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The Steeple



Dec 21, 2022

The Weekly Newsletter of St. Luke's Episcopal Church



See Amidst the Winter's Snow

One of my favorite Christmas hymns was written in the 19th century by a man named Edward Caswall. Often referred to as The Hymn for Christmas, its lyrics speak of redemption's happy dawn which is just four days away. As I write this, I have Caswall's song streaming on Spotify along with little birds singing in the background. And as nice as this image may seem I, like you, am still concerned about the cold weather that will be here by the time you read this.

Fortunately, there is a community response underway to assist in helping those without shelter keep warm during this weather event. Volunteer warming centers will be open beginning this Wednesday and those centers are:

- Home for the Night Emergency Shelter, located in the Disciples Christian Church, 5800 Douglas Lane, will open at noon on Wednesday.
- Warm Up Bartlesville Shelter, located in the former NIPER Building, 219 N. Virginia Ave., will open at 5 p.m. on Wednesday.

Sign-ups are available at each location for those who are called to volunteer.

Wednesday is also the Feast of St. Thomas the Apostle. Along with Holy Eucharist at 12:15 p.m. in the Chapel, diaconal ordinations will follow at St. Paul's Cathedral, OKC in the evening. I hope you will join me in praying for those who will be ordained this week: **Jorge** Alberto De La Rosa Muñoz, **William** Font Sánchez, **Jesse** Jaron Hill, **Nancy** Michelle Gill, **Beverly** Rodgers, **Mary** Susan Maison Whaley, **Robin** Adair Payne White, **Robert** Eugene Willis Jr., and **Joe** Curtis Williams.

To find the lost, to heal the broken, to feed the hungry, to release the prisoner, to rebuild the nations, to bring peace among others – this is the work of Christmas my friends. Amidst the celebration of season and because of all things it would rejoice Christ's heart, let us therefore remember, in his name, the poor and helpless, the cold, the hungry

and the oppressed; the sick and those who mourn, the lonely and the unloved, the aged and the little children. Let us remember them and let us serve them.

My friends as you go about your business this week, know that you are deeply loved this day and always.

Happy Christmas,
Nick+

Theologians Corner:



Henry Budd

Priest, 1875

Henry Budd was the first person of First Nations ancestry to be ordained in the Anglican tradition in North America. He is remembered for his service among the Cree in Western Canada.

Budd was an orphan, and the date of his birth is unknown. He entered a mission school that was a joint venture with the

Hudson's Bay

Company to provide a Christian education to the First Nations people in the area of Rupert's Land, the vast expanse of land that encircled Hudson Bay before its division into Canadian provinces. Before embarking on a vocation as a priest and teacher, he worked as a clerk for the Hudson's Bay Company.

Henry Budd's ministry began as a lay teacher in the Red River region of Manitoba, where he taught at St. John's Anglican Parish School. He and his wife, Betsy, remained in the area for the next thirteen years, where Budd taught school and served as a lay minister in the Anglican Church.

Ordained to the priesthood on December 22, 1850, having been trained largely by personal mentoring and tutoring from other clergy, Budd was assigned to the Mission at Nipawim where he worked as a pastor until 1867. Thereafter,

Budd returned to The Pas, where he was put in charge of a vast area encompassing several communities, and where he continued his vocation as both priest and teacher. Records of the Church Missionary Society indicate that Budd was paid half of what the white missionaries were paid on account of his race.

Henry Budd is remembered as an eloquent speaker and writer in both Cree and English. He endeared himself to those he served by exhibiting clearly in the living of his life the Christian principles he preached and the values he taught. Enduring among his many contributions are his translations of the Scriptures and the Book of Common Prayer into the Cree language Budd died on April 2, 1875, just a few days after he had conducted Easter services. He is buried in The Pas, Manitoba.

Together we pray: Creator of light, we offer thanks for thy priest Henry Budd, who carried the great treasure of Scripture to his people the Cree nation, earning their trust and love. Grant that his example may call us to reverence, orderliness, and love, that we may give thee glory in word and action; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

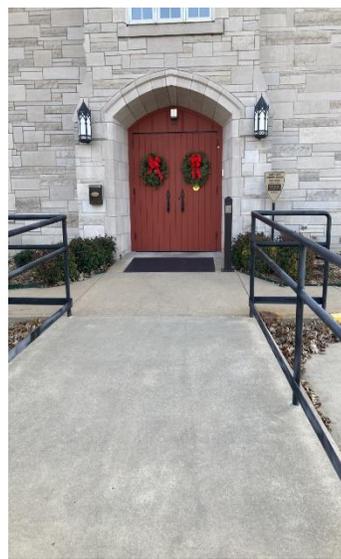
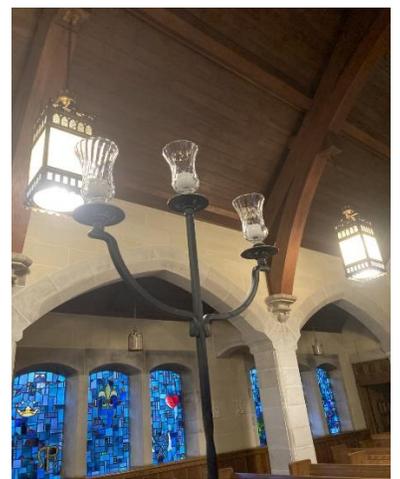


Thank you to everyone who came and ate and donated to the Boy Scout Brunch on Dec 11th. Ryan McIver raised over \$1500 towards the new A.E.D. for the Church.

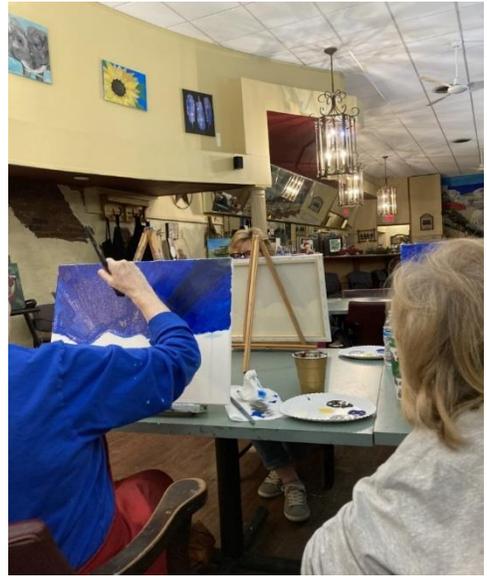


*O come
let us
adore Him
Christ the Lord*

Christmas is on the way! The 'greening' of Luke's Place has begun!



St Luke's Painting Party







After the Christmas Holiday- Thursday , DEC 29th! 7:00pm
Tumbleweed's

FAITH FORUM

Sundays 9:15am-10:15am, Metcalf Hall
Chapter 23 from 'The Path', Jan 1



**Christmas Eve Service will be 4:30pm
(One service only)**

**Christmas Day Service will be 10:00am
(One service only)**



Small Christmas Eve reception in Metcalf Hall after the 4:30pm service. You bring the goodies and we will supply the egg nog! Join us to raise a glass and wish everyone a
“Merry Christmas”!



Please pray for: : Linda & Terry Piper, Liz Green, Michelle Sheffield, Catherine Sheffield, David King, Pris Snow, Ben Baker, Sanawbar, Diana Farris, Cindy & Tom Moffitt, Joel Hahn, Stacey & Butch Webster, Steve McCraw, Josh Harris, Katie Rolielard, Debbie French, Jody & George Bracken, Janice Lonski, David Swindell, Norma Perrier, Connie Finch, Dorothy & Elmer Buchanan, Diana Schremmer, Peggy Kauffman, Colleen, Shawn, Ryan Kiesel, Jason Carroll, Tony Clapper, Merry Lou & Bruce Neiswander, Jack & Karla Stoecker, Joseph, Tanis Reyburn, Tim, Mindy, Beth, Kay Boman Harvey, Shania Smith, Luke Karel, Jeri Wilson, Jeretta Amburn, Terry Grogan, and the Maxwell Family.



Luke's Place Dec 22nd – Dec 28th, 2022

- Dec 22nd Bible Study, 9:15am, Metcalf
Green Country Service, 1pm, GCV
- Dec 24th Christmas Eve Eucharist Rite II, 4:30pm
- Dec 25th Christmas Day Eucharist Rite II, 10am
- Dec 26th Saint Stephen, Eucharist, 12:15pm, chapel
- Dec 27th Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist , Eucharist, 12:15pm, chapel
- Dec 28th The Holy Innocents, Eucharist, 12:15pm, chapel
- Dec 29th Pub Theology, 7pm, Tumbleweed's

Office will be closed the week of Dec 26th-Dec 30th . Happy Holidays!

Birthdays and Anniversaries, Dec 25th – Dec 31st

Birthdays		Anniversaries	
Mark Wright	12/28	Mark & Mary Jo Peterson	12/31
Charlie Lee	12/29	Bill & Cheryl Bridendolph	12/28

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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*Merry
Christmas!*

WEEK 4

Light four candles and sit for a moment in silence.

*Christ our Peace,
Glow brightly in each moment.
Enlighten our vision so that we see beyond
the trappings of the holidays.
Relieve us, if just for a moment,
of our worries and stress.
We await your coming with serenity.*

Amen.



 **Sadlier Religion**



And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, **'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace and goodwill towards men.'** “That's what Christmas is all

about, Charlie Brown.”

And LOVE came down.....

