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The Steeple

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The Weekly Newsletter of St. Luke's Episcopal Church

Its Just One of Those Days...



Dear St. Luke's,

There are some days when your plans go right out the window and God has a good laugh! Today is 'just one of those days....' Fr Nick is out of the office today so no Steeple message from him, but he does deserve a break once in a while. A lot in the Steeple is repeat news but the events are important to us as a church family.

The Annual Parish Meeting is coming up quickly and yes, its on Super Bowl Sunday, but should be well over by kickoff time. Laura and her Fellowship Committee have a menu for a wonderful barbeque meal so plan your lunch for the meeting on Feb 12th. We have a lot to discuss, things to vote on, take a look at the past year and all we accomplished together, and our plans for the future. We are a very vital and vibrant church community and we work well together as you will see in the ministry section of the Annual Report.

Bunco Night is next Wednesday, Feb 8th, at 6:30pm in Metcalf and it is a fundraiser to help our YD reach their can goal of over 1,700 cans for Concern. Many of you may not have ever played BUNCO but do not let that stop you from coming and joining the fun. YD will be playing as well, so you could have a few teenagers as your partners and they will teach you the game. If you can roll 3 dice, you can play- its just that simple. We are asking for snacks or drinks to share and either 5 cans for Concern or \$5 donation which will also go straight to Concern. If you want to come and just watch, you are more than welcome to snack and cheer for the tables playing.

Speaking of our YD, the pyramid is growing and by Sunday should have the first layer in Metcalf. Even if you have brought cans already, could you spare a few more? The kids are really pumped about this project so lets carry them to their goal!

The Election Board will be taking over Metcalf on the 13th and 14th for the School Bond election so this place will be buzzing with voters. Its always interesting for me to listen to

the comments about our building. I think even the voters feel ‘a real presence’ here. A few have dropped by the office, requesting ‘a look’ at our sanctuary (Nave, for us technical Episcopalians). Oohs and aahhs always follow.

I hope you have picked up a copy of Fr Nick’s Faith Formation brochure. It has most of the events, classes, and meetings through Lent. It comes in very handy when you are wondering what topic of discussion will be in a class or meeting. Plus a lot of ‘Save the Date’s ahead.

Speaking of Lent, its coming quicker than we think. And even though, I have not heard the definite plans for Shrove Tuesday (Feb 21st) I can’t imagine this place without our traditional pancake supper. Barring the ‘just one of those days...’ happening again, we should see details soon. I believe the time is already in the Faith Formation brochure.

Take a breath, enjoy each other- February and March are going to be busy months for your church! See you there!

Penny



Sunday Brunch will be this Sunday after the 10:30am service. Our Sunday Brunch Bunch will be our hosts so come hungry!



**Annual
Parish
Meeting**

St Luke’s Annual Parish Meeting will be Sunday **February 12th**, after the 10:30 service. Come ready to eat and enjoy fellowship! We will have a meal and get down to our business. The top things on the agenda will be the passing of the 2023 Budget, Elections, reflections of the pass year, and plans for the coming year. Mark your calendars for Feb 12th and lets look to the future!

Theologians Corner:

Cornelius the Centurion



All that we know about Cornelius is contained in the Acts of the Apostles (chapters 10–11). He was the first Gentile converted to the Christian faith, along with his household. A centurion was commander of a company of one hundred men in the Roman army, responsible for their discipline, both on the field of battle and in camp. A centurion was a Roman citizen, a military career man, well-paid, and generally noted for courage and competence. Some centurions, such as Cornelius, and those whom we know about from the gospel narratives, were men of deep religious piety.

The author of Acts considered Cornelius' conversion very momentous for the future of Christianity. He records that it occurred as the result of divine intervention and revelation, and as a response to the preaching of Peter, the chief apostle. The experience of Cornelius' household was regarded as comparable to a new Pentecost, and it was a primary precedent for the momentous decision of the apostolic council, held in Jerusalem a few years later, to admit Gentiles to full and equal partnership with Jewish converts in the household of faith.

According to tradition, Cornelius was the second Bishop of Caesarea, the metropolitan see of Palestine. Undoubtedly, Cornelius and his household formed the nucleus of the first church in this important city, a church that was gathered by Philip the Evangelist (Acts 8:40 and 21:8).

A bit of fun – the only Episcopal Church named after Cornelius the Centurion is in Dodge City KA. <https://stcorneliuschurch.org>

O God, by thy Spirit thou didst call Cornelius the Centurion to be the first Christian among the Gentiles: Grant to thy Church, we beseech thee, such a ready will to go where thou dost send and to do what thou dost command that, under thy guidance, it may welcome all who turn to thee in love and faith and proclaim the Gospel to all

nations; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Birthdays and Anniversaries, Feb 5th – Feb 11th, 2023

Birthdays



Maxwell Stuart 2/5
Patty Vail 2/8

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!



Sadly after the 12th of February, Coffee Hour may go away. We have been struggling to get folks to sign up to host Sunday's Coffee Hour for a few months now. The sign up sheet is always out and ready for someone to commit to bringing cookies or treats, but just a few have said yes. The next two Sundays are Brunch Sundays but after that, there are nothing but empty dates. If they do not fill up, then the decision to discontinue will be made. Thanks to those who have hosted in the past. It was enjoyed!

FAITH FORUM

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

The American Revolution (1776-1800)

Please pray for: : Linda & Terry Piper, Liz Green, Michelle Sheffield, Catherine Sheffield, David King, Pris Snow, Ben Baker, Sanawbar, Diana Farris, Cindy 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, 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, Tyler Roberson, Jerry Nezam, Jim Brooks, and Don Doty.

Luke's Place Feb 2nd – Feb 8th, 2023

Feb 2nd Men's Breakfast, 7am, Metcalf
Bible Study, 9:15am, Metcalf
Green Country Service, 1pm, GCV
Feb 5th Holy Eucharist, Rite I, 8:00am, chapel
Faith Forum, 9:15am, Metcalf
Children's Programming, 10:15am, upstairs
Holy Eucharist Rite II, 10:30am
Feb 7th Spiritual Discovery Group, 10am, Library
Feb 8th YD, 6pm, Rodgers Hall
BUNCO! Night, 6:30pm, Metcalf
Choir, 7pm, Choir Room



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won't want to miss it!

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



This is what we want

HELP US ACHIEVE OUR GOAL!
SOUPER BOWL 2023



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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