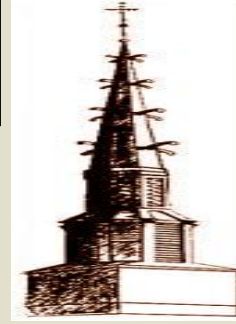


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# *The Steeple*



Sept 27, 2023

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



### **Jackson**

I think the trip to Jackson, MS may end up being a seminal event in the life of our parish. It certainly will be for me. As you may recall the trip to Jackson was to learn about a program called, "Walking the Mourner's Path." What interested us about taking this trip was that the Path had been described as different from other grief programs, being founded on the profound question of "Where is God in my pain?" As a ministry that is unapologetically Christian, grounded in prayer, and intentionally focused on that question, the Path turned out to be for us .... the real deal.

In a nutshell the program consists of the following:

8 Weekly Small Group Workshops.

Spiritually Directed.

Guided by Trained Facilitators and Clergy.

Participant Workbook provides a framework for each workshop.

Therapist Margot Thibodeau reflects on the program thus, "As a therapist I am so impressed by the simplicity and the complete focus on the group doing the work. I often use to tell "young" therapists that if as a therapist or a group facilitator you're working hard, then the clients probably are not." And I can tell you that the group really does do the work.

Which reminds me of what Gary Vogel once said, "that together we can do what I cannot do alone." That is so true. Along with the concept of simplicity and group focus as norms, the program offers one the space where all the frill is removed so as to truly allow participants to get down to the real work together – and it is powerful work.

One thing about the Path is that though program is 8 weeks long, nowhere in the literature does it say that one who walks it will be completely healed after having taken it. I would be highly skeptical of a program that made such a claim. Rather, last weekend we encountered folks who had walked the Path before - as they continue to move towards healing – for grief work in some ways is a part of life's work. And, if it's life's work then it is our work.

In light of that, we plan on hosting a workshop at St. Luke's after the first of the year. Between now and then, our team is going to take a deep dive into the workshops, concentrate on deepening our practice as facilitators, and then regroup in January to talk about logistics.

At the earliest you'll see the program pop up in February.

If this kind of group speaks to you, I hope you will begin to pray about whether or not you might consider the Path. This is holy, sacred, and vulnerable work and because of that, your facilitators must walk the Path first - so that when it is your time the support you need will be there.

Nick+



## **Theologians Corner: Remigius Bishop of Rheims, c. 530**

Remigius, also known as Remi, one of the patron saints of France, was born about 438, the son of the Count of Laon. At the age of twenty two he became Bishop of Rheims.

Noted for his learning and holiness of life, Remigius is chiefly remembered because he converted and baptized King Clovis of the Franks on Christmas Day, 496. This event changed the religious history of Europe. Clovis, by becoming Catholic instead of Arian, as were most of the Germanic people of the time, was able to unite the Gallo-Roman population and their Christian leaders behind his expanding hegemony over the Germanic rulers of the West and to liberate Gaul from Roman domination. His conversion also made possible the cooperation the Franks gave later to Pope Gregory the Great in his evangelistic efforts for the English.

Certainly, Clovis' motives in accepting Catholic Christianity were mixed, but there is no doubt of the sincerity of his decision, nor of the important role of Remigius in bringing it to pass. When Clovis was baptized, together with 3,000 of his followers, Remigius gave him the well-known charge, "Worship what you have burned, and burn what you have worshiped."

The feast of Remigius is observed at Rheims on January 13, possibly the date of his death. The later date of October 1 is derived from the translation of his relics to a new abbey church by Pope Leo IX in 1049.

Together we pray: O God, who by the teaching of thy faithful servant and bishop Remigius didst turn the nation of the Franks from vain idolatry to the worship of thee, the true and living God, in the fullness of the catholic faith: Grant that we who glory in the name of Christian may show forth our faith in worthy deeds; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and 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, 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, Luke Karel, Radomir & Miriam Petrovich, Lynette Beebe, Geraldine Wright, Nancy & Joe Norton, and Jack Smith.

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## **Luke's Place Sept 28<sup>th</sup>-Oct 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**Sept 28<sup>th</sup> Men's Breakfast, 7am, Metcalf**

**Bible Study, 9:15am, Metcalf**

**Green Country Eucharist, Rite I, 1pm, GCV, Holy Cross**

**Oct 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Eucharist, Rite I, 8:00am, chapel**

**Faith Forum, 9:15am, Metcalf**

**Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10:30am**

**Godly Play Class for children, during Rite II, upstairs**

**Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> Spiritual Discovery, 10am, Library**

**Oct 4<sup>th</sup> Janice Lonski Celebration of Life, 10:30am**

**Blessing of the Animals, 6pm, courtyard**

**YD, 6pm, Rodgers**

**Choir, 5pm, Choir Room**

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Pantry needs: tuna, SPAM, sleeves of crackers, pancake mix  
(just add water)

Homeless needs: reusable bags



### **Last Week to bring your Photo!**

Everyone! Turn in your favorite 'school picture' of yourself to the Bookstore during the month of September and be entered into the drawing. You will receive a number for your picture and the photo will be displayed in the Bookstore window. The lucky number will be drawn at the end of the month and win a \$25 gift certificate to the Bookstore.

**"SEE" you in the Bookstore!**



**September 28<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm, Tumbleweed's**



*Oct 4<sup>th</sup>, 6:00pm*

*Courtyard*



We will have a “Blessing of the Animals” service with a light supper following on Oct 4<sup>th</sup>. Bring your furry, feathered, or scaly friends to be blessed then join us in Metcalf Hall for sandwiches, chips, and drinks to

celebrate the Feast Day of St Francis of Assisi.



When my California friend Ted died three years ago in the U.S., I (Joanne) really missed him. Ted shared with me how I could pray for his loved ones, and he took time to pray for my loved ones, too. He was so enthusiastic about praying for those he cared about. After he died, though, I still had the list of all the people he had been praying for. One person in particular stood out. I contacted her to give her my condolences. I still pray for her, asking God to open ways for her to know Him. I marveled at how Ted had been able to pass on his concern for his family and friends to me before he died. Through me, the heart of Ted reaches beyond his grave.

I was eager to see what more God would do through intentional prayers. When Roger and I first arrived in this Thailand town, I went to the local market and asked God which vendor would be open to Good News. As I walked down the row of stalls, I looked at people's faces. Wanting to buy bananas, I chose one woman to buy bananas from. That's how it began. After that I always went to \*Ula to buy bananas.

Over the months I asked God to open Ula's heart. One day Ula's stall was empty and stayed empty for a couple of months. Finally, I was able to find a friend of Ula's. Ula's friend told me Ula had cancer and was receiving chemo.

I went to visit Ula at her home (using the Thai language, because she doesn't speak English). Ula showed me photos of how beautiful she was when she was young. Her parents had forced her into a marriage with a man who was not her choice. Only after her daughter was born did she find out that he had another wife and three sons. Ula and her husband separated.

Each time I visited Ula, I ended the time with prayer. A pastor from a local church was able to visit Ula with me on one visit. He shared Good News with her and prayed.

Ula has now been receiving cancer treatment for about 15 months. She will find out next month if the tumor can be operated on. Please ask God to bring healing and comfort to Ula in this journey of cancer treatment and financial provision for Ula and her daughter. In addition, please ask God to help me to embody Good News as one person who visits her regularly.

I have a new prayer partner in this Thailand town. Her name is Noy. I did not know her well at first. Now we are comfortable with each other (and using the Thai language, because she doesn't speak English). For months now we have been asking God to help us to love our loved ones well. Noy has become someone who is precious to me. I have joined her in praying for her loved ones, and she has joined me in praying for my loved ones.

As we together ask God to open the hearts of our loved ones, I am confident our care and concern will reach beyond our graves. I am praising God that I learned back in 2020 how to be intentional in prayer and with love.

**Joanne**

*\*Ula is not her real name.*

*Most importantly, love each other deeply, because love will cause people to forgive each other for many sins.*

1 Peter 4:8 (Expanded Bible)

# PINOT & POETRY



*JOIN THE WOMEN OF  
ST. LUKE'S FOR A FUN  
EVENING!*

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20TH - 6PM  
TERESA PHARES' HOUSE - 2649 REGENCY RD.**

Bring your favorite Pinot (or other  
wine/drink), your favorite poem, and a  
snack to share with the group.



THE STAFF OF SAINT FRANCIS HEALTH SYSTEM

*would like to extend its sympathy and prayers to the family of*

*Janice Lenski*

*May God be with you in your time of loss.*

*"Our Salvation consists not only in beginning well,  
but persevering to the end"*

*— Saint Francis Xavier*

*We invite you to join us for a memorial service  
in which we remember our recently deceased patients on*

*Friday, September 29, 2013*

*At 11:00 a.m.*

*Main Chapel at Saint Francis Hospital  
6161 South Yale Avenue, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74136*

*Parking is available in front of the hospital in Lots P1 or P2.  
Please extend this invitation to your family and friends.*





Janice Lonski's service will be October 4, 2023 at 10:30am at St. Luke's. Heartfelt prayers for her family, especially her husband, Robert.

### Birthdays and Anniversaries, Sept 24<sup>th</sup> –Sept 30<sup>th</sup> , 2023

#### Birthdays



Greta Olsen	10/2
Cheryl VanAken	10/3
Oliver Ellis	10/3

#### 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!

### Faith Forum Schedule: Holy Currencies.

October 1<sup>st</sup>: The Currency of Truth.

Stewardship Sunday Announcement: Nancy Woods.

October 8<sup>th</sup>: The Currency of Wellness.

Stewardship Sunday Announcement: Karole Cozby.

October 15<sup>th</sup>: The Currency of Gracious Leadership.

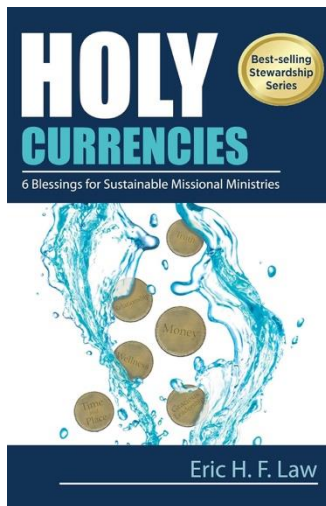
Stewardship Sunday Announcement: Nancy Woods.

October 22<sup>nd</sup>: The Currency of Time and Place.  
Stewardship Sunday Mailout.

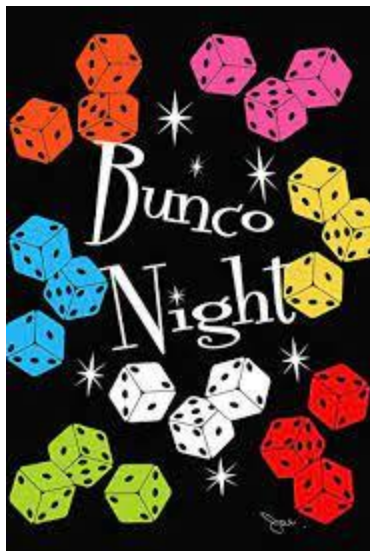
October 29<sup>th</sup>: The Currency of Money.

November 5<sup>th</sup>: All Saints Sunday.  
Please bring Pledge Cards to Church this Sunday.  
Parish Luncheon at 11:45.

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Money is not the only currency your ministry needs. Eric H. F. Law shows us how the six blessings of time and place, gracious leadership, relationship, truth, wellness, and money flow through successful missional ministries. Learn how to use these gifts to rejuvenate, recirculate, regenerate, and expand your ministry through Law's insightful stories, instruction, processes, exercises, and activities. Tools in the book help evaluate how your church uses each gift and enables church members to measure and value the six blessings. Holy Currencies will push you to think beyond your church's current boundaries and create rich, sustainable missional ministries.

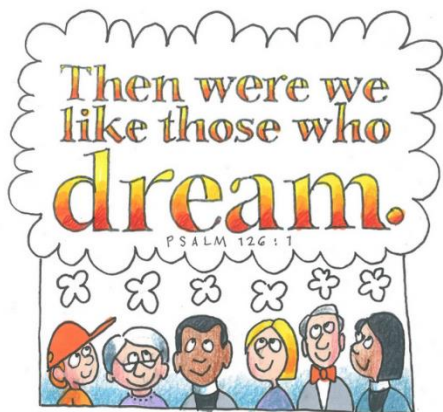


Its Potluck and Bunco Night on Oct 18<sup>th</sup>, 6pm, in Metcalf Hall. We will have dinner first then break into groups for Bunco. Never played Bunco? We will teach you. Its an easy game to learn- no strategy, just roll the dice. Don't want to play-would rather watch others? That's fine, too. So come, bring a dish to share, and ready to learn Bunco. The YD'ers will join us and they are experts in the game. Last year when we had a Bunco Night, many left asking when would we have another. Well its time and its here! Hope to see you October 18<sup>th</sup>!

It seems early to be talking Trunk or Treat, but it will be here before you know it and plans are taking shape. We have had 2 successful years, let's make this a third! Everyone is welcome to participate and invite any kids you know! How does it work? On the 29<sup>th</sup> of October, after the 10:30am service (yes, you can wear your costume to church!), everyone who brought candy in their trunks, backseats, or truck beds will head out to their vehicles, pull out



their lawn chairs, open their trunks, car doors, or tailgates and welcome the Trick or Treaters. Some may even be decorated- we have such creative folks! Everyone is welcome to wear or not wear a costume- your call! Yes, the Haunted Garage is back with new 'hauntings'! The Fellowship Committee will have food and drinks (I hear hot chocolate and cider are on the menu). We will have some fun games around the yard like dunking for apples, ring toss, mini putt, water bottle flip, and even face painting. Prizes will be awarded at the games. All ages are invited! Start planning now!



## *The Episcopal Diocese of Oklahoma*

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# 86th Diocesan Convention

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*"Then were we like those who dream." Psalm 126:1*

The Diocese of Oklahoma will hold their convention Oct 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> at St Crispin's . Please keep our clergy and delegates in your prayers. Those representing St Luke's are: Fr Nick Phares, Margo Proctor, Doug McIver, and Becky and Brian Olsen. Kris Bonner is alternate. The St Luke's Bookstore will also have a booth with Cathy and Jim Perrier manning the table.





Last Wednesday, Atticus & Ransom expertly taught and guided fellow YDers in the complicated but fun game of Dungeons & Dragons. Meanwhile, some other YDers baked delicious homemade cookies to share after the games were finished.



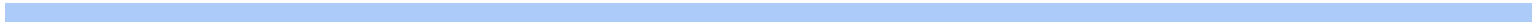


# *300 Pies for* **CONCERN**

11 NOVEMBER 2023

FOR THE PAST THREE YEARS WE HAVE COLLECTED A SPECIAL FINANCIAL OFFERING AND USED IT TO PURCHASE PIES FOR THANKSGIVING BASKETS THROUGH A LOCAL VENDOR. THIS YEAR WE WOULD LIKE TO CONTINUE THAT TRADITION. IF YOU FEEL SO MOVED, PLEASE CONSIDER MAKING A FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION TO ST. LUKE'S. PLEASE MAKE SURE TO DESIGNATE THE OFFERING TOWARDS THE "PIE FUND."

WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO EXTEND THE INVITATION TO ANYONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO PURCHASE A FROZEN PIE AS WELL. PLEASE BRING THE PIE TO THE CHURCH THE FIRST WEEK OF NOVEMBER. WE WILL PLACE IT IN OUR FREEZER UNTILL WE DELIVER ALL THE PIES ON THE 11TH.



# COLLEGE BOARD NATIONAL RECOGNITION

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SEP 19, 2023

**2023  
College Board  
National  
Recognition  
Award  
recipients at  
Bartlesville  
High School**



Annabelle Droege



Josephine McIver



Lauren Lee



Luke Huck



Cade Winter



Faith Foote



John Ortiz



Jacob Robledo

Eight Bartlesville High School students have earned academic honors from the College Board National Recognition Programs. These National Recognition Programs grant underrepresented students with academic honors that can be included on college and scholarship applications and connect students with universities across the country, helping them meaningfully connect to colleges and stand out during the admissions process. Colleges and scholarship programs identify students awarded National African American, Hispanic, Indigenous and/or Rural/Small Town Recognition through College Board's Student Search Service.

Annabelle Droege, Josephine McIver, Lauren Lee, and Luke Huck were each selected for the National Rural and Small Town Award, with Lee also being named a Semifinalist in the National Merit Scholarship Program. Cade Winter received the National Indigenous Award, Faith Foote received the National African American Recognition Award, and John Ortiz and Jacob Robledo received the National Hispanic Recognition Award.

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