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# *The Steeple*



Mar 22, 2023

## **The Weekly Newsletter of St. Luke's Episcopal Church**



### **Vestry Academy Set for March 25th**

As we come to the end of the first quarter, I'd like to take a moment and praise the Vestry for their hard work. This Saturday will be the 30th annual Vestry Academy at St. Crispin's Conference Center + Camp and once again your vestry will be there. Their dedication and faithfulness continues to inspire me. This year's focus will be on the Vestry member's role as a leader in their congregation.

In addition to the main focus there are the following tracks:

Track #1 Vestry Essentials (Doug McIver, Steve Roper, and Mark Peterson)

This track will help participants learn the essentials of how to be an effective Vestry leader, especially in the areas of the canons, finance, best practices, and roles of ministry. The track is especially recommended for new Vestry members.

Track #2 Congregational Vitality: Next Steps (Laura Birk, Karen Lewey, Nick Phares)

Canon Steve and Kate Bond will explore more deeply the connections between spirituality, formation, discernment, and contextual awareness for congregational vitality. Attendees will explore the data from Congregational Vitality Survey and how it helps us understand ask question about where God is calling us as congregations in the Diocese of Oklahoma.

Track #3 Stewardship (Nancy Woods, Karole Cozby, Katherine Powell, and Jo Baughman)

Start the process of planning your annual stewardship campaign by learning about the stewardship campaign process and best practices. This track will include expert advice in the planning and implementation of annual stewardship offerings across various congregational needs.

You'll notice the vestry members assigned to each track. I would encourage you to reach out to them if you have ideas, concerns, or interest in what they learned. Our diocesan leadership continues to lead from the front and remains eager to share what they are learning from around the diocese. The more informed we all are, the better!

Please take a moment with me and pray for our vestry. "Almighty and ever-loving God, source of all wisdom and understanding, be present with those who take counsel at St. Crispin's 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.

Thank-you.

Nick+



"Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, "So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." Matt 26: 40,41

*Maundy Thursday All Night Vigil,*  
April 6<sup>th</sup>, in Chapel beginning at 9:00pm.  
Sign Up Board is in the Narthex. Even

if your preferred slot is taken, come and watch anyway. There is plenty of room.

# Theologians Corner:

Gregory the Illuminator  
*Bishop and Missionary of Armenia, c. 332*



Armenia was the first nation-state to become officially Christian, and this set a precedent for the legalization of Christianity by the Emperor Constantine. As a buffer state between the more powerful empires of Rome and Persia, Armenia endured many shifts of policy, as first one and then the other empire took it “under protection.”

The accounts of Gregory, known as the Illuminator (or Enlightener) and as “Apostle of the Armenians,” are a mixture of legend and fact. He was born about 257. After his father assassinated the Persian King Chosroes I, the infant boy was rescued and taken to Caesarea in Cappadocia, where he was brought up as a Christian. He married a woman named Mary, who bore him two sons. About 280, he returned to Armenia, after experiencing various fortunes of honor and imprisonment, succeeded in converting King Tiridates to his faith. With the help of the King the country was Christianized, and paganism was rooted out. About 300, Gregory was ordained a bishop at Caesarea. He established his cathedral at Valarshapat, with his center of work nearby at Echmiadzin, now in Armenia, and still the spiritual center of Armenian Christianity.

There is no record that Gregory attended the First Ecumenical Council at Nicaea in 325, but a tradition records that he sent in his stead his younger son Aristages, whom he ordained as his successor. His last years were spent in solitude, and he died about 332.

Together we pray: Almighty God, who willest to be glorified in all thy saints, and didst raise up thy servant Gregory the Illuminator to be a light in the world, and to preach the Gospel to the people of Armenia: Shine, we pray thee, in our hearts, that we also in our generation may show forth thy praise, who hast called us out of darkness into thy marvelous light; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

FAITH FORUM  
Sundays 9:15am-  
10:15am, Metcalf  
Hall  
A Leaner, More  
Nimble Church  
(1990-present)

Bible Study, Thursdays  
at 9:15am, Metcalf Hall  
“A Crucified Christ in  
Holy Week: Essays on  
the Four Gospel  
Passion Narratives”

Concern needs: Peanut Butter (16 oz jar), cereal, canned pinto beans, bar soap, men's deodorant, and small tube toothpaste.



ST. LUKE'S BOOKSTORE

### Volunteers are needed!

Anyone interested in volunteering for the Bookstore, please meet Cathy Perrier in Metcalf Hall after the 10:30am services on March 26<sup>th</sup>. New merchandise is arriving weekly and we need help at the counter for Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays around the noon hour.



# New Time for Godly Play!!!

**Starting March 19, Godly Play will start at  
our new time of 9:15 am!**

**Everyone is invited to come and hear a story  
and wonder together! We will go to church  
after Godly Play.**

***\*Parents may choose to join their children, or go to  
Father Nick's Faith Forum in Metcalf Hall.***



YD will be hosting an Easter Egg  
Hunt on Palm Sunday

April 2, 2023

9:15am

Meet in Metcalf

Kids, bring your baskets!

## What is the Triduum?



A period of three days of preparation for a feast day.

The term is most frequently used for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday, the three days prior to Easter Sunday that are the concluding days of Holy Week, also known as the Easter Triduum.

Episcopal Church

<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/glossary/triduum>



TRIDUUM





# St. Luke's Treasure Sale 7<sup>th</sup> Edition April 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>

It's time to unlock all those cabinets, closets, boxes, barrels;  
it's time to search thru attics, basements, under the beds,  
in the hidey-holes; it's time to begin uncovering  
all those can't-do-without-don't-know-what-to-do-with-them things  
you've been hanging on too much too long.

St. Luke's 7<sup>th</sup> Edition Treasure Sale  
is coming soon!

**Bring your treasures to Metcalf Hall**

**Thursday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**10 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

**YOU hold the KEY**

that will help us raise much needed funds for  
St. Luke's Outreach projects.

Questions: Is this another name for a Rummage Sale?

Are there certain items not to bring?

Answers: This is truly a sale of collectible, desirable items.

Please do not bring clothing, electronic devices, books,  
(collectible books are acceptable) large furniture.

**More information? Contact**

**Becky Liehr, Kris Bonner, Dolores McCreary**



## Ryan McIver's Eagle Scout Project

We will soon have an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) installed at St. Luke's outside the main office. Training will be offered for use of AED and CPR by trainers provided by

the fire department. Everyone is invited to receive this training. Training should last 1-2 hours.

What: AED and CPR training

Who: Everyone is invited to attend

When: Tuesday April 11th at 5:30.

Where: St. Luke's Metcalf Hall



You  
Can  
Save  
A LIFE

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Speaking of training:



Acolyte Training for all ages after Midweek Manna tonight. Meet in the Nave.



Thursday  
March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
6:30pm  
Tumbleweed's



## Holy Week

### Holy Week at St. Luke's in April

Saturday 4/1: Stations of the Cross followed by Palm Crosses at 9:00 a.m.

Palm Sunday 4/2: RI at 8:00 a.m. RII with Procession of Palms at 10:30.

Monday 4/3: Holy Monday Service in OKC, Clergy Renewal of Vows.

Tuesday 4/4: Stations of the Cross at 6:00 p.m. (*Written by Fr. Lee Stephens*)

Wednesday 4/5: Stations of the Cross at 6:00 p.m. (*Set to the music of Tenebrae*)

Thursday 4/6: Maundy Thursday Service at 6:00 p.m. Soup supper before at 5:00 p.m.  
Night Watch beginning at 9:00 p.m.

Friday 4/7: Stations of the Cross at 9:00 a.m. (*Mary's Way of the Cross*)  
Good Friday Service at 12:00 p.m. Communion from the reserve.

Holy Saturday: Holy Saturday Service at 9:00 a.m. in the Chapel

4/8 Easter Vigil at 6:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday: RI at 8:00 a.m. with Choir

4/9 RII at 10:30 a.m. with Choir



**Midweek Manna is every  
Wednesday in Lent at 6pm. A  
meal will be served and then  
program for both adults and  
kids.**





presents:

# BINGO NIGHT



When: March 25th, 2023

Time: Admissions 5:30 pm / Game starts 6pm

Where: St. Luke Episcopal Church

Tickets \$12 - include admission price and 10 cards

For tickets call: 918-907- 1584

**Join us for an evening of Bingo, Raffles, Family  
Fun and Hispanic food!**

Our Mission: To positively integrate Hispanics by networking information, capabilities and services, creating opportunities for full participation and contribution in our community.

**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 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, Harris Moreland, Tom Martin, Tanis Reyburn, Corky Bowerman, Skip Birkner, Connie Freebern, Don Doty and Barbara, Katie and Ruth Todd.

## Luke's Place Mar 23<sup>rd</sup> – Mar 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**Mar 23<sup>rd</sup> Men's Breakfast, 7am, Metcalf**  
**Bible Study, 9:15am, Metcalf**  
**Green Country Eucharist, Rite I, 1pm, GCV**  
**Mar 25<sup>th</sup> Casa Hispana Bingo, 5:30pm, Metcalf**  
**Mar 26<sup>th</sup> Holy Eucharist, Rite I, 8:00am, chapel**  
**Faith Forum, 9:15am, Metcalf**  
**Children's Programming, 9:15am, upstairs**  
**Holy Eucharist Rite II, 10:30am**  
**Mar 28<sup>th</sup> Spiritual Discovery Group, 10am, Library**  
**Mar 29<sup>th</sup> Choir, 5pm, Choir Room**  
**MidWeek Manna , 6-8pm, Metcalf**  
**YD, 6pm, Rodgers**  
**Acolyte Training, after Manna, Nave**

## Birthdays and Anniversaries, Mar 26<sup>th</sup> – April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023

### Birthdays



Helen Morgan 3/27  
 Vicki Travaglini 3/28  
 Keaton Mitchell 3/28  
 Lauren Green 3/30  
 Elliott Ingram 3/31

### Anniversaries



Jim & Susan Brooks 3/31

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!



## **BENEFITTING “PACK THE BACKPACKS” !**

(Washington County School Supply Drive)

**SAVE THE DATE: Wednesday, April 5, 7:30-9:00pm**

BINGO at Cooper and Mills Brewing Company  
200 S. Dewey, Bartlesville

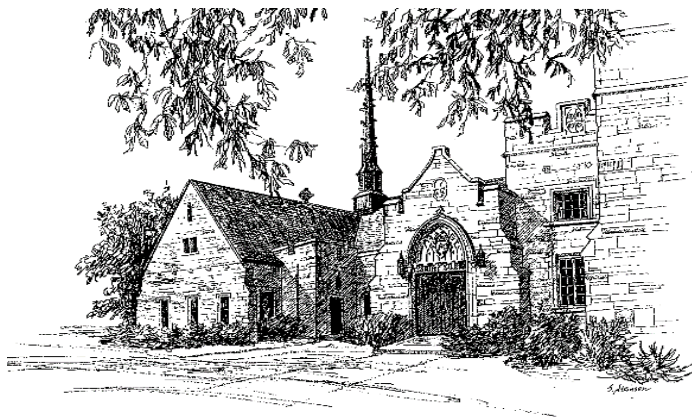
**ALL AGES WELCOME, FREE TO PLAY**

Bring school supplies (notebook paper, #2 pencils, markers are always needed) to help us pack the backpacks for 2023-2024 school year.



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