy, therefore, is characterized by joy, in the certainty that "neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

This joy, however, does not make human grief unchristian. The very love we have for each other in Christ brings deep sorrow when we are parted by death. Jesus himself wept at the grave of his friend. So, while we rejoice that one we love has entered into the nearer presence of our Lord, we sorrow in sympathy with those who mourn.

We are better together my friends and I hope that as we gather this weekend that you all will feel a powerful sense of God's peace and presence as Fr. Lee leads us through the service and as we are present to Steve in love. Once again, I am honored to walk this way with you and honor those you honor – to listen and learn about their lives and the many ways they touched you – you the folks I love.

Deep peace,

Nick+



If you are interested in serving on St. Luke's Audio/Visual Team, you are welcome to join us!

As any of us can tell you, prior experience is not necessary!

Feel free to contact anyone on the A/V Team for more information.

Jeff Birk, Nancy Woods, and Steve Clark

More A/V News-----

Metcalf Hall Audio/Visual Improvements

Our Vestry recently approved significant improvements to the Audio/Visual capabilities of Metcalf Hall.

Phase 1 of the project will improve the overall audio experience for those attending events in person by activating the southside ceiling speakers, and integrating additional devices with the Williams Hearing Assist System, (e.g. multiple microphones, TV and PC sound, etc.).

Individual donations have already provided 70% of the \$8,500 necessary for Phase 1, and the Vestry approved funding for the remainder of this Phase from existing memorial funds.

Phase 2 of the project will enable St. Luke's to provide video capabilities for any event in Metcalf Hall. Meetings and events such as Faith Forum, Bible Study, Midweek Manna, and the like can be recorded, as well as streamed via Zoom, YouTube, and Facebook for those who

cannot attend in person. These services can be offered to other organizations which utilize Metcalf Hall, as well.

Fundraising events are being planned, and donations are welcome, to fund the \$18,500 cost for Phase 2 of this project.



In lieu of gifts, please consider sending a note with a favorite memory c/o brianferguson119@gmail.com or Brian Ferguson PO Box 2222 Bartlesville, OK 74005. Please RSVP your attendance with a call or text to Lisa Traylor @ 918-408-3077.

News from the Greens



Joanne Green <joanne_green@sil.org>

To: Joanne Green

Mon, Apr 18 at 3:52 AM

Hi friends,

"*Phrajao jai yen maak*," is what my 23-year-old Thai tutor said. "God has a cool heart." The Thai phrase *jai yen* or "cool heart" refers to staying cool and composed, which is highly valued in Thai culture. My Thai tutor and I were discussing God's character after reading Revelation 13. Although he has been a Christian for awhile, this is his first time to read Revelation.

"Yes," I agreed. "Even when these things happen, God is not worried. He knows He will win in the end."

This is only one of the many conversations I've had with my two Thai tutors over the past five months. Between the two of them, we've covered the first three chapters of Genesis, Exodus 1 to 14, God's covenants with Abraham and with the people of Israel, parts of Job, the story of Balaam, salvation passages and New Testament passages regarding the spirit realm. We're still working through Revelation.

It has been a special five months. I have really enjoyed it. At this point, my full-time Thai study has ended. (I'm going to miss it!) Roger and I will be going to the U.S. tomorrow for two months. Roger will continue his work virtually. I will do some part-time Thai study and will move more into my work of providing Scripture engagement resources for teams both in Thailand and in a nearby country. As we spend time with family in the U.S., please ask God to continue to strengthen our entire family network, so they can send us back to Thailand in mid-June with glad hearts.

Of all the books of the Bible, my Thai tutor chose Revelation when I gave him the choice. It's a good thing I led the online Revelation story group last year! Like so many other things that happened during our time in the U.S., it prepared me for this phase of living in Southeast Asia.

God does have a cool heart. When looking at the world situation, we know that God's got this. He's also equipped us all to be strong in Him through anything that will happen.

With you in Him,
Joanne

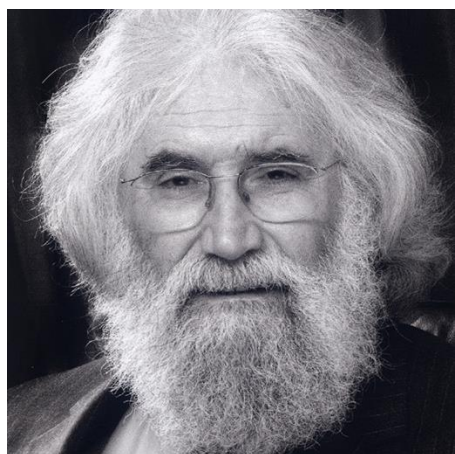
*11 They triumphed over him
by the blood of the Lamb
and by the word of their testimony;
they did not love their lives so much
as to shrink from death.
Revelation 12:11*

Still Needed: 1/2 Gallon Milk for Concern

Rector's Bible Study

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

Studying the Book of Isaiah



Theologians Corner: Leonardo Boff

Leonardo Boff was born in Concórdia, Santa Catarina, Brazil, in 1938. He joined the Order of the Franciscan Friars Minor in 1959 and received his doctorate in Philosophy and Theology from the University of Munich — Germany, in 1970. For 22 years he was the professor of Systematic and Ecumenical Theology at the Franciscan Theological Institute in Petrópolis. He has served as a professor of theology and spirituality in various centers of higher learning and universities in Brazil and the rest of the world.

He was present in the first reflections that sought to articulate indignance toward misery and marginalization with discourse, which later generated the Christian faith known as Liberation Theology. He has always been an ardent of the human rights cause, helping to formulate a new Latin American perspective on human rights with "Rights to Life and the ways to maintain them with dignity."

From 1970 until 1985 he participated in the editorial council of *Editora Vozes*. During this time he participated in the coordination and publication of the collection, "Theology and Liberation" and the entire edition of the works of C. G. Jung. In 1984, he was submitted to a process by the Sacred Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, former Holy Office, in the Vatican. This was due to his theses linked to liberation theology exposed in his book *Church: Charism and Power*. In 1985 he was condemned to "obsequious silence" and was removed from his editorial functions and suspended from religious duties. Due to international pressure on the Vatican, the decision was repealed in 1986, allowing him to return to some of his previous activities.

In 1992, under renewed threats of a second punitive action by authorities in Rome, he renounced his activities as a priest and "promoted himself the state of laity": "I changed trenches to continue the same fight." He continues as a liberation theologian, writer, professor, widely hear conference speaker in Brazil among other countries, also as an adviser of social movements of liberating popular matrix, as the Landless Movement and the Base Ecclesial Communities (CEBs), among others.

Boff has also been honored with various awards in Brazil and the rest of the world, for his struggles on behalf of the weak, the oppressed and marginalized, and human rights. On December 8, 2001 he was honored with the alternative Nobel prize, "Right Livelihood Award" in Stockholm, Sweden.

In 1993 he was selected as professor of Ethics, Philosophy of Religion and Ecology at the State University of Rio de Janeiro (UERJ). He presently lives in Jardim Araras, an ecological wilderness area on the municipality of Petrópolis, Rio de Janeiro. He shares his life and dreams with the defender/educator of Human Rights from a

new ecological paradigm, Marcia Maria Monteiro de Miranda. He is the author of more than 60 books in the areas of theology, spirituality, philosophy, anthropology, and mysticism. Most of his works have been translated into the main modern languages.

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

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).



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

The next meeting will be at **6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 28th** at

Tumbleweed's Steak House.

Note: New time- New place!

Children's Programming K-5th grade

We are back!

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.

We are looking for people to serve as doorkeepers. Please reach out to Keeli Droege at keelidroege@gmail.com to sign up!



Coffee Hour is Back! We are in need of treats, hosts/hostesses and clean up crews! It usually takes just a couple of folks and enough treats for around 25-30 people. A sign up sheet will be in Metcalf Hall starting this Sunday. Questions? Call the Church office or email: stlukesbartlesville@outlook.com. Lets keep coffee hour going!



A big Thank you!!!

For the 295 pounds of food, so far from 40 cans for 40 days of Lent. Everyone is also really excited about having fresh milk everyday. Thanks for all you do for us we wouldn't make it without you.

Concern Volunteer and Staff

Luke's Place April 21st -April 27th , 2022

- April 21st - Men's Breakfast, 7-8:30am Metcalf Hall**
Green Country Eucharist, 1pm GC Village
 - April 22nd – Maureen Forsythe Memorial Service, 11:00AM**
 - April 23rd - Noal McGee Memorial Service, 2:00pm**
 - April 24th - 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 27th – YD, Rodgers Hall, 6pm**
Choir Rehearsal- time TBA
- 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, -April 21st – April 27th , 2022

Birthdays

Anniversaries

Marsha Tibbits	4/21	Kathy & Dean Zervas	4/20
Kathy Zervas	4/23	Max & Patricia Legatski	4/25
Rita Childers	4/25		
Dorothea Ketchum	4/26		

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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