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The Weekly Newsletter of St. Luke's Episcopal Church



Imladris

Greetings Beloved,

When I was growing up, my brother-in-law Chris introduced me to J.R.R. Tolkien. In Tolkien's first installment of what would become the Lord of the Rings, he wrote of a place just on the western edge of the Misty Mountains: Imladris or Rivendell as it more commonly referred to. But my favorite name for that place has to be when Gandalf calls it "the last homely house."

Sewanee has always been a home of sorts to our girls. They came of age here, made deep friendships, and found their faith on this mountain. For the rest of our lives there will exist within us a profound sense of attachment to this bit of God's creation, even though we have moved and made a new home in the green hills of northeastern Oklahoma. Major life events in the lives of our daughters have continued to call us back to Sewanee, however, and with that journey comes the promise of returning to the love held between old friends.

Teresa and I first met Dr. Scott Landis and Pippa Browne at Sewanee Elementary School when we enrolled Alexis there in the fall of 2014. Their daughter Maple and Alexis became fast friends and have remained close ever since. Their closeness has kept us close and when it comes time to travel east once again, we know that Scott and Pippa's house will always be open.

On my morning walk yesterday, I mentioned this to Pippa with deep gratitude - how their home has remained a bit of home for us. And, I was surprised at how vulnerable I felt in expressing this to her. My words were met with a smile, but more assuredly they were met with a calm and abiding sense, that as long as we desired connection it would always be there and with that, came peace.

I've thought a lot about that.

When we got back from our walk, I decided to jump into the mountain pond just behind their house. Its waters possess an ancient cold – the kind of cold that binds what heat ends up letting loose. And as I came home to myself in that moment, I looked up at the house nestled between the trees and there it was, my "Last Homely House."

I climbed out of the water and sat beside the water – my soul revived. I guess I could describe what I felt to you as presence, but I might as well just call it what it was, or rather who it was: God - wrapped up in invitation, hospitality, and the promise of friendship. My prayer for you this day is that in whatever way your soul craves for connection to the source, that still waters

be found in your future, that friends be not far behind, and that you'll recall: We are better together.

Your friend in Christ,

Nick+



And now for something completely different.....





Morning Prayer Unplugged

Blessed are the flexible for they don't get bent out of shape, said our Brother Jeff Birk on Sunday, Sept. 18 when a minor inconvenience moved morning prayer to Metcalf Hall. Thanks to Dolores and the choir for springing into action to keep the good times rolling and for Brother Birk, the lay reader, the ushers and the many other volunteers who pitched in without batting an eye. If we learned one thing last Sunday, we learned church is about the people not the place.

Tom Droege





So thankful for unexpected reminders of the blessing we have been given in the shared hymns of faith. At St. Luke's Sunday we met for Morning Prayer in our fellowship hall due to a lack of a/c in a very warm sanctuary. Metcalf Hall was cool! Our closing hymn, "All My Hope on God is Founded", was enthusiastically sung by 50 - 60 people seated at round tables, accompanied by a piano. It is a favorite hymn!

Monday morning I heard this same hymn sung in an entirely different setting by a congregation numbering in the many, many 100s, led by a magnificent choir, accompanied by a spectacular pipe organ, in thanksgiving for and to honor their beloved Queen Elizabeth. (Yes, I saw this on TV!)

The blessing for both gatherings of God's people as they lifted voices and spirits to sing this glorious hymn reminds me that when we sing the songs of our faith we are truly participating in the music of the universe - the universal music of Love.

Dolores McCreary





Yes, I know its way too early...but not for planning! And yes, we ARE having it again! The date is set for Oct 30th ..but that is as far as planning goes—so planners are **NEEDED!** And, as in good Episcopalian tradition, we need a

small committee to plan. Who would like to help? It's a fun event and would be even better with more input. Let me know! Email, call, or grab me when you see me at church! Lets raise the bar this year!

.....Penny



If you were unable to get your pictures taken recently we will be adding another date in October!

PLEASE

email Nancy Woods and she will add you to the list and let you know times available.

Thank you!

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FAITH FORUM resumes on Oct 2nd
Sundays 9:15am-10:15am, Metcalf Hall



Theologians Corner:

Dag Hjalmar Agne Carl Hammarskjöld



Dag Hjalmar Agne Carl Hammarskjöld was a Swedish diplomat, economist, and author, known particularly for the way in which his Christian faith informed his global peacemaking.

Hammarskjöld was born into a family who had served the Swedish crown for centuries; his father became Prime Minister a few years after Dag's birth. Even before graduating from Uppsala University with a law degree, Hammarskjöld was serving as assistant secretary of the unemployment committee. His career included several positions at the Riksbank and in the Swedish Ministries of Finance and Foreign Affairs. He was widely respected for his integrity and principled decisions.

Hammarskjöld was elected the second Secretary-General of the United Nations, serving from April 1953 until his death on September 18, 1961. He insisted that a central role of the United Nations was to preserve the interests of small nations in relation to the major world powers. His work included peace negotiations in the Middle East, rescuing American servicemen taken prisoner in the Korean War, establishing the UN's peacekeeping forces, and peace negotiations in Africa during the collapse of colonialism. He is also responsible for creating the "meditation room" in the UN Headquarters, where people of any faith could retire for spiritual refreshment.

Hammarskjöld was killed pursuing peace in the Congo, when his plane mysteriously crashed on September 18, 1961. Many people—including President Truman—believed that the plane had been deliberately shot down. He was posthumously awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.

Hammar skjöld's ministry provides a powerful witness to the integration of action and contemplation. Informed in his spiritual life by contemplatives and medieval mystics Meister Eckhart and Jan van Ruysbroek, Hammar skjöld is also well-known for the way in which his life exemplified his oft-quoted statement, "In our age, the road to holiness necessarily passes through the world of action." The witness of those saints who demonstrate integrity in putting service to a common human good above their own self-interest is especially vital to the continued ability of God's people to proclaim the Good News in an increasingly polarized and dangerous world.

Together we pray: Almighty God, who hast exalted thy humble Christ as King of Kings and Lord of Lords: Enkindle within the hearts of the leaders of this world a yearning for peace with justice, as thou didst within thy servant Dag Hammar skjöld, and, following his good example, ever guide our feet into the way of peace; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who livest and reignest with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.



Luke's Place Sept 22nd – Sept 28th, 2022

Sept 22nd - Men's Breakfast, 7-8:30am

Sept 25th – Morning Prayer Rite I, 8:00am, chapel

Children's Programming, 10:15am, upstairs

Morning Prayer Rite II, 10:30am, nave

Sept 27th -Spiritual Discovery Forum, 10am, Library

Sept 28th -YD, Rodgers Hall, 6pm

Choir rehearsal, 7:00pm, Choir Room

Morning Prayer is held every Monday- Thursday at 9am, Chapel, beginning back Tuesday Sept 27th
Evening Prayer is held every Monday-Thursday at 4pm, Chapel, on Facebook

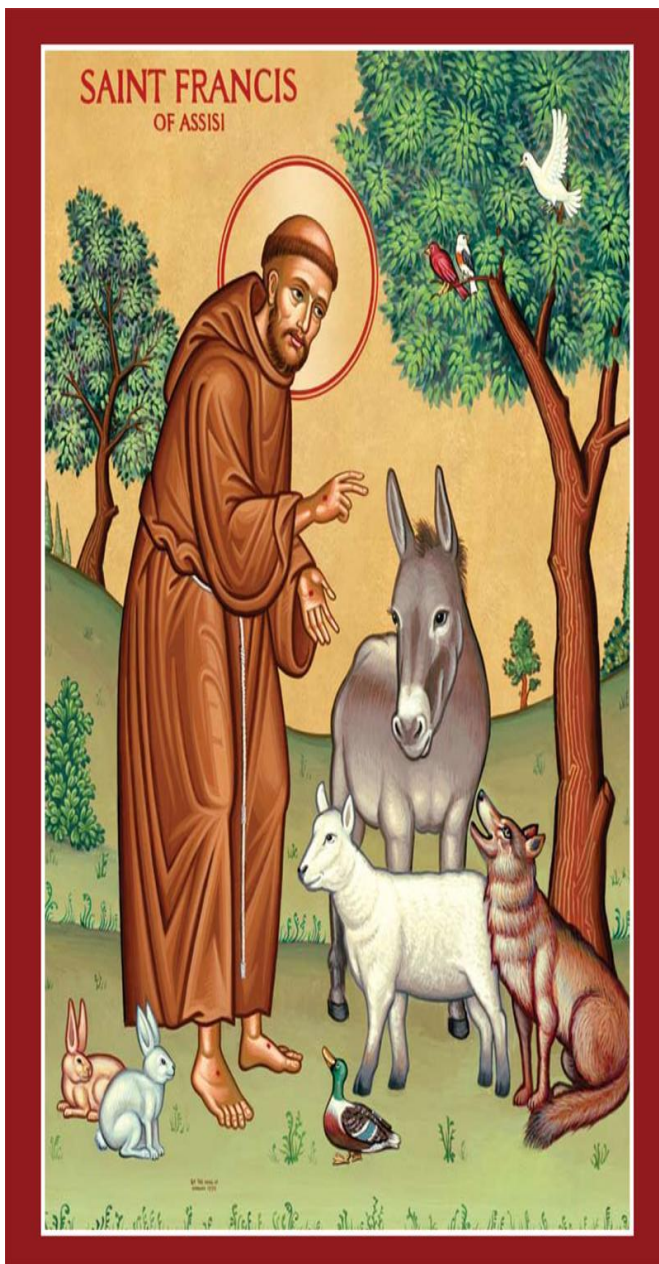




Sept 29th at Tumbleweed's, 6:30pm.



A photo from YD last week when they played kickball outside at Central.



Blessing of the Animals

OCT 5, 2022 6:00pm

St Luke's will be holding a Blessing of the Animals, Oct 5, 2022 at 6pm. A light supper will be served for those humans attending. Our furry friends will have biscuits to chew on. Maybe even some bird seed or lettuce for the more discreet pets. So bring the two or four legged extended members of your family and lets celebrate them!

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New Merchandise in Stock!

Order your St Luke's swag from the Bookstore!

St Luke's Bookstore is in need of volunteers to help!

From selling merchandise to stocking to organizing, see Cathy Perrier if you are interested in this ministry.

Cathy is hoping to open additional days and longer

store hours if there are enough volunteers. All profits

from the Bookstore go to Outreach. This month store

hours are Sundays 11:30am-12:30am with featured new merchandise in stock. Watch for Fr Bob Gates new book "Reflections & Memories of Georgia" stocked soon! Come in and shop your St Luke's Bookstore!



Free Books

We still have free books in Metcalf! Two tables are piled with wonderful books to take. Browse and give them new homes. No

Limit!

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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

Our Metcalf Hall is a busy place!

On the 8th of September, St Luke's hosted the Regional Clericus which consists of clergy within the NE Region of the Diocese. In attendance were Bishop Polson Reed and Regional Dean, Fr David Bridges, rector of St Andrew's, Grove.





Which was followed later that evening with the Women's Fellowship.....







Need some folks to sign up for October and November. Sign up is in Metcalf kitchen. Thank you so much!

There are many ways to get involved here at St Luke's:

Help

In the Bookstore
With Children's programs
With YD
With Fellowship events
With Agape

Become

A Layreader
Sunday Usher
A Lay Eucharistic Visitor
A Homebound Visitor
A Greeter

Join

Altar Guild
Choir
Women's Fellowship
Bereavement Team
Men's Fellowship

And much more.....



Birthdays and Anniversaries, Sept 25th – Oct 1st , 2022

Birthdays

Mary Jo Peterson	9/25
Melinda Droege	9/26
Dan Gallery	9/26
Pam Pierce	9/27
Bryan Megee	9/28
Joan Heidorn	9/29

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!

St. Luke's Vestry Members

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

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Thanks! Penny



