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# *The Steeple*



Aug 16, 2023

## **The Weekly Newsletter of St. Luke's Episcopal Church**



### **Rising from the Ash**

Like many of you, I have been following the coverage of the recovery efforts in Maui. As of yet, I know of no concerted effort on a diocesan level to support the diocese of Hawaii, however, there may be a reason for that. I believe when it comes down to it, the best way that we can help in situations like this is to pool resources so that they might have a greater impact. Episcopal Relief and Development - (ERD) for short, is the arm of the Episcopal Church that does just this.

As a matter of fact, if you navigate to <https://www.episcopalrelief.org> you cannot get past the homepage without first being drawn towards the rescue and recovery efforts that are underway. The blaze that swept through West Maui is the deadliest US wildfire in over a century. ERD is working directly with the citizens of West Maui to provide relief and support. Should you choose, you can make an urgent tax-deductible donation to the Hawai'i Emergency Response Fund on ERD's website. Should a digital donation not be possible, you can send checks directly to ERD at the following address:

Episcopal Relief & Development  
815 Second Avenue  
New York, NY 10017

(Note: Please be sure to include "Maui" in the memo.)

There is no doubt that a portion of the financial assistance received will go towards rebuilding Holy Innocents Episcopal Church in old Lahaina. As you can imagine, because of smoldering fires and the recovery of remains, their folks have not been able to visit the site of their Church. Aerial photos online show the devastation caused by the wildfire. In one, you can only see a portion of the foundation of the Church (sanctuary, preschool and vicarage) and King Kamehameha III Elementary School that stood right next to it.

Holy Innocents has been the Episcopal presence in Lahaina since being invited by the Holy Sovereigns, the founding patrons of the Diocese of Hawaii, King Kamehameha IV and Queen Emma in 1862. Below is the most recent photo of the congregation.



As fellow servants of Christ, let us pray for our brothers and sisters: God of hope and mercy, we lift up to you all victims of the wildfire in Maui and those responding with assistance and aid. Protect all who are in any form of danger; provide immediate help to those in need; strengthen the weary, console the grieving, heal the suffering; and bless those engaged in disaster relief efforts with safety and courage. Help all people of good will respond with compassion and generous hearts. Amen.

With arms wide open,

Nick+

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## Theologian's Corner: : Artemisia Bowden



The Rt. Rev. James Steptoe Johnston, Bishop of the Missionary District of Western Texas (1888–1916), desired to provide education and skill development for newly emancipated blacks in the mission field. Bishop Johnston traveled to Raleigh, North Carolina, in search of a young, black, female teacher. In 1902, Ms. Artemisia Bowden courageously accepted Bishop Johnston's invitation and assumed leadership of the St. Philip's Vocational Day School for Colored Children in San Antonio, Texas.

She began with less than ten students. After leading the school for 52 years, a small day school was transformed into a fully accredited

junior college offering over 100 degree and certificate programs. In 2016, St. Philip's College has an enrollment of over 11,000 students. St. Philip's College carries the dual designation of being a Historically Black College and a Hispanic Serving Institution Bowden's work, which began more than 110 years ago, continues to be an essential piece of the educational system in South Texas.

Her participation in various social causes included the Texas Commission on Interracial Relations, the Negro Business and Professional Women's Club, the City Federation of Clubs, the Southern Conference of Christians and Jews, the Coordination Council of Juvenile Delinquency in the Texas Social Welfare Association, the American Friends Service Commission, the Texas T.B. Association of Bexar County, and the National Association of College Women's Clubs.

Her visionary leadership at St. Philip's, as well as in the community, earned her honorary degrees, and recognition as one of ten outstanding women in the field of education by the National Council of Negro Women in 1946; she was honored as Zeta Phi Beta's Woman of the Year in 1955. Dr. Bowden died in 1969, after a full and rich life of faith in Christ and fidelity to Christ's Church, having served both the School and St. Philip's Church in the Diocese of West Texas for more than sixty-seven years.

Together we pray: O God, by thy Holy Spirit thou dost give gifts to thy people so that they might faithfully serve thy Church and the world: We give praise to thee for the gifts of perseverance, teaching, and wisdom made manifest in thy servant, Artemisia Bowden, whom thou didst call far from home for the sake of educating the daughters and granddaughters of former slaves in Texas. We give thanks to thee for thy blessing and prospering of her life's work, and pray that, following her example, we may be ever mindful of the call to serve where thou dost send us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the Spirit, liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**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, Jim Ellis, Debbie Mueggenborg, Liz Burger, and Nancy & Joe Norton.

## Luke's Place Aug 17<sup>th</sup>-Aug 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023

Aug 17<sup>th</sup> Men's Breakfast, 7am, Metcalf

Bible Study, 9:15am, Metcalf

Green Country Eucharist, Rite I, 1pm, GCV

Aug 19<sup>th</sup> Casa Hispana Bingo, 5:30pm, Metcalf

Aug 20<sup>th</sup> Holy Eucharist, Rite I, 8:00am, chapel

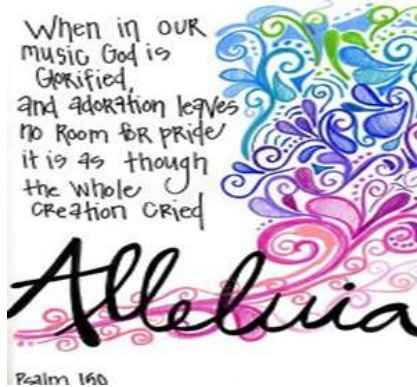
Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10:30am

Aug 23<sup>rd</sup> YD, 6pm, Rodgers



Concern's current pantry needs: canned chili and soup

Homeless needs: pudding cups



"When in our music God is glorified, when adoration leaves no room for pride, it is as though the whole creation cried ALLELUIA!" - F. Pratt Green, #420 in "The Hymnal 1982". Giving thanks always for all the Alleluias we have shared and will continue to share as we live into the Wondrous Presence of God's love.

My heart is full of joy, humility, and thankfulness for the beautiful Sunday evening celebration.

*-Dolores*



**BOOKSTORE NEWS!** Congratulations to the Winner of the Gift Certificate last month: **SUSIE CLARK!** Watch the Steeple for a special promotional event coming in September. Also be aware your St Luke's Bookstore will have a presence at this year's Diocesan Convention at St. Crispin's.

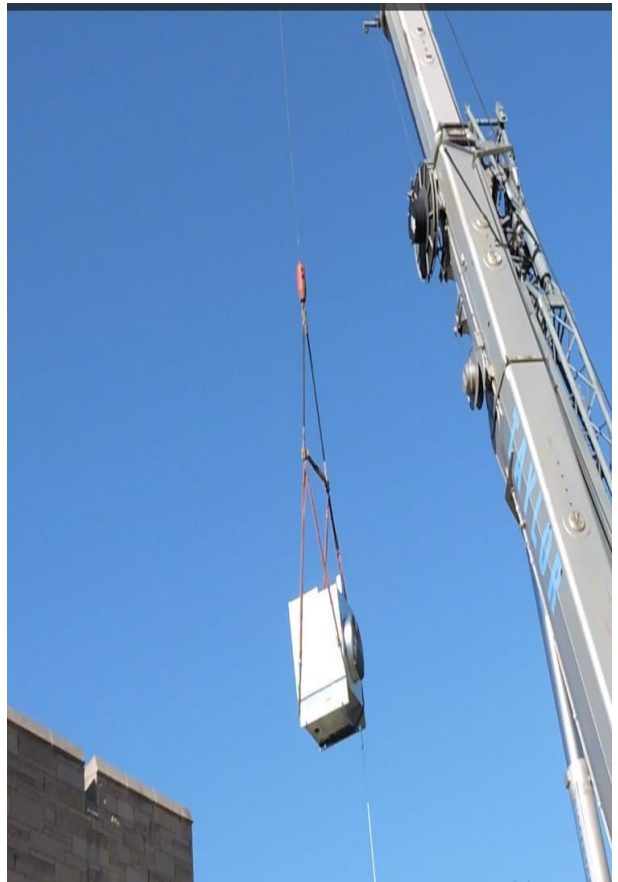


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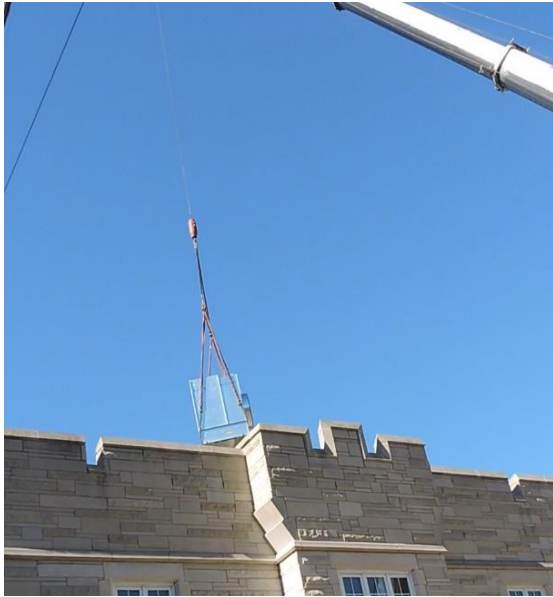
St. Luke's got a big lift this week. After 24 years of reliable service, it was time to replace the rooftop cooling tower, which is a critical element in the air conditioning system that cools the north end of St. Luke's including the classrooms, offices and Metcalf Hall. The project was the second and last step in the refurbishment of the HAVC system that heats and cools roughly half of the church building. Last week, the first step was accomplished with the installation of a new process water tank in the downstairs equipment room. That tank was original to the building, installed 40 years ago.

The lift on Tuesday of this week was accomplished by a large crane that lifted the old unit off the roof and flawlessly replaced it with a new one. The change out required a 95-foot reach across the top of the roof from north parking lot. The move was accomplished in less than two hours and the new tower was up and running by 1 pm. The whole project was supervised by St. Luke's long-time HVAC resource, Hayes Air Conditioning and Heating.

Cost of this entire project is expected to be around \$50,000, which will be a significant draw from the church's capital assets. The finance committee is also looking into a major refurbishment of the system that heats and cools the nave and narthex, where under-the-window and hallway air handlers have been wearing out on a regular basis. While some of the 23 units have been replaced over the years, most date back to 1956. About half have been shut off because of leaks and wornout blowers. You'll hear more about this refurbishment project later this year.







The choir will begin rehearsals again starting Wed., Aug. 30th from 5-6 pm. We will have two weeks of rehearsals before our first Sunday on Sept. 10th (the first Sunday after labor day). If you have been thinking about joining the choir, now is the time! We need your beautiful voice! Contact Keeli Droege, Choir Director at 918-697-8509 or [keelidroege@gmail.com](mailto:keelidroege@gmail.com).



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# BINGO

BY **CASA HISPANA** *night*

**Join us for an evening of Bingo, Raffles, Family Fun, and Hispanic Food**  
**For tickets, call 918.907.1584**

**Saturday, Aug 19<sup>th</sup>**

**5:30 PM**

**St Luke's  
Episcopal Church**

CasaHispana.Bartlesville@gmail.com



**\$12**  
Ticket

**Include:**

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

**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 20<sup>th</sup> – Aug 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

### **Birthdays**



Shannon McCraw	(8/22)
Michelle Sheffield	(8/22)
Bob Tedstrom	(8/22)
Darian Kedy	(8/25)
Dennis Mueggenborg	(8/26)

### **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!**



Tuesday August 22nd. 11:30am - 1:30pm

Community Center

Come get your tasting from over 25 restaurants.

Tickets are \$25 either from Steve Clark or at the door



*Once an Eagle,  
Always an Eagle*

## Celebration for Ryan McIver

Help us celebrate Ryan McIver's rank advancement to Eagle Scout.

Eagle Scout Court of Honor to be held in St. Luke's Metcalf Hall on Saturday August 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:30.

Appetizers will be provided.

If you can join us, please RSVP how many in your family will be attending to [doug\\_mciver@hotmail.com](mailto:doug_mciver@hotmail.com) or text me at 785-342-4328 so we know how much food to plan for.

Thank you for all your support during his Eagle Scout journey!

Doug McIver





## PUT YOUR FAITH INTO ACTION

### Support the Hawai'i Fire Response

High winds from Hurricane Dora and drought conditions combined to accelerate the growth of brush fires that devastated the Lahaina community in Hawai'i. Episcopal Relief & Development is in contact with the Episcopal Diocese of Hawai'i in the wake of wildfires that have killed many people and displaced hundreds of families on Maui.

To make a donation, please fill out the coupon below and mail it in with your check or credit card information.

Thank you for your compassion and prayers. With your partnership, we are Working Together for Lasting Change.

For 80+ years, Episcopal Relief & Development has been collaborating closely alongside communities and our Anglican partners to respond to **disasters** and carry out long-term development strategies in three key priority areas, **Women, Children and Climate**, to help alleviate hunger, create economic opportunities, respond to disasters, promote health and strengthen communities.



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