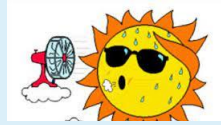


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The Weekly Newsletter of St. Luke's Episcopal Church



Pictures

A long time ago I found a picture of my mom and dad tucked away in my dad's prayerbook. The picture was cracked and well worn, having been carried in between the pages since his ordination in 1986. I used to sit with his prayerbook and fan the pages out because I could still smell the faint sweetness of the pipe tobacco he used. And that's how I found this one – of both of them - just married, before my sisters and I were even thought of. And, it has become the picture I turn to on my birthday as I give thanks for them when I read, “Praised be

your father and mother, who loved you before you were, and trusted to call you here, with no idea who you'd be.”

Around this time when I was on deployment several years ago, a package arrived in the mail. I had worn through my Armed Forces Prayer Book and for our anniversary Teresa sent me one just like my dad's – black leather with gold trim. Before I knew it, the binding on it began to stretch as I had added pictures, including theirs and all sorts of scraps of paper with notes on them. I'd often steal away for a few moments throughout the day to go and pray one of the devotions - but if I'm honest, just to look at the pictures like this one, tucked away next to the prayer entitled: For those we love (BCP, 831).



I've always wondered if Church Publishing would consider creating a prayerbook with extra pages in it so that it could accommodate more of our memories – “memories to harvest vanished days, of distance made intimate by the passing of years.” But for now, I'll just tuck them in there.



As time passes, as the prayers themselves become part of my speech, our speech, part of our lives, I look at these photos and think – “My God, we are better together.” As I begin another trip around the sun today, I want to give thanks to you, my St. Luke’s family. Your faithfulness has enriched my family’s life in so many ways. May God continue to bless you all, guarding both your hearts and minds as we continue to learn the language of Grace and how important it is to say I love you. Which I do.

Deep Peace,

Nick+



The Washington County School Supply Drive (AKA Pack the Backpacks) is a non-profit organization that provides backpacks filled with school supplies for students in need from headstart through 12th grade in Washington county. We fill each backpack based on the specific school and grade the student is in so they can start the school year on a level playing field with their peers, with all the tools needed to participate. This also helps our teachers, so they don’t feel the need to provide supplies out of their own pocket for their students. We typically fill around 2,500 backpacks each year! We will be filling backpacks and distributing them July 28th through August 1st at St. Luke’s Episcopal Church. We would love for you to consider volunteering

with us! We have a signup for dates and times here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f054ba8a92caaff2-pack1> If you’d like to help but can’t volunteer, you can make a monetary donation

here: https://www.paypal.com/donate/?cmd=_s-xclick&hosted_button_id=CGSEPV5RR3ET6 or we are taking school supply donations. We truly appreciate all the help that St. Luke’s Episcopal Church gives our organization each year-we truly couldn’t do this without you!

Sprint Weekend: 7/28-8/3

- Thursday: packing 9:00-Noon, 6:00-8:00PM
- Friday: packing 1:00-4:00PM

- Saturday: packing 9:00-Noon; 1:30-5:00PM
- Sunday: pick-up 2:00 – 6:00
- Monday: pick-up 8:30-6:00 (w/ lunch break)



Let's send them on their way!

Hey! Can you get up (or stay up) at 2:45am and give our kids a 'Send Off' to DC? The Young Disciples and Adult Sponsors will be leaving St Luke's parking lot at 3:15am, August 4th on a shuttle to the airport for

their trip to DC. Let's support our youth and sponsors by meeting at St. Luke's lot at the latest 3:00am that very early morning to send our kids off on their adventure. If the kids, sponsors, and parents can make it at that time, surely some of us can be there, too, to wave goodbye and bless them on their journey. Coffee, juice, and donuts will be available for the brave of heart. Set your alarms NOW for Aug 4th! (then afterward ☺).



will be available for the your alarms NOW for Aug you can go back to bed

Concern current food needs are: 64oz of non-refrigerated apple or grape juice, canned tomatoes, canned tomato sauce, and toothbrush kits. And Milk. Always Milk.



Thursday , July 28th, 6:30pm, at Tumbleweed's. Join us!
Theologian's Corner



John Cassian
Abbot at Marseilles, 435

Born in Romania around 365, John Cassian struggled with the problems of living the Christian life in a time when the world seemed to be falling apart. As a young man he traveled to a monastery in Bethlehem and later moved to Egypt, where he sought the tutelage of the great founders of the ascetic movement of the desert, such as Antony and Macarius.

At the heart of desert monasticism was the idea that the image of God in each person, tarnished by sin but not destroyed, yearns to and has the capacity to love God with the purity of heart with which God loves us. Their aim in desert solitude was to rid themselves of the anxieties and distractions that called their attention away from loving God.

Cassian was initiated into this tradition before political pressures forced him to leave Egypt in about 399. He moved to southern Gaul and, in about 415, founded a house in Marseilles for monks, and later a house for women religious. Though Cassian's goal, like that of his desert mentors, was the perfection of the individual soul, he insisted that no one should embark on a monastic vocation alone. One should enter a house where other monks are pursuing the same goal, live according to a time-tested rule, and thereby gain the guidance and companionship of the community.

Though Cassian remained committed to the desert ideal of individual perfection, his insistence on the necessity of Christian community and loving moderation was the basis for Benedictine monasticism, which eventually became the basic spirituality of the Western Church. It was perhaps a paradox that only in community could the Christian soul: "lose sight of earthly things in proportion to the inspiration of its purity so that .

.. with the inner gaze of the soul it sees the glorified Jesus coming in the splendor of His majesty.”

Cassian died in Marseilles in about 435.

Together we pray: Holy One, whose beloved Son Jesus Christ didst bless the pure in heart: Grant that we, together with thy servant John Cassian and in union with

his prayers, may ever seek the purity with which to behold thee as thou art; one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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



Luke's Place July 21st-July 27th , 2022

- July 21th - Men's Breakfast, 7-8:30am Metcalf Hall**
Rector's Bible Study, 9:15am Metcalf Hall
Green Country Eucharist, 1pm GC Village
- July 24th - Eucharist Rite I, 8:00am Chapel**
Faith Forum, 9:15am-10:15am, Metcalf Hall
Eucharist Rite II, 10:30am
- July 25th - Feast of James the Apostle, 7:00 pm Eucharist**

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

Evening Prayer is held every Monday-Thursday at 4pm, Chapel



Thank you to everyone for your cards, calls, visits, flowers, and prayers during my illness and recovery. It has meant so much. I love you all and am so happy to be back! Margaret Holden



Bake Sale to benefit A/F Fund

Josie McIver is baking and donating 20% of her proceeds to the St. Luke's A-V fund on Aug 13/14. She will need all orders in by Aug 11, will bake Aug 13th and items will be ready to **pick up the eve of Aug 13 or morning on Aug 14 at St. Luke's**. You can text your orders directly to her at 918-214-6680. Just make sure you include your name in the text.

Josie McIver

MENU

**Gluten Free options available for additional \$3 per Item Ordered*

COOKIES

\$15 per dozen

Chocolate Chip
Coffee Toffee Chocolate Chip
Peanut Butter
Molasses Spice

SCONES

\$15 per half dozen scones

Blueberry
Orange Cranberry

BISCOTTI

\$15 per dozen

Traditional Almond Chocolate Dipped
Lemon White Chocolate Dipped

Josie McIver

MENU

QUICK BREADS AND CAKE

\$18 per loaf or cake

Pumpkin Bread
Banana Nut Bread
Lemon Cake with Lemon Glaze

MOM'S SOURDOUGH

\$7.50 per loaf

(With or Without Caraway Seeds)
**No Gluten Free options available*



**CHURCH
AUDIO VIDEO**

**Interested in helping with the A/V (audio/visual) Team?
Contact Jeff Birk, Steve Clark, Tom Droege, or Nancy
Woods for information. We'd love to have you on our
Team!**

Birthdays and Anniversaries, July 24th– July 30th , 2022

Birthdays

Barbara Todd 7/24
Patricia Legatski 7/25
Henry Tedstrom 7/25
Arason Ellis 7/29
Max Legatski 7/29
Diana Farris 7/30

Anniversaries

**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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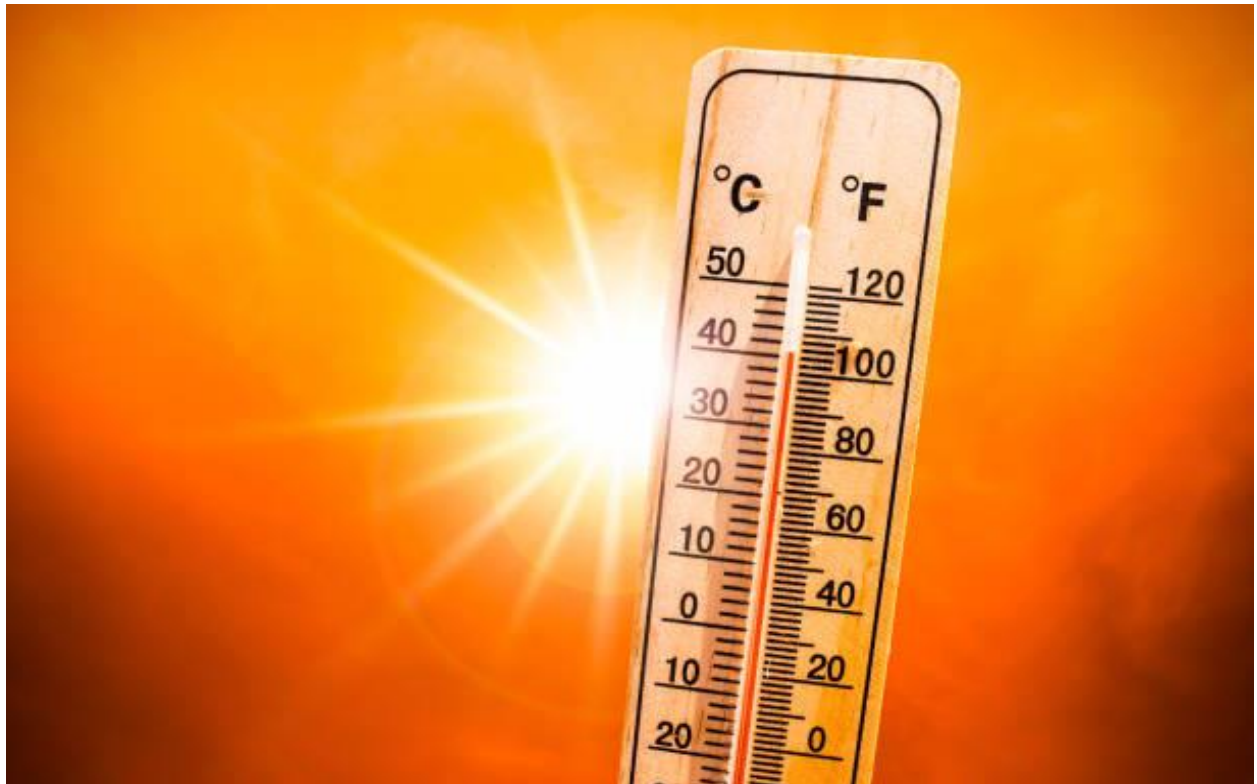
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Be SAFE out there!