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The Steeple



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The Weekly Newsletter of St. Luke's Episcopal Church



St Luke's Will Have a Visitor

Dear St. Luke's

It will be my pleasure to introduce you to my friend, Dr. Stephen White next week as he journeys to Bartlesville to spend the week with us. Dr. White is currently the Director of Music at St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Battle Creek, Michigan where he oversees the parish music ministry, conducts the graded choral program (RSCM), and plays for all parish liturgies. Dr. White is currently discerning the next phase of his ministry in the church and I am proud to welcome him here as a friend and a brother.

Dr. White has served parishes of various denominations in Michigan, Florida, Kentucky and Texas, coordinated the music for the consecration of the IX Bishop of the Diocese of Western Michigan, and has served on both public school and university music education teaching faculties. Dr. White is also active as a recitalist having performed at the Cathedral of St. Paul (Detroit), St. Paul's Episcopal Church (Port Huron), Grace Episcopal Church (Holland), St. Thomas Episcopal Church (Louisville, KY), First United Methodist Church (Midland, TX), St. Luke's Episcopal Church (Evanston, IL), as well as Coventry, Bristol, Southwark, and Truro Cathedrals in the United Kingdom.

Dr. White is an elected member of the Association of Anglican Musicians (AAM), serving on both its Professional Concerns and Development and Gerre Hancock Fellowship committees, is Dean of the Southwest Michigan Chapter of The American Guild of Organists, is a member of the American Choral Directors Association (ACDA), and the College Music Society (CMS). He is a Fellow of both the Fraternity of St. Cecilia and the Guild of Musicians and Singers, and holds degrees in Music Education from Florida State University (PhD), Northwestern University (MMus), and Michigan State University (BMus).

There will be plenty of opportunities to meet Dr. White next week and I encourage all of you to take the opportunity to do so if you can. Stephen will be arriving late Sunday night

on January 22nd and will depart after our services the following Sunday on the 29th. During his time here he will have the opportunity to meet our vestry, spend some time in Tulsa, rehearse with the choir, meet Y.D., accompany me to Green Country and Pub Theology, and hopefully get out for some extended time to see our beautiful town. I trust he will enjoy his time here and moreover the time he will spend with you. Please join me in praying for his safe travel:

O God, our heavenly Father, whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: Preserve those who travel, in particular Stephen; surround him with your loving care; protect him from every danger; and bring him in safety to his journey's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Every Blessing,
Nick+

Theologians Corner:



Fabian, Bishop and Martyr of Rome, 250.

In 236, an assembly was held at Rome to elect a pope as successor to Antherus. In the throng was Fabian, a layman from another part of Italy. Suddenly, according to the historian Eusebius, a dove flew over the crowd and lighted on Fabian's head. In spite of the fact that he was both a total stranger and not even a candidate for election, the people unanimously chose Fabian to be pope, shouting, "He is worthy! He is worthy!" Fabian was ordained to the episcopate without opposition.

During his fourteen years as pontiff, Fabian made numerous administrative reforms. He developed the parochial structure of the Church in Rome, and established the custom of venerating martyrs at their shrines in the catacombs. He appointed seven deacons and seven sub-deacons to write the lives of the martyrs, so that their deeds should not be forgotten in times to come.

When Privatus, in Africa, stirred up a new heresy, Fabian vigorously opposed and condemned his actions. He also brought back to Rome, for proper burial, the remains of Pontian, a pope whom the emperor had exiled in 235 to a certain and rapid death in the mines of Sardinia.

The Emperor Decius ordered a general persecution of the Church in 239 and 240, probably the first persecution to be carried out in all parts of the empire. Fabian was one of the earliest of those martyred, setting a courageous example for his followers, many of whom died in great torment.

Cyprian of Carthage, in a letter to Cornelius, Fabian's successor, wrote that Fabian was an incomparable man. "The glory of his death," Cyprian commented, "befitted the purity and holiness of his life."

Fabian's tombstone, the slab which covered his gravesite, still exists. It is in fragments, but the words "Fabian . . . bishop . . . martyr" are still dimly visible.

Together we pray: Almighty God, who didst call Fabian to be a faithful pastor and servant of thy people, and to lay down his life in witness to thy Son: Grant that

we, strengthened by his example and aided by his prayers, may in times of trial and persecution remain steadfast in faith and endurance, for the sake of him who laid down his life for us all, Jesus Christ our Savior; who liveth and reigneth with thee

and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



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Current donations needs are: complete pancake mix (just add water), canned chicken and ramen noodles.



Join us for Pub Theology, Jan 26th, 6:30pm, at Tumbleweed's. Topic of discussion this month is : the Holy Spirit.

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Stewardship Card Reminder

Stewardship Reminder

Our stewardship initiative to fund church operations in 2023 is wrapping up. The results so far indicate that many members have strongly responded to Fr. Nick's call for stewardship as "a spiritual-growth-oriented process." Thank you!

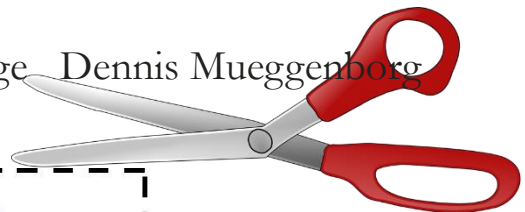
We still have not heard from several members or member families who have pledged in the past. If you've misplaced your stewardship card or didn't receive one, there are plenty in the church office. Better yet, simply clip out the one below, put it in an envelope, and bring it with you this Sunday to drop in the offering plate. You can also leave it at the church office during the week or mail it.

If you have a question about whether your pledge has been received, please call or email Dennis Mueggenborg at 918-914-0232 or drmuegg@gmail.com.

We would like to have all pledges accounted for in time for the February annual meeting to celebrate the vital presence of Luke's Place in our community and beyond.

The St. Luke's Finance Committee

Doug McIver Steve Van Aken Dan Droege Dennis Mueggenborg



This is my/our pledge for 2023	
\$ _____ Per week	\$ _____ Per year
\$ _____ Per month	\$ _____ One-time
Special Gift in addition to pledge	
Name (please print):	
Signature:	
PLEASE RETURN THIS CARD BY MONDAY, JAN. 23 BY MAIL, AT SUNDAY SERVICE OR TO CHURCH MAILBOX	
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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, the Maxwell Family, Tyler Nezam, Jerry Nezam, Jim Brooks, and Don Doty.

Luke's Place Jan 19th– Jan 25th, 2023

- Jan 19th Men's Breakfast, 7am, Metcalf
 Bible Study, 9:15am, Metcalf
 Green Country Service, 1pm, GCV
- Jan 22th Holy Eucharist, Rite I, 8:00am, chapel
 Faith Forum, 9:15am, Metcalf
 Children's Programming, 10:15am, upstairs
 Holy Eucharist Rite II, 10:30am
- Jan 23rd Vestry Meeting, 5:30pm, Nancy Woods' house, 1000 Hazel Ct
- Jan 24th Spiritual Discovery Group, 10am, Library
- Jan 25th The Conversion of St Paul, Holy Eucharist Rite I, 12:15pm, Chapel
 YD, 6pm, Rodgers Hall
 Choir, 7pm, Choir Room

Birthdays and Anniversaries, Jan 22nd – Jan 28th, 2023

Birthdays



Ryan McIver 1/25
 Miriam Petrovich 1/27

Anniversaries



DJ & Jerry Nezam 1/25

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!



Souper Bowl Challenge

The Young Disciples are once again teaming up with Concern this winter to make sure the food pantry has plenty of the items that are needed most. Those items include: toothbrushes, toothpaste, ramen noodles, bar soap, canned pinto beans, canned carrots and canned mixed veggies.

Please bring items to St. Luke's by Super Bowl Sunday, Feb. 12. Watch your email for details about YD's exciting "Souper Bowl" challenge. You

won't want to miss it!



Children's Musical Theatre is sponsoring a 'Character Breakfast' here at St Luke's. The tickets are \$15 per person and you pick a 'session' when you want to eat breakfast and meet & greet Elsa and Ana, Moana, Cinderella, Belle, and a few Superheroes! To purchase tickets, go online at :

<https://cmt onstage.com/shows/character-breakfast/>

There will photo scenes to snap pics of your favorite child, grandchild, or niece or nephew with these characters along with Cinderella's carriage and Patrick's rock from 'SpongeBob'. This is a fundraiser for CMT's next mainstage musical "The Wizard of Oz" coming this

summer!

FAITH FORUM

Sundays 9:15am-10:15am, Metcalf Hall
The Age of Reason and the American Colonies



Its BUNCO Night at St Luke's! Feb 8th, 2023, 6:30pm, Metcalf Hall.

What is Bunco? It's a dice game for every age
What if I don't know how to play? We will teach you!

Why Bunco? Its easy, fast, fun, and a fund raiser for the YD Souper Bowl

What do I have to do? First off- Come!

Attend! Support our Youth! And bring a snack or drink to share. What does it cost to play? \$5 or 5 canned goods at the door. All proceeds will go to Concern Food Pantry. Prizes will be awarded at the end for those with the most Buncos, Mini Buncos, Most Wins, and Most Losses. Yes, even losers are winners! There's no strategy to the game, you simply 'roll the dice' and any age can play. Come and enjoy this multigenerational evening of FUN! **SAVE THE DATE**

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