

## ***In this week's Steeple >>>***

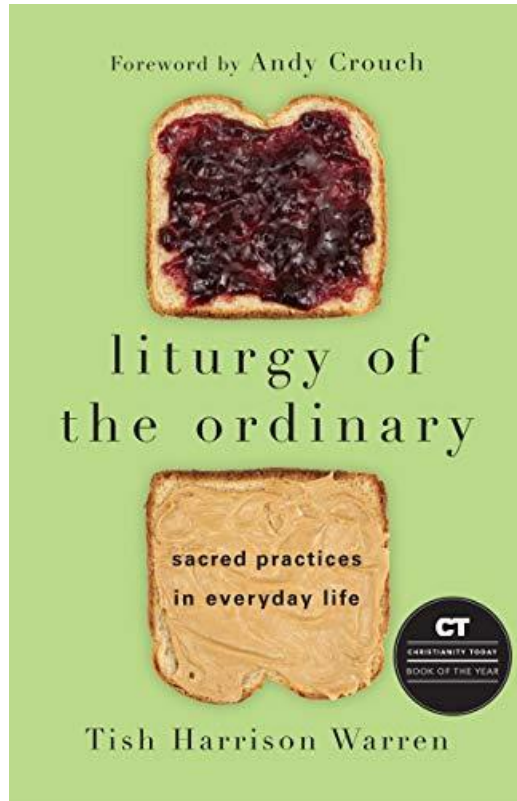
- Message from Fr Nick
- Choir members needed
- PHOTOWALL photos
- Children's programming
- Josie is baking again!
- Care packages to college students
- Don't miss Lip Sync Battle
- News from the Greens
- Sale extended one more time!

# *The Steeple*



Aug 31, 2022

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



### **Spiritual Discovery Forum Begins**

On Tuesday August 30th, the Spiritual Discovery Forum began with a great showing in the Tom Beard Memorial Library. Sixteen members of the Church were present in what might be considered a group renewed. For years this dedicated group of seekers has met in hope and trust, seeking to delve deeper into their spirituality by probing the words of Scripture and Liturgy through the lenses of celebrated theologians and mystics.

This season's offering welcomes many new members to that group and will continue tier work together by taking a look at Tish Warren's book: *A Liturgy of the Ordinary*. Warren explores our often-overlooked moments and routines. In conditioning our awareness these

moments can become powerful reminders of God's presence our lives. Warren ultimately asks, "How do we embrace the sacred in the ordinary and the ordinary in the sacred?" It's a great question.

Each chapter in this book looks at something that the author does during the day--making the bed, brushing her teeth, losing her keys. Life is viewed through the lens of liturgy--small practices and habits that form us. Drawing from the diversity of her life as a campus minister, Anglican priest, friend, wife, and mother, Tish Harrison Warren opens up a practical theology of the everyday. Each activity is related to a spiritual practice as well as an aspect of our Sunday worship.

My friends, if you are interested there is room for you. Come and discover with us, the holiness of your everyday. All are welcome on Tuesday's at 10:00 a.m. If you have any questions about format and flow, length and commitment please reach out to Mother Andrea or Bill. They won't steer you wrong.

As I prepare to travel to Ashland this weekend to marry one of our own, Greta Olsen, I do so with thanksgiving for Jeff Birk's ministry amongst us. He will lead us all once more in Morning Prayer and I will look forward to being back with you all on September 11<sup>th</sup>. As you all join in worship together this weekend both near and far, know that I'll miss you. Of your charity and unmatched hospitality please offer thanks and praise in celebration and in honor of the marriage of Greta and Quanah.

Together we shall pray: O gracious and ever living God, you have created us in your image: Look mercifully upon Greta and Quanah who come to you seeking your blessing, and assist them with your grace, that with true fidelity and steadfast love they may honor and keep the promises and vows they make; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.  
Amen.

Every Blessing,

Nick+



### Voices Needed!

Since everyone at the 10:30 service last Sunday passed their audition for the Choir, rehearsals resume September 7<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm, in the Choir room upstairs. Robes and hymnals will be provided! We just need voices who love the Hymns. Join St Luke's Choir!





## IS HAPPENING SOON!

Hello all,

Rekeying the church will commence in early September. If you need a key to any part of the building, we are required by the Diocese to ensure you take 10 online 'classes' in order

to be a key holder. Please email the office and request an 'invite' to start the registration process. I will send you a link to the Praesidium Academy Site to begin your training. Each session is a 'Safe Church, Safe Communities' video. There are 8 Safe Church videos and 2 policy videos. After the completion of each video, you will be awarded a certificate of completion. I will also receive a notification of your progress and a transcript of the videos you have seen/taken. After all ten have been completed you will be issued a key. As part of the new policy, you cannot 'loan' your key out to anyone who has not completed these classes and who is not listed in our records. This comes directly from the Canons of the Diocese and is a requirement of our insurance in safeguarding our liability. If you have any questions – don't hesitate to call me - I'm here for you!

Penny 918-336-1212



**Children's  
Programming  
begins September  
11<sup>th</sup> at 10:15am  
upstairs. K-5<sup>th</sup>  
graders welcome!**

She is at it again! Josie is taking orders for baked goods to be picked up on Sept 11<sup>th</sup>. 20% of proceeds will support brother Ryan's Eagle Scout project! Call or text your order to Josie at 918-214-6680 by the end of next week. (Sept 9<sup>th</sup>)

Josie McIver

# MENU

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

## COOKIES

*\$15 per dozen*

*Chocolate Chip  
Coffee Toffee Chocolate Chip  
Molasses Spice*

## SCONES

*\$15 per half dozen scones*

*Blueberry  
Orange Cranberry*

## BISCOTTI

*\$15 per dozen*

*Traditional Almond Chocolate Dipped  
Lemon White Chocolate Dipped*

## MOM'S SOURDOUGH

*\$7.50 per loaf*

*\*Only 2 loaves available for 1st two to order*

*\*\*No Gluten Free options available*





## Using Their Heads

By Tom Droege

Young Disciples assembled care packages for YD alumni and friends who are now away at college hitting the books. The boxes are full of cookies, candy bars, popcorn and poptarts to keep students fueled up for those long nights of studying. YD also made friendship bracelets and notes of encouragement. Those college kids include Anneke Borg, OU College of Medicine; Harald Borg, St. Olaf College; Charlie Cutts; Oklahoma State University; Jaden Keirse, Oklahoma State University; Evan Mitchell, Oklahoma State University; Charlie Olsen, Oklahoma State University; Nick Olsen, Pittsburg State University; Kyle Peterson, University of Nebraska; Alexis Phares, St. Andrew's - Sewanee; and Morgan Phares, The University of the South.



# LIP SYNC BATTLE IN BARTLESVILLE

Saturday, September 10, 2022  
Hilton Garden Inn  
6 to 8 pm

## PERFORM

Battle hunger alone or in a group! Register by July 25. \$20 entry fee, a small price for fame!

## WATCH

Admission of \$75 includes the Battle, a festival style buffet and 2 adult drink tickets.

Buy before August 30



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few contestants  
performing  
and they need  
**YOUR** support  
plus you will  
be helping our  
ministry  
partner,  
**CONCERN,**  
raise money to  
help those in  
our  
community!

# Cursillistas!



Are you interested in Episcopal  
Cursillo continuing in Oklahoma?  
Weekends, Reunions, Ultreya, Team?

A re-organizational meeting is scheduled

September 10, 2022 10:30 am  
St. Crispin's Conference Center

All Cursillistas are invited

Agenda information: Karen Askew 918-329-0605

More information: Allen Mann 918-916-1793







2022

SENIORS CONNECT



*“Living a balanced life” - Marilou Bork, LCSW*

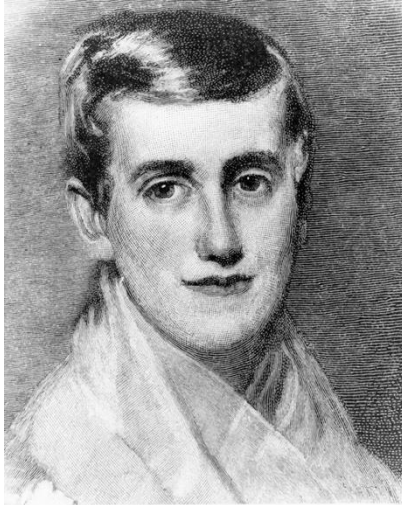
Wednesday, September 7

3:00pm – 4:00pm

Are you interested in self-care? Do you want to improve your mental outlook and enjoy your life? Marilou shares important strategies for making the most out of every day. Open all seniors aged 65 and older.

RSVP to Elder Care by 9/1/22. Call 918-336-8500.





## Theologians Corner

### **Prudence Crandall Teacher and Prophetic Witness, 1890**

Born to a Quaker family in Rhode Island in 1803, Prudence Crandall was educated in arithmetic, the sciences, and Latin at the New England Friends' Boarding School in Rhode Island. The Religious

Society of Friends, or "Quakers," believed that women should be educated, and it was in the environment of the Friends' Boarding School that Prudence Crandall's passion for teaching was first awakened.

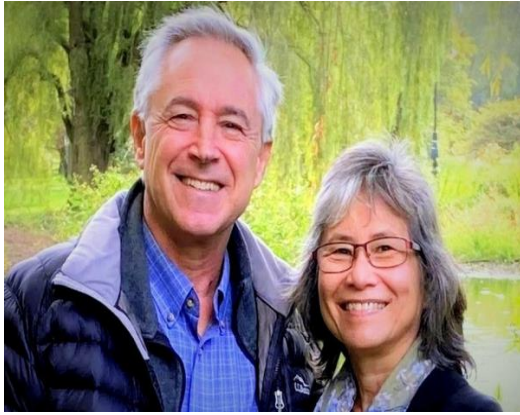
In 1831, Crandall started a girl's school in Canterbury, Connecticut, where she educated the daughters of the town's wealthy families. In 1833 she admitted to her school a young African American girl named Sarah Harris, who wanted an education so that she could in turn teach other African American children. The parents of the white children at Crandall's school were outraged and demanded Harris's expulsion, but Crandall refused and decided to open a new school for African American girls.

Despite repeated attempts by town members to close the school, and even threats to destroy it, Crandall persevered in her labors. She enlisted the help of William Lloyd Garrison, editor of *The Liberator*, the nation's major antislavery newspaper. Through his paper and advocacy, Garrison spread awareness of her cause all over the nation.

However, later in 1833, the state legislature passed the so-called "Black Law," which made it a crime to open a school that taught African American children from any state other than Connecticut. Crandall, who had received pupils from other states, was arrested, jailed, and tried. She was eventually convicted, but a higher court reversed the decision. Far from subsiding, the harassment she endured grew worse, and, fearing for the safety of her students, she closed her school in 1834, and settled with her husband in LaSalle County, Illinois, on a farm. She opened a school there, and worked for Women's Suffrage and the Temperance movement.

After her husband died in 1874, Crandall moved to Elk Falls, Kansas. In 1886 a petition endorsed by Mark Twain and signed by more than a hundred citizens of that state, expressing their regret and shame over her treatment, persuaded the Connecticut state legislature to award her a pension. Prudence Crandall died in 1890, and today she is recognized as the official State Heroine of Connecticut.

Together we pray: God, the wellspring of justice and strength: We thank thee for raising up in Prudence Crandall a belief in education and a resolute will to teach girls of every color and race, that, alongside her, they might take their place in working for the nurture and well-being of all society, undaunted by prejudice or adversity. Grant that we, following her example, may participate in the work of building up the human family in Christ, thy Word and Wisdom; who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, now and for ever. Amen.



### Update on Nathan, flooding, and our work

Thank you for praying for Nathan's knees. They get better, and then they get worse. Nothing seems to be seriously wrong, but it is frightening for Nathan. He talks to Roger and me every day. Roger and I are still working through what decisions should be made.

Our town is by a river, which flooded the downtown area a couple of weeks ago. The town's water system was affected, so we didn't have faucet water for five and a half days. We were grateful to hear the sound of a toilet tank filling once the water came back on. Here is one news article about the flooding:

<https://www.chiangraitimes.com/news/floods-mae-sai-chiang-rai/>

Roger will lead an online Scripture engagement intro workshop Sept. 5 to 9 for literacy managers who live in a nearby country. Roger asked me to lead one afternoon's module on "exegesis for beginners." Other topics, which other facilitators will lead, include asking good questions, Bible storying, digital resources, family devotions, using music and the arts, the trauma healing program, and the Strengthening Christian Families program. Please ask God to help the 11 participants from seven language groups to attend and for all the session facilitators to lead well. When the participants leave the workshop, may the Lord encourage each one to be well prepared to share God's Word in many different ways.

The couple with the disabled son invited their relatives to a meeting with me to talk about the future of their son. All the relatives said they are too busy. Please ask God to soften the hearts of the relatives to give time to brainstorming together about how to understand their disabled family member better and how to search for the best ways to encourage him in the future. In Thai society, people often do not have a vision for the great worth of a disabled person.

Not long ago I was encouraged by reading about how the waters of the Jordan River piled up at one end when the people of Israel crossed over (on dry land) into Canaan. For God, obstacles are not a problem. We can trust that He will provide a way forward for us. Thank you for being our friends as we journey forward.

Thank you for praying!  
Joanne

**FAITH FORUM resumes on Sept 11<sup>th</sup>  
Sundays 9:15am-10:15am, Metcalf Hall**



## **Luke's Place Sept 1<sup>st</sup> – Sept 7<sup>th</sup> , 2022**

- Sept 1<sup>st</sup> - Men's Breakfast, 7-8:30am**  
**Bible Study, 9:15am, Metcalf**  
**Green Country Eucharist, 1:00pm, GC Village**
- Sept 4<sup>th</sup> - Morning Prayer Rite I, 8:00am Chapel**  
**Morning Prayer Rite II, 10:30am**
- Sept 5<sup>th</sup> – Labor Day- office Closed**
- Sept 6<sup>th</sup> - Spiritual Discovery Forum, 10am, Library**
- Sept 7<sup>th</sup> - YD, Rodgers Hall, 6pm**

**Morning Prayer is held every Monday- Thursday at 9am, Chapel (Except Labor Day)**

**Evening Prayer is held every Monday-Thursday at 4pm, Chapel (Except Labor Day)**

**More.....**

- Sept 8<sup>th</sup> - Clericus at St Luke's**  
**Women's Fellowship, 5:30pm Metcalf**
- Sept 10<sup>th</sup> – Lip Sync Battle in Bartlesville for CONCERN, Hilton Garden Inn**
- Sept 11<sup>th</sup> – Children's Programming, picnic, PhotoWall photo shoot in Metcalf**
- Sept 17<sup>th</sup> – Community Fest- Unity Square, 4pm**



Got something you want in “The Steeple”? Email me with pictures, articles, group information of church events by Tuesday afternoon!

[stlukesbartlesville@outlook.com](mailto:stlukesbartlesville@outlook.com)

Thanks! Penny





## Spiritual Discovery Forum

*'God is forming us into a new people. And the place of that formation is in the small moments of today.'*

You are invited to come and discover your spiritual path with a group of humble seekers. We will begin our exploration with a study of the book, Liturgy of the Ordinary by Tish Harrison Warren. We will meet on Tuesdays at 10:00am in the Tom Beard Library upstairs. The book can be purchased on Amazon or through your favorite bookstore. Contact Mother Andrea Jones if you have questions.

## **CONCERN Pantry --**

The present food needs for Concern are: canned green beans, oatmeal, SPAM, cereal, mashed potatoes, and complete pancake mix. Homeless needs are: pudding cups, peanut butter, squeezable jelly and pop-top canned meats. Concern has received a GRANT to purchase milk!

## **FREE BOOKS**

Please help yourself to the books in Metcalf Hall. Books are arranged by category. The categories are: Bible Study, Devotionals, Reference and History, and Novel format.



# ***We're HIRING!***

## **• CHILDREN'S MINISTER**

We are seeking a part-time Children's Minister to work alongside our Youth Ministers.



*St. Luke's*  
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### **DO YOU HAVE...**

Christian faith and integrity?  
Contagious love of God and neighbor?  
Good communication skills?  
Passion for teaching kids?  
A strong grasp of the details?  
A love of the story of scripture?

Knowledge of the liturgical calendar is a plus. Candidates are required to pass a thorough background check & once hired complete safeguarding training.

**WE ARE ALSO** seeking two part-time nursery workers to love and safeguard our children, 0-4, during our second service on Sunday morning and Wednesday night programming.

***INTERESTED?*** Contact: [RevPhares@outlook.com](mailto:RevPhares@outlook.com)



Sale **EXTENDED** one more weekend!  
New merchandise is on the way but we are  
opening up one more Sunday for the Sale!  
September 4<sup>th</sup> from 11:30am- 12:30am.  
Come shop for bargains!

### Agape Needs Volunteers!



We need a volunteer to work at Agape from 12:45pm to 2:00pm on the fourth Thursday of each month. If interested, please contact Becky Liehr at 918-327-5987 or [jbliehr@gmail.com](mailto:jbliehr@gmail.com). Thank you!

### Birthdays and Anniversaries, Sept 4<sup>th</sup> – Sept 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022

#### Birthdays

Glenda Garrison	9/4
Mark Peterson	9/5
Sarah Winn	9/6
Teresa Phares	9/6
David Breedlove	9/7
Katie Todd	9/9
Robert Lonski	9/10

#### Anniversaries

Darian & David Kedy	9/5
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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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