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# *The Steeple*



June 15, 2022

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



## **Viriditas**

A saint that I often turn to for wisdom is Hildegard von Bingen (1098-1179). During her lifetime Hildegard was famous for her visions, some of which ended up being published. She also was powerful abbess (rare at the time) and held the respect and admiration of many of her contemporaries including St. Bernard of Clairvaux.

As we move into the season after Pentecost, you'll notice that the colors around the church will reflect that change. Green will now be the color for several months. And when I think of green, I think of Hildegard and the term that she coined – viriditas: the greening power of the Divine (or the Divine Healing Power of Green)

For Hildegard, viriditas encapsulated the divine force of nature, the depth and breadth of which is reflected in the various translations of her works. The words used to translate the Latin into English are laden with meaning; with lively, powerful connotations that capture the essence of truth, life, and healing that Hildegard returns to time and time again in her thought.

The origin of viriditas, "Viridity" is most likely the union of two Latin words: Green and Truth. But like most Latin words, viriditas does not easily translate into convenient, straightforward English. While being difficult to translate may be frustrating to some, there is beauty in this complexity.

The definition is both literal, as in "green", "greenness", and "growth", yet also metaphorical, as in "vigor", "verdure", "freshness" and "vitality." For Hildegard,

the spiritual aspects were just as essential as the physical meaning. In much of her work, viriditas “the greening power of God,” was in everything, including humans.

This “greenness” was an expression of heaven, the creative power of life, which can be witnessed in the gardens, forests, and farmland all around us. And like those lands, she saw viriditas as something to be cultivated in both our bodies and our souls.

I hope that in tending to your spiritual roots during this growing season that you will also take notice of just how many green thumbs there are at Luke’s Place. In some cases, you may just run into a master gardener or two but know that my wish for you remains the same in either case and that is, that I hope your roots grow deep.

Every Blessing,

Nick+



## **The Rev Canon Eric Cooter**

**Canon to the Ordinary for the Diocese of  
Oklahoma**

**Will be visiting St Luke’s on June 26, 2022**

**Canon Eric will be preaching and teaching at the  
two services and Faith Forum. Don’t miss this  
opportunity to meet him!**



## Theologian's Corner

George Berkeley, 1753, and Joseph Butler, 1752  
Bishops and Theologians



George Berkeley was born in Ireland in 1684, educated at Trinity College, Dublin, and ordained to the priesthood in 1721. As Dean of Derry, beginning in 1724, he developed an interest in the churches in colonial America as well as concern for the conversion of Native Americans to the Christian faith.

He sailed for America, reaching Newport, Rhode Island, in January, 1729, settling on a plantation nearby, Whitehall, while awaiting the resources to start a college in Bermuda. When his plans failed, he gave Whitehall and his personal library to Yale College and returned to Ireland, where he became Bishop of Cloyne in 1734. Berkeley College at Yale, Berkeley Divinity School, and the City of Berkeley, California, are named for him.

Berkeley was a major philosopher of his time, and among his achievements was the theory of immaterialism—individuals can only directly know objects by the perception of them—an idea that would influence Hume, Kant, and Schopenhauer.



Joseph Butler, once called “the greatest of all the thinkers of the English Church,” was born in Berkshire in 1692, into a Presbyterian family. His early education was in dissenting academies, but in his early twenties he became an Anglican. He entered Oxford in 1715 and was ordained in 1718.

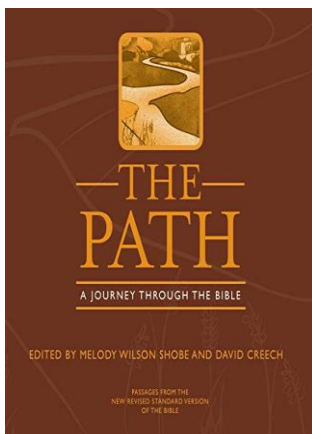
Butler distinguished himself as a preacher while serving Rolls Chapel, Chancery Lane, London, and then went on to serve several parishes before being appointed Bishop of

Bristol in 1738. He declined the primacy of Canterbury, but accepted translation to Durham in 1750. He died on June 16, 1752, in Bath, and his body was entombed in Bristol Cathedral.

Butler's importance rests chiefly on his acute apology for orthodox Christianity against the Deistic thought prevalent in England in his time, *The Analogy of Religion, Natural and Revealed, to the Constitution and Course of Nature*, 1736. He maintained the "reasonable probability" of Christianity, with action upon that probability as a basis for faith. Butler's was a rational exposition of the faith grounded in deep personal piety, a worthy counterpoint to the enthusiasm of the Wesleyan revival of the same period.

O God, by your Holy Spirit you give to some the word of wisdom, to others the word of knowledge, and to others the word of faith: We praise your Name for the gifts of grace manifested in your servants George Berkeley and Joseph Butler, and we pray that your Church may never be destitute of such gifts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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



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



## Luke's Place June 16<sup>th</sup> -June 22<sup>nd</sup> , 2022

June 16<sup>th</sup> - Men's Breakfast, 7-8:30am Metcalf Hall  
Rector's Bible Study, 9:15am Metcalf Hall  
Green Country Eucharist, 1pm GC Village

June 19<sup>th</sup> - Eucharist Rite I, 8:00am Chapel  
Faith Forum, 9:15am-10:15am, Metcalf Hall  
Eucharist Rite II, 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)

Reminder:

Concern is still  
in need of milk



Another reminder: We need Coffee Hour treats for the Sundays of June 26<sup>th</sup> (Canon Eric will be here!) and July 3<sup>rd</sup>. Can you help? Sign up is in Metcalf Hall kitchen or email the Church office at [stlukesbartlesville@outlook.com](mailto:stlukesbartlesville@outlook.com).

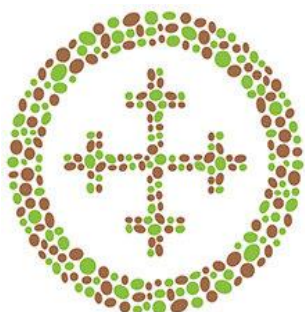
If you can provide treats but not set up or clean up, please let us know and we will take care of it. Thanks!





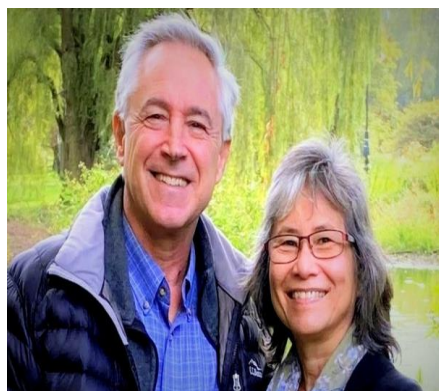
St Luke's has campers at St Crispin's! In the past when we have had our youth in a camp session, the parish would send cards and notes to the camper while they are attending. During June 19<sup>th</sup> - June 25<sup>th</sup>, Ramona Herrera and Paxton Phares will be attending the Intermediate Session. They would love hearing from their church family. Address your cards and notes to:

(camper's name)  
c/o St Crispin's Summer Camp  
36302 State Highway 9  
Wewoka, Okla 74884



## ST. CRISPIN'S

### CONFERENCE CENTER + CAMP



### News from the Greens

Hi friends,

After getting a cold in Texas, Roger developed eustachian tube dysfunction (clogged middle ear). For the past 11 days he has had only 30% of his hearing in his right ear. He's also had ringing in that ear. Please ask God to bring healing to his ear before our return flight to Thailand on

Tuesday.

Juliette's stomach pain has returned. Please ask God for healing and to help the doctors to understand the cause of her pain.

Nathan has a June 16 appointment at the Stanford Pain Management Center. Tade, Nathan's supported living facilitator, will go with him. Please ask God to help the specialists to develop a management plan for Nathan's ongoing pain. Please continue to ask God to heal Nathan's feet.

We thank God for being able to visit our children and grandson in their situations, my dad and sister, and Roger's sister and brother-in-law.

On our return to Thailand we will be continuing to assist 15 Bible translation projects in a nearby country with audio Scripture and diverse programs to help people ground their lives on the Bible's view of God.

Thank you for remembering us as we go, by God's grace, where resources are so few.

We would be glad to hear how we can pray for you.

May He be praised in all the world,  
Joanne

For details on our ministry, see [Roger and Joanne Ministry-at-a-Glance](#) or email:  
[joanne\\_green@sil.org](mailto:joanne_green@sil.org)

(for those of you unfamiliar with the Greens, here's a little info: Joanne (Garrett) Green worked for Phillips 66 as a geologist and attended St Luke's. She decided to go into missionary work as a Bible translator- where she met Roger. Joanne and Roger were married at St Luke's and still have strong ties here.)

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**Happy Summer Solstice 2022! (June 21<sup>st</sup>)** At the summer solstice, the Sun travels the longest path through the sky, and therefore that day has the most daylight.

The exact moment of the solstice is the time of year that Earth is closest to the sun.

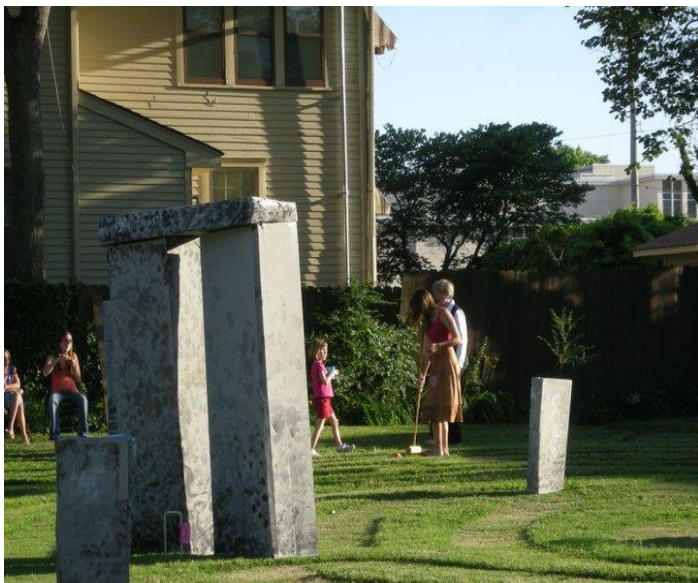
According to the astronomical definition of the seasons, the summer solstice also marks the beginning of summer, which lasts until the autumnal equinox (22 or 23 September in the Northern Hemisphere, and 20 or 21 March in the Southern Hemisphere).



## St Luke's Summer Solstice Celebration from +10years' past:











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## What is Ordinary Time?

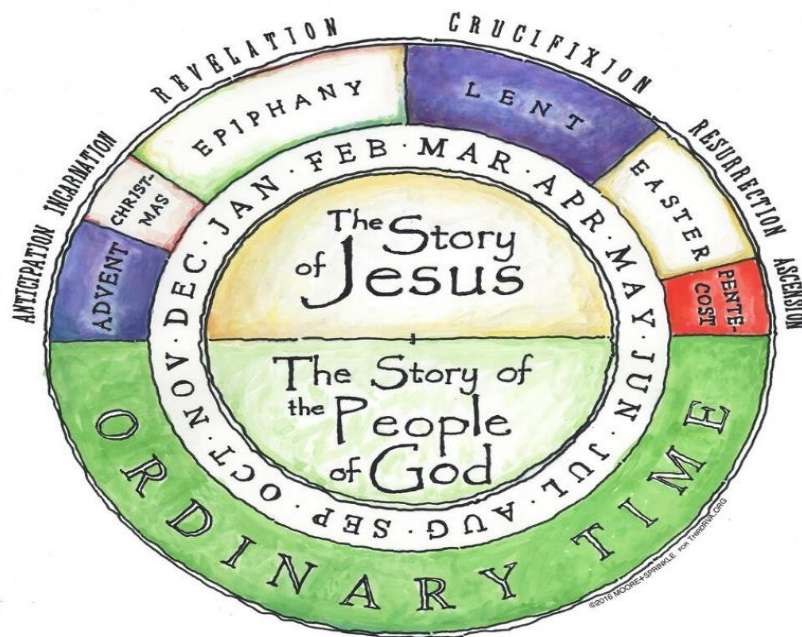


Ordinary time can be understood in terms of the living out of Christian faith and the meaning of Christ's resurrection in ordinary life. The term "ordinary time" is not used in the Prayer Book, but the season after Pentecost can be considered ordinary time. It may be referred to as the "green season," because green is the usual liturgical color for this period of the church year. The

BCP provides numbered propers with collects and lectionary readings for the Sundays of the Season after Pentecost.

(<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/glossary/ordinary-time/>)

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Its Ordinary Time!

## Birthdays and Anniversaries, -June 16<sup>th</sup> – June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022

### Birthdays

**Dan Droege**      6/19  
**Kelli Lawrence**      6/20  
**Brad Borg**      6/20

### Anniversaries

**And friend Radomir Petrovich**      6/21

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!



### Metcalf Hall & Freezer News!

- We have a new freezer! It's located in Metcalf's southwest corner closet.
- The refrigerator is now in the large "tables & chairs" closet, in Metcalf's southeast corner.

Jeff+

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packed yet?

