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The Steeple

Mar 8, 2023



The Weekly Newsletter of St. Luke's Episcopal Church



Campus Update

One of my favorite descriptions of St. Luke's is that it is the "churchiest little church you ever did see." I can't recall who said that first, but I can assure you it is a common assessment - right alongside, "This is such a beautiful place." I couldn't agree more.

In an effort to preserve our wonderful heritage, we will begin a few construction projects around campus this spring. Here is a snapshot of what we have going on right now and what we have planned in the future.

Projects in progress

- Audio/Visual upgrade in Metcalf Hall.
- Re-Keying the church.
- Elevator Maintenance and certification (adding a phone and emergency lights)

Projects coming soon.

- Installation of a new chiller tower.
- Concrete work to include new sidewalks on the south-side of the church.
- Tree removal on the south side of the church
- Replanting on the southside of the church
- Roof patching on both north and southside of the church.
- New signage on the southside of the church
- Replacement of broken spotlights on both the southside and westside of church.
- New signage inside the church.
- Ryan McIver's Eagle Scout project - AED installation and training.

Tentative Projects

- Pergola replacement in the memorial garden.

A big thank-you goes first to Tom Droege who got the van up a running again, not to mention he did this way under budget. If you see Tom make sure you give him an, “atta boy!” Also, our heartfelt thanks to Fugate Ornamental Iron who repaired the iron gate to the Memorial Garden at **no cost**. Wow. Thank-you Mr. Fugate!

You’ll also recall that Mr. Allen Hadden painstakingly repaired the bay window on the southside of the church over the better part of a month last year, often creating pieces from scratch. We love you, Allen.

From Y.D. repainting the parking lot to Mr. Ellis repairing curbs to Dennis building signs, Dan maintaining the houses, and Jeff and Nancy holding down all the A/V upgrades - what is clear is that it takes a village folks and what a village we have!

Thank-you to those folks I’ve mentioned and to the folks who do things I don’t even know about. When I was a kid, we learned that doing the right thing while no one was looking was called integrity. For those of you who do, thank-you.

Every Blessing,
Nick+

FAITH FORUM
Sundays 9:15am-
10:15am, Metcalf
Hall
The Church
Triumphant
(1945-1965)

Bible Study, Thursdays
at 9:15am, Metcalf Hall
Studying the Book of
Acts
This week: Chapter 25



Theologian's Corner

Geoffrey Anketell Studdert Kennedy
Priest, 1929

G. A. Studdert Kennedy was born in Leeds, England, in 1883, one of nine children. His father, William Studdert Kennedy, was vicar in Leeds. Studdert Kennedy earned a degree in classics and divinity in 1904 at Trinity College, Dublin. After his ordination, he served parishes in Rugby and Worcester.

At the outbreak of the First World War, Studdert Kennedy volunteered as a chaplain to soldiers on the Western Front. Along with the spiritual comfort he gave to the wounded and dying, he was famous for handing out Woodbine cigarettes to the soldiers, who called him "Woodbine Willie."

He received the Military Cross in 1917 for conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the attack on Messines Ridge on the Somme. He had volunteered for a number of tasks carried out under heavy fire, including bringing in three wounded men from the battlefield. One story re-told by the BBC "tells of him crawling out to a working party putting up wire in front of their trench. A nervous soldier challenged him, asking who he was, and he said 'The Church.' When the soldier asked what the Church was doing out there, he replied 'Its job.'"

Studdert Kennedy's religious poetry is represented in the lyric of the hymn, "Not here for high and holy things" (The Hymnal 1982, #9). His verse, some based on his experience as war-time military chaplain, was published in the volumes *Rough Rhymes of a Padre* (1918) and *More Rough Rhymes* (1919). He also published a collection of sermons entitled *I Believe: Sermons on the Apostles' Creed* (1928). His later poems and prose works express the Christian socialism and pacifism he adopted during his war years. He eventually worked for the Industrial Christian Fellowship. On one of his speaking tours on their behalf, he became ill, and he died in Liverpool on March 8, 1929.

Studdert Kennedy remains a powerful influence on the pacifist cause and anti-capitalist critiques, and his many writings have inspired figures such as the former Archbishop of Capetown, South Africa, Desmond Tutu, and the German Reformed theologian, Jürgen Moltmann.

Together we pray: Glorious God, we give thanks for high and holy things as well as the common things of earth: Awaken us to recognize thy presence in each other and in all creation, so that we, like Geoffrey Studdert Kennedy, may love and magnify thee as the holy, undivided Trinity; who liveth and reigneth one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Acolyte Training 101





NEXT WEEKEND starts.....

*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.***



*Spring Forward!
This coming Sunday!*

*The Wisemen Brought
Gold, Frankincense & Myrrh*



**We suggest other treasures for our
7th TREASURE SALE**

(although gold will be accepted!)

**And, “frankly” speaking, we need all
kinds of Treasures to make this sale
a “myrrh...ve....lous” success.**

Begin now to go on your own treasure hunt.

**Search for those special treasures –
items you once loved but no longer
want, need, enjoy, or are tired of dusting!**

Bring your Treasures to Metcalf Hall

MARCH 20th - 23rd

**Monday through Wednesday,
10 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

It is suggested that items have a minimum value of \$20.

ALL proceeds will be given to St. Luke’s Outreach funds.

Questions? Contact Becky Liehr, Kris Bonner, Dolores McCreary



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, Carolyn Gorman, Steve Earley, Tanis Reyburn, Corky Bowerman, Skip Birkner, and Don Doty.

Luke's Place Mar 9th – Mar 15th, 2023

Mar 9th Men's Breakfast, 7am, Metcalf
Bible Study, 9:15am, Metcalf
Green Country Eucharist, Rite I, 1pm, GCV
Mar 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
Mar 14th Spiritual Discovery Group, 10am, Library
Mar 15th Choir, 5pm, Choir Room
MidWeek Manna , 6-8pm, Metcalf
YD, 6pm, Rodgers

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

Birthdays



Paul Stuart 3/15

Anniversaries

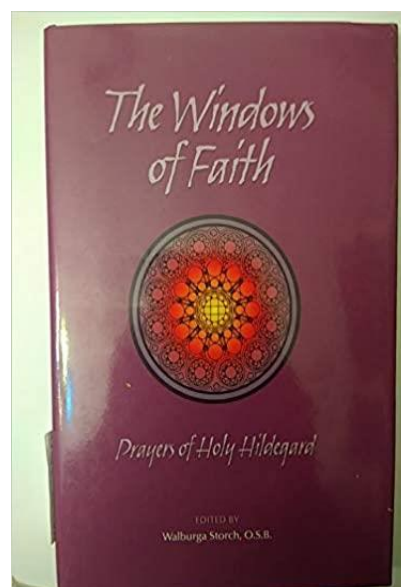
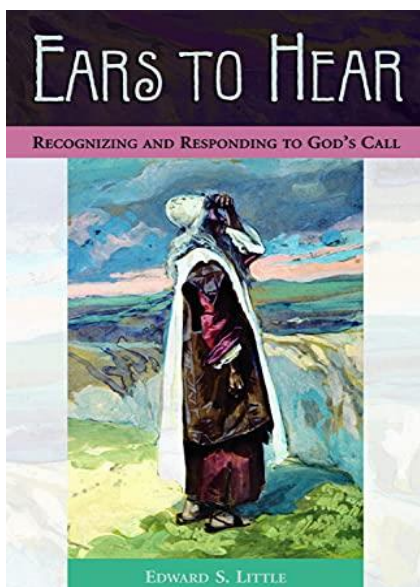
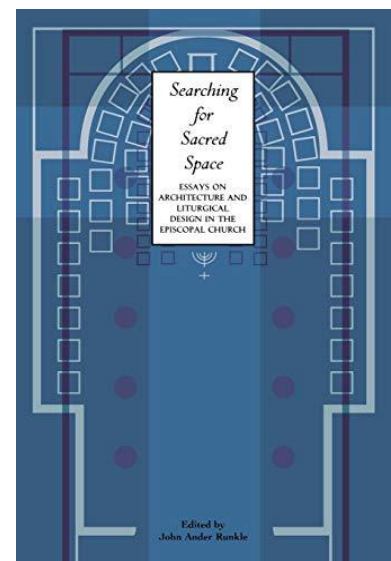
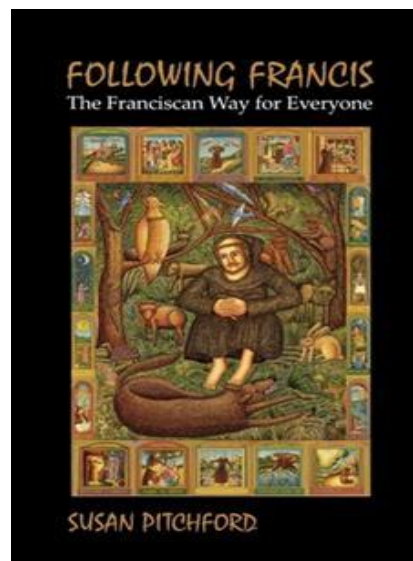
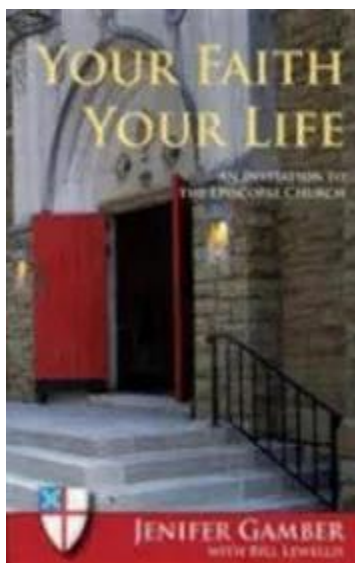


Steve & Cheryl VanAken (3/13)
Camden Campbell & Bill Pendley (3/18)

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!



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



Check out these and other titles in your St Luke's Bookstore!

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