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The Steeple



Mar 29, 2023

The Weekly Newsletter of St. Luke's Episcopal Church



The Morning News

My son is learning to sleep with the lights off. I am super proud of him. Every day he takes a step closer to getting there. Last night he said, "I'm just going to leave my night light on... and the lava lamp." His mom and I both praised him for being brave.

Teresa and I kind of joke around and say to each other that there are two things we don't want our kid to be known for: being stinky or being mean. If he gets a 62 on a math paper (which he hasn't yet; he must have got his mom's math genes) or if he doesn't make the varsity swimming team, the rest will sort itself out. And it will sort itself out because we trust in our community. We trust in our church family, Pax's school, and all the other helpers that make Bartlesville the community that it is – not perfect, but *our* hometown.

I brewed a fresh cup of coffee this morning. It was single as Teresa is in OKC this morning preparing for the Bishop's brunch. News of the shooting at Covenant Presbyterian was on – the familiar rhetoric and coverage almost commonplace now in the background -- save for the moments it really hits us.

Pax was in the kitchen - the crinkling of cellophane masking the news coverage as bags of chips went into his lunchbox. The sound roused me from my thoughts and soon he was standing right behind me. I sat there desensitized, watching someone shoot through a school door – and casually asked, "You good, bud?"

He asked gently, "Dad, do I have to go to school today?"

Casually I said, "Of course, you do.". Not even thinking that he wasn't looking at me but at the T.V.

He responded in a way that grabbed my attention immediately – it was a mixture of what you would call being crestfallen and worried as he said,

“Ok. I love you....”

He leaned over to give me a hug. It's a kind of a “bro” hug these days as he is getting older. Nevertheless, his head still sort of finds its way under mine. And as I have, ever since they were little, I smelled his head – half thinking to myself, “He took a shower last night, didn't he?” But also - noticing and feeling in my heart, this is *my* son, *my* beloved, in whom *I* am well pleased.

He let me go and made his way to the door, turned again and said, “I love you,” almost as if it were a question. I think wishing I would say, “Just stay home with me bud, everything is going to be alright.” But I didn't and the door closed behind him and he was off.

The news was still on.

And that's when I heard a mom say, “If it can happen here, it can happen anywhere.”

I think Pax knew that this past Tuesday morning. I think that's why he knows there is probably an active shooter drill coming to Wayside soon. Probably wondering if his desk can stop a bullet. And why, when I think back to the moment he asked if he could stay home, someone on the news was asking, “How many more of our kids have to die, before something is done.”

The truth:_____.

I wonder what you said there...

The scent of his hair is still in my nose.

Nick+

“For all victims of gun violence, for their families, friends, and neighbors; for all perpetrators of gun violence and for transformation of the culture that supports and enables them; for the first responders who protect and serve us all; and for the lawmakers and public officials who have power to make changes in our violent society.”

Lord, in your mercy - **hear our prayer.**



SIGN UP! To Watch and Pray

“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

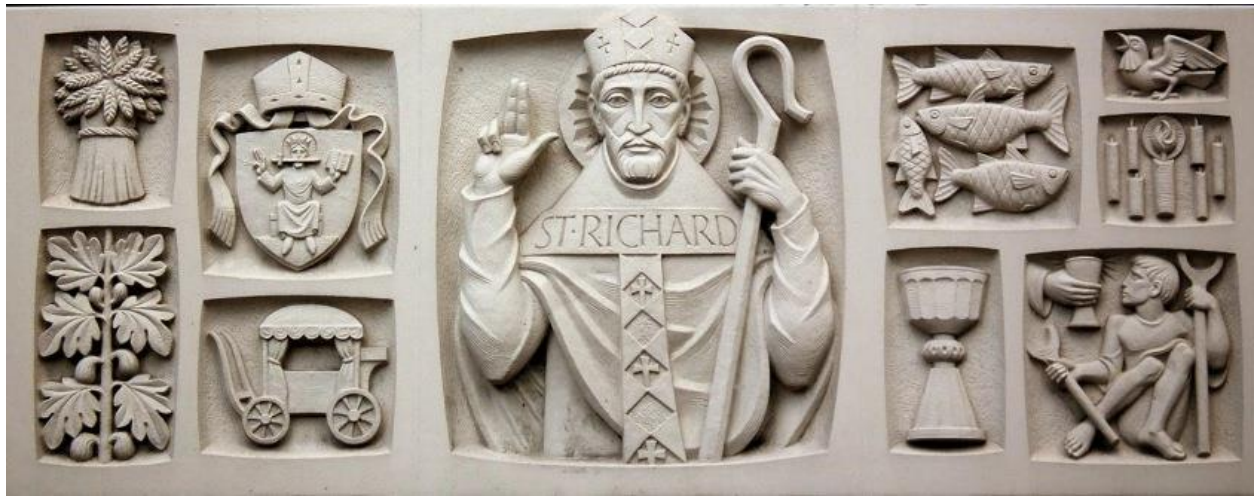
Maundy Thursday All Night Vigil,
April 6th, in Chapel beginning at 9:00pm.

Theologians Corner: Richard, Bishop of Chichester, 1253

Born in Burford, Worcestershire, around 1197, Richard and his older brother Robert were quite young when their parents died, leaving a rich estate with a guardian to manage it. The guardian allowed the estate to dwindle, and Richard worked long hours to restore it.

Pressure was put on Richard to marry, but he, who from earliest years had preferred books to almost anything else, turned the estate over to his brother and went to Oxford. Often hungry, cold, and not always sure of his next day's keep, Richard managed to succeed in his studies under such teachers as Robert Grosseteste.

He continued to study law at Paris and Bologna, earned a doctorate, and returned to Oxford to become University Chancellor. Shortly afterward, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Edmund Rich, appointed him to be his own chancellor. The friendship between the primate and his young assistant was close: Richard also became his biographer. Conflict with King Henry III eventually forced Archbishop Rich into exile in France, where Richard nursed him in his final illness. After the Archbishop's death, Richard moved to the Dominican house at Orleans for further study and teaching. He was ordained priest in 1243.



He then returned to England, and was elected Bishop of Chichester in 1244. King Henry opposed the election, confiscated all the revenues of the diocese, and even locked Richard out of the episcopal dwelling. Richard was given lodging by a priest, Simon of Tarring. During these years he functioned as a missionary bishop, traveling about the diocese on foot, visiting fishermen and farmers, holding synods with great difficulty, and endeavoring to establish order. Threatened by the Pope, Henry finally acknowledged Richard as Bishop in 1246.

For eight years, he served his diocese as preacher, confessor, teacher, and counselor. While campaigning in 1253, for a new crusade against the Saracens, he contracted a fatal fever. Nine years after his death, he was canonized. His best remembered words are:

Dear Lord, of thee three things I pray:
To see thee more clearly,
Love thee more dearly,
Follow thee more nearly.

Together we pray: We thank thee, Lord God, for all the benefits thou hast given us in thy Son Jesus Christ, our most merciful Redeemer, Friend, and Brother, and for all the pains and insults he has borne for us; and we pray that, following the example of thy saintly bishop Richard of Chichester, we may see Christ more clearly, love him more dearly, and follow him more nearly; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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

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

Bible Study, Thursdays
at 9:15am, Metcalf Hall

QUILT PRESENTATION







YD will be hosting an Easter Egg
Hunt on Palm Sunday

April 2, 2023

9:15am

Meet in Metcalf

Kids, bring your baskets!



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



Fish Fry this week! 6pm in
Metcalf Hall.



Thursday
 March 30th, 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



Our love and prayers go out to the Todd family: Barbara, Rye, and Katherine for the loss of their husband and father-Brent Todd.

◆◆◆ St. Luke's Treasure Sale ◆◆◆

◆ 7th Edition ◆

April 28th & 29th, 2023

Metcalf Hall



Mark your calendar now for
St. Luke's 7th Edition Treasure Sale.

When you see the wonderful variety
of beautiful, interesting and unusual
TREASURES being given for this event,
you'll want to be sure to attend
and bring lots of friends!

Add your own appreciation for
and your own history to items that have been
enjoyed and treasured by other families.

*All proceeds from the Treasure Sale
will be used for Outreach projects
supported by St. Luke's.*

Still have **TREASURES** you want
to include in this Treasure Sale?

Call

Becky Liehr, Kris Bonner, Dolores McCreary

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, Skip Birkner, Connie Freebern, Don Doty and Barbara, Katherine and Rye Todd.

Luke's Place Mar 30th – April 5th, 2023

Mar 30th Men's Breakfast, 7am, Metcalf

Bible Study, 9:15am, Metcalf

Green Country Eucharist, Rite I, 1pm, GCV

Pub Theology, 6:30pm, Tumbleweed's

Apr 1st Stations of the Cross and Palm Cross Making, 9am Rodgers

Apr 2nd Holy Eucharist, Rite I, 8:00am, chapel

Faith Forum, 9:15am, Metcalf

Children's Programming, 9:15am, upstairs

YD Easter Egg Hunt, 9:15am, Courtyard

Holy Eucharist Rite II, 10:30am

Apr 4th Spiritual Discovery Group, 10am, Library

Stations of the Cross, 6pm, Nave

Apr 5th Choir, 5pm, Choir Room

Stations of the Cross, 6pm, Nave

YD, 6pm, Rodgers

Birthdays and Anniversaries, April 2nd – April 8th, 2023

Birthdays



Daisy Droege 4/3
Grace Mitchell 4/4
Diana Crawford 4/7

Anniversaries



Scott & Sigrid Williams 4/2
Chad & Blair Ellis 4/8

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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Holy Week Timeline



Palm
SUNDAY



Maundy
THURSDAY



Good
FRIDAY



Holy
SATURDAY



Easter
SUNDAY