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The Steeple



October 15, 2026



Ordinary Time

The Weekly Newsletter of St. Luke's Episcopal Church

From the Search Committee Co-Chair: Doug McIver



Some have asked why it takes so long to get a new Rector. St. Luke's needs time and space between Rectors to discover who we are now, where we want to go in the future, and with what new leadership.

Like many of you, my family misses the Phares family dearly. I would like to give everyone a timeline of when we will have a new Rector. But

that is the point of having time to reflect how we have changed and grown during Father Nick's ministry. We are not in the same situation or have the same needs as when they originally joined us. We have evolved and are a healthier parish than before. We have some of the same issues and needs but they have evolved. That is why we give ourselves time to reflect on our current strengths and needs so we can determine the qualities of a new Rector needed to take care of us and help us further our ministries.

Your Rector Search Committee has been hard at work since June. The Diocese of Oklahoma provides a manual of steps to take while in discernment for a new Rector. The committee began by looking at several surveys created by other parishes in the Diocese and created one specific for St. Luke's. We were very pleased with the number of responses we received back. Many thanks to everyone for helping us to understand where we currently are and where we want to go in the future.

The next step was putting all those statistics and thoughts into a Parish Profile we could share with prospective Rectors. With the help of the immensely talented Nancy Woods, I believe we were able to capture the essence of St. Luke's and what makes us special. We now wait to see what prospective Rectors are touched by our profile and feel called to learn more and apply.

Once the applicants show interest in the position, the Diocese will vet those applicants and then the search committee will determine which ones seem like a good fit and give the final two or three choices to the Vestry for final determination.

Please pray with me the two prayers our search committee uses at the beginning of every meeting.

Almighty and ever living God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, giver of every good gift; Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

At Luke's Place: Oct 16th – Oct 22nd, 2026

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| Oct 18 th | Holy Eucharist, rite I, 8:00am, Chapel
Faith Forum, 9:15am, Metcalf
Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10:30am, Nave |
| Oct 19 th | Ladies Prayer Partners, 11:30am, Metcalf
St Luke's Day Eucharist, 5:30pm, Nave
Lite Supper, 6:30pm, Rodgers Hall |
| Oct 20 th | Spiritual Discovery, 9:30am, Library
Icon Group, 5:30pm, Icon room
Bible Discussion Group, 6:30pm, Metcalf |
| Oct 21 st | Walking the Mourner's Path, 2:00pm, WTMP room
Choir, 6pm, Choir Room
YD, 6pm, Rodgers Hall |
| Oct 22 nd | Men's Group, 7am, Metcalf
Bible Study, 9:15am, Metcalf
Green Country Morning Prayer, 1pm, GCV |

Prayer List

Please pray for: Ben Baker, Josh Harris, David Swindell, Connie Finch, Terry Grogan, Tyler Roberson, Jerry Nezam, Lynette Beebe, Danny Clem, David McAtee, Steve Linn, Jean Mason, Mary Wallace, Lynda Stephens, Marcie Zervas, Audrey Harris, Nan Buhlinger, Dionna Cameron, Betty Rogers, JoAnn Gallery, Kathleen Turner, Steve Clark, Dean Zervas, Frank Molina, Diane Mitchell, Frank Traylor, Steve Hand, Donna Steward, Penny Johnson, Shaina Smith, Ann Morrow, Miriam Petrovich, Jason Elmore, June Mosley, Larry Mueggenborg, Sherry Breitman, Barbie Hirst, Jack Stoecker, Dorothy Buchanan, Bob Lambert, Linda & Robert Preece.

Please add to your prayers:

St John's, Vinita St Thomas, Pawhuska The Anglican Church of Burundi

Birthdays & Anniversaries for Oct 18th – Oct 24th, 2026

Birthdays

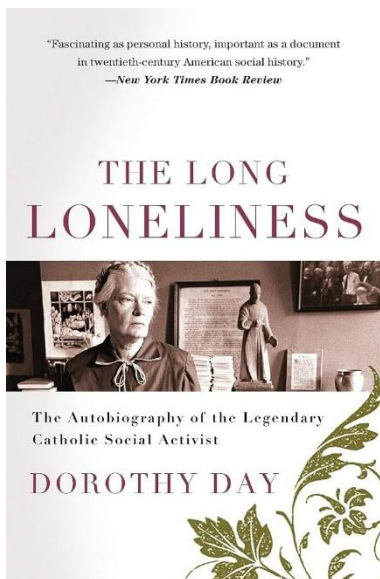
Brian Olsen (10/20)
Kate Carroll (10/23)
Ruth Todd (10/23)

Anniversaries

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

Concern

Concern's current needs are: Ramen noodles, canned tuna and cereal; homeless needs: winter gloves.



The Spiritual Discovery book group will begin a new study :

The Long Loneliness

**By
Dorothy Day**

The Spiritual Discovery book study group meets every Tuesday at 9:30am in the Library. Everyone is welcome to join. This study will begin in 2 weeks.



Theologian's Corner: Henry Martyn Priest and Missionary 1812

Henry Martyn, an English missionary and translator, died when he was only thirty-one years old. Though his life was brief, it was a remarkable one.

Martyn was educated at Cambridge. He had intended to become a lawyer, but Charles Simeon, the rector of Holy Trinity, Cambridge, inspired him to go to India as a missionary. After serving as Simeon's curate for a short time, Martyn traveled to Calcutta in 1806 as chaplain of the East India Company.

During his five years in India, Martyn preached the gospel, organized private schools, and founded churches. In addition to his work as a missionary, Martyn translated the New Testament and the Book of Common Prayer into Hindi, which was a valuable missionary aid to the young Anglican Church in India. He also began the study of Persian and translated the New Testament into that language as well.

Martyn longed to go to Persia, and in 1811, his persistence brought him to Shiraz, as the first English clergyman in that city. He engaged in theological discussions with learned Muslims and corrected his Persian translations of the New Testament. Martyn hoped eventually to visit Arabia and to translate the New Testament into Arabic.

While on his way to Constantinople in 1812, however, Martyn died in the Turkish city of Tokat. The Armenian Orthodox Christians of the city buried him with the honors usually accorded to one of their own bishops. Very soon afterwards, his life of energetic devotion and remarkable accomplishment became widely known. He is remembered as one of the founders of the modern Christian church in both India and Iran.

O GOD of the nations, who gave to your servant Henry Martyn a longing to share your Gospel with all peoples; Inspire the church in our own day with that said desire, that we may be eager to commit both life and talents to you who gave them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

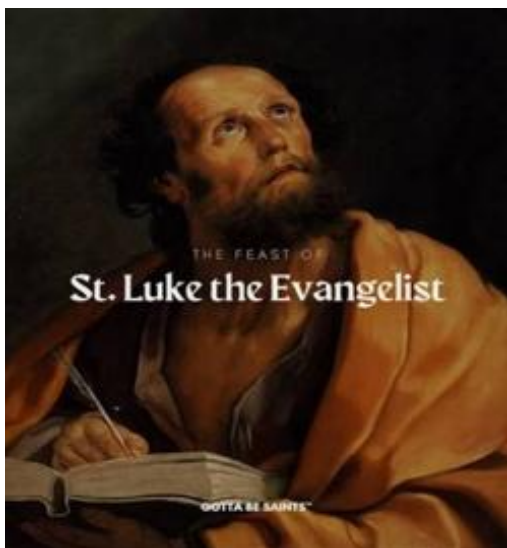
October Item: 24ct Colored Pencils



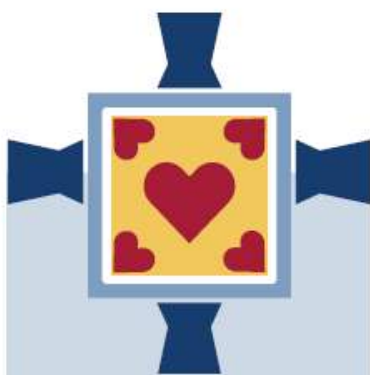
ALL THINGS PAUL

If you like to study the Pauline books of the New Testament or anything in the Holy Scriptures about the subjects discussed in Paul's writings, join us in Metcalf Hall every Tuesday at 6:30 pm for one hour.

The topic for Oct 20th is: "Love Believes all things" and "Love does not insist on its own way.".



Oct 19th , 5:30pm. Let's honor our patron saint with a celebration of the Eucharist in the nave and a lite supper afterward in Rodgers. Fr Thom Crowe will be joining us for the evening. Let's celebrate St Luke at Luke's Place!



Questions for Reflection:

Take a moment to thank God for all those who made plenty good room for you in the Church. How has that shaped who you are today?



The Rev. Ramiro (Ram) Lopez serves as rector of St. George's

Church in San Antonio and serves on the board of TENS.



THE EPISCOPAL
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STEWARDSHIP

Plenty Good Room

On Being Invited

Growing up in Corpus Christi, Texas I spent more time fishing in the surf of Padre Island than in going to church. Our Latino family roots were in Roman Catholicism but our church was the Gulf of Mexico shoreline.

How, then, did I grow up to become an Episcopal priest?

Thinking back I will say that my life today is the result of someone taking the time to invite me to Christ's table. First invitation was to the local Canterbury group (college ministry). Next came an invitation to attend worship at Church of the Good Shepherd followed by an invitation to serve at the Diocesan camp, Camp Capers.

One after another, the invitations kept coming. Each one led me to a community which always made room for me. I found belonging in a spiritual family. They made plenty good room for me and for my family and friends. Over and over again, the graciousness of Christ was extended to me. I found fellow travelers on the spiritual journey. More importantly, I found the gifts of God within me.

I suppose that I am an Episcopal priest because of all the people along the spiritual way who invited me into communities in which there was plenty good room. Plenty good room to discover myself. Plenty good room to discover God. Plenty good room to discover and discern how God was calling me to serve and lead.

I cannot imagine any other life than the one I have now - serving as an Episcopal parish priest! I am ever grateful for all the wonderful, lifelong friendships I have made. I cannot imagine any other job that would be so wonderful, so exciting and energizing as the ministry I have today.

I am so grateful for all the invitations and all those who made plenty good room for me! tens.org



Thanks to all who have donated for flowers for the high altar in thanksgiving or remembrance this year. With no flowers during Advent, we only have three open Sundays between now and Christmas. Do the following Sundays or weeks have special meaning to you? November 1, November 8 and November 15?

If so, please claim an available Sunday and contact Penny in the office and Jo Baughman, Flower Fund Chairman, with the exact words you wish to have in the bulletin, and provide a minimum of \$55 to the Flower Fund for our always lovely fresh flowers.



Stewardship is coming up on Sunday,
November 1

Please bring your pledge cards with you and we will offer them together at the altar during the 10:30 service.

Following the service, please join us for our Stewardship Luncheon as we celebrate and give thanks for our work together.

This Sunday's celebrant and preacher: Mthr Andrea Jones

BINGO



BY CASA HISPANA

night

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

**Saturday, October
24th, 2026**

**5:30 PM
St Luke's
Episcopal Church**

CasaHispana.Bartlesville@gmail.com

**For tickets call
918.907.1584**

\$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 connecting under-served communities with local resources



It's Pumpkin Pie Season!

CONCERN will be providing their annual Thanksgiving boxes to our neighbors in need, and St. Luke's has a long tradition of supplying delicious pies. **If you'd like to contribute, checks made out to St Luke's and in memo Concern Pies can be dropped off in the offering plate or**

in the office through 11/15.



October 25th, 11:45am, Parking Lot

Bring candy, a lawn chair, and join in the fun. Invite all the kids you know! Dress up in costume or not! We will have hot chocolate, popcorn, games, and face painting. If it rains, we will move inside Metcalf Hall.

89th Diocesan Convention “A Table in the Wilderness” Psalm 78:19

Despite my less than stellar attitude about attending the convention...my first one....it was found to be laced with hope and healing.

The Rev. Canon Dr. Meaghan Keegan was the guest speaker. She also held a workshop and the title in her words were “to set the table”. She spoke of the brokenness and unclean nature of our world and of our deep desire to know God. To this end, she gave us the rhythm of Jesus’ ministry model:

Abide with God....in SOLITUDE
Spend time together...in COMMUNITY
GO out to meet the people...in MINISTRY

Those words were certainly food for thought from the wilderness of St. Crispin’s. The weekend was a summon for me to dig into scripture and to focus more clearly on my spiritual life.

The fun part was watching our Deacon Jeff read the gospel and help with Holy Eucharist. Our Cathy and Jim Perrier were at their finest in setting up and selling from our St. Luke’s Bookstore. And of course the gifting of the Bishop’s Cross to Kris and Glenn Bonner for their dedication to St. Luke’s and the diocese was the hit of the evening. So as you can see, St. Luke’s was beautifully represented.

All in all, my time at the convention was spent in prayer, community and ministry. A perfect way to change an attitude!

With Deep Peace, Karole



St Luke's at Convention

St. Luke's Vestry Members

- Karole Cozby, Sr. Warden
- Karen Lewey, Jr Warden
- Becky Liehr
- Chase Almy
- Lisa Beeman
- Steve Heidorn
- Dolores McCreary
- Steve VanAken
- Fred Whitson
- Robert Lonski
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