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The Steeple

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The Weekly Newsletter of St. Luke's Episcopal Church



Our Stories

Dear Friends,

It is my constant prayer that you have found a home at St. Luke's. I hope that St. Luke's is a place where you feel that you can tell your story, confide in friends, staff members, and your pastor. I hope at St. Luke's that you have found a way to place your story into the vessels of scripture, tradition, and reason. And, that by doing that you have woven your triumphs and longings into the larger story of our community. You belong here.

Stories, as we know, are foundational to the Christian tradition. From Noah's adventure (which the children just learned about in Godly Play) with animals and God's bow in the sky to the golden parables of Jesus like The Good Samaritan. These chronicles of faith continue to inform, sustain, and support us in our life of faith. They reveal meaning – yet invite us to discern meaning for ourselves.

Through that connection sometimes we revisit these old stories when we are in need, and sometimes they call to us out of the blue with unexpected messages like: “turn back,” “think again,” or “try this way.” I recall during difficult periods of my life when it seemed as if every psalm had a message just for me. I wonder if you have had such moments?

I know you have. And that is because our stories are intrinsically linked – and the story of St. Luke's and the wellbeing of our community depends on the way we share together in the Life of Christ. If you have a moment in the next few weeks, please take some time as we prepare for the Bishop's Visit on November 13th (Consecration Sunday) and reflect on your own St. Luke's

story. Perhaps take a moment to share it with others, with the Bishop, even me.

The truth is, is that the treasure of your presence gives life to our community. Make no mistake about that - wherever you find yourself in the journey of faith, we are better together. As we discern our way forward in 2023 - through deepening our relationships with God, one another, and Bartlesville I would like for you to continue your praying, and discerning ways in which we can be faithful stewards of Luke's Place, by ensuring that our community will continue to be a place for your story to live - and to be a home for those yet to be told.

Gratefully,

Nick+



FAITH FORUM Oct 23th
Sunday 9:15am-10:15am, Metcalf Hall



**Women's Fellowship is
coming up October 13th,
5:30pm, Metcalf**

JOIN US!

For Wine & appetizers



Theologians Corner:

Teresa of Avila

Teresa was one of two women declared a “Doctor of the Church” in 1970 by the Roman Catholic Church, primarily because of her two mystical contemplative works, *The Way of Perfection* and *Interior Castle*. She was a close spiritual and personal friend of St. John of the Cross.

Teresa was born near Avila. Even in her childhood, she took much pleasure in the study of saints’ lives, and she used to delight in spending times of contemplation, repeating over and over, “For ever, for ever, for ever, for ever, they shall see God.”

In her autobiography, Teresa tells that, following her mother’s death, she became quite worldly. To offset this, her father placed her in an Augustinian convent to be educated, but serious illness ended her studies. During convalescence, she determined to enter the religious life; and, though opposed by her father, she became a postulant at a Carmelite convent. Again, illness forced her to return home. After three years, she returned to the convent.

The easygoing life of the “mitigated” Carmelite rule distracted her from her customary prayer life, to which she returned. Taking recourse in two great penitents, Augustine of Hippo and Mary Magdalene, she became increasingly meditative. She began to receive visions—whether from God or the Devil she could not know—and struggled to reject them.

Teresa set out to establish a reformed Carmelite order of the “discalced” religious, who wore sandals or went unshod. Despite many setbacks, she traveled for 25 years through Spain. Energetic, practical, efficient, as well as being a mystic and ascetic, she established 17 convents of Reformed Carmelites. Even imprisonment did not deter her.

Despite the demands of her administrative and missionary work, Teresa found time to write the numerous letters that give us rare insights into her personality and concerns. She shows us a practical organizer, a writer of native genius, a warm devoted friend, and, above all, a lover of and the beloved of God.

Her death in 1582, following two years of illness, was peaceful. Her last sight was of the Sacrament brought for her comfort; her last words, “O my Lord! Now is the time that we may see each other.”

Together we pray: O God, who by the Holy Spirit didst move Teresa of Avila to manifest to thy Church the way of perfection: Grant us, we beseech thee, to be

nourished by her excellent teaching, and enkindle within us a lively and unquenchable longing for true holiness; through Jesus Christ, the joy of loving hearts, who with thee and the same Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



Trunk or Treat is back! Oct 30th, right after the 10:30am service (around 11:30am) We will simply repeat what we did last year, however there may be a few 'haunted' corners around. Park your car in the lot, open your trunk with treats to hand out and enjoy from your lawn chair! Parents

and grandparents, bring your kids to church dressed in their Halloween costumes and have them bring their friends as well! Lets have a great turn out! All ages can 'trick or treat'! We'll have hot chocolate, apple cider, and coffee available if weather permits. Fr Nick has promised something special in the courtyard for the adults.



Celebration of our patron saint, St Luke the Evangelist, will be Oct 23rd during services. After the 10:30am Eucharist, the St Luke's Brunch Bunch will be serving treats during coffee hour. The actual Feast Day of St Luke is the 18th of October.





Oct 27th, 6:30pm at Tumbleweed's. Join us!



Luke's Place Oct 13th – 19th, 2022

- Oct 13th - Men's Breakfast, 7-8:30am, Metcalf
Women's Fellowship
- Oct 16th – Eucharist Rite I, 8:00am, chapel
Eucharist Rite II, 10:30am, nave
- Oct 18th Spiritual Discovery Forum, 10am, Library
- Oct 19th - YD, 6pm, Concern
Choir rehearsal, 7:00pm, Choir Room



NEED VOLUNTEERS! We love our bookstore! But we need folks to work the counter. The schedule is flexible so please contact Cathy Perrier to volunteer. Still running featured items during the month of October! And we have a few copies of Fr Bob's book "Reflections & Memories of Georgia" available. Also orders are going in soon for the teeshirts! Get your orders in!





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
 With Family Promise
 With the Rummage &
 Treasure Sale

Become

A Layreader
 Sunday Usher
 A Lay Eucharistic Visitor
 A Homebound Visitor
 A Greeter
 A Coffee Hour Host
 A Godly Play teacher
 A Nursery Helper

Join

Altar Guild
 Choir
 Women's Fellowship
 Bereavement Team
 Men's Fellowship
 A/V Team
 A Faith Forum, Bible
 Study, or Spiritual
 Discovery class

And much more.....





The Rev. Jeff Huston Oklahoma State Chaplain at St. Augustine's Canterbury Center will be joining us this Sunday as Celebrant

Fr. Jeff Huston was born in Tulsa and was baptized and raised at St. Dunstan's. As a youth he served on diocesan youth board and Happening staff. He attended St. Crispin's camp, EYE and PYE, and helped start the first Happening in the Diocese of Arkansas. During his college years he somehow stayed employed as a counselor at St. Crispin's for 4 summers and began slowly discerning a call to ministry. Following a year as an intern at Resurrection House, an Episcopal Service Corps program in Omaha, NE, he began the ordination process here in Oklahoma.

Sponsored by St. Patrick's in Broken Arrow, he attended Virginia Theological Seminary where he always went to class and read all of his assignments. He graduated in May of 2005 and was ordained a priest on December 21, 2005. Jeff currently serves as the campus missionary at Oklahoma State University and lives in Stillwater with his wife, Dr. Elisa Davis, and their three kids, Clayton, Eleanor, and Edward (but he goes by Charlie, it's a long story) Jeff is honored to share the journey of faith with the students at the Canterbury Center and enjoys confusing them with random musical and pop culture references that predate them.

Children's Books for Family Promise

Do you have some children's books just taking up space in your home? Would you like to relocate them to a place where they'll be enjoyed and appreciated?

Two families with a total of seven elementary-age children are currently staying at 801 S. Osage, the recently renovated home owned by St. Luke's that's just around the corner from our parking lot. The house, provided rent-free to Family Promise, has a pleasant sunroom/playroom with lots of book shelves. All they need are books to fill them!

If you like to provide a few children's books to benefit the current families and those temporarily occupying the home in the future, please drop them off with Penny in the church office. She has already started the process with a box of books from her home. Books for children of any age are welcome.





Images from the 2022 Convention



Opening Eucharist



See anyone familiar?



The view!



And it was Dolores McCreary's NIGHT to shine!





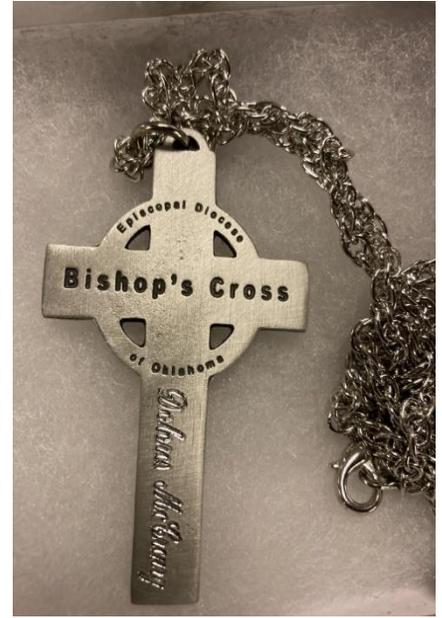


Past and present celebrated with her!





The Bishop's Cross



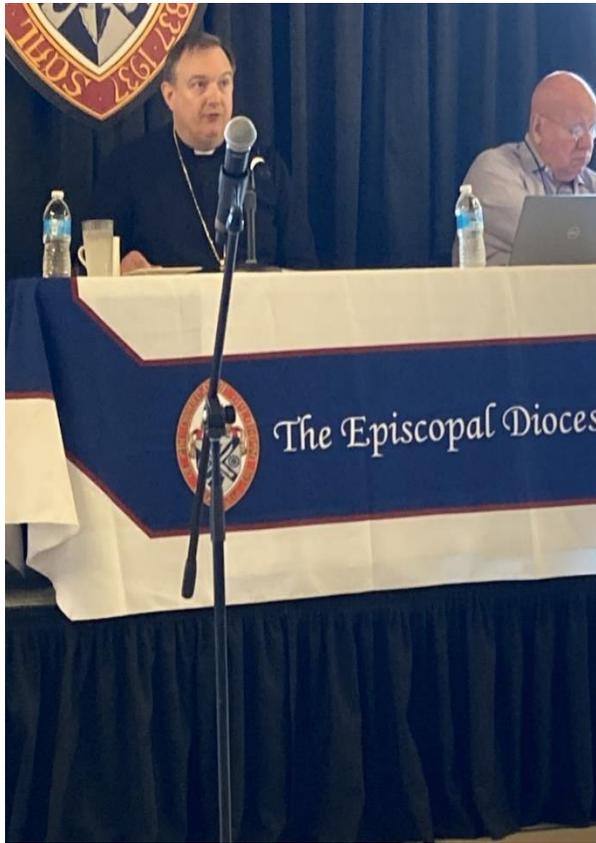
The next day after Morning prayer was all business



St Paul's Cathedral Choristers



Leslie Graft, secretary to Convention
And assistant to the Bishop



Teresa gave a very detailed and indepth report on St Crispin's Camp this past summer and received a standing ovation!

Then a sweet goodbye.....



Birthdays and Anniversaries, Oct 16th – Oct 22nd , 2022

Birthdays

Anniversaries

Brian Olsen **10/20**

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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