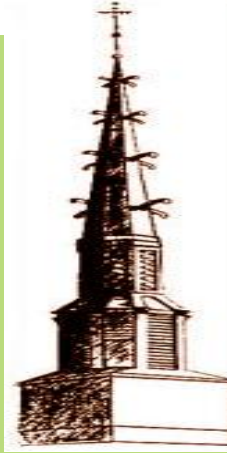
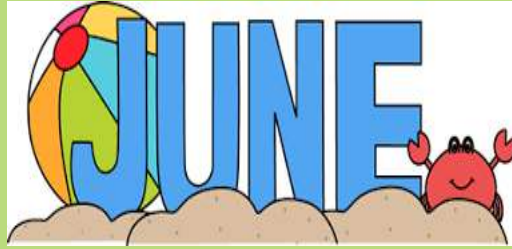


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June 5, 2025



The Weekly Newsletter of St. Luke's Episcopal Church



Audit

Dear St. Luke's,

I'm writing to share some good news this week as our parish has successfully completed the annual financial audit required by the Diocese of Oklahoma. While this might sound like an administrative task tucked far from the spiritual heart of our common life, it is, in fact, an important part of how we live out our mutual ministry within the Episcopal Church.

For those unfamiliar with it, mutual ministry support is the way we, as a parish, participate financially in the life and mission of the wider church. Each congregation in the Diocese of Oklahoma is asked to contribute a portion of its income to the diocese. This offering helps fund clergy development, youth programs, church planting, social justice initiatives, disaster response, and so much more across the diocese. It ensures that when one part of the body is in need, the rest of the body can respond with grace and strength.

The diocese sets a standard rate of giving but offers a reduced rate to parishes that meet certain criteria designed to promote transparency, accountability, and healthy governance. These criteria include:

- Completing an annual audit or financial review.
- Submitting a parochial report on time.
- Maintaining up-to-date Safe Church training for staff and volunteers.
- Participating in diocesan life.

Thanks to the hard work of our treasurer, parish administrator, finance committee, vestry, and especially our audit committee we have met all these requirements. Our completed audit not only

helps us qualify for the reduced rate, it also reassures the diocese that we are stewarding our resources responsibly and that they are in good order.

Being part of the Episcopal Church means we are never in ministry alone. Our parish exists as one part of a vibrant, connected body. Mutual ministry support isn't just about paying our share then, it's about strengthening the bonds that hold us together in faith and service. Thank you for the part you play in that shared ministry. Your generosity, faithfulness, and commitment make this work possible.

In gratitude,
Nick+

Theologians Corner:

Boniface **Bishop, Missionary, Martyr** **June 5th, 754**



Wynfrith, nicknamed Boniface ("good deeds"), was born around 680 near Crediton in Devonshire, England. When he was five, he listened to some monks who were staying at his father's house. They had returned from a mission to the continent, and Boniface was so impressed by them that he resolved to follow their example. Although his father had intended him for a secular career, he gave way to his son's entreaties and sent him at the age of seven to a monastery school. He eventually became director of the school at Nursling, in Winchester, where he wrote the first Latin grammar in England, and gave lectures that were widely copied and circulated.

At thirty, he was ordained and set out to preach in Friesland (overlaps with modern Holland), whence he was soon expelled because of war

between the Friesland King and Charles Martel of France. Boniface, after a brief withdrawal, went into Hesse and Bavaria, having secured the support of the Pope and of Charles Martel for his work there. In Hesse, in the presence of a large crowd of people, he cut down the Sacred Oak of Geismar, a tree of immense age and girth, sacred to the god Thor. It is said that after only a few

blows of his axe, the tree tottered and crashed to the ground, breaking into four pieces and revealing itself to be rotted away within. It was the beginning of a highly successful missionary effort, and the planting of a vigorous Christian church in Germany, where Boniface was eventually consecrated bishop. He asked the Christian Saxons of England to support his work among their kinsmen on the continent, and they responded with money, books, supplies, and above all, with a steady supply of monks to assist him in teaching and preaching

Boniface did not confine his attentions to Germany. He worked to establish cooperation between the Pope and others in Italy on the one hand and Charles and his successors in France on the other. He persuaded Carloman and Pepin, the sons of Charles, to call synods for the reform of the church in their territories, where under previous rulers, bishoprics had often been sold to the highest bidder. He never forgot his initial failure in Friesland, and in old age resigned his bishopric and returned to work there. Many Frisians had been converted earlier by Willibrord but had lapsed after his death. Boniface preached among them with considerable success. On June 5, the eve of Pentecost, 754, he was preparing a group of Frisians for confirmation when they were attacked and killed. The Church remembers Boniface today.

Together we pray: Pour out thy Holy Ghost, O God, upon thy church in every land, that like thy servant Boniface we might proclaim the Gospel unto all nations, that thy kingdom might be enlarged and that thy holy Name might be glorified in all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Holy Ghost, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Prayer List

Please pray for: Ben Baker, Steve McCraw, Josh Harris, David Swindell, Connie Finch, Terry Grogan, Tyler Roberson, Jerry Nezam, Miriam Petrovich, Lynette Beebe, Jack Smith, Danny Clem, David McAtee, Shawn, Stephanie Gallegos, Pat Sare, Steve Linn, Jean Mason, Adam Thomas, Tom Oakes, Bill Pendley, Mary Wallace, Lynda Stephens, Marcie Zervas, Audrey Harris, Peggy Rockey, Lauren Barlowe, Ken Harvey, Nan Buhlinger, Bill Birk, Carol McSpadden, Dionna Cameron, Betty Rogers, David Anderson, JoAnn Gallery, Freda Bretz, Kathleen Turner, Susan Dick, Susie Manley, Steve Clark, Sue Sherrill, Lauren Gandy, and Kim Kingsbury.

Please add the following to your prayers for the Seventh Week of Easter

St Philip's, Ardmore Ardmore Village, Ardmore The Anglican Church of Korea

Almighty God, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.* BCP

Birthdays and Anniversaries June 8TH – June 14TH, 2025

Birthdays



Danny Clem

(6/8)



Anniversaries

Lauren & Juanita Green (6/12)

Fr. Nick & Teresa Phares(6/14)

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!

At Luke's Place: June 6th – June 12th, 2025

June 8th Holy Eucharist, Rite I, 8:00am, Chapel
Faith Forum, 9:15am, Metcalf

June 9th Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10:30am, Nave
Vestry, 5:30pm, Vestry Room

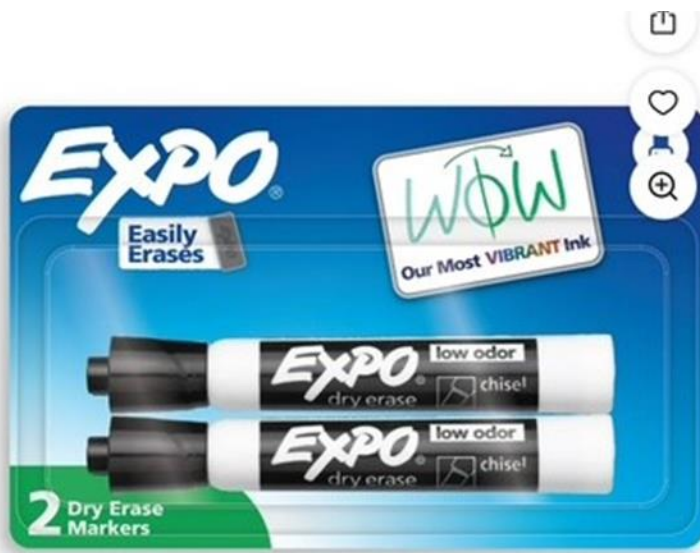
June 12th Men's Fellowship, 7am, Metcalf Hall
Bible Study, 9:15am, Metcalf Hall
Green Country Eucharist, 1pm, GCV



Wear **Red** this Sunday to celebrate Pentecost!



June Pack the Backpacks Item Chisel Tip (any size package)



EXPO Dry Erase Markers, Chisel Tip, Black, 8 Count

Free 90-day returns ⓘ * Sold by Walmart



Concern's current needs - Vienna sausage, canned tuna, toothpaste and for the homeless - single-serve proteins.

Communiuon Bread Baker Needed



Altar Guild is looking for a bread maker for first week. If anyone is interested and would like to be a part of altar guild in making bread please call or text Wendy Hall at 918-440-4355.

Our Groundskeepers



Check out the Bookstore for
Father's Day Gifts! Devotionals,
Books, study guides, and Bibles
are available. Remember
FATHER'S DAY, June 15th

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Ordinary Time

Is coming