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The Steeple



May 11th, 2022

The Weekly Newsletter of St. Luke's Episcopal Church



A/V Fundraiser Tonight

Beloved,

It is my hope that as the Steeple finds its way to you this afternoon that you are planning to make your way to church tonight for an enjoyable evening of fellowship! I'm looking forward to seeing you all as we kick off our fundraiser in support of upgrading our audio-visual system in Metcalf Hall.

You know, one of the last conversations I had with Dr. Joe Hardin involved hearing his regrets of having to stop coming to church before he passed away. He assured me in his own way that he had kept on saying his prayers and that he was blessed to be looked after so well by Wendy and David Hall. As he did so, he paused for a moment and said, "It just got to the point where I couldn't hear anything anymore."

I don't think that Joe was reluctant to share his reflection with me. At least he didn't seem to be. At that point we were past small talk and were down to brass tacks if you will. I do recall feeling, or sensing rather, a mixture of regret and frustration because Joe had revealed that he stopped being able to hear long before he was confined to his apartment at Green Country. And, it remained clear to me throughout our time together that had things gone a little differently, that perhaps his experience and inclusion within community could have been extended a bit longer into the winter of his life.

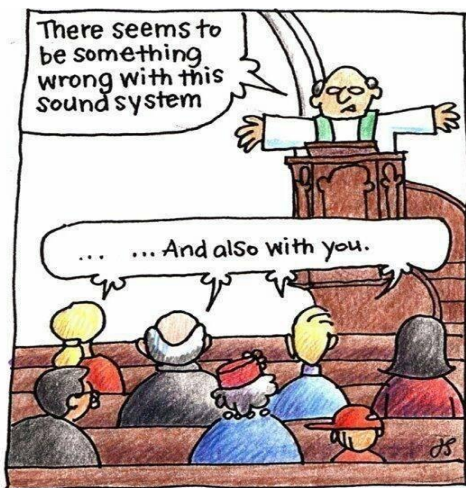
Dr. Hardin therefore is on my mind as we find ourselves in the midst of funding our audio-visual project in Metcalf Hall. Currently we are in the process

contracting work which first and foremost includes a major upgrade to the sound system and most importantly the addition of another Williams Hearing Assistance module. Not that you need another excuse to spend a fun night a church, but I can assure you that the money we raise tonight will go towards ensuring that no one is left out because they cannot hear anymore.

I offer my heartfelt thanks to those who have already generously donated to our efforts. Remaining intentional, curious, and committed to ensuring that everyone is welcome and has access to what they need at St. Luke's exemplifies our ethos of loving with Arms Wide Open. Thank-you.

With deep gratitude,

Nick+



Metcalf Hall Audio/Visual Improvements

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

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. Don't miss the first Fundraiser, Bingo!, TONIGHT!

Volunteers Needed!

Want to be a part of the A/V Team? We could use you! No experience necessary! Contact Jeff Birk, Nancy Woods, or Steve Clark and they will train you well.

Rector's Bible Study
Thursdays, Metcalf Hall 9:15am-10:15am
Studying the Book of Isaiah



Senior Sunday 2022



LET'S CONNECT!

We will soon be calling to get you connected with our new church management software! With that you can:

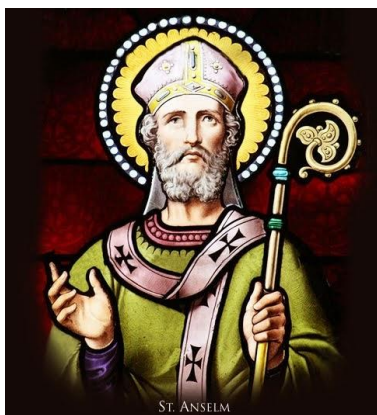
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- Follow church announcements
- Look up members
- Keep track of your giving
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Theologians Corner



Anselm

Archbishop of Canterbury, 1109

Anselm was born in Italy about 1033 and took monastic vows in 1060 at the Abbey of Bec in Normandy. He succeeded his teacher Lanfranc as Prior of Bec in 1063, and as Archbishop of Canterbury in 1093. His episcopate was stormy, in continual conflict with the crown over the rights and freedom of the Church. His greatest talent lay in theology and spiritual direction.

As a pioneer in the scholastic method, Anselm remains the great exponent of the so-called "ontological argument" for the existence of God: God is "that than which nothing greater can be thought." Even the fool, who (in Psalm 14) says in his heart

“There is no God,” must have an idea of God in his mind, the concept of an unconditional being (ontos) than which nothing greater can be conceived; otherwise he would not be able to speak of “God” at all. And so this something, “God,” must exist outside the mind as well; because, if he did not, he would not in fact be that than which nothing greater can be thought. Since the greatest thing that can be thought must have existence as one of its properties, Anselm asserts, “God” can be said to exist in reality as well as in the intellect, but is not dependent upon the material world for verification. To some, this “ontological argument” has seemed mere deductive rationalism; to others it has the merit of showing that faith in God need not be contrary to human reason.

Anselm is also the most famous exponent of the “satisfaction theory” of the atonement. Anselm explains the work of Christ in terms of the feudal society of his day. If a vassal breaks his bond, he has to atone for this to his lord; likewise, sin violates a person’s bond with God, the supreme Lord, and atonement or satisfaction must be made. Of ourselves, we are unable to make such atonement, because God is perfect and we are not. Therefore, God himself has saved us, becoming perfect man in Christ, so that a perfect life could be offered in satisfaction for sin.

We will discuss Anselm’s Cur Deus Homo in our faith forum on Atonement. Hope to see you there.

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

Easter Series – A 5 Week Series- Atonement.

May 15 The Biblical Tradition (Week 3)

May 22 Theory and Meaning Making (Week 4)

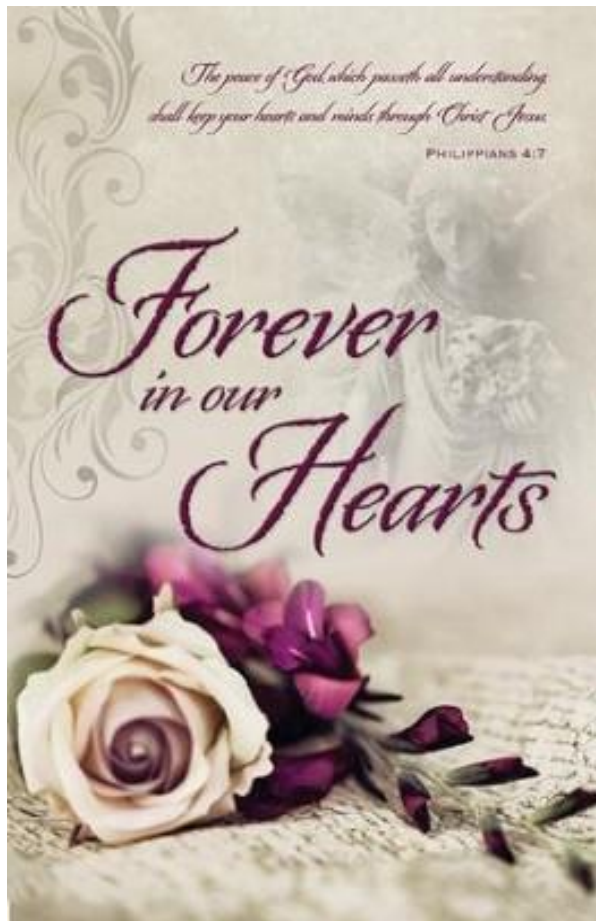
May 29 Transformed Lives Reconsidered (Week 5)

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



Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen

Patricia Michelle Hopkins (Shelley)
Graveside Service, June 10th, 2022 at
1:00pm, Shamrock Cemetery,
Shamrock, Oklahoma. (5.1 miles north
of Drumright, OK)



Our Beloved Jeanne

The Celebration of Life for Jeanne Rowlett will be May 21, 2022, St Luke's, 11:00am. Reception will follow. The service will be live streamed on Zoom, You Tube, and Facebook for those who cannot attend. Please hold Susie and Steve Clark and family, Susie's sisters and their families in your prayers.

“May her soul, and the souls of the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. *Amen.*”



Save the Date! June 5th, 2022 at Timber Oaks



EVERYONE IS INVITED AND FRIENDS ARE ENCOURAGED AND WELCOME TO THE

ST LUKE'S BINGO FUNDRAISER

for the hearing impaired and video system for Metcalf Hall.

May 11th DOORS OPEN AT 5:30 AND BINGO CALLING AT 6:00

Bingo cards are \$20 for 10 games plus \$5 in concession tickets

CONCESSIONS:

Pork Sliders Hotdogs Chips

Fun sized Candy (3/\$1)

Water Soft drinks

Beer & Wine available for \$3

TICKETS
available
at the door
OR
at church
May 8th



Let us gather again May 26th, 6:30pm, Tumbleweed's.
Good talk, good brew, good food, good friends, good time!

Luke's Place May 12th -May 18th, 2022

May 12th - Men's Breakfast, 7-8:30am Metcalf Hall
Rector's Bible Study, 9:15am Metcalf
Green Country Eucharist, 1pm GC Village

May 15th - 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 Metcalf Hall, after 10:30am service

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, -May 12th – May 18th, 2022

Birthdays

Sidney Beasley 5/12
Jim Stanton 5/12
Sigrid Williams 5/12
Murphey Warring 5/13
Robert Matthews 5/14

Anniversaries

Cindy & Walt Gasior 5/16

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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