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The Steeple



May 18th, 2022

The Weekly Newsletter of St. Luke's Episcopal Church



How far can you get in 90 Seconds?

I don't know what news program you all watch, if you watch one at all anymore. My go to as of this moment is CBS This Morning, not because of its leaning whether right or left but because in the opening segment one of the anchors starts the show with these words: "This is your world in 90 seconds." Not a lot of time to cover everything right? But Intriguing – If it's my world I better pay attention. I guess I'm a sucker for a hook.

CBS calls this bit the "Eyeopener," and leads the segment with the headlines of the day and usually ends with a great sports play or a bit from one of the late shows from the previous evening. Most mornings the coverage is pretty steady, however, there are some mornings – particularly after a horrible tragedy - that that 90 seconds has me holding my breath.

This past Monday was one of those "hold your breath" kind of mornings. Scenes from Buffalo, New York filled the screen during that minute and half, leaving in its wake no questions for me such as, "Why God?" but the statement – "Not another one – Lord have mercy."

In the space that opened up before me as the reporter began, I felt mixture of sadness and numbness. Like many of you, I've become somewhat desensitized by the violence that has marked our lives and the fact that death has been somewhat of a constant companion these past few years.

Therefore it has been a strategy of mine to pull back from such reports by offering prayers up to God in witness to the victims while at the same time continuing to ask and give thanks for the safety of our own community here in Bartlesville. In so doing, I've often wondered if what I was doing was seeking to create some false sense of distance from the epicenter of pain and disillusionment.

Well that strategy was held accountable this past Monday after the Presiding Bishop issued a pastoral response to the tragedy in Buffalo. His letter began with the fact that he had grown up not far from Tops Supermarket and that in his words, “I grieve with the city and people I love.”

His statement hit me hard. Every day we pray for our Bishops in the Daily Office and as such +Justin, +Michael, and +Poulson are close to our hearts and therefore what affects them affects us. How far can you get in 90 seconds? Well, apparently you can get from Bartlesville to Buffalo and back.

God of Astonishing Mercy, Compassion, and Immeasurable Love, restore our broken hearts and enliven our confidence to find new ways to revive our world to become one of peace. Amen.

In hope,

Nick+



Our Bingo Winner!

Grayson Ellis
Congratulations!!



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



Theologians Corner

May 19 Dunstan, Archbishop of Canterbury d.988



In the ninth century, under King Alfred the Great, England had achieved considerable military, political, cultural, and even some ecclesiastical recovery from the Viking invasions. It was not until the following century that there was a revival of monasticism. In that, the leading figure was Dunstan.

Dunstan was born about 909 into a family with royal connections. He became a monk and, in 943, was made Abbot of Glastonbury. During a year-long political exile in Flanders, he encountered the vigorous currents of the Benedictine monastic revival. King Edgar recalled Dunstan to England in 957, appointed him Bishop of Worcester, then of London; and, in 960, named him Archbishop of Canterbury. Together with his former pupils, Bishops Aethelwold of Winchester and Oswald of Worcester (later of York), Dunstan was a leader of the English Church. All three have been described as “contemplatives in action”—bringing the fruits of their monastic prayer life to the immediate concerns of Church and State. They sought better education and discipline among the clergy, the end of landed family interest in the Church, the restoration of former monasteries and the establishment of

new ones, a revival of monastic life for women, and a more elaborate and carefully ordered liturgical worship.

This reform movement was set forth in the “Monastic Agreement,” a common code for English monasteries drawn up by Aethelwold about 970, primarily under the inspiration of Dunstan. It called for continual intercession for the royal house, and emphasized the close tie between the monasteries and the crown. This close alliance of Church and State, sacramentalized in the anointing of the King, was expressed liturgically in the earliest English coronation ceremony of which a full text survives, compiled for King Edgar by Dunstan and his associates. The long-term effects of this tenth-century reform resulted in the retention of two peculiarly English institutions: the “monastic cathedral,” and the Celtic pattern of “monk-bishops.”

Dunstan is reputed to have been an expert craftsman. His name is especially associated with the working of metals and the casting of bells, and he was regarded as the patron saint of those crafts. He died at Canterbury in 988.

The Diocese of Oklahoma has one church named after Dunstan. Please visit: <http://www.stduntulsa.org> to learn more.

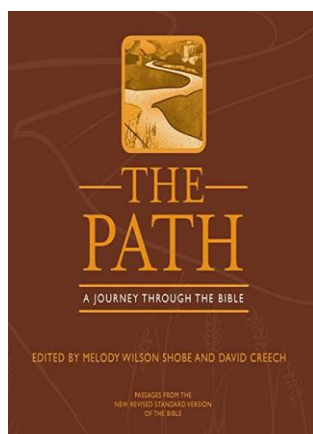
FAITH FORUM on Sundays 9:15 a.m.- 10:15 a.m. Metcalf Hall

Easter Series – A 5 Week Series- Atonement.

May 22 Theory and Meaning Making (Week 4)

May 29 Transformed Lives Reconsidered (Week 5)

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

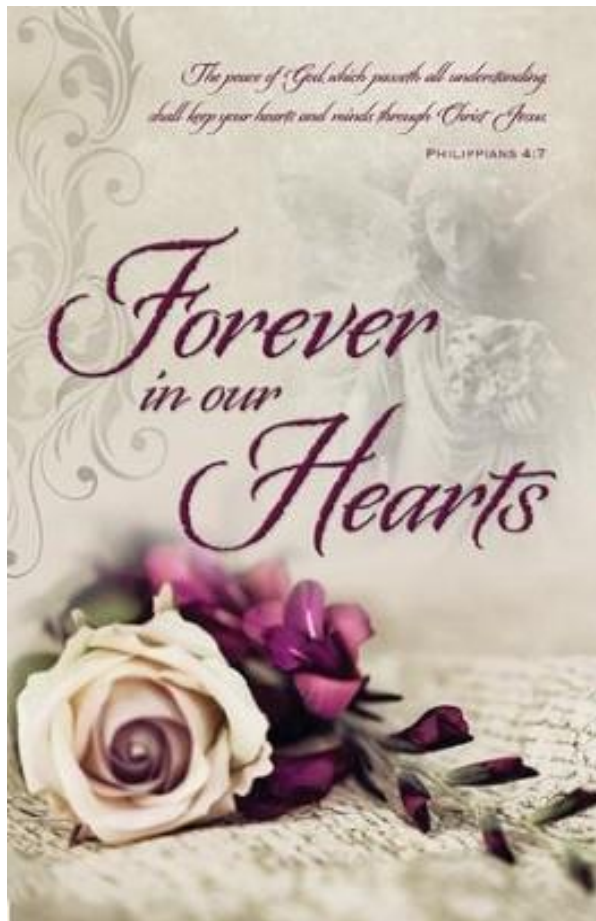


Next study: The Path- A Journey Through the Bible (Forward Movement). Passages from the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible.



Patricia Michelle Hopkins (Shelley)

Graveside Service, June 10th, 2022 at
1:00pm, Shamrock Cemetery,
Shamrock, Oklahoma. (5.1 miles north
of Drumright, OK)



Our Beloved Jeanne

The Celebration of Life for Jeanne Rowlett will be May 21, 2022, St Luke's, 11:00am. Reception will follow. The service will be live streamed on Zoom, You Tube, and Facebook for those who cannot attend. Please hold Susie and Steve Clark and family , Susie's sisters and their families in your prayers.

“May her soul, and the souls of the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. *Amen.*”



June 5th, 2022 at Timber Oaks 1639 US HWY 60 West
No 8:00am service that day. Picnic will begin with the
10:30am service at the venue. Meal provided. See you there!



Let us gather again May 26th, 6:30pm, Tumbleweed's.
Good talk, good brew, good food, good friends, good time!

Rector's Bible Study
Thursdays, Metcalf Hall 9:15am-10:15am
Studying the Book of Isaiah (19th-we will be in Rodgers
Hall)

Luke's Place May 19th -May 25th, 2022

May 19th - Men's Breakfast, 7-8:30am Metcalf Hall

Rector's Bible Study, 9:15am Rodgers Hall

Green Country Eucharist, 1pm GC Village

May 21st - Celebration of Life for Jeanne Rowlett, 11:00am

May 22nd - 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

June 5th - Rite II Parish Picnic, 10:30am Timber Oaks

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

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

(Note: No morning or evening prayer Monday May 23rd and Tuesday, May 24th. Fr Nick will be gone.)

Birthdays and Anniversaries, -May 19th – May 25th , 2022

Birthdays

Steve Martin	5/19
Nancy Megee	5/19
Peter Julstrom	5/20
Jim Brooks	5/20
Ed Beasley	5/24
Susie Clark	5/24
Gretchen Hoyt	5/25

Anniversaries

David & Wendy Hall	5/21
Glenn & Kris Bonner	5/22

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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