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The Steeple



May 18, 2023

The Weekly Newsletter of St. Luke's Episcopal Church



Ascension and Beyond

Greetings beloved. This Thursday is Ascension Day – the day we mark and remember Jesus' ascent into heaven. Some might see this as the time when we celebrate the departure of Jesus into heaven, however, his ascension does not mark his departure but rather his glorification - as Christ takes his seat at God's right hand. Remember his promise, "that he will remain with us – even to the end of the age?" Christ remains ever present, even as he reigns on high. If you would like to participate in the Feast of the Ascension, a lay eucharistic service will be held at Green Country Village on Thursday at 1:00 p.m. in the chapel.

If you'll recall Ascension Day always falls 40 days after Easter Sunday. We get that date from the Bible in the book of Acts (1:3). The Season of Easter itself you'll remember is 50 days, which means that Pentecost is right around the corner. Since Easter is a movable feast sometimes that means that the church calendar will collide with the secular calendar. This year, Pentecost falls on Memorial Day weekend. Instead of encouraging you to choose one over the other, might I suggest that we observe both? Sunday Services will of course be observed but where we have had a picnic in the past – we will instead be about the work of the day.

Memorial Day as you'll recall is the day we pause to decorate and tend the graves of those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for the freedoms we enjoy. While this day usually has been seen as the herald of summer, it remains a solemn day too – one which remains close to the hearts of many a veteran. Oftentimes Memorial Day gets conflated with Veteran's Day, but that shouldn't stop you from tending the stones of those who have served nor honoring a vet should you run into them. If part of your practice is to remember the fallen on Memorial Day, might I suggest that you take your Book of Common Prayer with you. On page 839 you'll find a prayer for Heroic Service. I can't think of anything better to pray to honor those who gave all so that we might be free.

Speaking of honor... I'd like to take a moment and honor members of the Young Disciples who were recognized for outstanding academic achievement this year. They are:

Keaton Mitchell - full ride scholarship to OSU for getting 35 on ACT.

Jarrett Moore - 4.0 honor roll for 4 years.

Josie McIver - Junior AP student of the year.

Erin Roper - Sophomore girl student of the year.

Luke Olsen - Sophomore boy student of the year.

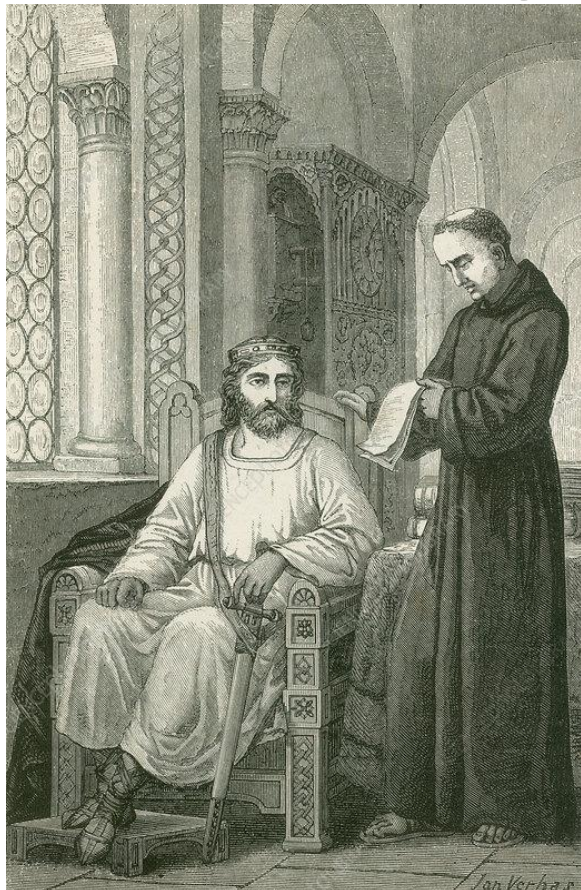
Honor rolls - Jarret Moore, Rachel Landers, Keaton Mitchell, Josie McIver, Jackie Zavala, Ryan McIver, Erin Roper, Luke Olsen, Ethan Peterson, Annabelle Droege, Cara Moore, and Calvin Cutts.

Well done my friends. We are so proud of you!

I will miss being with you all this weekend. Nevertheless, Sunday service shall continue this weekend with Mr. Tom Reyburn officiating Morning Prayer at 8 a.m. and Mr. Mark Wright at 10:30 a.m. Have a blessed weekend my friends.

Nick+

Theologians Corner:



Alcuin, Deacon and Abbot of York

Alcuin was born about 730 near York, into a noble family related to Willibrord, the first missionary to the Netherlands. He was educated at the cathedral school in York under Archbishop Egbert, a pupil of Bede. He thus inherited the best traditions of learning and zeal of the early English Church. After ordination as a deacon in 770, he became head of the York school. Following a meeting in 781 with the Emperor Charlemagne in Pavia (Italy), he was persuaded to become the Emperor's "prime minister," with special responsibility for the revival of education and learning in the Frankish dominions.

Alcuin was named Abbot of Tours in 796, where he died on May 19, 804, and was buried in the church of St. Martin.

Alcuin was a man of vast learning, personal charm, and integrity of character. In his direction of Charlemagne's Palace School at Aachen, he was chiefly responsible for the preservation of the classical heritage of western civilization. Schools were revived in cathedrals and monasteries, and manuscripts of both pagan and Christian writings of antiquity were collated and copied.

Under the authority of Charlemagne, the liturgy was reformed, and service books gathered from Rome were edited and adapted. To this work we owe the preservation of many of the Collects that have come down to us, including the Collect for Purity at the beginning of the Holy Eucharist.

Together we pray: Almighty God, who didst raise up thy servant Alcuin as a beacon of learning: Shine, we pray, in our hearts, that in our generation we may show forth thy praise, for thou didst call 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.



Pub Theology is coming up! Thursday, May 25th , 6:30pm at Tumbleweed's.

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, 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, Audrey Foote, Skip Birkner, Connie Freebern, Don Doty, and Maria Dawson.

Luke's Place May 18th – May 24th, 2023

May 18th Men's Breakfast, 7am, Metcalf

Green Country Eucharist, Rite I, 1pm, GCV

May 21st Holy Eucharist, Rite I, 8:00am, chapel

Holy Eucharist Rite II, 10:30am

May 23rd Spiritual Discovery Group, 10am, Library

May 24th Choir, 5pm, Choir Room

May 25th Pub Theology, 6:30pm, Tumbleweed's

Birthdays and Anniversaries, May 21st – May 27th, 2023

Birthdays



Ed Beasley	(5/24)
Susie Clark	(5/24)
Gretchen Hoyt	(5/25)
Sam DuVall	(5/26)
Sara Clements	(5/27)

Anniversaries



David & Wendy Hall	(5/21)
Glenn & Kris Bonner	(5/22)
Judy & Sam DuVall	(5/23)

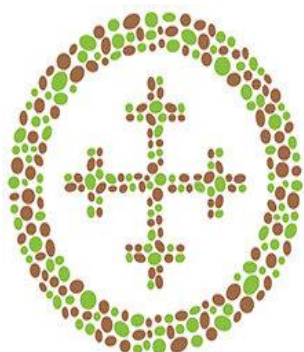
If your or a loved one's name doesn't appear on the list, please email or call the office, and we will add your birthday or anniversary!



Huge THANK YOU to Debi Adams, Sandy Whitson, Judy DuVall, and Margo Proctor who helped make all the posies for the Book Store sale.....Cathy

Concern Pantry Needs:

Canned fruit, Spam, canned pinto beans, pudding cups, fruit cups, ramen noodles, canned corn, tomato sauce, and brown paper sacks with handles



ST. CRISPIN'S

CONFERENCE CENTER + CAMP

Any youth interested in St Crispin's Summer Camp,
see Teresa or Fr Nick!



For those who would like to send a card of
congratulations to our graduates, here are their
addresses:

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Wall of Hope



Family Promise, the program long supported by St. Luke's for transition housing and support for the homeless, has been paused as the Family Promise board seeks a new executive director. In the meantime, the program continues to incur utility bills and other operating expenses for Anchor House and Stephens House (801 S. Osage). The board also intends to engage a temporary grant writer to help develop long-term funding sources beyond participating churches.

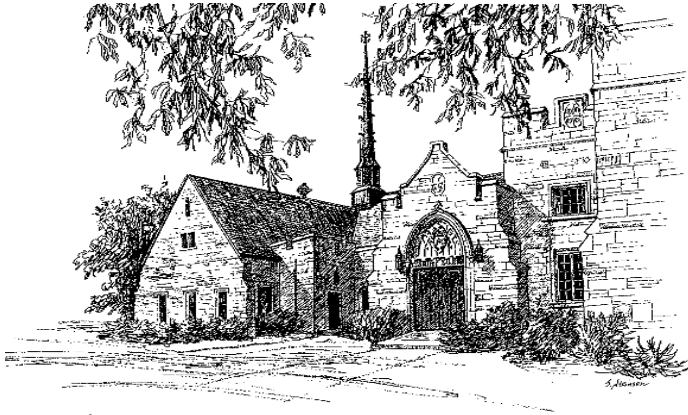
To help Family Promise through this time of change, supporting churches are being asked to display the Family Promise "Wall of Hope," whereby individual church members can provide contributions. The "Wall of Hope" will be on display at St. Luke's from tomorrow, May 11, through Sunday, May 21.

Here's how to help: Simply take a number, or numbers, from the "Wall of Hope." Each number designates the amount of money you would like to donate. If you choose to take more than one, the sum of the numbers is your donation amount. Place the number card(s) along with your donation in an envelope and place in the donation box. Feel free to include a donation card if you wish.

The Family Promise board is grateful for St. Luke's support in this fundraising effort, as well as all of the support the congregation has provided in the past.

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