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The Steeple

Apr 5, 2023

He is Risen

I AM
THE RESURRECTION
AND THE LIFE.



The Weekly Newsletter of St. Luke's Episcopal Church



Hope

This week I have been reflecting on an armload of challenging and difficult situations. All of them are unique in their own right, but all of them have at least one thing in common, in that they deal with human hearts - hearts that you know and love. All this comes amidst the holiest week of the year. And, somehow, each situation draws me closer to the dynamics present within Paschtide – holding as it were, the lessons of Jesus' final days in one hand and the present time in the other.

For instance, a dear friend to many has passed away. How do we hold our sorrow in balance with the joy of Eastertide? How does community become the center of gravity for those encountering the dark moments of sadness amongst the brightness of the lilies? If you have been paying attention to the great uproar in the city council, how do we reconcile the intense disagreements between fellow Christians without disengaging, shaming, or threatening others in the name of the Lord of Love? What do we do when we realize just how fragile community really is? What does the cross teach us about such things? What does the Great Sabbath say? How do we greet Easter morning with hearts that are restless, in distress, or anxious about what the future may hold?

This past Monday the clergy of the diocese met together for Eucharist. During the service each of us was given the opportunity to renew our vows in community. We prayed together for all that the year ahead might hold for us, knowing that it would probably turn out way different than we anticipated; knowing that we would experience great love alongside the hardship of bitterness and that... we deserved neither. Each of the questions the bishop asked dealt with

particular aspects of our vocation, but really what it boiled down to was - one question, "In all of these things, will you remain faithful?"

While my colleagues resounded with **YES! WE WILL!** I felt in my heart the need to respond with, "I hope." Not because I am questioning my commitment to the Lord's calling upon my life, but in the sense that hope does not disappoint us.ⁱ

And so, I hope that at the grave this week the Alleluia's you sing together will confirm in you all of God's promises. I hope that when given the chance to weigh in on public matters that you hold true to the hope that is in you – which you must know by now is love, *love no matter what.*ⁱⁱ And I hope that when you find yourself surrounded by community you notice who is there and who isn't and ask yourselves what that says about love – what it bears, believes, endures and yes, what it hopes.ⁱⁱⁱ

Nick+

i Romans 5: 1-5

ii 1Peter 3: 13-17

iii 1Corinthians 13: 4-7



“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.
Enter through Chapel door.

Theologians Corner:



Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, Scientist and Military Chaplain, 1955

Pierre Teilhard de Chardin was a ground-breaking paleontologist and Christian mystic whose vision encompassed the evolution of all matter toward a final goal in which material and spiritual shall coincide and God shall be all in all.

Teilhard was born in 1881. In 1899, he entered the Jesuit novitiate, moving to England in 1902, when French law nationalized the properties of religious orders. After taking a degree in literature in 1902, he went to Egypt to teach chemistry in the Jesuit College in Cairo. There he fell in love with the east. Teilhard moved back to England in 1908 and began to synthesize his already vast knowledge of evolution, philosophy, and theology. He was ordained priest in 1911.

Teilhard did research at the Natural History Museum in Paris, leading to the Sorbonne (University of Paris), where he completed his doctorate in paleontology. He went to China where, with other researchers, he made public the famous “Peking Man” hominid in 1926. Teilhard developed a vision of creation which held that evolution was the process by which matter inexorably arranges itself toward greater complexity until recognizable consciousness emerges. For Teilhard, this described a continuing process of human evolution that moves toward a new level of consciousness in which the universe will come to perfect unity and find itself one with God. God, then, is the highest point of pure consciousness, always “pulling” the evolutionary process towards its promised destiny, which he called the “Omega Point.”

Teilhard struggled with the Roman Church that was suspicious of his seemingly radical and heterodox writings. He was forbidden to teach and had to defend himself against charges of heresy. Teilhard remained loyal. After his death, many came to recognize his vision as a deeply Christian one that sought to reconcile the biblical vision of God’s final triumph over sin and disunity with the undeniable discoveries of evolutionary science.

Shortly before he died, he prayed: “O God, if in my life I have not been wrong, allow me to die on Easter Sunday.” He died on April 10, 1955: Easter Sunday.

Together we pray: Eternal God, the whole cosmos sings of thy glory, from the dividing of a single cell to the vast expanse of interstellar space: We offer thanks for thy theologian and scientist Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, who didst perceive the divine in the evolving creation. Enable us to become faithful stewards of thy divine works and heirs of thy everlasting

kingdom; through Jesus Christ, the firstborn of all creation, who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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

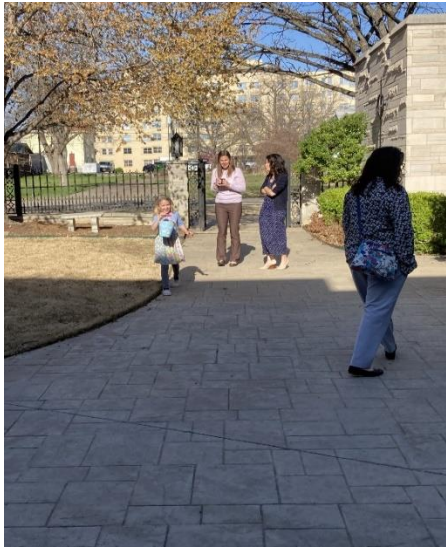
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FAITH FORUM
On
Easter Sunday

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



Palm Sunday Snap Shots







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

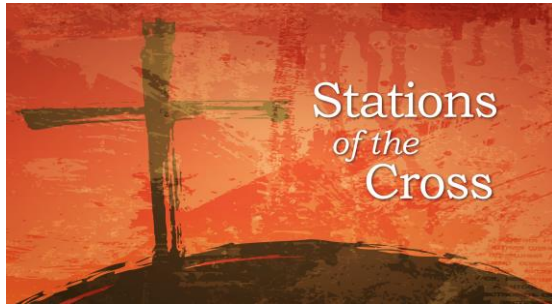


You
Can
Save
A LIFE

Baseball in the Air!

With spring in the air, former St. Luke's YD leader Tim Simmons recently got to watch YD alumnus Harald Borg play in a college baseball tournament in Winter Park, Florida. Tim lives in Florida and Harald is making us proud playing catcher for the St. Olaf Oles in Minnesota. Go Harald!





Stations of the Cross offerings:

Wednesday evening (5th) set to the music of Tenebrae, 6:00pm, Nave

Friday (7th) Mary's Way of the Cross, 9:00am, Nave



Maundy Thursday offerings:

Green Country Service (6th), 1pm, GCV

Maundy Thursday Service with Foot Washing, 6pm, Nave

All Night Vigil, beginning 9pm, Chapel



Good Friday offering:

Good Friday Service (7th), noon, Nave



Holy Saturday offering:

Holy Saturday Service (8th), 9:00am, Chapel

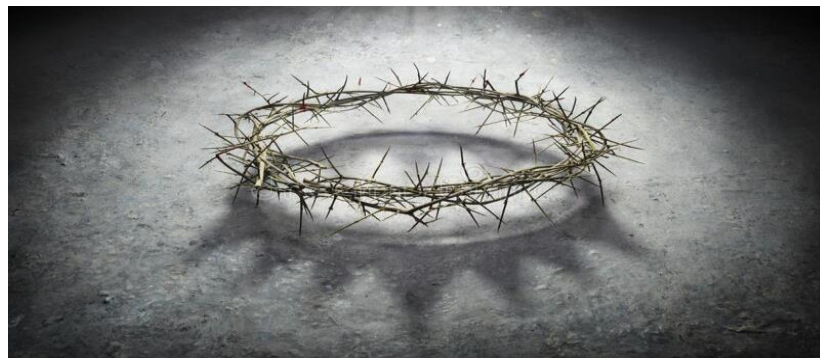


Great Easter Vigil:

Saturday (8th) Service, 6:00pm, start in courtyard



Easter Sunday Services
8:00am & 10:30am
April 9th



Our love and prayers go out to Darian Kedy and family for the loss of her husband David. His Celebration of Life will be Saturday, April 8th, 2pm at St Luke's.

◆◆◆ 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 Maria Dawson.

Luke's Place April 6th – April 12th, 2023

- Apr 6th Men's Breakfast, 7am, Metcalf**
Bible Study, 9:15am, Metcalf
Green Country Eucharist, Rite I, 1pm, GCV Maundy Thursday Service
Soup Supper, 5:00pm, Metcalf, Maundy Thursday Service, 6pm
All Night Vigil starting 9pm, Chapel
- Apr 7th Stations of the Cross, 9am**
Good Friday Service, noon
- Apr 8th Holy Saturday Service, 9am**
David Kedy Celebration of Life, 2pm
Great Easter Vigil, 6pm
- Apr 9th Holy Eucharist, Rite I, 8:00am, chapel**
Holy Eucharist Rite II, 10:30am
- Apr 11th Spiritual Discovery Group, 10am, Library**
CPR/AED Training, 5:30pm, Metcalf
- Apr 12th YD, 6pm, Rodgers**
Choir, 7pm, Choir Room

Birthdays and Anniversaries, April 9th – April 15th, 2023

Birthdays



Morgan Phares 4/9
Molly Ferguson 4/12

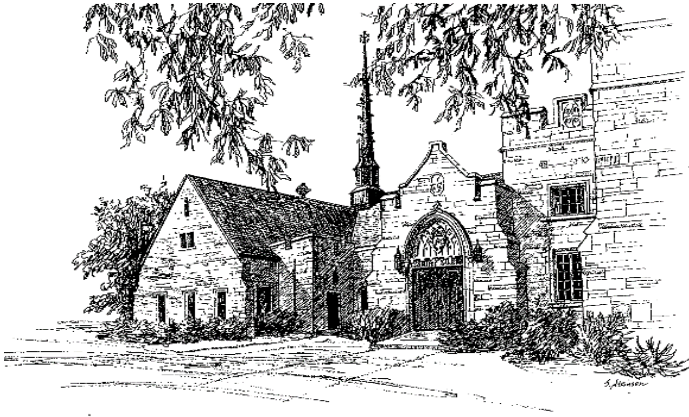
Anniversaries



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!

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