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The Steeple



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The Weekly Newsletter of St. Luke's Episcopal Church



St. Luke's Calls Our Next Music Director

Dear Friends,

As I sit here and watch our youth play after a hard day's work, it's hard to miss a smile and not get lost in the laughter. To think that one day these kiddos will be running the church is to be filled with pride – because for one, they are ours and two, because of who they are means that the future of the church is in just the right hands.

One of the most sacred vocations for us as members of St. Luke's is to see that the next generation is lifted up and supported in their ministry. If done well, such actions and sacrifices allow the parish to flourish. Furthermore, if you think about it - very few of us have been members of the church long enough (if at all) to say that **we** and **we alone** built St. Luke's from the ground up. We've always needed each other.

This means that there have always been times when we have taken what the generation before us worked to build and used it to further the mission of the church to the best of our ability – all this of course lays before us the ministry of Grace and the opportunity to see God in one another.

And so -- it is with the image of God in mind, with God's help in mind and in trusting that the church will be the church we have called ourselves to be that we now enter into a time of holy transition. I am so very pleased to announce to everyone that after an almost year long search, St. Luke's has extended a call to Ms. Keeli Droege to serve as the next Music Director at St. Luke's Episcopal Church.

Throughout the search, we kept the words of Dolores in front of us and close to our hearts – “Find someone who wants to come and be with us.” Not only did Keeli say those very words, but it was evident that God was leading her every step of the way. My friends let us mark this transition with love – caring for our dear friend Dolores in joy and raising up our sister Keeli with ardent love into the ministry that God has placed on her heart. And as we do may we:

Sing, pray, and keep his ways unswerving,
offering your service faithfully,
and trusting his word; though undeserving,
you'll come to find his promise true to be.
God never will forsake in need
the soul that trusts in him indeed.

Best,

Nick+



Theologian's Corner: John Mason Neale

John Mason Neale (24 January 1818 – 6 August 1866) was an English Anglican priest, scholar and hymnwriter. He worked and wrote on a wide range of holy Christian texts, including obscure medieval hymns, both Western and Eastern. Among his most famous hymns is the 1853 *Good King Wenceslas*, set on Boxing Day. An Anglo-Catholic, Neale's works have found positive reception in high-church Anglicanism and Western Rite Orthodoxy.

Neale was born in London on 24 January 1818, his parents being the clergyman Cornelius Neale and Susanna Neale, daughter of John Mason Good. A younger sister Elizabeth Neale (1822–1901) founded the Community of the Holy Cross.

He was educated at Sherborne School, Dorset, and Trinity College, Cambridge, where (despite being said to be the best classical scholar in his year) his lack of ability in mathematics prevented him taking an honours degree. Neale was named after the Puritan cleric and hymn writer John Mason (1645–94), of whom his mother Susanna was a descendant.

At the age of 22 Neale was the chaplain of Downing College, Cambridge. At Cambridge he was affected by the Oxford Movement and, particularly interested in church architecture, helped to found the Cambridge Camden Society (afterwards known as the Ecclesiological

Society). The society advocated for more ritual and religious decoration in churches, and was closely associated with the Gothic Revival. Neale's first published address was made to the society on November 22, 1841. Neale was ordained in 1842. He was briefly incumbent of Crawley in Sussex, but was forced to resign due to a chronic lung disease. The following winter he lived in the Madeira Islands, where he was able to do research for his *History of the Eastern Church*. In 1846 he became warden of Sackville College, an almshouse at East Grinstead, an appointment which he held until his death.

In 1854 Neale co-founded the Society of Saint Margaret, an order of women in the Church of England dedicated to nursing the sick. Many Protestants of the time were suspicious of the restoration of Anglican religious orders. In 1857, Neale was attacked and mauled at a funeral of one of the Sisters. Crowds threatened to stone him or to burn his house. He received no honour or preferment in England, and his doctorate was bestowed by Trinity College (Connecticut).

He was also the principal founder of the Anglican and Eastern Churches Association, a religious organization founded as the Anglican and Eastern Orthodox Churches Union in 1864. A result of this organisation was the *Hymns of the Eastern Church*, edited by John Mason Neale and published in 1865.

Neale was strongly high church in his sympathies, and had to endure a good deal of opposition, including a fourteen years' inhibition by his bishop. Neale translated the Eastern liturgies into English, and wrote a mystical and devotional commentary on the Psalms. However, he is best known as a hymnwriter and, especially, translator, having enriched English hymnody with many ancient and mediaeval hymns translated from Latin and Greek. For example, the melody of Good King Wenceslas originates from a medieval Latin springtime poem, *Tempus adest floridum*. More than anyone else, he made English-speaking congregations aware of the centuries-old tradition of Latin, Greek, Russian, and Syrian hymns. The 1875 edition of the *Hymns Ancient and Modern* contains 58 of his translated hymns; *The English Hymnal* (1906) contains 63 of his translated hymns and six original hymns by Neale.

His translations include:

- "All Glory, Laud and Honour"
- "A Great and Mighty Wonder"
- "O Blest Creator of the Light"
- "O come, O come, Emmanuel"
- "Of the Father's Heart Begotten"
- "Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle"
- "To Thee Before the Close of Day"
- "Ye Sons and Daughters of the King"

Since Neale died on 6 August 1866, the Feast of the Transfiguration, he is commemorated by the Anglican churches on the following day, 7 August. Neale is honored in the Church of England and in the Episcopal Church that day.

Grant, O God, that in all time of our testing we may know your Presence and obey your will; that, following the example of your servant John Mason Neale, we may with integrity and courage accomplish what you give us to do, and endure what you give us to bear; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Please pray for: 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, Ryan Kiesel, Tony Clapper, Bruce Neiswander, Jack & Karla Stoecker, Joseph, Tim, Shania Smith, Terry Grogan, Tyler Roberson, Jerry Nezam, Jim Brooks, Tom Martin, Don Doty, Maria Dawson, Luke Karel, Janice Lonski, Radomir & Miriam Petrovich, Lynette Beebe, J D Brooks, and Nancy & Joe Norton.

Luke's Place Aug 3rd-Aug 9th, 2023

Aug 3rd Men's Breakfast, 7am, Metcalf
Green Country Eucharist, Rite I, 1pm, GCV
Aug 6th Morning Prayer, Rite I, 8:00am, chapel
Morning Prayer, Rite II, 10:30am



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Concern's current pantry needs: SPAM, cereal, hamburger and tuna helper, cake mix and icing for children's birthday cakes, and any plastic bags.

Homeless needs: single portion proteins (with a snap off lid) and reusable bags.

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Karen Lowe-Alton

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Battle, a festival style buffet and
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Saturday, Aug 19th

5:30 PM

**St Luke's
Episcopal Church**



\$12
Ticket

Include:

 **Admission Price &**
 **10 cards**

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Games start at 6:00 PM



All proceeds benefit Casa Hispana, a Bartlesville non-profit organization that provides support to local individuals and families by enabling connections to community resources, offering translation services, English and citizenship classes, and providing highly subsidized dental care to under-served communities

Contact Jeff Birk for tickets!

Birthdays and Anniversaries, Aug 6th – Aug 12th, 2023

Birthdays



Tim Hanson (8/11)
Evan Tedstrom (8/11)
Gretchen Matthews (8/12)

Anniversaries

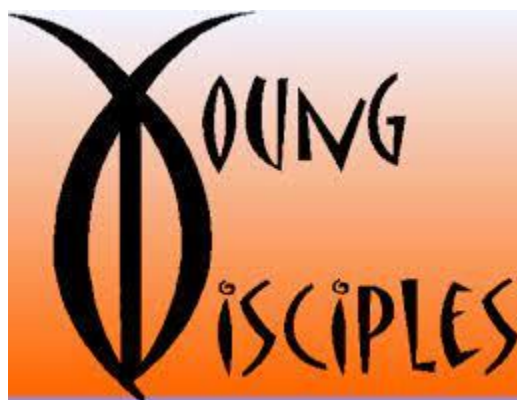


Jim & Kate Carroll (8/6)
Steve & Susie Clark (8/9)
Gretchen & Robert Matthews (8/11)

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!



Last Sunday at the 10:30am Service, the congregation laid hands on Morgan and prayed for safe travel and blessings for her work in Ghana. Morgan will be staying with a host family and learning the traditions and culture of Ghana. She will return in November. We will miss you, Morgan!



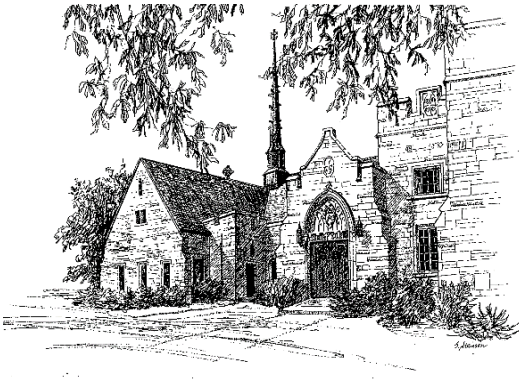
Attention all YDers! Our gatherings begin Wednesday, August 16th, 6pm. YD is for youth 6th -12th grade. We meet in Rodgers Hall.

The Backpack folks have come and gone which means the beginning of the school year is right around the corner. August 10th will see our kiddos back in class. Watch for the school buses and school zones! And may Bartlesville have a safe start to the school year!



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