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

### **Stormy Weather**



My extended family's favorite T.V. channel is the Weather channel oddly enough. If there is one thing you can expect in our house, it is that you'll get a series of warnings from members of the family if severe weather is headed your way. You can count on it! And, if you don't get your ducks in a row fast enough you may start getting two phone calls a day.

The year before we moved to Oklahoma hurricane Sandy made landfall just outside of Pensacola where we were living at the time. I remember going through that experience and thinking to myself that if a CAT 2 ever headed our way again, I'd figure out a way to get my family out of there. I took the evacuation order more as a suggestion before knowing what I know now. In hindsight, I should have taken a page out of my Blue Jacket's Manual that indicates an order is an order for a reason.

Hurricane Ian made landfall last week as a CAT 4. Perhaps the only analogue that may make sense out here on the prairie is if I rated it as an F4. For comparison, the infamous tornado that ripped through Bartlesville in 1982 was an F2. It's hard to put into perspective the scope of the damage that a tornado can amass after having never been through one, however, add water to the mix and you may have some idea of what folks are dealing with in the Sunshine State.

In 2018 Teresa and I had a friend who was an associate priest at St. Andrews, Panama City FL. when hurricane Michael made landfall there as a CAT 5. A trip that would take you 2.5 hours took us 6 hours as we made our way through the destruction. The only words I could use to describe what I saw was that it looked like a warzone.

As we drove through the debris, I began to seriously worry about our friend Molly. Had she made it? St. Andrews was perched right next to an inlet with water only a few hundred feet away from the church doors. My anxiety abated when we pulled up to the church and I saw Molly out in front ordering a crew of men with chainsaws to cut a pathway through downed trees so that folks could access the sanctuary. Molly was in control.

I caught up with her husband Michael as he was arranging gas cans and coolers of ice of to the side. We hugged and he turned to me and said, "I want to show you something." He took me into the sanctuary – as it was... you can imagine. The hurricane force winds of

over 157 mph had taken their toll. Then with tears in his eyes he said, “Look at the sanctuary light.” It was lit. He said, “All this ... and it never went out.”

Sometimes all it takes is the light of a single candle to bring hope when it seems that there is none.



God of the present moment. God who in Jesus stills the storm and soothes the frantic heart. Bring hope and courage to all those who wait or work through uncertainty. Bring hope that you will make those challenged by this moment equal to whatever lies ahead. Bring them courage, Lord, as they endure what cannot be avoided - always reminding them that your will for all people is health and wholeness. We need you O God. Forsake us not. Amen.

In hope,

Nick+



CONCERN Pantry needs for October : Tuna,  
Flour, Sugar, SPAM. Homeless needs for October:  
Dry milk, Gloves



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



Women's Fellowship is  
coming up October 13<sup>th</sup>,  
5:30pm, Metcalf  
JOIN US!



## Theologians Corner:

Vida Ditton Scudder

Vida Dutton Scudder exemplifies the marriage of contemplation and action within an engaged Christian spirituality. As a contemplative laywoman, Scudder was a champion for peace, social action, and women throughout her life.

Scudder was born on December 15, 1861, the child of Congregationalist missionaries in India. In the 1870s, Vida and her mother were prepared for confirmation in The Episcopal Church by Phillips Brooks, then Rector of Trinity Church, Copley

Square, Boston, and later Bishop of Massachusetts. After studying English literature at Smith College and Oxford University, Scudder began teaching at Wellesley College. Her love of scholarship was matched by her social conscience and deep spirituality. As a young woman, Scudder founded the College Settlements Association, joined the Society of Christian Socialists, and, in 1889, began a lifelong association with the Society of the Companions of the Holy Cross, a community living in the world and devoted to intercessory prayer.

In 1893, Scudder took a leave of absence from Wellesley to work with Helena Stuart Dudley in founding Denison House in Boston, a “college settlement,” where wealthy college-educated women provided social services to poor immigrant neighbors, in conversation with the local parish priest. Stresses from teaching and her activism led to a breakdown in 1901. After two years’ recuperation in Italy, she returned renewed and became even more active in Church and socialist groups; she started a group for Italian immigrants at Denison House and took an active part in organizing the Women’s Trade Union League. In 1911, Scudder founded The Episcopal Church Socialist League, and formally joined the Socialist party. Her support of the Lawrence, Massachusetts, textile workers’ strike in 1912 drew a great deal of criticism and threatened her teaching position. Though she initially supported World War I, she joined the Fellowship of Reconciliation in 1923, and by the 1930s was a firm pacifist.

Throughout her life, Scudder’s primary relationships and support network were women. After retirement, she authored 16 books on religious and political subjects, combining her intense activism with an equally vibrant spirituality. “If prayer is the deep secret creative force that Jesus tells us it is, we should be very busy with it,” she wrote characteristically, adding that there was one sure way “of directly helping on the Kingdom of God. That way is prayer. Social intercession may be the mightiest force in the world.” Vida Scudder died on October 9, 1954.



Together we pray: Most gracious God, who didst send thy beloved Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Raise up in thy Church witnesses who, after the example of thy servant Vida Dutton Scudder, stand firm in proclaiming the power of the gospel of Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

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**From events this past week:**

## **Pub Theology**



**Where friends are welcome and everyone knows your name! Come join us for fellowship, laughs, food (if you want), drinks, and wisdom. Discussion is spontaneous, yet very insightful, and topics from the weather to scripture to the latest Tik Tok come up. Next session is Oct 27<sup>th</sup> at Tumbleweed's.**

## Bookstore Book signing with Fr Bob

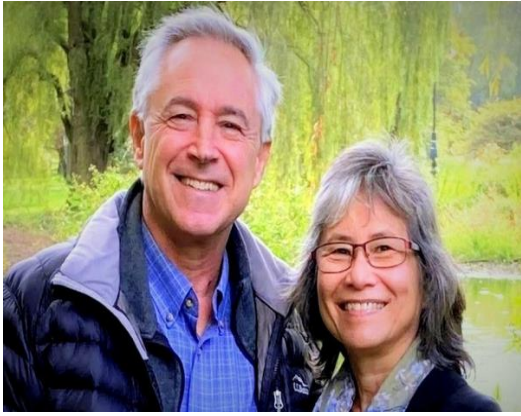


## YD Scavenger Hunt









## NEWS from Roger & Joanne Green

### Toward knowing God more and more

On Monday, October 3, 2022, 8:39 PM, Joanne Green  
<[joanne\\_green@sil.org](mailto:joanne_green@sil.org)> wrote:

Note from Roger:

Thanks for praying for the Scripture Promotion workshop I led. It went well! *How to study the Bible*, taught by Joanne, and *Bible media* (Bible apps, websites, facebook pages) were the most popular. Pray for plans to mentor two or more people in the country to teach all these topics. Our supervisor just returned from visiting several who attended the training, so we hope it may be possible for us to visit them soon as well.

From Joanne:

Nathan says his knees are doing better. Thank you for praying for him!

I've been meeting online with the translation advisors to hear how Scripture engagement has been going in the projects. Some of the stories have been really encouraging. One translator told of a group of new Christian families who were meeting together **every evening at 6 pm** to read a passage from the translated New Testament and discuss it. A Scripture engagement coordinator told of a Bible quiz he organized in which a blind man won. He couldn't see, read or write, but he listened to audio Scriptures so much that he knew all the answers to the quiz. Another story was of pastors and church members who had had to flee from their homes. When they went through the trauma healing training, they cried and cried and shared their experiences with each other. Through the process they were able to receive healing and peace from the Lord.

I've been helping my 60-year-old Thai tutor to go through the process of "exegesis for beginners." She has been glad to learn more about how to carefully study the Bible. She requested to go through Ephesians. We did the basic exegesis steps. Then we did some of the Discovery Bible study steps. She continues to teach children in her outreach. So, everything she learns she will be able to use in teaching others.

Lord willing, I will start a worldview research project at a church in Chiang Rai on Sunday. Please ask God to open the way for me.

Please keep asking God to help the people of Southeast Asia to know Him more and more. Thank you!

Joanne

Do any of you know someone with the Al-Anon organization who could come to Thailand and train someone who is bilingual in English and Thai? Alcoholism is a big problem in Thailand.





## Luke's Place Oct 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> , 2022

- Oct 6<sup>th</sup> - Men's Breakfast, 7-8:30am, Metcalf  
Bible Study, 9:15am  
Green Country Eucharist, Green Country Village, 1pm
- Oct 9<sup>th</sup> – Eucharist Rite I, 8:00am, chapel  
Faith Forum, 9:15am, Metcalf  
Children's Programming, 10:15am, upstairs  
Eucharist Rite II, 10:30am, nave
- Oct 11<sup>th</sup> - Spiritual Discovery Forum, 10am, Library
- Oct 12<sup>th</sup> - 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.



Unfortunately, there are no 'sign ups' for this coming Sunday for Coffee Hour. Anyone willing?

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.....



### **Birthdays and Anniversaries, Oct 9<sup>th</sup> – Oct 15<sup>th</sup> , 2022**

#### **Birthdays**

<b>Becky Olsen</b>	<b>10/11</b>
<b>Scott Peterson</b>	<b>10/11</b>
<b>Doug McIver</b>	<b>10/13</b>
<b>Jim Perrier</b>	<b>10/13</b>
<b>Lynda Stephens</b>	<b>10/13</b>
<b>Mthr Andrea Jones</b>	<b>10/15</b>

#### **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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### **SCAM!!! SCAM!!! SCAM!!! SCAM!!! BE AWARE AND DO NOT RESPOND!**



**SCAM  
Alert**

#### **It reads:**

Hi, I have an assignment I need you to handle

Hope you can get back to me as soon as you can today? Here's what I want you to do for me because I'm a little busy right now. I have been working on incentives and I aimed at surprising some of our diligent staff with gift cards this week. This should be Confidential until they all have the gift cards as it's a surprise and you will keep one for yourself too.

Can you get this done? and how soon? (the email address is Nicholas I. Phares [myofficemail839@gmail.com](mailto:myofficemail839@gmail.com)- **THIS IS A SCAM! NOT Fr Nick's address!!**)

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