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The Steeple



Nov 23, 2022

The Weekly Newsletter of St. Luke's Episcopal Church



Thanksgiving Day

Today we give thanks as nation. No doubt you know that Thanksgiving Day as a custom is based on the celebration of three days of prayer and feasting by the Plymouth, Massachusetts, colonists in 1621. However, there was also a Thanksgiving celebration with prayer by members of the Berkeley plantation, near what is now Charles City, Virginia, in 1619 too!

Here is some trivia for your table today: The first national Thanksgiving Day was celebrated in 1789. Under President Abraham Lincoln, Thanksgiving Day came to be celebrated annually on the last Thursday of November. Thanksgiving Day was celebrated on the third Thursday of November in the three years 1939-1941 under President Franklin D. Roosevelt. However, the Thanksgiving Day commemoration was moved back to the fourth Thursday in November. by Congress in 1941.

In our faith tradition, many of the earliest liturgical celebrations seem to have been associated with harvest times. Among the Jews the three principal feasts were associated with harvests: Passover (the new flock), Pentecost (grain), and Tabernacles (wine). During the Middle Ages certain harvests were presented and blessed at the Mass, but these practices were not carried over into the first Prayer Book.

The English "harvest-home" originated in the nineteenth century. Early American colonists in Virginia and Massachusetts observed days thanksgiving in the fall. The Continental Congress initiated a custom of proclamation by civil authority of a national Thanksgiving Day.

The Proposed Prayer Book of 1786 contained "A Formal of Prayer a Thanksgiving to Almighty God, for the Fruits of the Earth, and the other Blessings of his merciful Providence," which was pattern on the "state services" of the 1662 Book. In the 1928 revision the day was given the status of a "votive mass" and the materials proper to the day were placed among the other propers. Our present Prayer Book lists Thanksgiving Day as a major feast. And so...

Together we pray: Almighty and gracious Father, we give you thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season and for the labors of those who harvest them. Make us, we pray, faithful stewards of your great bounty, for the provision of our necessities and the relief of all who are in need, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Every Blessing,
Nick+



Theologians Corner:

Cecilia
Martyr at Rome, c. 230

Cecilia is the patron saint of singers, organ builders, musicians, and poets. She is venerated as a martyr. Many of the details of her life are unknown, and much of what we do know comes from later periods. She is among the women named in the Roman Canon of the Mass.

According to fifth century sources, Cecilia was of noble birth and was betrothed to a pagan who bore the name Valerian. Cecilia's witness resulted in the conversion of Valerian and his brother, Tiburtius.

Because of their conversion, the brothers were martyred and, while Cecilia was burying them, she too was arrested. After several failed attempts to put her to death, she died from injuries sustained by the ordeal. The date of her martyrdom is generally believed to be 230, during the Roman persecution of Christians under Alexander Severus, although some scholars have dated it earlier.

Remembered for the passion with which she sang the praises of God, Cecilia is first depicted in Christian art as a martyr, but, since the fourteenth century, she is often shown playing the organ, a theme picked up by Raphael in his famous altarpiece for San Giovanni-in-Monte, Bologna, painted around 1516. Her story has inspired centuries of artistic representations in paintings, sculptures, mosaics, and stained glass. Composers such as Handel, Purcell, Howells, and Britten have written choral works and mass settings in her honor. Many music schools, choral societies, and concert series bear her name.

In the ninth century, during the pontificate of Pope Paschal I, the remains of Cecilia were uncovered in the catacombs of Callixtus. On orders from the pope, the sarcophagus

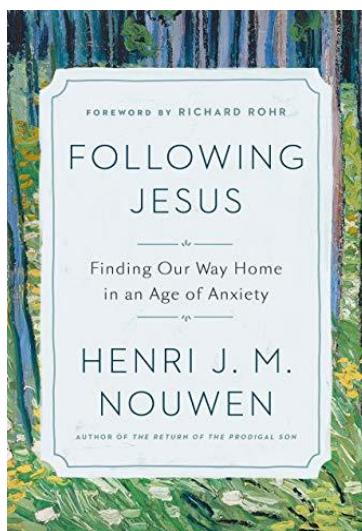
Together we pray: Gracious God, whose servant Cecilia didst serve thee in song: Grant us to join her hymn of praise to thee in the face of all adversity and to suffer gladly for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



The Stars are all taken! Thank you so much for supporting our Wish Tree! We still need to have them back at the church by **Sunday December 4th** . Please call Steve or Cheryl Van Aken at 918-914-9041 with any questions.



Kindly RSVP by DEC. 4th to Nancy Woods text/call 918-914-3263 or nancywoods120@gmail.com



Spiritual Discovery Group is starting a new study with Henri Nouwen's book 'Following Jesus- Finding Our Way Home in an Age of Anxiety'. We meet on Tuesdays at 10:00am in the Beard Library, second floor. The new study will start November 29th. Join us! Order the book through the bookstore or on Amazon.



Luke's Place Nov 24th – Nov 30th, 2022

Nov 24 & 25- Office and church closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

Nov 27th- Eucharist Rite I, 8:00am, chapel

Faith Forum, 9:15am, Metcalf

Children's Programming, 10:20am, upstairs

Eucharist Rite II, 10:30am, Nave

Nov 29th Spiritual Discovery Group, 10am, Beard Library

Nov 30th Advent Program and lite supper, 6pm, Metcalf

YD, 6pm, Rodgers

Choir, 7:15pm or after Advent program, Choir Room

Dec 1st Men's Breakfast, 7-8:30am, Metcalf

Bible Study, 9:15am, Metcalf

Green Country Eucharist, 1pm, GCV

FAITH FORUM

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

Chapter 20 of "The Path"

Birthdays and Anniversaries, Nov 27th – Dec 3rd , 2022

Birthdays

Doug Freebern	11/30
Pam Bonham	12/1
Nan Buhlinger	12/3
Janice Lonski	12/3
Jen Peterson	12/3

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 BOOKSTORE

St Luke's Bookstore will be open:

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

Nov 29 11:45am- 1:45pm

Dec 1 10:30am- 12:00noon

Come in and shop for Christmas!

Advent items have arrived!



Wednesday evenings during the Season of Advent, we will be having a light supper and light programming. We do need volunteers to provide either a soup, bread, salad or dessert. Please let Laura Birk (918-914-1013) or the church office know if you can bring one of the items listed and which Wednesday you will be able to bring it.

Time: 6pm in Metcalf Hall. We will begin on November 30th



Women's Fellowship will be meeting at The Crafty Candle Shoppe, 201 S Osage, at 1pm on Dec 3rd for candlemaking. There will be some supply costs and details are being finalized. Join us the first Saturday in December for fun and fellowship at the Candle Bar!

Our YD making hygiene products packs

Young Disciples recently assembled hygiene kits for Kane Elementary fourth graders going through the physical development class. Each year there are dozens of kids entering puberty who don't have access to simple hygiene items like deodorant, shampoo and soap.

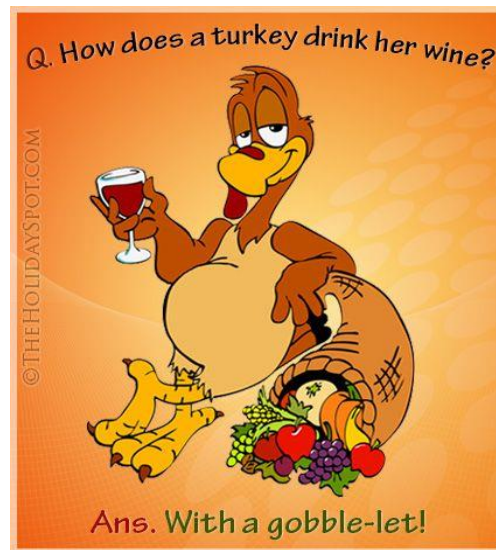
A huge thanks to Kate Roper for taking all the time to purchase the various travel size items in bulk quantities. Our Savior Lutheran Church kindly donated \$500, which covered the cost of most of the project.





Thank Allen Hadden for all his hard work on our bay window in the front of the church (where the Beard Library resides). No more rotted wood and broken window panes! Truly a labor of love!

Happy Thanksgiving from the Pub Theology Group!



(with plenty of Dad jokes to go around)

Cheers!

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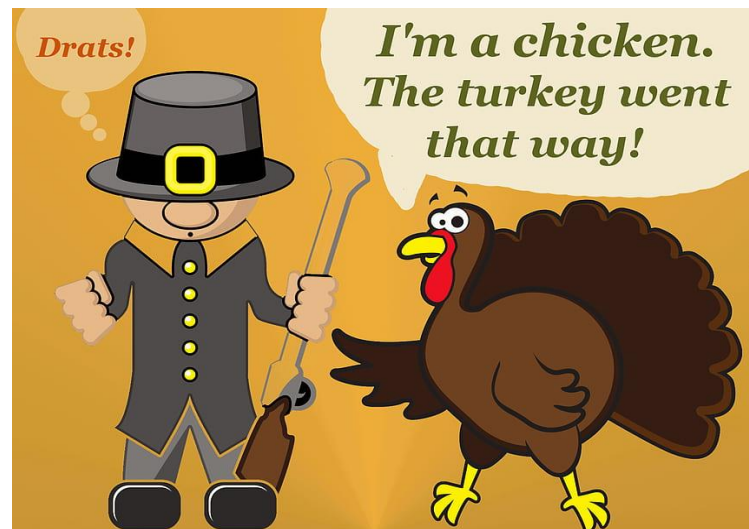
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Images from the Celebration at 801 S Osage (Family Promise)







