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The Steeple



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The Weekly Newsletter of St. Luke's Episcopal Church

Happenings around the church



Dear Friends,

Obviously I am not Fr Nick, and since he is out of town and not due back before the Steeple 'goes to press', I will ramble and fill you all in on happenings around the church.

For the mundane: The fridge in the kitchen has given it all and died. A new one will be delivered on Monday, but until then if you need to use the fridge, the one in the (tables and chairs) closet works fine. We will be switching over to heat next week so bear with us during this cold snap. The church is a little chilly. We have mid 80's this weekend until the temps drop again.

We could still use some donations and memorials for the altar flowers. I know Jo has struggled to fill the Sundays and the floral arrangements are always beautiful. \$50 usually covers the Sunday flowers.

We have been experiencing some false alarms from our security system over the past 3 or 4 months. If you are here of an evening and are the key holder to lock up for the group you are with, please make sure the doors are secured, especially the one going to the parking lot. One of the doors does not catch its latch unless it is closed with a pull on the handle. The same problem exists for the door to the alley.

Thank Margaret for the shiny and squeaky floors! She always has them polished to pristine. We have the cleanest floors in town.

The month of November is going to be hectic and busy around St Luke's! Our first Sunday is All Saints' Day celebration (the actual Feast Day is Nov 1) and I will be compiling a list of those saints who have left us this past year to be

added in the bulletin. I have not had the conversation with Fr Nick about whether those names will be read aloud during the service, but email or call me with the name or names of your saints for the bulletin list by November 2nd. We will hold those names in our hearts as we worship together.

The second Sunday in November will be the Bishop's visit and Consecration Sunday. More about that later.

The third Sunday is Christ the King Sunday and traditionally our Stewardship Sunday. Again more about that later. Thanksgiving is upon us!

The fourth Sunday is the First Sunday of Advent and begins the countdown to the Birth of our Savior. A season of hope and possibility as we wait for the celebration of that birth.

So stay tuned and stay connected.....
See you around the Church!

Penny

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



Pantry needs for October: Tuna, Flour, Sugar, SPAM

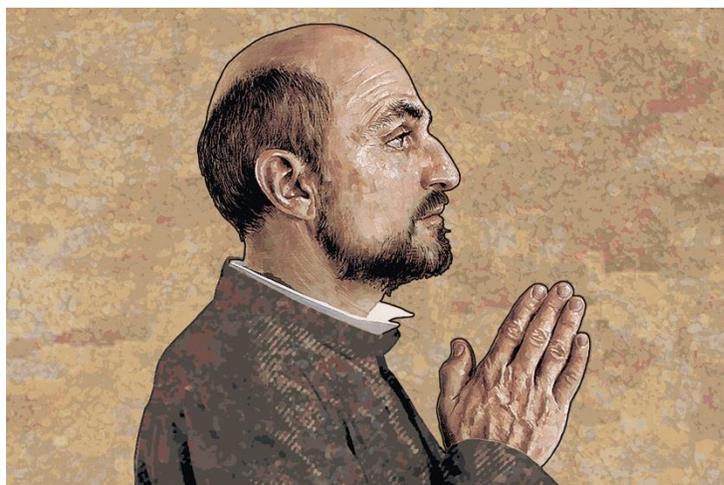
Homeless Needs: Dry milk, Gloves

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Theologians Corner:



Ignatius of Antioch

Ignatius of Antioch, martyred in 115, had a profound sense of two ends—his own, and the consummation of history in Jesus Christ. In ecstasy, he saw his impending martyrdom as the fitting conclusion to a long episcopate. He was accounted the second Bishop of Antioch in Syria.

Seven authentic letters, which Ignatius wrote to Churches while he journeyed across Asia Minor in the custody of ten soldiers (“my leopards,” he called them), give valuable insights into the life of the early Church. Of certain Gnostic teachings that exalted the divinity of Jesus at the expense of his humanity, Ignatius wrote: “Be deaf. . . to any talk that ignores Jesus Christ, of David’s lineage, of Mary; who was really born, ate, and drank; was really persecuted under Pontius Pilate; was really crucified and died in the sight of heaven and earth and the underworld. He was really raised from the dead.”

In another, he condemned a form of biblicism espoused by some as the method of historical interpretation and the only rule of Church practice. He wrote: “When I heard some people saying, ‘If I don’t find it in the ancient documents, I don’t believe it in the Gospel,’ I answered them, ‘But it is written there.’ They retorted, ‘That has got to be proved.’ But to my mind it is Jesus Christ who is the ancient documents.”

Ignatius maintained that the Church’s unity would always spring from that liturgy by which all are initiated into Christ through baptism. He exhorted: “Try to gather more frequently to celebrate God’s Eucharist and to praise him . . . At these meetings you should heed the bishop and presbytery attentively and break one loaf, which is the medicine of immortality . . . ”

Ignatius regarded the Church as God’s holy order in the world. He was, therefore, concerned for the proper ordering of the Church’s teaching and worship. He wrote: “Flee from schism as the source of mischief. You should all follow the bishop as Jesus Christ did the Father. Follow, too, the presbytery as you would the apostles; and respect the deacons as you would God’s law . . . Where the bishop is present, there let the congregation gather, just as where Jesus Christ is, there is the Catholic Church.”

Together we pray: Almighty God, we praise thy Name for thy bishop and martyr Ignatius of Antioch, who offered himself as grain to be ground by the teeth of wild

beasts that he might present to thee the pure bread of sacrifice. Accept, we pray, the willing tribute of our lives and give us a share in the pure and spotless offering of thy Son Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, 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 (if not, we'll move into Metcalf with bowls and lawn chairs). 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 brunch during coffee hour. Join us!





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



Luke's Place Oct 20th – 26th , 2022

- Oct 20th - Men's Breakfast, 7-8:30am, Metcalf
Bible Study, 9:15am, Metcalf
Green Country Eucharist, 1pm, GCV
- Oct 23rd – Eucharist Rite I, 8:00am, chapel
Faith Forum, 9:15am, Metcalf
Children's Programming, 10:20am, upstairs
Eucharist Rite II, 10:30am, nave
- Oct 24th - Vestry Meeting, 5:30pm, Vestry room
- Oct 25th - Spiritual Discovery Forum, 10am, Library
- Oct 26th - YD, 6pm
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!





Books for Family Promise House
Got any children's books lying around that the kids or grandkids have outgrown? How about 'gifting' them to our Family Promise House? There are bare bookshelves we need to fill! Just drop them off in the church office and we will make sure they find their way to Family Promise.

Dan the Man hard at work!

Next time you see Dan or Tom Droege, thank them for the dirt work and planting of ground cover on the west side of the church. Our church is always complimented on its appearance, inside and out, and its because of our parishioners' loving care of Luke's Place!





Josie McIver will be baking again on Oct 29th and will have your orders ready on the 30th to pick up or she will deliver. The orders need to be into her by Oct 28th and you can text or call her at 918-214-6680. 20% of the proceeds go toward Ryan's Eagle project of providing an AED for the church. Don't have a menu yet, but the fall flavors will be in abundance. An email blast will go out with the menu and order information later.

Birthdays and Anniversaries, Oct 23rd – Oct 29th, 2022

Birthdays

Anniversaries

Ruth Todd	10/23	Jen & Scott Peterson	10/25
Kate Carroll	10/23		
Ben Powell	10/28		
Rhonda Cerveny	10/29		
Grayson Ellis	10/29		

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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