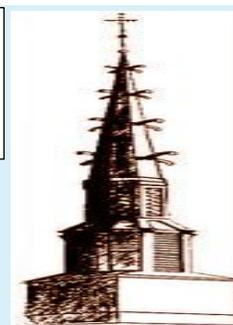


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The Weekly Newsletter of St. Luke's Episcopal Church

The Joy in which we come to rest



Dear friends,

There is a poem by Wendell Berry that I love. It goes like this:

Learn by little the desire for all things
Which perhaps is not desire at all
But undying love which perhaps
Is not love at all but gratitude
For the being of all things which
Perhaps is not gratitude at all
But the maker's joy in what is made
The joy in which we come to rest.

That last line... well, that last line makes me think of what Jesus said to his disciples in the Gospel of John: "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide (survive) in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete." John 15:9-10

Those two words joy and rest are wonderful words - hopeful words. And as I hold both of those readings together it makes me think of one of my favorite prayers which goes like this: "O God of peace, who hast taught us that in returning and rest we shall be saved, in quietness and in confidence shall be our strength. By the might of thy Spirit lift us, we pray thee, to thy presence, where we may be still and know that thou art God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen." I love the way Word is truly active amongst us on our lips and in our hearts.

As you know, the Bishop's visit is just over a week away. And as we prepare for that, I hope that you will join me in prayer for those who are about to be baptized and confirmed. I hope that you will pray with me for those who will be reaffirming their faith and those who will be received into the Episcopal Church. I hope you will pray for each other -- by name as you do so. I hope you'll join me in praying specifically for their joy and rest, for their well-being, and that the peace of God might burn bright within all who seek God in Christ. May that peace reassure them of the knowledge that Christ's desire for them is as restless and those who seek rest in Him.

As that prayer deepens into an awareness over the coming week, may gratitude continue to grow within us at having been given the honor of sharing our life with those who are finding a home at Luke's Place. May that gratitude release us from the bonds of obligation - preparing us to offer ourselves freely and fully for the work of the Kingdom here in Bartlesville not only on Consecration Sunday, but beyond – together – in hope.

With Deep Affection,
Nick+

FAITH FORUM

Sundays 9:15am-10:15am, Metcalf Hall

Theologians Corner:



Richard Hooker: Priest, 1600

In any list of Anglican theologians, Richard Hooker's name would stand high, if not first. He was born in 1553 at Heavitree, near Exeter, and was admitted in 1567 to Corpus Christi College, Oxford, of which he became a Fellow ten years later. After ordination and marriage in 1581, he held a living in Buckinghamshire. In 1586, he became Master of the Temple, in London. Later, he served country parishes in Boscombe, Salisbury, and Bishopsbourne near Canterbury.

A controversy with a noted Puritan led Hooker to prepare a comprehensive defense of the Reformation settlement under Queen Elizabeth I. This work, his masterpiece, was entitled *Laws of Ecclesiastical Polity*. Its philosophical base is

Aristotelian, with a strong emphasis upon natural law eternally planted by God in creation. On this foundation, all positive laws of Church and State are grounded—from Scriptural revelation, ancient tradition, reason, and experience.

Book Five of the *Laws* is a massive defense of the Book of Common Prayer, directed primarily against Puritan detractors. Hooker's arguments are buttressed by enormous patristic learning, but the needs of the contemporary worshiper are paramount, and he draws effectively on his twenty-year experience of using the Book. Hooker's vast learning

and the quality of his style reveal him to be a man of moderate, patient, and serene character.

Concerning the nature of the Church, Hooker wrote: “The Church is always a visible society of men; not an assembly, but a Society. For although the name of the Church be given unto Christian assemblies, although any multitude of Christian men congregated may be termed by the name of a Church, yet assemblies properly are rather things that belong to a Church. Men are assembled for performance of public actions; which actions being ended, the assembly dissolveth itself and is no longer in being, whereas the Church which was assembled doth no less continue afterwards than before.”

Pope Clement VIII is reported to have said that Hooker’s work “had. in it such seeds of eternity that it would abide until the last fire shall consume all learning.”

Together we pray: O God of truth and peace, who didst raise up thy servant Richard Hooker in a day of bitter controversy to defend with sound reasoning and great charity the catholic and reformed religion: Grant that we may maintain that middle way, not as a compromise for the sake of peace, but as a comprehension for the sake of truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



Christmas Wish Tree

After two years of working with the Salvation Army, we are returning to our roots. We will be continuing our decades long tradition of providing Christmas gifts for foster children in the Bartlesville area. The Star Tree will be in the narthex on November 20th. Please take as many stars as you would like, purchase the gift on the star and return the unwrapped item (with the star firmly attached) to the church office by December 11th. There will be a signup sheet by the Star Tree and we ask that when you sign up, please list the code number that is on the star next to your name. Please call Steve or Cheryl Van Aken at 918-914-9041 with any questions. As always, thank you for sharing God’s love and Christmas joy with foster children in our area.

**Daylight
Saving Time
Ends**
2022
**6th
November**



YD at Concern Food Pantry





Luke's Place Nov 3rd – Nov 9th , 2022

- Nov 3rd** Men's Breakfast, 7-8:30am, Metcalf
 Bible Study, 9:15am, Metcalf
 Green Country Eucharist, 1pm, GCV
- Nov 6th** Eucharist Rite I, 8:00am, chapel
 Faith Forum, 9:15am, Metcalf
 Children's Programming, 10:20am, upstairs
 Eucharist Rite II, 10:30am, nave
- Nov 8th** Spiritual Discovery Forum, 10am, Library
 Election, Metcalf, 7am-7pm
 Altar Guild Meeting, Eucharist , 5:30pm
- Nov 9th** YD, Rodgers, 6pm
 Choir rehearsal, Choir Room, 7pm



St Luke's Bookstore- Tee shirt orders are going in **Nov 14th**, so be sure to get your tee shirt order in **NOW!**

The Bookstore will be open on Sundays from 11:30am-12:30pm. Pay upon delivery. Don't MISS OUT! Get some Luke's Place swag!

Birthdays and Anniversaries, Nov 6th – Nov 12th, 2022

Birthdays

Anniversaries

Laura Birk	11/8
Brian Ferguson	11/9
Ezra Ingram	11/9
David King	11/10
Nancy VanDuker	11/11

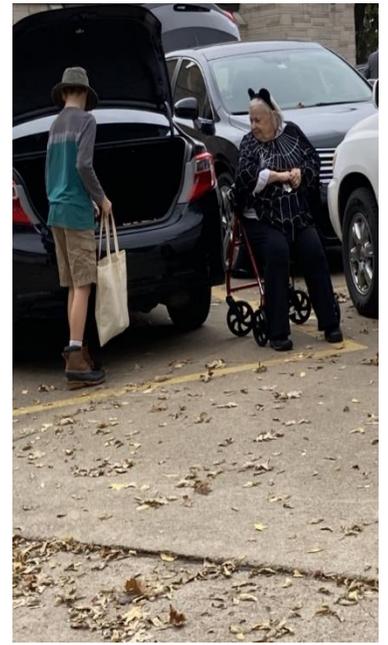
If your or a loved one's name doesn't appear on the list, please email or call the office, and we will add your birthday or anniversary!

Trunk or Treat Fun





THANK YOU to EVERYONE who came and enjoyed the morning! Your Participation is what made the event a success! Many thanks to Steve Van Aken and Nancy Woods for the Haunt at 801Garage.

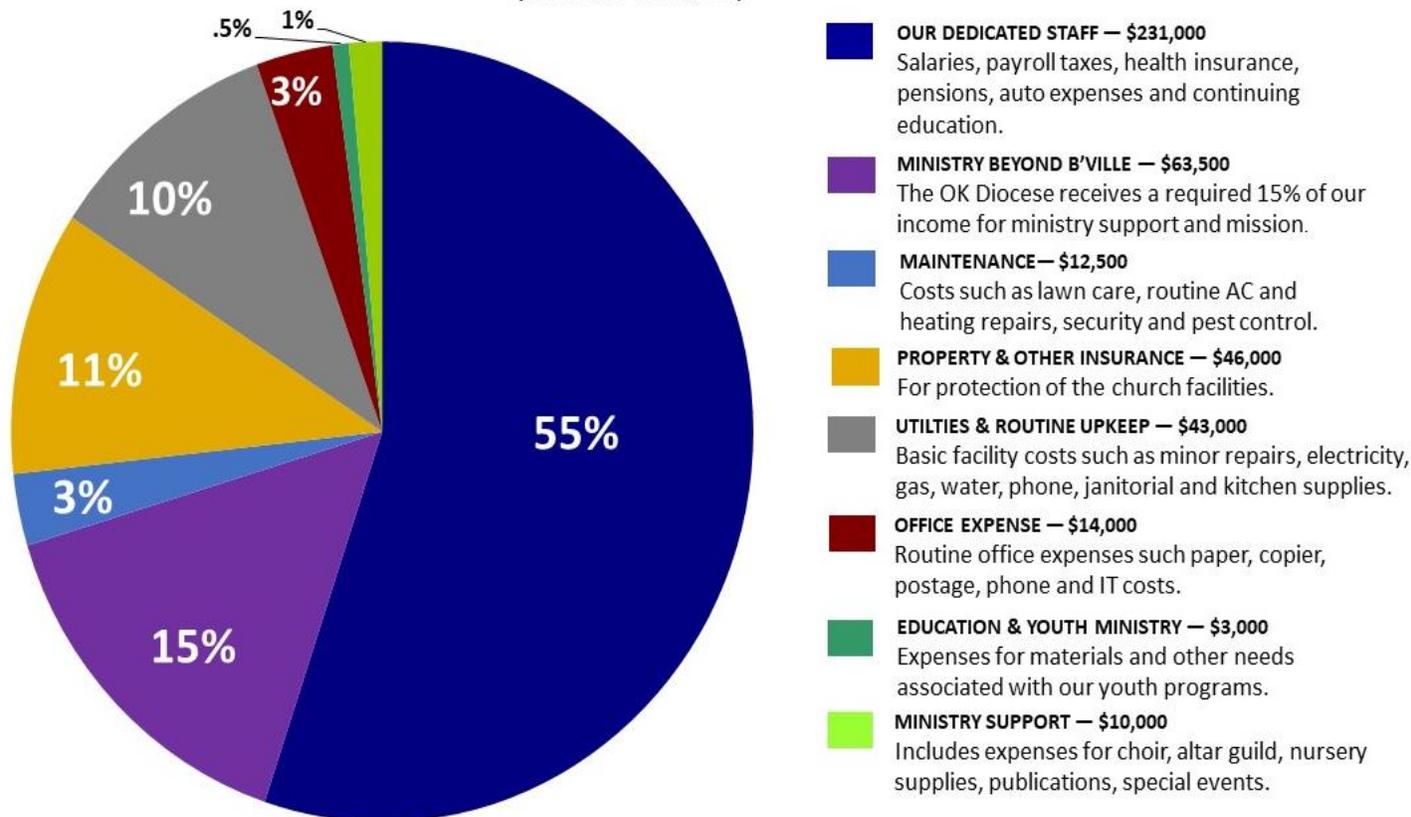


St. Luke's by the Numbers

With Consecration Sunday approaching, it's helpful to have in mind the financial needs of St. Luke's as we head into 2023. Below is a graphic representation of what we expect next year's expenses will be. This is preliminary, but based on this year's spending and anticipated cost increases next year, we think it is pretty close. The budget specifies what is needed to pay our staff, keep the doors open, the lights on, and our beautiful facility heated and cooled, well-insured and in good repair. As always, supporting the work of our Diocese is also a major ongoing need.

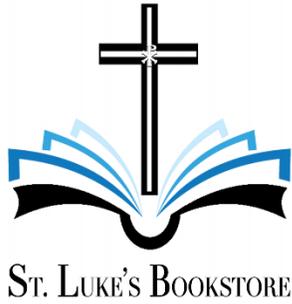
Preliminary 2023 Expense Budget

(Est. total = \$423,000)



Pledging is the best way to guarantee the church's financial stability. Without a clear indication of what the church's income will be each year, it's difficult for the Vestry to adopt a reliable expense budget. Thankfully, many members step forward and make a pledge- and stick to that commitment. If you're in a position to raise your giving in 2023, you'll be helping to cover the inevitable increases in costs next year.

Pledging is a personal, Christ-driven decision. Thank you from the Finance Committee for your help in nurturing the vitality and mission of St Luke's.



St Luke's Bookstore will be open in November:

Every Sunday after the 10:30 service and...

Nov 15	11:45am- 1:45pm
Nov 17	10:30am-12:00noon
Nov 22	11:45am- 1:45pm
Nov 29	11:45am- 1:45pm
Dec 1	10:30am- 12:00noon

Come in and shop for Christmas!

Advent items arriving soon!



On [December 14th, 2019](#), in Saint Paul's Cathedral in Oklahoma City, Poulson Reed was elected the sixth bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Oklahoma. He was consecrated as Bishop Coadjutor on [May 30th, 2020](#) at the cathedral, at a small ceremony in the middle of the COVID-19 pandemic, and was seated as the Bishop Diocesan on [August 8th, 2020](#) (the Feast of Saint Dominic), succeeding the Right Reverend Edward Konieczny. As Bishop of Oklahoma, he oversees a diocese that includes 68 congregations, 5 Episcopal Schools, 2 college chaplaincies, 2 senior care centers, and a camp and conference center. Bishop Reed will be visiting St Luke's on November 13th and preaching at the 10:30 service.



Keep your Wednesday evenings open during the Season of Advent. We will be having a light supper and programming much like we had during last Lent. Time: TBA in Metcalf Hall.

Consecration Sunday

Is November 13th! Not only do we have the Bishop here with Confirmation, Reaffirmation, Reception, and Baptism, it is Consecration Sunday! A time when we look at what we are grateful for

and give thanks to God. We will gather after the 10:30 service for a catered meal with the Bishop in attendance and celebrate. Join us and let us share a meal together.



PIES! PIES! PIES!
Concern has again asked St Luke's to provide the pies for their Thanksgiving baskets. That is 250 pies, folks! But we don't have to go out and buy them, they are on order. The coffers could use some help paying the price ticket for these.

Would you please consider a monetary donation to cover the cost? You can mail a check to the office with PIES in the memo line, or drop by the office with your donation, or drop it in the collection plate on Sunday- just make sure you note that it is for pies for Concern. And we thank you for helping area families have a wonderful Thanksgiving!



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