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The Steeple

September 10,2026

Ordinary Time

The Weekly Newsletter of St. Luke's Episcopal Church

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From the Office:

Dear St Luke's Family,

This summer has been one for the record books. I am so relieved we are in the -Ber months now. Temps should be dropping soon. Don't know about yours, but my yard is just dust and dried stalks of crunchy grass.

You did it! You filled the plastic tote for Concern last Sunday! Awesome! Lets do it again this coming Sunday! Please? Grab a couple of canned goods out of your cupboard and bring them with you on Sunday when you come to church. It's a small thing that means so much. With everyone giving one or two canned goods, we can fill that tote for the second week in a row.

And just a reminder for those of you who are planning to attend the big fundraiser for Concern, it's this Saturday at the Hilton Garden Inn. I hope to see you there at the St Luke's table.

Let's talk Coffee Hour. Didn't you enjoy last Sunday when Canon Betsy was here and we had coffee hour? I can't tell you how many have been in the office asking why we can't have coffee hour on a regular basis. That also showed up in the surveys. The truth is: no one is stopping coffee hour from happening. The church does provide the coffee (treats are optional) but what needs to happen is volunteers to host. 'Someone' has to fix the coffee, 'someone' needs to clean up after and stay after everyone has left, someone' needs to turn off the lights and the coffee machine, and lastly 'someone' needs to lock the door. I can't tell you how many times Courtney

and I have walked into the church on a Monday morning and smelt burnt coffee and found the pot left on with crusty coffee or even shattered on the hot plate. This is a fire hazard. Not to mention it will eventually ruin the coffee maker. I'm already 2 coffee pots behind ordering new ones and that's just since June. We need those 'someone's, those volunteers to maintain coffee hour. I have several times put out sign up lists at the window of the kitchen. It may fill up for a month or so, but then the sign ups stop. Mainly because it becomes the same folks week after week, trying to keep the fellowship going and getting burnt out. And who can blame them? It takes volunteers to maintain coffee hour. Again, treats are just optional. But if you want coffee hour to happen, then volunteer to host, to clean up, and to stay after everyone leaves to make sure everything is in order when the church is locked. Coffee Hour can happen as long as there are volunteers to oversee the time and maintenance. If you are the 'someone' who makes the coffee, but doesn't stay to see that cleanup and coffee maker & lights are turned off, then do you know if 'someone' else is going to follow through? If you are of the mind, 'someone' else will take care of it, then it just won't happen. And it hasn't. The only thing stopping coffee hour is 'someone' to volunteer.

The Search Committee has been very busy. They have compiled the surveys (thank you to everyone who filled one out) and have completed the Parish Profile (thank you, Nancy Woods, for all your wonderful work on this!) - it is ready to print. They will be available to the parish once they are printed and digitized. It is quite a work of art. The hope is to have the Parish Profile to the Diocese and possible candidates by October 1st.

Life is continuing here at St. Luke's. All our ministries, classes, and events are happening and we are a busy parish. If you think no one is driving this St Luke's bus, you need to follow Karole Cozby around. You will see we are quite secure in our leadership.

See you in church!

Penny
Parish Admin.

At Luke's Place: Sept 11th – Sept 17th, 2026

Sept 13th	**Holy Eucharist, Rite I, 8:00am, Chapel**
	Faith Forum, 9:15am, Metcalf
	Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10:30am, Nave
Sept 14th	**Ladies Prayer Partners. 11:30am, Metcalf**
	Finance Committee, noon, Vestry Room
	Vestry, 5:30pm, Vestry Room
Sept 15th	**Spiritual Discovery, 9:30am, Library**

	Bible Discussion Group, 6:30pm, Metcalf
Sept 16th	Choir, 5pm, Choir Room
	YD, 6pm, Rodgers
Sept 17th	Men's Group, 7am, Metcalf
	Bible Study, 9:15am, Metcalf
	Green Country Eucharist, 1pm, GCV
Sept 18th	Pack the Backpacks Bingo, 5:30pm, Metcalf

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, **Mary** Wallace, **Lynda** Stephens, **Marcie** Zervas, **Audrey** Harris, **Nan** Buhlinger, **Dionna** Cameron, **Betty** Rogers, **JoAnn** Gallery, **Kathleen** Turner, **Steve** Clark, **Dea**n Zervas, **Frank** Molina, **Diane** Mitchell, **Frank** Traylor, **Steve** Hand, **Donna** Steward, **Penny** Johnson, **Shaina** Smith, **Ann** Morrow, **Miriam** Petrovich, **Jason** Elmore, **Teresa** Phares, **Jun**e Mosley, **Marsha** Tibbits, **Larry** Mueggenborg, **Sherry** Breitman, **Barbie** Hirst, **Jack** Stoecker, **Dorothy** Buchanan, **Bob** Lambert, **Linda & Robert** Preece.

Please add to your prayers:

St Dunstan's, Tulsa **The Episcopal/ Anglican Province of Alexandria**

Birthdays & Anniversaries for Sept 6th – Sept 12th, 2026

Birthdays		Anniversaries
Karole Cozby	(9/16)	
Marvin Huffman	(9/16)	

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 corn, peas, 16oz peanut butter and unisex deodorant.

Theologian's Corner:
St . Ninian
Bishop
430 A.D.
Feast Day- September 16th

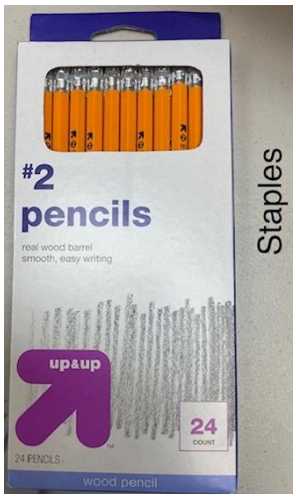
Ninian is also called Nynia, Ninias, Rigna, Trignan, Ninnidh, Ringan, Ninus, or Dinan. He was a Celt, born in southern Scotland in about 360, and is regarded as the first major preacher of the Gospel to the people living in Britain north of the Wall--that is, living outside the territory that had been under Roman rule. He is said to have studied in Rome (note that he is contemporary with Ambrose, Jerome, and Augustine), but was chiefly influenced by his friendship with Martin of Tours, with whom he spent some considerable time when he was returning from Italy to Britain. It is probable that he named his headquarters in Galloway after Martin's foundation in Gall. Martin had a monastery known as LOCO TEIAC, a Latinized form of the Celtic LEUG TIGIAC. LEUG means "white, shining," and TIG means "house" (a shanty, or SHAN-TIG, is an old house). The suffix -AC means "little." Thus, Martin's monastery had a name which in Celtic means "little white house." At about the time of Martin's death in 397, Ninian built a church at Galloway, in southwest Scotland. It was built of stone and plastered white, an unusual construction in a land where almost all buildings were wood. He called it Candida Casa (White House) or Whithorn, presumably after Martin's foundation at Tours. Archaeologists have excavated and partially restored his church in this century. From his base at Galloway, Ninian preached throughout southern Scotland, south of the Grampian Mountains, and conducted preaching missions among the Picts of Scotland, as far north as the Moray Firth, He also preached in the Solway Plains and the Lake District of England. Like Patrick (a generation later) and Columba (a century and a half later), he was a principal agent in preserving the tradition of the old Romano-British Church and forming the character of Celtic Christianity. Some historians think that the number and extent of his conversions has been exaggerated, but throughout southern

Scotland there are many and widespread churches that bear his name, and have traditionally been assumed to be congregations originally founded by him.
Our information about him comes chiefly from Bede's History (Book 3, chapter 4), an anonymous eighth century account, and a 12th century account by Aelred. Aelred is writing 700 years after the event, and is for that reason rejected as untrustworthy by many critics. However, he claims to rely on an earlier account, "written by a barbarian." This suggests that he may have had an authentic record by a member of Ninian's community in Galloway.

O God, who by the preaching of your blessed servant and bishop Ninian caused the light of the Gospel to shine in the land of Britain: Grant, we pray, that having his life and labors in remembrance, we may show our thankfulness by following the example of his zeal and patience; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Pack the Backpacks

September Item: 24ct #2 Pencils w/ erasers



St. Luke's Episcopal Church Bookstore & Gifts

GRAND REOPENING SALE!

Sept 6th, 8th, 10th &13th

New Items and discounted items!
Making room for the Holidays
Tuesday Thursday
11:00am-1:00pm
And Sundays after the late service. Cathy & Debi

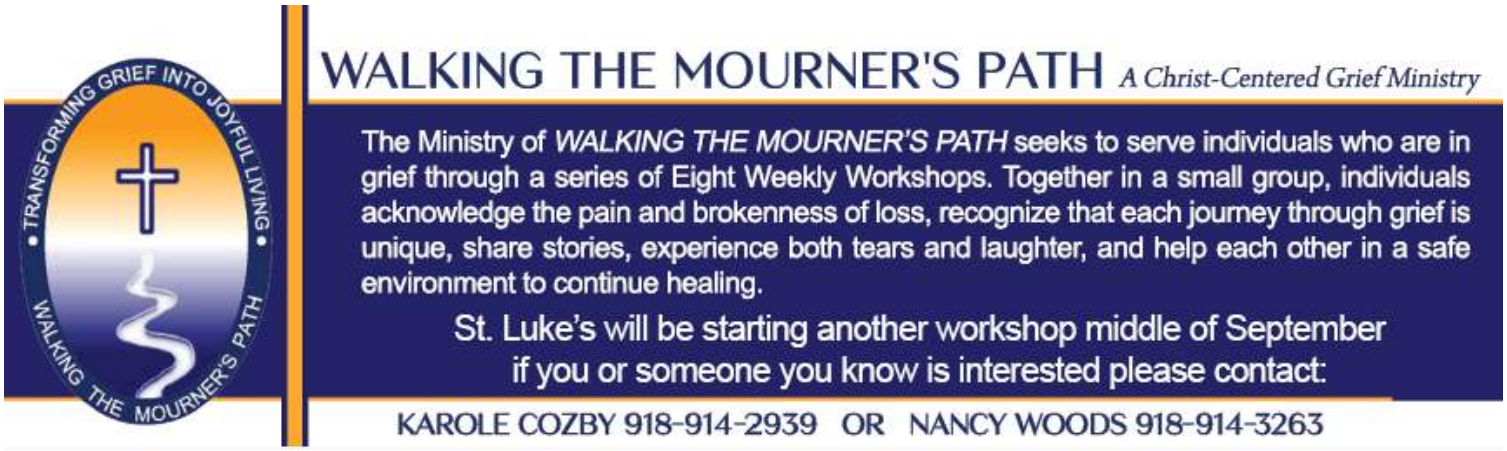
September 12th, Hilton Garden Inn, Fundraiser for Concern

Fill the Tote for Concern in September! Grab a canned good out of the pantry and let's fill this EVERY SUNDAY!!

On September 20th , there will be only one service at 10:30am. Bishop Poulson Reed will be here for his bi-annual visit. We will have Faith Forum at 9:15am in Rodgers Hall

September 20th

St Luke's will be having a parish pot luck with the Bishop after the 10:30am service. Meat and beverages provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.



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 Tuesday September 15th at 6:30 pm for one hour. We will begin discussing "All things Paul" in the Bible Discussion group. Hope to see you there.

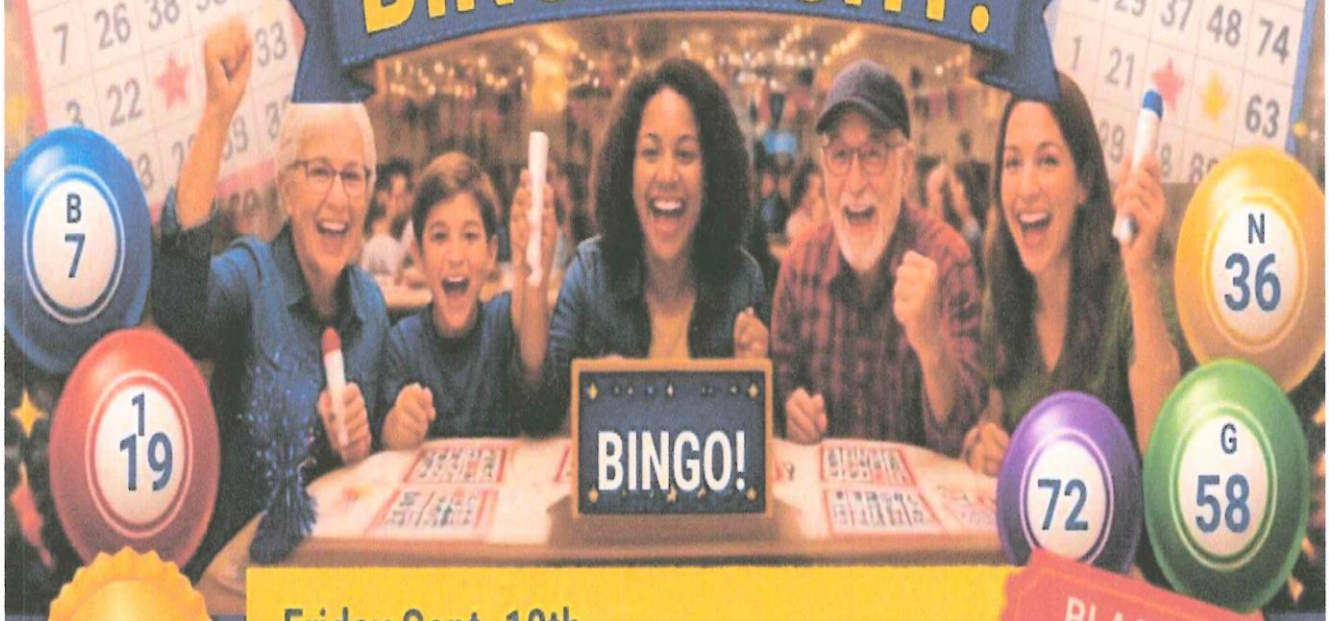
-Tom Reyburn

FUN!
PRIZES!
COMMUNITY IMPACT!

Pack the Backpacks

BINGO NIGHT!

SUPPORT OUR KIDS
BUILD THEIR FUTURE



GREAT PRIZES!

Friday Sept. 18th

at St. Luke's Episcopal Church

8th and Dewey

Doors open 5:30 PM **Games start** 6:00 PM

Tickets $12

Frito chili pies, popcorn, desserts, and drinks for sale

Dessert auction • 50/50 games

BLACKOUT GAME FOR A GRAND PRIZE!

Pack the Backpacks

Please keep all our delegates in your prayers as they meet to do the work of the Church.

Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me,
and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling.
Psalm 43:3

The Daily Office is offered twice a day Monday thru Thursday. Morning Prayer begins at 9:00am and Evening Prayer at 4:00pm. Both services are held in the Chapel.

September 20th plate offering will go to the Bishop's Discretionary Fund.

Also on Sept 20th, please wear your name tag. The Bishop will greatly appreciate it. If you do not have one, please write your name on the paper pad by the magnetic name tag board. I'll see that one is made by the time the Bishop gets here. -Penny

Don't forget the potluck that Sunday after the service and note there is only ONE service that day.

One last reminder: Faith Forum will happen at 9:15am in Rodgers Hall. We will have the Bishop leading it.

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