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The Steeple



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The Weekly Newsletter of St. Luke's Episcopal Church



Pentecost the Crown Jewel of Easter

In Thomas Keating's *The Mystery of Christ: The Liturgy as Spiritual Experience* he states that, "The liturgical year focuses on the three great theological ideas that form the heart of Christian revelation: divine light, life, and love." Pentecost crowns the great fifty days of Easter and focuses on the theological idea of love. When these themes cease to be ideas and become part of our personal experience – this then, is the ultimate purpose of liturgy. (pp. 4-6)

In one of his most beloved poems *Love III*, George Herbert reminds us that Love bids us welcome – especially when we think we are not – Jesus says we are. Welcome signs, as you know, dominate the strategies of Episcopal evangelism. Phrases such as: *All are Welcome*; *The Episcopal Church Welcomes You*; and *Welcome Home. You Belong Here!* are ubiquitous. And as much as signs are necessary in helping point the way, they have a limit to what they can convey.

I confess that I've been thinking a lot about how when "Welcome" becomes just a word or worse when people see "Welcome" on a sign and interpret it as "Welcome *" only if you are this or that, and not the other thing. How do folks know that they really are welcome, and I hope, loved? How is the idea of welcome transformed into personal experience?

One of the ways that the word welcome is transformed into lived experience is when we do the work that has been given us to do – specifically the ministry of reconciliation. I think oftentimes the main mission of the church has been interpreted as evangelizing a "lost" world, however, how the church evangelizes goes well beyond just sharing ideas but actually doing the work of an evangelist which is this: to convince and encourage with patience, whether the time is favorable or not, that people are actually loved by God more than they could possibly fathom.

One of the most tangible ways that St. Luke's has extended welcome to our community has been by partnering with Family Promise. Through all the ups and downs, through the pandemic, changes of leadership, and shift in strategies Family Promise has come to count on the local churches who first helped them get off the ground. As they take the leap of faith in regrouping, they are asking us to hope. The churches of Bartlesville will I'm sure, respond in love – and so should we. Please see the Wall of Hope at church to learn more.

“For now, we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully know. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.” (1 Cor. 13: 12-13).

Peace,

Nick+

Theologians Corner:



The First Book of Common Prayer 1549

The first Book of Common Prayer came into use on the Day of Pentecost, June 9, 1549, in the second year of the reign of King Edward VI. From it have descended all subsequent editions and revisions of the Book in the Churches of the Anglican Communion.

Though prepared by a commission of learned bishops and priests, the format, substance, and style of the Prayer Book were primarily the work of Thomas Cranmer, Archbishop of Canterbury, 1533–1556. The principal sources employed in its compilation were the medieval Latin service books of the Use of Sarum (Salisbury), with enrichments from the Greek liturgies, certain ancient Gallican rites, the vernacular German forms prepared by Luther, and a revised Latin liturgy of the reforming Archbishop Hermann of Cologne. The Psalter and other biblical passages were drawn from the English “Great Bible”

authorized by King Henry VIII in 1539, and the Litany was taken from the English form issued as early as 1544.

The originality of the Prayer Book, apart from the felicitous translations and paraphrases of the old Latin forms, lay in its simplification of the complicated liturgical usages of the medieval Church, so that it was suitable for use by the laity as well as by the clergy. The Book thus became both a manual of common worship for Anglicans and a primary resource for their personal spirituality.

Together we pray: Almighty and everliving God, whose servant Thomas Cranmer, with others, did restore the language of the people in the prayers of thy Church: Make us always thankful for this heritage; and help us so to pray in the Spirit and with the understanding, that we may worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



Pub Theology is TOMORROW, 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, 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, Shania Smith, Terry Sisco, Terry Grogan, Tyler Roberson, Jack & Karla Stoecker, Estelle Sams, Steve Early, Carolyn Gorman, Don Johansen, Jerry Nezam, Jim Brooks, Harris Moreland, Tom Martin, Audrey Foote, Doug Hough, Skip Birkner, Connie Freebern, Don Doty, Maria Dawson Luke Karel, Janice Lonski, Radomir & Miriam Petrovich, Jennifer Hamilton, and Janet Gallery Biggers.

Luke's Place May 25th – May 31st, 2023

- May 25th Men's Breakfast, 7am, Metcalf
Rector's Bible Study, 9:15am, Metcalf
Green Country Eucharist, Rite I, 1pm, GCV
Pub Theology, 6:30pm, Tumbleweed's
- May 28th Holy Eucharist, Rite I, 8:00am, chapel
Faith Forum, 9:15am, Metcalf
Holy Eucharist Rite II, 10:30am
- May 29th Office Closed for Memorial Day
- May 30th Spiritual Discovery Group, 10am, Library
- May 31st Choir, 5pm, Choir Room

Birthdays and Anniversaries, May 28th – June 3rd, 2023



Birthdays

Heather Boyle (5/28)
Jim Liehr (5/28)
Carol Murphy (5/28)
Betty Hardin (5/29)
Bob Gates (5/31)
Lou Ann Mitchell (6/3)



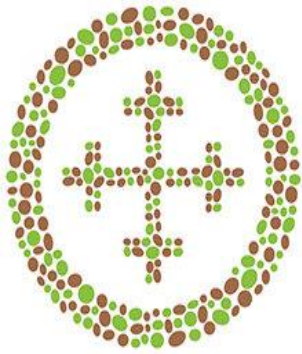
Anniversaries

Bill & Jackie Gallery (6/2)
Fred & Sandy Whitson (6/3)

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!

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!



O Judge of the nations, we remember before you with grateful hearts the men and women of our country who in the day of decision ventured much for the liberties we now enjoy. Grant that we may not rest until all the people of this land share the benefits of true freedom and gladly accept its disciplines. This we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

-Book of Common Prayer



Wall of Hope

As you may have noticed, there's a temporary display about Family Promise at the end of the long hallway, just around the corner from the

narthex. It's called the "Wall of Hope," and for now, it's taking the place of the YD bulletin board.

Here's some background: St. Luke's has been a long-time supporter of the Family Promise program, which provides support and transitional housing for homeless families in our community. The program has been paused for the time being 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 the office at Anchor House and for upkeep at Stephens House, which is the home St. Luke's provides at 801 S. Osage. In this interim period, the Family Promise board also intends to engage a temporary grant writer to help develop long-term funding sources beyond the local participating churches.

To help Family Promise through this time of change, supporting churches are being asked to display the Family Promise "Wall of Hope." This is a way that we – as individual church members – can provide the financial contributions to make sure this much-needed program for homeless families keeps going.

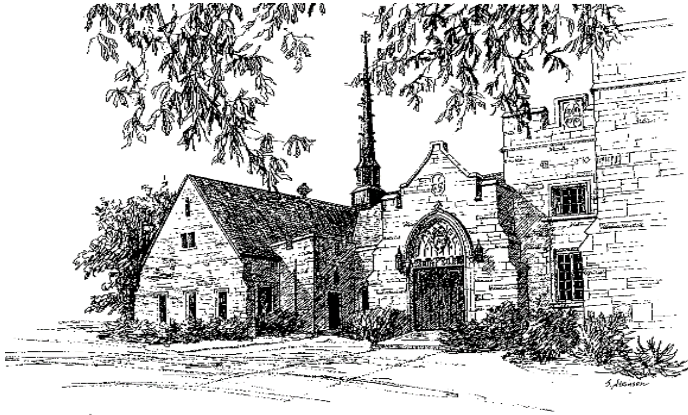
Here's how it works:

1. Select one or more numbers – each number represents the dollar value of your donation.
2. Place the number(s) removed from the board, along with your donation in the donation envelopes provided.
3. If you would like a donation receipt, please fill out the donation card provided and place the card in the envelope with your donation. A receipt for your donation will be mailed to you from Family Promise.
4. Place the donation envelope into the donation box.

Thank you for your donation!!

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