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The Steeple



April 6th, 2022

The Weekly Newsletter of St. Luke's Episcopal Church



Passiontide

Well my friends, Passiontide is upon us. And in anticipation of its arrival this weekend, we will have the opportunity to gather this Saturday in Rodgers Hall to make Palm Crosses for Sunday. We will gather at 9:00 a.m. and begin with the Stations of the Cross. After our devotion we will then have time to fellowship as we prepare the sanctuary for, “our worship on the morrow” as the prayer book states in the following prayer:

A prayer for Saturday ~

“O God, the source of eternal light: Shed forth your unending day upon us who watch for you, that our lips may praise you, our lives may bless you, and our worship on the morrow give you glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.” (BCP, 123).

The rites of Holy Week are, at many points, deeply emotional. Take for instance the broad emotional swing that occurs this Sunday - from the triumphal procession into the church to the reading of the passion narrative. The contrast between joy and sorrow cannot be more distinct and with such a jarring shift, I feel compelled to offer you all a word of care. Please, my friends, take care of yourselves this week and offer yourselves ample time and space to process as necessary.

The Paschal Mystery is at the heart of who we are as Christians and this week, of all the weeks that we share, we take an unflinching look at not just the cost but how that mystery is at work in our own lives. The fact is, that there may be a particular day this week that resonates with more than others. That, my friends, is a sacred awareness and calls you to do some work around what feelings that brings up. Please know that you are not alone in that work. I understand some parts of the journey call for a solitary experience, but know also that community is all around you.

The rites of the Reconciliation of the Penitent are particularly appropriate for this week. If you feel that this practice might suit your spiritual needs, please don't hesitate to reach out. I will, to the best of my ability, make myself available for those of you who wish to incorporate the rite into your personal practice of Holy Week.

Speaking of such practices, there are many this week from “watch” to “stations.” I whole heartedly ask that you consider them as ways for you to draw closer to the mystery of our faith in a more personal way. There are several communal events such as the Triduum (Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Great Vigil) but finding personal time - Gethsemane Time – if you will, cannot be encouraged enough. As you consider what that might look like for you, know that my prayers are with you.

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross that he might draw the whole world to himself: Mercifully grant that we, who glory in the mystery of our redemption, may have grace to take up our cross and follow him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen. (BCP, 244)

Every Blessing,

Nick+



For
Concern

Bring your can
donation on
Easter Morning!

Also remember 1/2 gallon of milk!

Rector's Bible Study
Thursdays, Metcalf Hall 9:15am-10:15am

BINGO

BY
CASA HISPANA

night

Join us for an evening of Bingo, Raffles, Family Fun, and Hispanic Food

For tickets call 918.907.1584

Saturday, April 9th, 2022

5:30 PM

St Luke's

Episcopal Church

Casa.Hispana.Bartlesville@gmail.com



\$12
Ticket

Include:

 Admission Price &
 10 cards

Games start at 6:00 PM



All proceeds benefit Casa Hispana a Bartlesville non-profit organization that provides support to local individuals and families by enabling connections to community resources, offering translation services, English and citizenship classes, and providing highly subsidized dental/health care to under-served communities



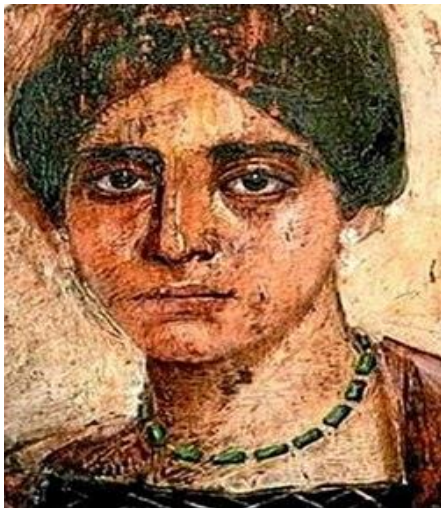
Easter Egg
Hunt

April 10th, 2022
9:30am
Courtyard

Bring your
baskets



Maundy Thursday at Luke's place: Light supper , 6pm, Metcalf Hall, April 14th. Maundy Thursday Service with foot washing and stripping of the altar at 7pm. Gethsemane Watch begins 9:00pm in Chapel for all night Vigil. Sign up for an hour!



Theologians Corner: Egeria

Egeria left us a wealth of knowledge from the personal accounts of her journey to the holy places in the Sinai Peninsula, Palestine, Egypt, Mesopotamia, and Asia Minor around the end of the fourth or the beginning of the fifth century.

She was likely an abbess or nun from northern Spain or southern Gaul. An incomplete copy of Egeria's chronicle of her pilgrimage was discovered in 1884 in an eleventh-century manuscript. It was written in a curious Latin dialect.ⁱ

Egeria was a keen observer. She provided a detailed account of what she saw. The last half of her *Peregrinatio Aetheriae* describes the liturgical celebrations in and around Jerusalem. Her work is especially prized by liturgists for her descriptions of the daily and weekly services at Jerusalem and for her chronicle of the major celebrations of the church year.

She describes the Palm Sunday procession to the top of the Mount of Olives and a later procession down from the Mount of Olives into the city of Jerusalem. "The people waved palms as they walked. They also sang psalms, including Ps 118, and shouted the antiphon, "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

Egeria recalls that on Maundy Thursday the Eucharist was celebrated at 2 p.m. in the Martyrium. This church was a large basilica built by Helena, the mother of Constantine. After the Eucharist, a cross was erected in the courtyard of the church at the supposed site of Jesus' crucifixion.

Egeria also describes the veneration of the supposed true cross in the courtyard behind the Martyrium during the morning of Good Friday. A service of psalms, readings, hymns, and prayers lasted from noon until three o'clock in the courtyard.

Marion J. Hatchett, a well-respected scholar of the Episcopal Church, dates Egeria's accounts of the Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday celebrations in Jerusalem at about 381-384 and subsequently they have deeply shaped our liturgies of Holy Week.



Choir for Holy Week and Easter

We are preparing to be ready to sing for Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday and Easter! The Choir is back!

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

April 10th Palm Sunday – Holy Week Overview.

April 17th Easter Sunday – No Faith Forum.

April 24th Stations of the Resurrection – History and Tradition.

May 1st Easter Series – A 5 Week Series - TBD.

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

Children's Programming K-5th grade

Music this week!

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!

Coffee Hour is Back! Metcalf Hall after the 10:30am service. The Birks will be serving up “Beans and Bagels” (bagels and coffee) this Sunday!

Luke’s Place April 7th-April 14th, 2022

- April 7th - Men’s Breakfast, 7-8:30am Metcalf Hall**
 Rector’s Bible Study, 9:15am-10:15am, Metcalf Hall
 Green Country Eucharist, 1pm GC Village
- April 9th Stations of the Cross and Palm Cross making, 9:00am Rodgers**
 Casa Hispana Bingo, 5:30pm Metcalf Hall
- April 10th - Rite I Eucharist, 8am, Chapel**
 Rector’s Forum- 9:15am-10:15am
 Easter Egg Hunt- 9:30am in Courtyard
 Children’s Godly Play, 10:15am, upstairs Playroom 1
 Rite II Eucharist, 10:30am Palm Procession Metcalf Hall
 COFFEE HOUR IS BACK! Metcalf Hall, after 10:30am service
- April 14th – Men’s Breakfast, 7-8:30am Metcalf Hall**
 Green Country Eucharist, 1pm GC Village
 Light Supper, 6:00pm Metcalf Hall
 Maundy Thursday Service & Foot Washing 7:00pm
 Vigil, 9:00pm- 9:00am, Chapel of Repose
- April 15th - Good Friday Service, 12:00noon**
April 16th - Great Easter Vigil, 6:00pm gather in Courtyard
April 17th – Easter Services 8:00am, 10:30am

Morning Prayer is held every Monday- Thursday at 9am, Chapel

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



Is Coming

Palms given for Palm Sunday by Karole Cozby To The Glory of God and In Loving Memory of Jerry

Birthdays and Anniversaries, April 7th – April 13th , 2022

Birthdays

Anniversaries

Diana Crawford	4/7	Blair & Chad Ellis	4/8
Molly Ferguson	4/12	Shari & Russell Eslick	4/9

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!

St. Luke's Vestry Members

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