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# *The Steeple*



Aug 23, 2023

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



## **St. Benedict's Rule**

### **Greetings from Schuyler, Nebraska.**

It is another beautiful morning here at St. Benedict's Retreat Center. This is massive retreat house with over eighty guests at the moment: everybody from quilters to iconographers. There is always worship going on and you can smell the incense from where you sit in class. This is the beginning of day three and our workshop has been putting in some long days. Teresa asked me the other night, "Did you expect thirteen-hour days?" I didn't, but that's okay. The process is intense and that is the way it was advertised. In a few moments we will begin again and after a rest I'm ready.

The phrase, "always begin again" is a part of the title of a book about the Benedictine way of life. Based off St. Benedict's Rule, always begin again is a principle of encouragement not just simply an invitation to start over. The phrase assumes that some learning has happened and that the next time around will lead one to encounter new insights as they move closer to the center of life, which is God. The way one begins again - starts with practice.

As we prepare to begin again, you'll notice that there are several ways in which you can participate in our liturgical life this year. I hope that throughout the next few weeks you would allow yourself some time to meditate on if this is the year for you to begin again. Perhaps you have been thinking about choir, meditation, or ministering to our young children. These practices are deeply spiritual, and it is my constant prayer that through your discipline of prayer you hear the voice of God that is calling you to begin again.

In hope of that...



Together we pray: O God, we ask you to send your Holy Angels to bless and guide us in our contemplation of ministry this year so that only your will be done. We humbly ask this prayer of thanks and hope through your only Son, Jesus Christ; who along with You and the Holy Spirit reign as One true God. Amen.

May the ministry you practice this year bless the Lord,

God's Peace,

Nick+



## Theologian's Corner:



### **Thomas Gallaudet, 1902, with Henry Winter Syle, 1890**

Ministry to the deaf in The Episcopal Church begins with Thomas Gallaudet and his protégé, Henry Winter Syle. Without Gallaudet's genius and zeal for the spiritual well-being of deaf persons, it is improbable that a history of ministry to the deaf in The Episcopal Church could be written. He has been called "The Apostle to the Deaf."

Gallaudet was born June 3, 1822, in Hartford, Connecticut, the eldest son of Thomas Hopkins Gallaudet, founder of the West Hartford School for the Deaf, whose wife, Sophia, was a deaf-mute.

After graduating from Trinity College in Hartford, Thomas announced his intention of being confirmed and becoming a priest in The Episcopal Church. His father prevailed upon him to postpone a final decision, and to accept a teaching position in the New York Institution for Deaf-Mutes. There he met and married Elizabeth Budd, a deaf-mute. Gallaudet was ordained deacon in 1850 and served his diaconate at St. Stephen's Church, where he established a Bible class for deaf persons.

Ordained a priest in 1851, Gallaudet became Assistant Rector at St. Ann's Church, where he conceived a plan for establishing a church that would be a spiritual home for deaf people. This became a reality the following year, with the founding of St. Ann's Church for Deaf-Mutes. The congregation was able to purchase a church building in 1859, and it became a center for

missionary work to the deaf continuing into its merger with the parish of Calvary-St. George in 1976. As a result of this ministry, mission congregations were established in many cities. Gallaudet died on August 27, 1902.



One fruit of Gallaudet's ministry was Henry Winter Syle, who had lost his hearing as the result of scarlet fever. Educated at Trinity College, Hartford; St. John's College, Cambridge, England; and Yale; Syle was a brilliant student, who persisted in his determination to obtain an education, despite his handicap and fragile health. He was encouraged by Gallaudet to seek Holy Orders, and, having moved to Philadelphia, was supported by Bishop Stevens, against the opposition of many who believed that the impairment of one of the senses was an impediment to ordination. Syle was ordained in 1876, the first deaf person to receive Holy Orders in this Church. In 1888, he built All Souls Church for the Deaf in Philadelphia, the first Episcopal church constructed especially for deaf persons. He died on January 6, 1890.

Together we pray: O Loving God, whose will it is that everyone shouldst come to thee and be saved: We bless thy holy Name for thy servants Thomas Gallaudet and Henry Winter Syle, and we pray that thou wilt continually move thy Church to respond in love to the needs of all people; through Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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

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## Luke's Place Aug 24<sup>th</sup>-Aug 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Aug 24<sup>th</sup> Men's Breakfast, 7am, Metcalf  
Green Country MP, Rite I, 1pm, GCV  
Aug 27<sup>th</sup> Holy Eucharist, Rite I, 8:00am, chapel  
Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10:30am  
Aug 28<sup>th</sup> Meditation Group, 3pm, Library  
Aug 30<sup>th</sup> YD, 6pm, Rodgers  
Aug 31<sup>st</sup> Pub Theology, 6:30pm, Tumbleweed's



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Concern's current pantry needs: canned chili and soup  
Homeless needs: pudding cups



ST. LUKE'S BOOKSTORE



Susie Clark was the winner of the \$25 gift certificate. Congrats Susie! Special September Event is coming in the Bookstore! Watch the Steeple for details! (Did you know that supporting your St Luke's Bookstore also means you are supporting St Luke's Outreach? All profits from sales in the Bookstore go to local charities.)

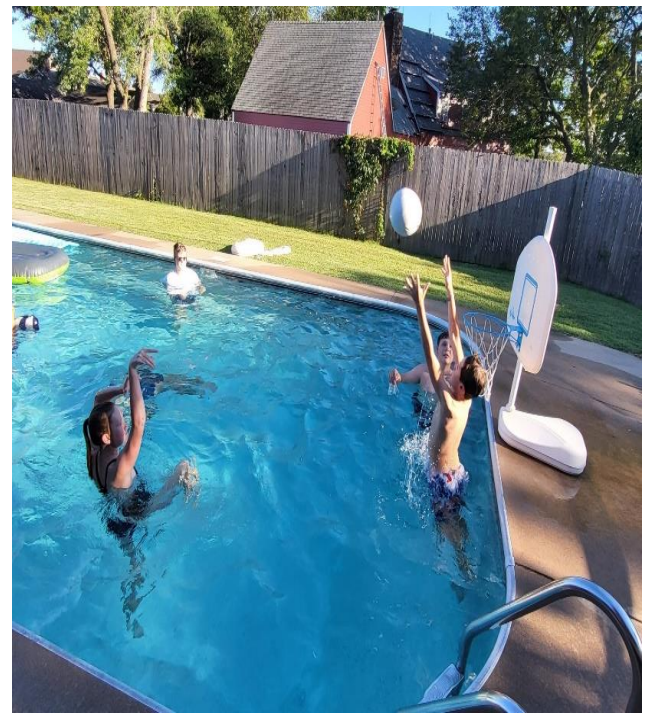
GREEN COUNTRY  
—VILLAGE—  
*Live. Connect. Grow.*

A reception to celebrate the restoration of the stained glass window in the Chapel at Green Country Village will be Aug 23 from 1pm-3pm.



# YD Kickoff

Our Young Disciples kicked off their new meeting year with a cookout and pool party at the Phares'. YD (6<sup>th</sup> gr-12<sup>th</sup> gr) meets every Wednesday at 6pm usually in Rodgers Hall unless an offsite location is planned. If you have a child who would like to join in the fun, contact Jen McIver, Tom Droege, or Kate Roper.







The choir will begin rehearsals again starting this coming 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).



Pub Theology is Thursday, August 31<sup>st</sup>, 6:30pm at Tumbleweed's. Let's all gather and start the fall season together discussing all things theological!



# Welcome Keeli!

Keeli Droege began her position of Organist/Choir Director this past Sunday. Although Keeli and her family are not new to the congregation, Keeli is new on the organ bench. Let us all offer our support and encouragement as she navigates her new endeavor!

## A THOUGHT ABOUT STEWARDSHIP...

The reason we bring our tithes and offerings is because we believe it  
ALL belongs to God

We bring what He gives







Godly Play!!!

Here at St. Luke's, we are fortunate to have an impactful children's formation program – Godly Play!

Here are some things you might be wondering about Godly Play:

- I wonder what Godly Play is...

Godly Play is a way for children to make meaning through story, wonder, and play. A storyteller will share a Bible story with the children, and then they are invited to wonder about how they personally relate to God through that story.

- I wonder when Godly Play will start up again...

On September 10th, we will offer our first Godly Play story of the program year.

- I wonder when the children will meet for Godly Play...

The children will go upstairs to the Godly Play room after the reading of the Gospel at the 10:30 service. They will return to church during the Passing of the Peace. We value the presence of children in our community and in worship, so we want to be sure that they are there to worship with the rest of the congregation during most of the service on Sundays.

- I wonder what ages are welcome at Godly Play...

We invite children ages 4-5th grade to join us for Godly Play on Sundays.



· I wonder if they need more leaders for Godly Play...

YES!!! We could definitely use more adult/older youth leaders in our Godly Play program! The time commitment for leaders can vary, depending on the leader's availability. If you are at least in high school and interested in leading, please contact Teresa Phares at [tphares@epiok.org](mailto:tphares@epiok.org) or 269-317-8237.

· I wonder if you need training to be a Godly Play leader...

You do not have to have training, but Teresa will offer a training for anyone who wants to learn more about Godly Play. The training will take place on Sunday, September 17th from 12pm-4pm (lunch will be included). Please RSVP to Teresa if you plan to attend.

### Nursery

Here at St. Luke's, we love children and families with children! But in the past year, we have struggled with supporting our young families in their endeavors to come to church consistently, because we have not been able to offer nursery care for our youngest churchgoers (ages 0-4). Hiring nursery workers has been moved to our list of priorities, and we could use your help! Our hope is to have some nursery workers or volunteers in place when we begin Godly Play –

September 10th. If you know anyone who is 16 or older who would like to volunteer or be paid to care for these young children on Sunday mornings from 10am-12pm, please share this information with them and get them in contact with either Teresa Phares ([tphares@epiok.org](mailto:tphares@epiok.org) or 269-317-8237) or Father Nick ([revphares@outlook.com](mailto:revphares@outlook.com) or 269-788-7063). Let's help show these young families that they belong here at St. Luke's by making sure we are providing care for their children so that they can come and worship with us!

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## Volunteers Needed!



A volunteer is needed to work at Agape Mission on the fourth Thursday of every month from 10:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Agape Mission provides nutritious meals to anyone who walks through the doors. No questions asked. For many, this meal is the only one that they will have that day. During this shift you will work on the line serving meals to individuals. The only qualification needed to work is a smile and willing heart. Not only is it a blessing to serve people who come through the line, but it also is a wonderful time of fellowship with other

members of St. Luke's who participate in this ministry. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Becky Liehr at 918-327-5987.

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*Karen Lowe-Alton*

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## Birthdays and Anniversaries, Aug 27<sup>th</sup> –Sept 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023

### Birthdays



Camden Campbell (8/29)  
Cathy Perrier (8/30)  
James Warring (8/31)  
Yvonne Walters (9/1)  
Annabelle Droege (9/2)

### 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!

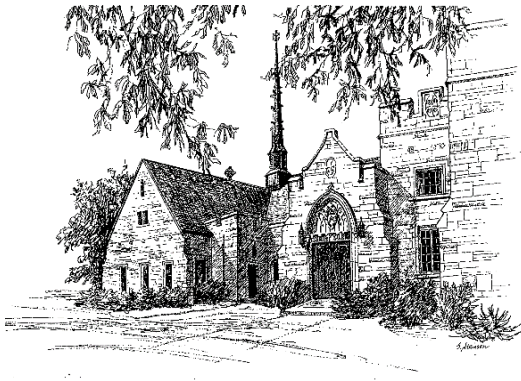


Last Thursday there was a book signing at the History Museum in City Hall. Our beloved Sarah Winn has written her memoirs in book titled “My Story- reminiscences of a southern girl”. Several St Luke’s folks were there in attendance. Sarah was thrilled to see so many of her church family at the event. “Thank you, all you dear people who attended my book signing.”-Sarah



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