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The Steeple



April 27th. 2022

The Weekly Newsletter of St. Luke's Episcopal Church



Alleluia Christ is Risen!

Each week, in between the first and second service the congregation is invited to Metcalf Hall for our faith forum. Typically, we incorporate the Book of Common Prayer in almost every gathering, and I don't suspect that will change. Nevertheless, whereas we have spent quite a bit of time covering catechetical

topics ranging from the liturgy to the way we mark time in the church, this Easter we will be shifting our focus just a bit and delving into the theology of Atonement.

Our forum on Atonement will last for approximately five weeks ending on or just before the Sunday prior to Pentecost. On Pentecost, Sunday June 5th, we will be gathering out at Timber Oaks for service and a Parish Picnic, so please mark your calendars and save the date!

Our Bible Study on Thursday's is also making a shift during this Easter season. For the past few months, we have been studying the Gospel of Mark. The next few months, however, will have us studying the prophet Isaiah together. Our first session on Isaiah will be this Thursday at 9:15 a.m. in Metcalf Hall where we will have a brief overview of the book and where we are headed with it.

If you have the chance, also reserve some time on your calendars for church on May 8th. In addition to Mother's Day, we will also be celebrating our seniors in church that day. Each senior will have a board set up in Metcalf Hall highlighting some of their academic and athletic achievements along the way, so be sure not to miss catching up with them after the service.

As our beautiful home continues to green up, please take advantage of every chance you get to offer prayers and thanksgivings for God's wonderful creation and our stewardship of this beautiful city. There will be several opportunities to gather in mission ranging from Brush Up Bartlesville to Caney Clean up so be on the lookout for them. Now is the time for some spring cleaning in and around the Church too. So, if you have spaces that you frequent quite a bit, let's do a deep clean and spruce up Luke's Place! Come one and come all.

Every Blessing,

Nick+



If you are interested in serving on St. Luke's Audio/Visual Team, you are welcome to join us!

As any of us can tell you, prior experience is not necessary! Feel free to contact anyone on the A/V Team for more information.

Jeff Birk, Nancy Woods, and Steve Clark

More A/V News-

Metcalf Hall Audio/Visual Improvements

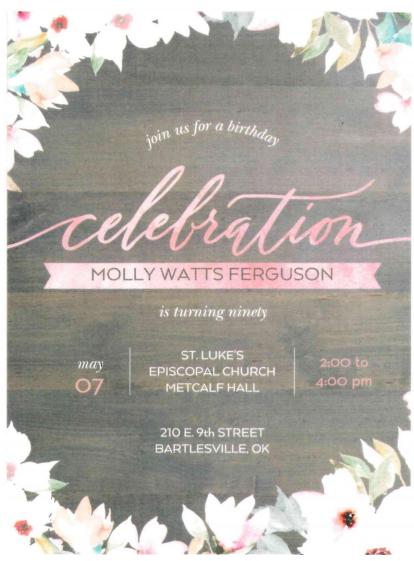
Our Vestry recently approved significant improvements to the Audio/Visual capabilities of Metcalf Hall.

Phase 1 of the project will improve the overall audio experience for those attending events in person by activating the southside ceiling speakers, and integrating additional devices with the Williams Hearing Assist System, (e.g. multiple microphones, TV and PC sound, etc.). Individual donations have already provided 70% of the \$8,500 necessary for Phase 1, and the Vestry approved funding for the remainder of this Phase from existing memorial funds.

Phase 2 of the project will enable St. Luke's to provide video capabilities for any event in Metcalf Hall. Meetings and events such as Faith Forum, Bible Study, Midweek Manna, and the like can be recorded, as well as streamed via Zoom, YouTube, and Facebook for those who cannot attend in person. These services can be offered to other organizations which utilize Metcalf Hall, as well.

Fundraising events are being planned, and donations are welcome, to fund the \$18,500 cost for Phase 2 of this project.





In lieu of gifts, please consider sending a note with a favorite memory c/o brianferguson119@gmail.com or Brian Ferguson PO Box 2222

Bartlesville, OK 74005. Please RSVP your attendance with a call or text to Lisa Traylor @ 918-408-3077.

LET'S CONNECT!

We will soon be calling to get you connected with our new church management software! With that you can:

- Update your personal information
- · Communicate with groups & teams
- · Follow church announcements
- Look up members
- · Keep track of your giving
- · Create and join events





Next time you come into the Church from the parking lot, notice the beautiful landscaping and shrub beds! And thank Kathy Zervas and Team for their hard work.

Rector's Bible Study Thursdays, Metcalf Hall 9:15am-10:15am Studying the Book of Isaiah



in the University of Toronto.

Theologians Corner: Cynthia Crysdale

Cynthia S.W. Crysdale is professor of Christian ethics and theology at the School of Theology at the University of the South, Sewanee. Before going to Sewanee, Crysdale taught for 18 years at The Catholic University of America. Crysdale graduated from York University in Toronto, Canada, with a B.A. degree in psychology. She earned M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in theology from St. Michael's College

Crysdale specializes in foundational theology and ethics with an expertise on the work of Roman Catholic theologian, Bernard Lonergan. She has authored Embracing Travail: Retrieving the Cross Today (Continuum, 1999) and edited Lonergan and Feminism (University of Toronto Press, 1994). Her most recent publication is Creator God Evolving World, co-authored with Neil Ormerod of the Australian Catholic University. She has also authored numerous articles, which have appeared in such publications as the Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics, Theoforum, Cross Currents, and Theological Studies. She is currently working on a book entitled Transformed Lives: Making Sense of Atonement Today, to be published by Church Publishing Inc.

Crysdale's professional involvement includes membership in The American Theological Society, The American Academy of Religion, and The Canadian Theological Society.

We will be using Cynthia's book Transformed Lives: Making Sense of Atonement Today during our Easter Faith Forum Series.

FAITH FORUM on Sundays 9:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. Metcalf Hall

Easter Series – A 5 Week Series- Atonement.

May 1 Introduction May 8 Healing & Reconciliation

May 15 The Biblical Tradition May 22 Theory and Meaning Making

May 29 Transformed Lives Reconsidered

June 5th Pentecost - No Faith Forum (Parish Picnic).

Still Needed: 1/2 Gallon Milk for Concern

Please consider buying an extra ½ gallon for Concern everytime you buy milk. At Concern it is one of the most popular items requested and needed. Milk going to Concern is kept in the Rodgers Hall refrigerator.



Pub Theology is scheduled for the last Thursday of each month. The next meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 28th at Tumbleweed's Steak House.

Note: New time- New place!

Children's Programming K-5th grade

Drop your K-5th graders off upstairs at 10:15am. Each week, we will alternate between music and Godly Play, giving children a chance to experience both! The children will rejoin their families in church before communion.

We are looking for people to serve as doorkeepers.

Please reach out to Keeli Droege at keelidroege@gmail.com to sign up!



Missing Manna Wednesdays? How about a Bingo fundraiser for the A/V improvements in Metcalf Hall? May 11, 2022- Save the Date! More to come......



Coffee Hour is in need of treats, hosts/hostesses and clean up crews! It usually takes just a couple of folks and enough treats for around 25 people. A sign up sheet will be in Metcalf Hall starting this Sunday.

Questions? Call the Church

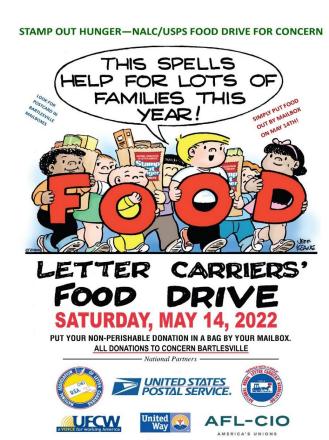
office or email: stlukesbartlesville@outlook.com. Lets keep coffee hour going!

What a difference 3 days make!





Happy Easter



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Luke's Place April 28th -May 4th, 2022

April 28th - Men's Breakfast, 7-8:30am Metcalf Hall Green Country Eucharist, 1pm GC Village Pub Theology, 6:30pm Tumbleweed's

April 29th - Office closed

May 1st - Rite I Eucharist, 8am, Chapel
Rector's Forum- 9:15am-10:15am
Children's Godly Play, 10:15am, upstairs Playroom 1
Rite II Eucharist, 10:30am
COFFEE HOUR Metcalf Hall, after 10:30am service

May 2nd - The Apostles Saint Philip & Saint James Eucharist 12:15pm Chapel

May 4th -YD, Rodgers Hall, 6:00pm Choir Rehearsal, 6:30pm

Morning Prayer is held every Monday-Thursday at 9am, Chapel Evening Prayer is held every Monday-Thursday at 4pm, Chapel (or via Facebook)







Behind the Scene at Easter



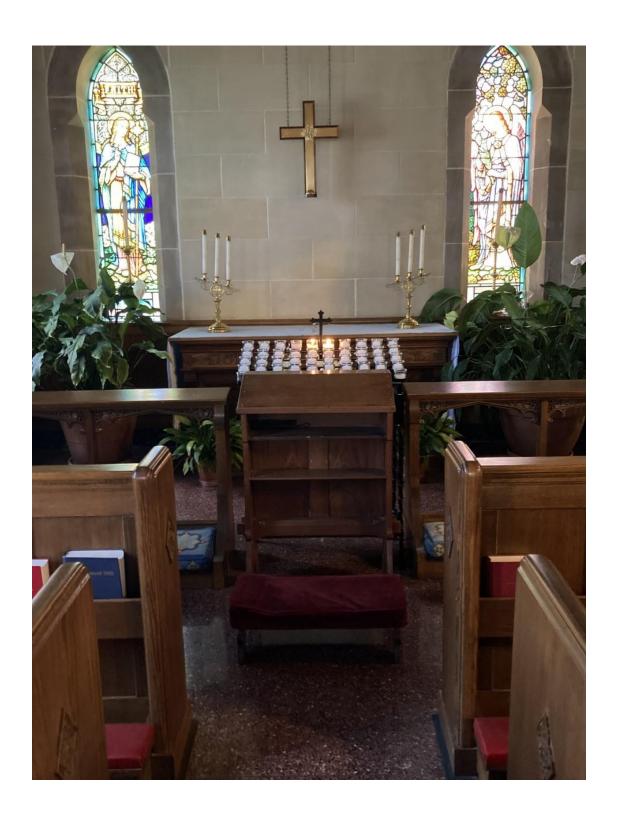












Please Note: Office will be closed this Friday (29th) since I didn't take Good Friday off! See you around the church in May. Penny

Birthdays and Anniversaries, -April 28th - May 4th, 2022

Birthdays Anniversaries

Connie Freebern 4/29 Jim & Sheila Taylor 4/29

Betty Rheingans 5/1 Bob Baughman 5/2 Luke Olsen 5/3

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!

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