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The Steeple

June 11, 2026

Ordinary Time

The Weekly Newsletter of St. Luke's Episcopal Church

From the Church Office:

Dear St Luke's Family,

Yes, it's been a long week. You would think it would be quiet without our ball of energy in the Rector's office. But no, this place is humming with projects, classes, meetings, and the Daily Office. Speaking of which, Morning Prayer will continue every weekday morning (barring weather, holidays, etc) at 9:00am in the Chapel. Evening Prayer will also continue Monday-Thursday at 4:00pm, also in the Chapel. Our continued practice of prayer is essential, and the Daily Office helps with that.

Thank you to everyone who helped, planned, and came to last Sunday's sendoff for the Phares Family. It was glorious and joyful despite the reason we were there. Lots of laughs, hugs, and tears, that make us a close church family. Food, amazing food was on every corner of the tables. Maybe we should have more potlucks so we can eat, visit, and enjoy each other more frequently.

I know many of you are wondering about Sunday services in the weeks to come. The Vestry met with Canon Betsy this week and it was a productive meeting. We are scheduled to have a celebrant on Sundays for the next 6 weeks. This is good news and new voices from the pulpit. Green Country services are continuing on Thursdays with Mthr Andrea Jones who has graciously agreed to step in. The Thursday Bible study continues as well as Faith Forum on Sunday morning between the two services. Life here on St. Luke's campus is happening normally, despite our temporary loss of a rector.

Thank you to so many of you who asked me if I am ok or wondered how I am doing. Monday morning was a shocker to see the office next door vacant. Nick's departure became real at that moment and was hard to digest even though I had anticipated it for weeks. I will miss his last minute arrivals every morning and his constant pushing and pulling books off the shelf that is on the other side of my wall. He was always researching something. Even though he forever dodged

a lot of my faith questions and would tell me I had reached my quota for the day, when I needed an answer, he always came through. As I think most of you experienced that as well.

Please know your Vestry is on top of the Search process and in some ways ahead of the ballgame. Its only been 5 years since we went through this process and look at the amazing priest who was sent to us. Things are falling into place- there will be a few bumps in the road, but that is to be expected. The Holy Spirit is moving here in this place in ways we can never guess.

I am here for you all and we will take this journey together. It will be one of growth, faithfulness, and grace. And success- because that is just who we are.

Blessings,

Penny

At Luke's Place: June 12th – June 18th, 2026

June 14th Holy Eucharist, Rite I, 8:00am, Chapel
Faith Forum, 9:15am, Rodgers
Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10:30am, Nave

June 15th Ladies Prayer Partners, 11:30am, Metcalf
June 16th Spiritual Discovery, 9:30am, Library
June 18th Men's Group, 7am, Metcalf
Bible Study, 9:15am, Metcalf
Green Country Eucharist MP, 1pm, GCV

Office Closed for Federal Holiday- Friday June 19th

Prayer List

Please pray for: **Ben** Baker, **Steve** McCraw, **Josh** Harris, **David** Swindell, **Connie** Finch, **Terry** Grogan, **Tyler** Roberson, **Jerry** Nezam**, Lynette** Beebe, **Danny** Clem, **David** McAtee, **Steve** Linn, **Jean** Mason, **Adam**, **Mary** Wallace, **Lynda** Stephens, **Marcie** Zervas, **Audrey** Harris, **Nan** Buhlinger, **Bill** Birk, **Dionna** Cameron, **Betty** Rogers, **Dan** & **JoAnn** Gallery, **Kathleen** Turner, **Steve** Clark, **Dea**n Zervas, **Frank** Molina, **Diane** Mitchell, **Frank** Traylor, **Steve** Hand, **Donna** Steward, **Clay** Smith, **Penny** Johnson, **Kim** Shipman, **Fred** Whitson, **Shaina** Smith, **Ann** Morrow, **Carrie** Washington, **Miriam** Petrovich, **Jason** Elmore, **Teresa** Phares, **Jun**e Mosley, **Marsha** Tibbits, and **Larry** Mueggenborg.

Please add the following to your prayers for this week:
St Luke's, Idabel **St. Mark's, Hugo** **The Scottish Episcopal Church**

Birthdays & Anniversaries for June 14th – June 20th, 2026

Birthdays		Anniversaries	
Dan Droege	(6/19)	Fr Nick & Teresa Phares	(6/14)

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: canned green beans and tuna; and homeless needs are: single-serve fruit cups, Ensure and electrolyte drinks.

Theologian's Corner:

Enmegahbowh

American Indian priest and missionary

c. 1813-June 11, 1902

Enami'egaabaw, meaning "He that prays [for his people while] standing"; also known as **John Johnson**) was the first Native American to be ordained a priest in the Episcopal Church in the United States of America.

Born around 1820, Enmegahbowh (pronounced En-meh-GAH-boe), was the only child of the chief of an Ojibwe Band on Rice Lake near Peterborough, Canada. Because this group of Ojibwe "trade Indians" remained behind while the others pressed farther up the Great Lakes in search of furs, some consider Enmegahbowh an Ottawa.] He was raised in a Christian Anishinaabe (Ojibwe) village near Petersburg which was affiliated with the Methodists. An Episcopal clergyman of the vicinity, Mr. Armour, persuaded Enmegahbowh's reluctant parents to send him to be educated with the

clergyman's own sons. Enmegahbowh did learn to read and speak English, but after three months, the homesick boy ran away in the night and walked for two days to return to his own people. About 1831, Enmegahbowh's grandfather, a medicine man of high rank, inducted him into the tribal religious organization Midewiwin.

On July 4, 1841 Enmegahbowh married Biwabikogeshigequay (*Biiwaabiko-giizhig-ikwe*, "Iron Sky Woman", and baptized Charlotte), niece of Chief Hole-in-the-Day the elder. He met the Rev. Ezekiel Gilbert Gear, chaplain at Fort Snelling at the confluence of the Mississippi and Minnesota Rivers, and became an Episcopalian. Gear eventually introduced Enmegahbowh to the Rev. James Lloyd Breck, a missionary who had arrived in Minnesota in 1851, and who baptised Enmegahbowh.

Bishop Jackson Kemper ordained him deacon in 1859,[] and Enmegahbowh went to Crow Wing, Minnesota to assist in founding St. Columba Mission. Mille Lacs Chief Fine-Day was an early member of Enmegahbowh's church, and took over the mission in 1861.

Enmegahbowh died at the White Earth Indian Reservation in northern Minnesota on June 12, 1902 at the age of 95, and is buried in St. Columba's churchyard. The people of St. Columba's honor him each June during the White Earth Pow-Wow.[] The Episcopal calendar of saints remembers Enmegahbowh on June 12.

Almighty God, you led your pilgrim people of old with fire and cloud; grant that the ministers of your church, following the example of blessed Enmegahbowh, may stand before your holy people, leading them with fiery zeal and gentle humility. This we ask through Jesus, the Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

June School Supply Item Needed

12 Count Box -Colored Pencils

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.*

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Last Sunday's Goodbye

Pack the Backpacks

Need help with school supplies?

Applications Open

June 15 to July 15

Scan the QR code
to start your application
or learn more!

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IN PERSON APPLICATIONS

Agape Mission
555 S Cass Ave

Fridays
11am–1:30pm

Mary Martha Outreach
1845 SW 4th St.

Monday–Wednesday
9am–11am
Thursday
12pm–2pm

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