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The Steeple

September 24,2026

Ordinary Time

The Weekly Newsletter of St. Luke's Episcopal Church

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From Your Senior Warden:

What a September to remember!

The hierarchy of our Oklahoma diocese honored us with their presence during the month of September.

First was Betsy, Canon to the ordinary, who celebrated with us over the Labor Day weekend. Then Bishop.Poulson with his usual grace and calm, prayed "Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit…… The gift of joy and wonder in all your works". He then performed the sacrament of baptism, confirmation and reception for 12 adults, one youth and one infant. St. Luke's community of Faith congratulate and welcome our new Episcopalians… Nathan, Linda, Marvin, Mary Beth, John, Bethany, Mark, Eisley, Graham, Janet, Bob, Margaret and Robin.

There are so many people to thank but most obvious at the top of that list are our three supply priests, Mthr Andrea,

Fr Thom and Fr Bob in tandem with our Deacon Jeff! Together with Penny, they have performed the sacraments and daily offices without missing a beat. In fact, all of our services and ministries started in the past, have continued with love and joy and commitment. Back to Thank You's, certainly Altar Guild and the music as everything looked and sounded heavenly. And once again, our legendary St. Luke's potluck performed…well, legendary! Thank you to all on the committee for your diligence, dedication and deliciousness!

In transitioning back to what is an Episcopalian, my original thought is always that they will know us by our love. Christ-like love is not about us; it is about God and our neighbors. It is more than generous as this type of love is only possible by God's grace. Seeing.His Grace at work, trains us to open our hearts and our eyes to those around us with arms to love and hold.

Deepest Peace dear friends, Karole

At Luke's Place: Sept 25th – Oct 1st, 2026

Sept 27th	**Holy Eucharist, rite I, 8:00am, Chapel**
	Faith Forum, 9:15am, Metcalf
	Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10:30am, Nave
Sept 28th	**Ladies Prayer Partners. 11:30am, Metcalf**
	Back to Basics, 6:30pm, Metcalf
Sept 29th	**Spiritual Discovery, 9:30am, Library**
	Icon Group, 5:30pm, Icon room
	Bible Discussion Group, 6:30pm, Metcalf
Sept 30th	**Walking the Mourner's Path, 2:00pm, WTMP room**
	Choir, 6pm, Choir Room
	YD, 6pm, Rodgers
	Blessing of the Animals, 6pm, Courtyard
Oct 1st	**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:

St Patrick's, Broken Arrow **The Anglican Church of Australia**

Birthdays & Anniversaries for Sept 27th – Oct 3rd, 2026

Birthdays		Anniversaries
Bryan Megee	9/28	
Joan Heidorn	9/29	
John Rowley	9/30	
Oliver Ellis	10/3	
Cheryl VanAken	10/3	

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: Lancelot Andrewes

British Bishop

1626

Lancelot Andrewes (1555 – 25 September 1626) was an English bishop and scholar, who held high positions in the Church of England during the reigns of Elizabeth I and James I. During the latter's reign, Andrewes served successively as Bishop of Chichester, of Ely, and of Winchester and oversaw the translation of the King James Version of the Bible (or Authorized Version). In the Church of England he is commemorated on 25 September with a lesser festival.

In 1588, following a period as chaplain to Henry Hastings, 3rd Earl of Huntingdon, Lord President of the Council in the North, he became vicar of St Giles, Cripplegate, in the City of London, where he delivered striking sermons on the temptation in the wilderness and the Lord's Prayer. In a sermon (during Easter week) on 10 April 1588, he stoutly vindicated the Reformed character of the Church of England against the claims of Roman Catholicism and adduced John Calvin as a new writer, with lavish praise and affection.
On the accession of James I, Andrewes rose into great favour. He assisted at the coronation of James I and Anne, and in 1604 took part in the Hampton Court Conference.

Andrewes' name is the first on the list of divines appointed to compile the Authorized Version of the Bible, which was commissioned in 1604 and published in 1611. He headed the "First Westminster Company" which took charge of the first books of the Old Testament (Genesis to 2 Kings). He acted, furthermore, as a sort of general editor for the project as well.

On 31 October 1605 his election as Bishop of Chichester was confirmed; he was consecrated a bishop on 3 November, installed at Chichester Cathedral on 18 November[3] and made Lord High Almoner (until 1619).[12] Following the discovery of the Gunpowder Plot, Andrewes was asked to prepare a sermon to be presented to the king in 1606 (Sermons Preached upon the V of November, in Lancelot Andrewes, XCVI Sermons, 3rd. Edition (London, 1635) pp. 889, 890, 900–1008). In this sermon Andrewes justified the need to commemorate the deliverance and defined the nature of celebrations. This sermon became the foundation of celebrations which continue 400 years later.[13] In 1609 he published Tortura Torti, a learned work which grew out of the Gunpowder Plot controversy and was written in answer to Bellarmine's Matthaeus Tortus, which attacked James I's book on the oath of allegiance. After moving to Ely[3] (his election to that see was confirmed on 22 September),[12] he again controverted Bellarmine in the Responsio ad Apologiam.

In 1617 he accompanied James I to Scotland with a view to persuading the Scots that Episcopacy was preferable to Presbyterianism. He was made dean of the Chapel Royal and translated (by the confirmation of his election to that see in February 1619)[12] to Winchester, a diocese that he administered with great success.

Following his death in 1626 in Winchester Palace, the bishop's residence in Southwark, he was mourned alike by leaders in church and state, and buried in St Saviour's Church (now Southwark Cathedral, then in the Diocese of Winchester). He was buried in a small chapel at the east end. After the destruction of the Bishop's Chapel in 1830, his tomb was moved to a new position, immediately behind the high altar.[14] His monument is by Gerard Janssen; the canopy was restored by Arthur Blomfield with colouring by Ninian Comper.

PERFECT IN US, ALMIGHTY GOD, whatever is lacking of your gifts: of faith, to increase it; of hope, to establish it; of love, to kindle it; that like your servant Lancelot Andrewes we may live in the life of your grace and glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the same Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

September Item: 24ct #2 Pencils w/ erasers

Folks! This is the last Sunday of September so let's really pull out all the stops and overflow the TOTE for Concern. Bring canned goods from your pantry and let's end the month strong for CONCERN.

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

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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:

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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 Sept 29th is : Love is kind.

-Tom Reyburn

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

Sept 30th, 6pm. Courtyard.

YD invites you to bring your four legged, 2 legged, no legged pets to A Blessing of the Animals in celebration of St Francis Feast Day. We will gather in the courtyard for a brief service to bless our pets.

News from the Greens

Hi friends,

The Good News workshop for the Ngap Christian leaders went wonderfully well! Praise to God! Thank you for praying! The highlight of the workshop for me was when each person presented their plan. It was very encouraging that three men made a plan to together visit three non-Christian villages instead of their original one non-Christian village. However, my favorite plan was made by a different pastor. He said that originally he was thinking to make a plan to visit a non-Christian village, but then because of the workshop emphasis on prayer and on sharing with people after a strong relationship has been built, he decided to focus his plan on encouraging his wife. She has been a Christian for only two years. She is very good at using traditional melodies, so he has in mind to compose new Christian songs together with her by building on her knowledge of traditional melodies. In this way, he could strengthen her knowledge of how to go deeper in her relationship with Jesus. He admitted that he often spent time in visiting church members and in making relationships with non-Christians, so he wasn't home much. He wanted to change that and take more time to be at home with his wife and two children. The facilitators encouraged him to start having daily family devotions since he wasn't already doing that. What a joy to hear how this pastor was affected by taking time to pray about his plan! Thank you for praying for this workshop. Please ask God to make these Ngap Christians fruitful as they share Good News. Among the 50 or so villages, only three villages are Christian villages.

At this point, Roger and I are in two different cities. Today I will start a research project. Please ask God to help my interpreter and me to be a blessing to the 32 people that we hope to interview in Chiang Mai and the 24 people we hope to interview in Chiang Rai. This interviewing will be happening over a period of seven weeks. (For the Chiang Rai interviews, I will be able to live at home.)

Roger is in our home city, where our training center is. He continues to manage the digital resources for the 19 Bible translation projects in the nearby country. We will be living apart for a month while I continue the research in Chiang Mai. I'm excited to meet the Northern Thai Christians in four Chiang Mai churches and to learn from them what is most meaningful to them in staying strong in their life with Jesus. May God encourage the hearts of the Northern Thai Christians to desire God's Word more than gold and relish God's Word as sweeter than honey (Psalm 19:10). Please ask God to raise up a champion among the Northern Thai people to lead the way for wielding the sword of the Spirit in their heritage language. God's Word is

sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and spirit. . .(Hebrews 4:12).

In addition to these prayer requests, please thank God with us for a good marriage retreat for the one Thai couple on Sept. 12. May God continue to encourage them on the value of investing in their marriage.

Lastly, Nathan is doing ok in the temporary house situation, but we all know it is not permanent. Please continue to ask God to provide Nathan with just the right long-term housing situation.

Thank you for being in this journey with us,
Joanne

Last Sunday's Parish Potluck

Plenty Good Room

Invitation to Thrive

It's 7:45AM on a Saturday morning in May. I join 45 people gathered on a dirt lot around a table made of plywood laid over sawhorses. We sip from cups of hot coffee and someone offers a prayer. I grab workgloves from a bin and follow the sheetrock team.

The sheetrock team includes: Amelia, the future homeowner who will live here with her three children; Charlie, a retired history professor; Cameron, a pastor from another denomination. Together, we learned a new skill that day - to hang and mud sheetrock.

I kept going back to that worksite one Saturday a month until the house was built. It was a testament to community, overlapping human stories, joy, generosity, building God's kingdom on South Holly St.

Our congregations thrive because the people who sit in the pews volunteer to learn new skills and share experiences of creating a vibrant community. We know the power of having a common purpose to deepen our faith. When we open ourselves to volunteering, sharing our stories and skills, our ministry reaches far beyond what we can imagine or accomplish alone.

Will you join me in the adventure of trying something new? Meeting new people who share our core values, seeing our work build on itself and God's kingdom flourish? Would you commit to volunteer one hour a week (beyond worship time) for your church?

Yes, it's risky. It might require us to share our stories and find connections. The work we do might not be perfect by the world's standards (have you ever seen how many crooked nails are in a Habitat for Humanity house?). If we work together to create justice, make peace, spread joy to our neighbors, stand with the outcasts, the kingdom of God - where there is plenty good room for all people - will thrive. TENS.org

Questions for Reflection:

What is something risky that you have undertaken that has paid off in the long run?

The Rev. Sabeth Fitzgibbons is rector of Trinity Church, Seattle and serves as Treasurer on the board of TENS.

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