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The Steeple



Feb 8, 2023



The Weekly Newsletter of St. Luke's Episcopal Church

Our Annual Meeting



February marks the beginning of our 3rd year together. The by-laws of our parish require an annual meeting and this weekend, will be ours. We will meet after the second service over lunch to review the budget, honor and recognize members of our parish who have gone above and beyond the call of duty, and look ahead to what life offers us in 2023. No worries, we'll have you out in time to get everything ready for the big game.

The annual parish meeting also typically elects vestry members too, and it may elect vestry officers if needed – though no officer elections are necessary this year. Delegates to diocesan convention and representatives to other diocesan and deanery positions may also be elected at the parish meeting if needed. From time-to-time leaders of particular ministries may present their report as part of the agenda, however, almost all of our ministries have submitted written reports this year for you to read as you see fit. I hope that you will do so, taking the time to avail yourself to the good work that is being done within the parish and outside of it as well. It is quite inspiring.

A lot goes into preparing the annual meeting -- you know that. As part of the process, I'd like to draw your attention to the Book of Common Prayer. On pages 817 and 818 there are a couple of prayers from which we draw strength from. Perhaps as part of your discipline this week you might consider praying these prayers too and reflect on how they have been answered in your life and in the life of our parish. Perhaps also, you might reflect on how these prayers are calling you to deeper connection with our community. I'd love to hear how God is working in your life.

For the Annual Meeting:

Almighty and ever living God, source of all wisdom and understanding, be present with those who take counsel at St. Luke's this weekend for the renewal and mission of your

Church. Teach us in all things to seek first your honor and glory. Guide us to perceive what is right, and grant us both the courage to pursue it and the grace to accomplish it; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

See you this weekend.
Nick+



St Luke's Annual Parish Meeting will be this 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.



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES:

February 22nd

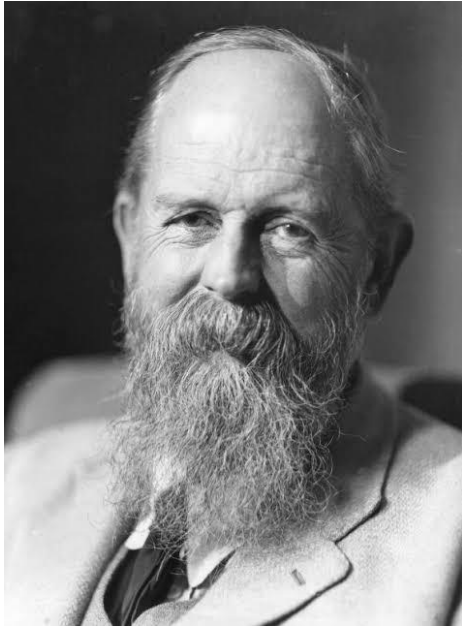
Holy Eucharist with the Imposition of Ashes

12:15pm Chapel

6:00pm Church



Theologians Corner:



Charles Freer Andrews

Priest and “Friend of the Poor” in India, 1940
Affectionately called “Christ’s Faithful Apostle” by his friend the Mahatma Gandhi, Charles Freer Andrews dedicated his life’s work to relief and justice for the oppressed and poor in India and around the globe.

Born in Birmingham, England, in 1871, he converted to the Church of England while studying at Cambridge and was ordained a priest in 1897. An active member of the Christian Social Union since his college days, Andrews was inspired by the cause of social justice throughout the British Empire, particularly in India. In 1904 he joined the Cambridge Brotherhood in India and began to teach philosophy at St. Stephen’s College, Delhi. His Indian students and colleagues, with whom he had grown close, referred to him as Deenabandhu, or “Friend of the Poor.”

Andrews openly criticized the racist mistreatment of the Indian people by British officials and, in 1913, he successfully mediated a cotton worker’s strike in Madras which had the potential to become violent.

He traveled to South Africa to help the Indians there in their dispute with the Government, and it was then that he met a young lawyer named Mohandas Gandhi. Andrews was impressed with Gandhi’s teaching of non-violence and with his knowledge of the Christian faith, and helped him establish an ashram, or Indian hermitage, devoted to the practice of peace. In 1915, Andrews helped convince Gandhi to return to England with him. He also aided Gandhi in his efforts to negotiate matters of Indian autonomy with the British Government.

Andrews’ work also took him to Fiji, where he advocated for indentured Indian workers and for the rights of oppressed sugar workers. He eventually returned to England, where he continued to teach about social justice and radical discipleship until his death in 1940.

Together we pray: Gracious God, who didst call Charles Freer Andrews to show forth thy salvation to the poor: By thy Holy Spirit inspire in us a tender concern, a passionate justice, and an active love for all people, that there may be one Body and one Spirit in Jesus Christ, our Savior; who with thee and the same Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, now and for ever. Amen.



Shrove Tuesday is Feb 21st
and we will be having our
traditional Pancake Supper
in Metcalf Hall from
4:30pm-6:30pm.

Afterward join us in the Courtyard for the
“Burning of the Palms”



Birthdays and Anniversaries, Feb 12th – Feb 18th, 2023

Birthdays



Nancy Woods	2/12
Sally Finch	2/17
Mary Ann Clem	2/18
Tom Droege	2/18
Doug Rhett	2/18

Anniversaries



Jim & Cathy Perrier	2/15
Tim & Pam Hanson	2/16

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!

FAITH FORUM

Sundays 9:15am-10:15am, Metcalf Hall
The American Revolution (1776-1800) &
Rational Orthodoxy (1800-40)

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, Tim, Beth, Kay Boman Harvey, Shania Smith, Luke Karel, Terry Grogan, Tyler Roberson, Jerry Nezam, Jim Brooks, and Don Doty.

Luke's Place Feb 9th – Feb 15th, 2023

Feb 9th Men's Breakfast, 7am, Metcalf
Bible Study, 9:15am, Metcalf
Green Country Service, 1pm, GCV
Feb 12th Holy Eucharist, Rite I, 8:00am, chapel
Faith Forum, 9:15am, Metcalf
Children's Programming, 10:15am, upstairs
Holy Eucharist Rite II, 10:30am
Annual Meeting, after 10:30am service, Metcalf
Feb 14th Spiritual Discovery Group, 10am, Library
Feb 15th YD, 6pm, Rodgers Hall
Choir, 7pm, Choir Room

Midweek Mana is coming March 1st!



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!!



This is what we want

HELP US ACHIEVE OUR GOAL!
SOUPER BOWL 2023

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

Brunch Bunch Grape Salad Recipe

Many of you who attended the Brunch Bunch Sunday Brunch last week asked for Sandy's recipe. Here it is!



Makes enough to serve 20+

Sauce:

8 ounces of cream cheese
1 cup sour cream
1/2 cup sugar
1 tsp vanilla

Mix above ingredients together and refrigerate.
Note: The sauce can be refrigerated and used until the latest expiration date for the cream cheese and sour cream.

Fruit:

1.5 pounds of green seedless grapes
1.5 pounds of red seedless grapes

Remove grapes from stem and place in bowl.
Pour the sauce mixture over the grapes and stir gently to coat the grapes. Refrigerate until ready to assemble and serve.

Topping

1 cup pecans
1/2 cup brown sugar

Toast the pecans on a cookie sheet in a 350 oven for about 15 minutes. Don't burn the pecans. Break the toasted pecans in small pieces and place in a zip lock bag. Add the brown sugar and mix. Store until ready to assemble and serve.

Assembly:

Stir the grape/sauce mixture to coat the grapes. Spoon into individual serving bowls. Sprinkle topping over the fruit and garnish with a sprig of mint. Serve.

A hard copy will be at the serving window in Metcalf

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*Happy
Valentine's Day*

