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The Steeple



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The Weekly Newsletter of St. Luke's Episcopal Church



Enchantment

A couple of weeks ago you may have noticed a recipe at the back of the Steeple; the infamous potato chip casserole. PCC has been a camp tradition for I don't know how many years but at the very least, it goes back to when Bob and Georgia Gates were stewards of St. Crispin's. As my family prepares to head back to Wewoka today, after a wonderful 4th of July, I was reminded of another tradition – more recent, but still a tradition – readings from the Ethiopian Tattoo Shop.

Most nights at camp you can count on three things: popsicles, compline, and closing circle. Popsicles and compline usually are out underneath the stars and closing circle takes place in the cabins. Regardless each of these activities signals the close of the day with quiet – sweet reflection. I had one of those sweet moments the other night watching the girls and their friends around the kitchen table “*closing out the day*” cackling at each other, knowing full well that one was to head back to Ireland soon, another to Bristol (U.K.), one to Africa, and two to Tennessee - but for a moment they all were there in one beautiful round.

I'll hold that image in my mind for quite a while ... I hope. These days there is no telling what will stay in and what will go out. This is one of the many reasons I remain grateful to our ancestors in faith who had the foresight to codify the richness of our tradition. From the Bible to the Book of Common Prayer a wealth of wisdom has been handed down to us in the form of history, poetry, literature, music, and mythology. Rediscovering these works is vital to a process the church desperately needs - re-enchantment.

One of my favorite ways to do this is read the short stories of Jesus. Amy Jill Levine has written a wonderful companion for such an enterprise. But I must tell you I encountered a new one. A few weeks ago, a former camp counselor now a dean returned to camp with one of her most prized possessions. It had ceased to be a book a long time ago, the binding long since gone – it was now a collection of loose leaves. The stories were once collected under the

title: The Ethiopian Tattoo Shop and were in effect a recasting of the parables of Jesus! Sitting down with a cup of “faskomilo” and I cracked open my copy and the hours faded away.

What keeps the spark alive in your life of faith?

Sola gratia.

Nick+



Theologian's Corner:

Eva Lee Matthews Monastic, 1928

Eva Lee Matthews was born on February 9, 1862, in Glendale, Ohio. Her father was Thomas Stanley Matthews, a justice on the United States Supreme Court. She attended Wellesley College but did not graduate.

From a young age, Matthews was concerned with helping others. She was a devout member of the Episcopal Church. In 1891, Matthews spent some time in Omaha, Nebraska, helping the poor and teaching children at a parochial school. She left Omaha in 1894, and in 1895, she traveled with her brother to Palestine. Upon her return to the United States, Matthews authored a book, *A Little Pilgrimage to Holy Places*, which recounted her trip.

In 1896, Matthews relocated to Cincinnati, Ohio, where she worked at the Bethany Mission House, an Episcopal charitable organization designed to help the less fortunate residents of Cincinnati. It was at this time that Matthews and coworker Beatrice Henderson decided to create a new Episcopal religious order. The purpose of this order was to assist Cincinnati's poor, especially children. On August 6, 1898, Episcopal Church officials formally recognized Matthews' and Henderson's order, formally naming the group the Community of the Transfiguration. At this time, Matthews formally became a nun, and she became known as Sister Eva Mary.

The Community of the Transfiguration remained in Cincinnati for only a short time. The order soon relocated to Glendale, Matthews's childhood home. The order grew slowly but by the 1920s, the Community of the Transfiguration had members engaged in charity work in China, Hawaii, Painesville, Ohio, Cleveland, Ohio, and Woodlawn, Ohio.

Matthews served as the leader of the Community of the Transfiguration until her death in July 1928.

Together we pray: O God, whose blessed Son became poor that we through his poverty might be rich: Deliver us, we pray thee from an inordinate love of this world, that, inspired by the devotion of thy servant Eva Lee Matthews, we may serve thee with singleness of heart, and attain to the riches of the age to come; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Please pray for: Terry Piper, Liz Green, Michelle Sheffield, Catherine Sheffield, David King, Pris Snow, Ben Baker, Sanawbar, Diana Farris, Joel Hahn, Stacey & Butch Webster, Steve McCraw, Josh Harris, Katie Rolielard, Debbie French, Jody & George Bracken, David Swindell, Norma Perrier, Connie Finch, Dorothy Buchanan, Peggy Kauffman, Colleen, Shawn, Ryan Kiesel, Tony Clapper, Bruce Neiswander, Jack & Karla Stoecker, Joseph, Tim, Shania Smith, Terry Grogan, Tyler Roberson, Estelle Sams, Jerry Nezam, Jim Brooks, Tom Martin, Audrey Foote, Skip Birkner, Don Doty, Maria Dawson Luke Karel, Janice Lonski, Radomir & Miriam Petrovich, Lynette Beebe, David & Charlotte Delahay, J D Brooks, Doug Hough, David Lovelace, and Nancy & Joe Norton.

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

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| July 6 th | Men's Breakfast, 7am, Metcalf
Bible Study, 9:15am, Metcalf
Green Country Eucharist, Rite I, 1pm, GCV |
| July 9 th | Holy Eucharist, Rite I, 8:00am, chapel
Holy Eucharist Rite II, 10:30am |
| July 10 th | Finance Committee, noon, Vestry Room
Vestry, 5:30pm, Vestry Room |
| July 11 th | Spiritual Discovery, 10am, Library |





Concern's current pantry needs are ramen noodles and peanut butter. Homeless needs are fruit cups. Concern is still in need of a volunteer for the front desk on Monday's from 11:00 am - 2:30 pm. If you are interested, please contact Melody at 918-336-4693.



ST. LUKE'S BOOKSTORE

Come, shop the Bookstore during the month of July and every day that you make a purchase, your name will be put in a jar. At the end of the month, a drawing will be held and a \$25 Gift Certificate to the Bookstore will be awarded to the winner.

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

Birthdays



Jeff Hall (7/14)

Anniversaries

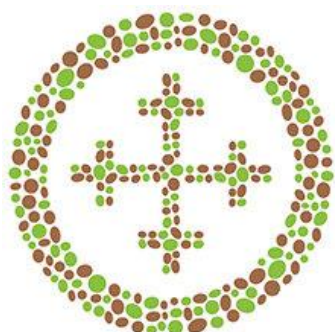


If your or a loved one's name doesn't appear on the list, please email or call the office, and we will add your birthday or anniversary!





Church Movie Night will be Sunday, July 16th, 6:30pm, in Metcalf Hall. Popcorn and drinks will be provided. Bring snacks to share and your lawn chair or picnic blanket. The movie will be 'Top Gun- Maverick' and Fr Nick will share his connection to the movie.



ST. CRISPIN'S

CONFERENCE CENTER + CAMP

We have campers next week (July 9th-15th): Ramona Herrera & Pax Phares. One of the fun things at camp is mail call. To send our young people a note that you are thinking of them and supporting them during their week, you may mail them to this address:

Camper's Name
C/O St Crispin's Summer Camp
36302 Ok-9
Wewoka, OK 74884



The Episcopal Diocese of Oklahoma School of Spiritual Direction presents:



... some seeds fell on a path ...
other seeds fell on rocky ground
... while other seeds fell among
thorns ... still other seeds fell on
good soil and brought forth grain,
some a hundredfold, some sixty,
some thirty.

If you have ears, hear!

Matthew 13:4-9

SUMMERTIME ABUNDANCE

A Quiet Day
to explore God's Gifts to us.

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- *An opportunity to spend quiet time in God's presence;*
 - *Learn unique prayer styles through workshops and reflection;*
 - *Get a quick glimpse at Retreat in Daily Life — an eight-month program to deepen your faith through Ignatian spirituality.*

Enjoy this Quiet Day with no obligations.

Men and women are encouraged to attend at one of six locations:

- ♦ Saturday, July 15th at St. Luke's, Ada
- ♦ Saturday, July 22nd at St. Dunstan's, Tulsa
- ♦ Saturday, July 22nd at St. Augustine of Canterbury, Oklahoma City
- ♦ Saturday, August 5th at St. Christopher's, Midwest City
- ♦ Saturday, August 5th at St. John's, Vinita
- ♦ Saturday, August 19th at Christ Church, Tulsa

All Quiet Days will begin at 10:00 a.m. and conclude with Holy Eucharist by 3:00 p.m.

\$50 Quiet Day fee covers all materials, Breakfast Snacks and Lunch.

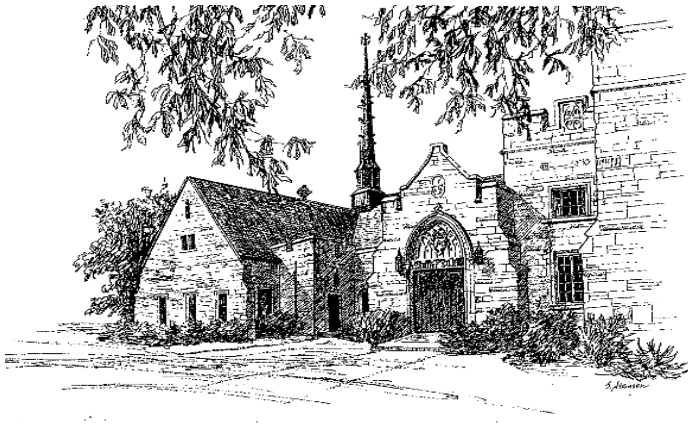
Please e-mail or TEXT Sandra Opalka with questions or for registration:

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