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# The Steeple

September 17,2026

Ordinary Time

**The Weekly Newsletter of St. Luke's Episcopal Church**

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*From Vestry and Stewardship Committee member*, **Lisa Beeman**:

It is from a song in the Broadway show *Rent* that I know there are 525,600 minutes in a year. It is a beautiful song. Those of you who know it, probably have it in your head right now. The song asks how we measure a year in our life. As we often do at each year end, the song contemplates evaluating the year by the things that happened to us, both good and bad. But the song concludes that the answer is love; more specifically, Seasons of Love (which also happens to be the name of the song). Further words from the song: "You know that love is a gift from up above. Share love, give love, spread your love. Measure your life in love." Each year we are given "525,600 moments so dear" by which our lives can be measured. That is no small undertaking.

In our liturgical life, we measure six seasons in the year that teach and remind us of the life of Christ and of the saints. I believe that Jesus would agree that all of our liturgical seasons can be viewed as seasons of love. In Matthew, Jesus teaches us that there are two great commandments that comprise the moral core of the Bible. The 2nd commandment teaches us that true love for God is shown through how a person treats and cares for others, especially the least among us. That's a tough calling: making a conscientious effort to care about others as much as or more than we care about ourselves. This is where the rubber meets the road. It is about actions, not words. I fall short of that commandment more than I care to admit, especially in these difficult times

where more love, more connection, more peace, more kindness, and more forgiveness is needed. Where we are confronted with division more than unity. By this commandment, I believe that Jesus would approve of the concept of measuring a life in love. My strength to better fulfill this commandment comes from a large dose of grace and mercy, the blessing of the Holy Communion, and the all-inclusive love that I find at St. Luke's.

There is another song, a traditional African American gospel song, called Plenty Good Room. It tells of the abundance of space to welcome others into God's kingdom, encouraging believers to choose a seat and sit down. The song reminds us that there is always room in God's house for ourselves and others we invite to join us. Plenty Good Room is the theme of our stewardship campaign this year. Theological stewardship recognizes the foundational Christian belief that everything comes from God and that we, as trustees, are to use the resources we are given to serve others and honor God. Our responsibility for stewardship of St. Luke's is essential in everything we do, and in every liturgical season. It encourages us to connect gratitude with generosity, to share the blessings that God has given each of us, including our skills, talents, interests, and time, by loving and serving others. The continued and growing ministries and missions of St. Luke's make it possible for us to be a people who make room – for our neighbors, strangers, and future generations, the vulnerable, marginalized, and poor, and even those who trespass against us – at God's ever-expanding table, where all are treated equally and all are fed. This way of being, this way of discipleship, this spirit of fellowship, generosity and compassion is living into God's call for us to love. Let us strive to measure the next year, those 525,600 moments so dear, in our own lives and in the collective life of St. Luke's in love.

Plenty Good Room

**Stewardship:**
**Resources, Relationships & Responses**

## At Luke's Place: Sept 18th – Sept 24th, 2026

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| **Sept 20th** | **Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10:30am, Nave** |
| | **Parish Pot Luck, 11:45am, Metcalf** |
| **Sept 21st** | **Ladies Prayer Partners. 11:30am, Metcalf** |
| | **Altar Guild, 5:30pm, chapel** |
| | **Search Committee, 6:30pm, Metcalf** |
| **Sept 22nd** | **Spiritual Discovery, 9:30am, Library** |
| | **Bible Discussion Group, 6:30pm, Metcalf** |
| **Sept 23rd** | **Choir, 6pm, Choir Room** |

YD, 6pm, Rodgers
Sept 24th Men's Group, 7am, Metcalf
Bible Study, 9:15am, Metcalf
Green Country Morning Prayer, 1pm, GCV

# 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:**

**Christ's Church, Tulsa** **The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia**

## Birthdays & Anniversaries for Sept 20th– Sept 26th, 2026

| Birthdays | | Anniversaries | |
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| Stefanie Tedstrom | 9/20 | John & Mary Beth Rowley | 9/24 |
| Bill Jones | 9/21 | | |
| Nick Olsen | 9/21 | | |
| DJ Nezam | 9/22 | | |
| Anna Oliphant | 9/22 | | |
| Steve VanAken | 9/24 | | |
| Mary Jo Peterson | 9/25 | | |
| Melinda Droege | 9/26 | | |

**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: Philander Chase

### Presiding Bishop

### 1852

Born the youngest of fifteen children on December 14th, 1775, in Cornish, New Hampshire, Philander Chase attended Dartmouth College, where he prepared to become a Congregationalist minister. While at Dartmouth, he happened upon a copy of the Book of Common Prayer. Next to the Bible, he thought it was the most excellent book he had ever studied, and believed that it was surely inspired by God. At the age of nineteen he was confirmed in the Episcopal Church.

Following his graduation from Dartmouth, Chase worked as a schoolteacher in Albany, New York, and read for Holy Orders. Ordained as a deacon in 1798, he began mission work on the northern and western frontiers among the pioneers and the Mohawk and Oneida peoples. The first of the many congregations he founded was at Lake George in New York State.

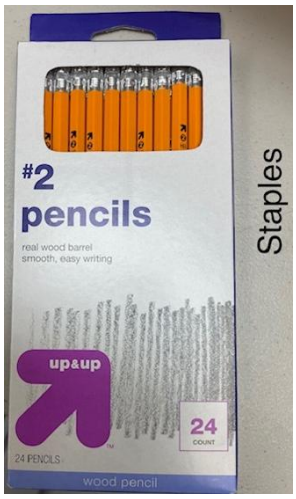
Ordained as a priest in 1799, at the age of twenty-three, Chase served as rector of Christ Church, Poughkeepsie, New York until 1805. He then moved to New Orleans, where he organized the first Protestant congregation in Louisiana. That parish now serves as the cathedral church for the Diocese of Louisiana. In 1810, he returned north to Hartford, Connecticut, where he served for six years as rector of Christ Church, now the cathedral church of the Diocese of Connecticut. In 1817, he accepted a call to be the first rector of St. John's Church in Worthington, Ohio. A year later he was elected the first Bishop of Ohio. He immediately began founding congregations and organizing the diocese. He also established Kenyon College and Bexley Hall Seminary.

In 1831, Chase resigned as Bishop of Ohio and began ministering to Episcopalians and the unchurched in southern Michigan. In 1835, he was elected the first Bishop of Illinois and served in this office until he died on September 20, 1852. During his time in Illinois, he founded numerous congregations, together with Jubilee College, which included a seminary. As the senior bishop in the Episcopal Church, he served as the Presiding Bishop from 1843 until his death.

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the pioneer and perfecter of our faith: Grant that like your servant Philander Chase we might have the grace to minister in Christ's name in every place, led by bold witnesses to the Gospel of the Prince of Peace, 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



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

**We can DO THIS! Last Sunday was a little slim ad we didn't quite make it to the top. Let's try harder this week. Its really not much to ask. Its less than $5 to do this. Please help our hungry neighbors.**

# September 20th

**Is this Sunday! Don't' forget the Potluck after the Service! Bring a side dish or dessert to share. We're expecting lots of guests.**

## WALKING THE MOURNER'S PATH *A Christ-Centered Grief Ministry*

TRANSFORMING GRIEF INTO JOYFUL LIVING • WALKING THE MOURNER'S PATH

The Ministry of *WALKING THE MOURNER'S PATH* seeks to serve individuals who are in grief through a series of Eight Weekly Workshops. Together in a small group, individuals acknowledge the pain and brokenness of loss, recognize that each journey through grief is unique, share stories, experience both tears and laughter, and help each other in a safe environment to continue healing.

St. Luke's will be starting another workshop middle of September if you or someone you know is interested please contact:

KAROLE COZBY 918-914-2939 OR NANCY WOODS 918-914-3263

## *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. We will begin discussing "All things Paul" in the Bible Discussion group. Hope to see you there. The topic: "Love is not envious" from 1 Cor. 13: 4.

-Tom Reyburn

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.

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

***The Bishop well not be able to make Faith Forum after all. So we are canceling Faith Forum for this Sunday. See you on the 27th back in Metcalf.

Those being Baptized: Graham Middaugh, Mark Middaugh

Those being Received: Nancy Casteel, Linda Huffman, Marvin Huffman, Bethany Middaugh, Mark Middaugh, Margaret Parrett, Robin Ramsey, John Rowley, Mary Beth Rowley, Eisley Sewell, Nathan Thompson, Bob Young, and Janet Young.

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# What's on the horizon in October……

Patricia Legatski funeral service,  Oct 3rd, 2pm

Columbus Day & Indigenous Peoples' Day, Oct 12th  (office closed)

St Luke's Feast Day, Oct 19th , Eucharistic Service with Fr Thom Crowe, 5:30pm.  Then light soup and bread supper afterward in Rodgers Hall

Casa Hispana Bingo, Oct 24th, 5:30pm, Metcalf

Stewardship Campaign begins this month (Luncheon, All Saints' Day, Nov 1st after late service)

Trunk or Treat, Oct 25th , (do we want to do this?), after late service in parking lot

Parish Profile will be released this month

# YD this past week

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