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# *The Steeple*



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



### **St. Luke's Little Summer 2024**

I don't know about you, but I am enjoying these mild fall days that we are having right now. Up North these lovely summerlike days that occur around October 18th are known as "Saint Luke's Little Summer" and are listed as such in the farmer's almanac in honor of the saint's feast day.

The almanac states that, "around this time, there is a brief period of calm, dry weather." Of course, it's difficult to generalize that statement these days as across the continent of North America temperatures are varying quite a bit – but "generally speaking" the temperature right now, is usually mild and the leaves are beginning to change.

It's interesting that this weather-related phenomena is not solely at work across our continent alone but other countries along the same equatorial line are also experiencing similar conditions as the harvest begins. And when I think of the harvest, I think of apples, cider, and pumpkins! You've probably noticed their arrival in Bartlesville as pumpkins are enjoying their finest hour. Bins of them have arrived already while in other countries such as Italy the ads read, "San Luca, El ton va te la zuca" or "Pumpkins go sale on St Luke's Day!"

Years ago, St. Luke's Day did not receive as much attention as it does around the world. In fact, St. John's Day and Michaelmas were probably better known. Legend has it, so as to keep St. Luke's Day from being forgotten, it was said that St. Luke – of his good will - presented us all with some golden days to cherish before the coming of winter.

And this is interesting to me because sometimes this brief period of "golden days" are conflated with another similar period of unseasonably warm, dry weather known as "Indian summer". However, the very same almanac states that usually "Indian summer" officially occurs between November 11th and November 20th and describes a true Indian summer as not occurring until after the first frost, or more specifically the first "killing" frost.

Whatever the case may be, our patron Luke is most well known as the saint of physicians and surgeons, so it seems only fitting that the good ol' doctor is remembered on these calm and glorious days in good health.

Together, let us pray, "Almighty God, who inspired your servant Luke the physician to set forth in the Gospel the love and healing power of your Son: Graciously continue in your Church this love and power to heal, to the praise and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Peace,  
Nick+



## **Theologian' s Corner:** **William Carey** **Missionary to India, 1834**

William Carey was an English Baptist missionary who was a major figure in developing the Protestant missionary movement of the nineteenth century.

Born a son of the Church of England on August 17, 1761, near Northampton, Carey took an early interest in his studies and excelled at languages, a gift that would serve him in his ministry. After his village schooling, Carey apprenticed as a cobbler, where he came into contact with a fellow

worker who was a Nonconformist. Carey was challenged by this relationship, and he eventually left the Church of England and became a Congregationalist.

Carey developed into a master cobbler, married, and with his wife, Dorothy, had six children, only three of whom survived childhood. During his years as a master cobbler, Carey's interest in languages became a passionate avocation; he learned Italian, French, Dutch, and Hebrew, while increasing his mastery of Latin, a language he had taught himself as a youngster.

Carey's spiritual quest continued. He was re-baptized in 1783 and was a Baptist for the remainder of his life. He became a schoolmaster and served as a Baptist pastor while struggling with his responsibility to foreign missions. He was among the founders, in

1792, of what would become the Baptist Missionary Society. Finally, in 1793, Carey and his companions set out for India.

After transitional periods in Calcutta and nearby Midnapore, in 1800 Carey and his fellow missionaries settled in Serampore, where Carey would spend the rest of his life. He was appointed a professor at Fort Williams College, which had been founded to educate the children of civil servants. While teaching, Carey translated the Bible into Bengali and Sanskrit and the New Testament into other Indian languages and dialects, in addition to providing translations of other Christian literature. Carey also completed a Bengali-English dictionary and other linguistic tools to support missionary work.

In 1818, Carey's mission established Serampore College for the dual purpose of training indigenous ministers and providing a classical education to anyone regardless of caste or national origin.

Together we pray: Merciful God, who didst call William Carey to missionary work in India and didst endue him with a zeal for thy Word that led him to translate Scripture into many local languages and dialects: Give us a heart for the spreading of thy Gospel and a thirst for justice among all the peoples of the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who sheds thy light and peace throughout humanity, and 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, 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, Miriam Petrovich, Lynette Beebe, Geraldine Wright, Nancy & Joe Norton, Jack Smith, and Wayne Phyle.

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## Luke's Place Oct 19<sup>th</sup>-Oct 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**Oct 19<sup>th</sup> Men's Breakfast, 7am, Metcalf**

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

**Green Country Eucharist, Rite I, 1pm, GC**

**Oct 20<sup>th</sup> Pinot & Poetry Women's Fellowship at Phares'**

**Oct 22<sup>nd</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  
Oktoberfest, after 10:30 service, Metcalf  
Oct 23<sup>rd</sup> Feast Day of St James of Jerusalem, 12:15pm, Chapel  
Oct 24<sup>th</sup> Spiritual Discovery, 10am, Library  
Oct 25<sup>th</sup> Choir, 5pm, Choir Room  
YD, 6pm, Olsen's



Pantry needs: tuna, SPAM, sleeves of crackers, peanut butter, canned pinto beans  
Homeless needs: single serve meals, warm gloves and hats



Thank you to everyone (so far) who have dropped off pencils.

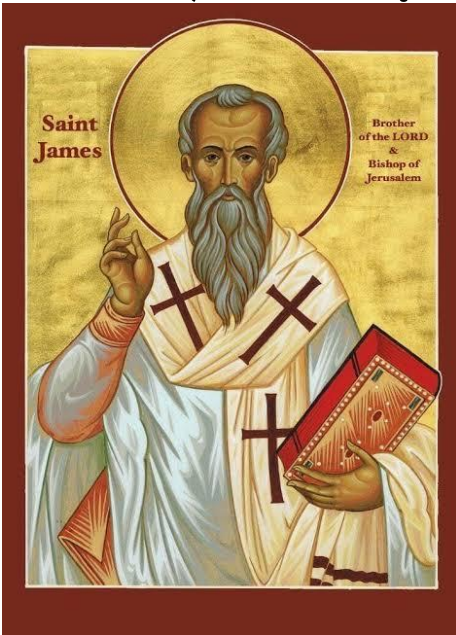
We now have 40 boxes- **need 60 more!** Pack the Backpacks are trying to collect 2,000 for the coming year, so if we can help with 100, that puts them closer to their goal.



The Pies for Concern are bought and delivered, but the pie fund needs to be replenished. We are about \$600 short of the goal. Thank you to those who have donated. If you are willing to give, just mark your donation for the 'Pie Fund'. Thanks!



## St James of Jerusalem, Brother of our Lord Jesus Christ (Feast Day Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>)



James of Jerusalem is referred to in the New Testament as the brother of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

He was for many years the leader of the Christian congregation in Jerusalem, and is generally supposed to be the author of the Epistle of James, although the Epistle itself does not state this explicitly.

James is mentioned briefly in connection with Jesus' visit to Nazareth (*M 13:55; P 6:3*).

We are told that Jesus' brothers did not believe in Him (*J 7:2-5*), and from this, and from references in early Christian writers, it is inferred that James was not a disciple of the Lord until after the Resurrection.

Paul, listing appearances of the Risen Lord (*1 Cor 15:3-8*), includes an appearance to James.

Peter, about to leave Jerusalem after escaping from Herod, leaves a message for James and the Apostles (*A 12:17*).

When a council meets at Jerusalem to consider what rules Gentile Christians should be required to keep, James formulates the final consensus (*A 15:13-21*).

Paul speaks of going to Jerusalem three years after his conversion and conferring there with Peter and James (*G 1:18-19*), and speaks again of a later visit (perhaps the one described in *A 15*) on which Peter, James, and John, "the pillars," placed their stamp of approval on the mission to the Gentiles (*G 2:9*).

A few verses later (*G 2:11-14*), he says that messengers from James coming to Antioch discouraged Jewish Christians there from eating with Gentile Christians. (If this refers to the same event as *A 15:1-2*, then Paul takes a step back chronologically in his narration at *G 2:11*, which is not improbable, since he is dictating and mentioning arguments and events that count as evidence for his side as they occur to him.)

On his last recorded visit to Jerusalem, Paul visits James (others are present, but no other names are given) and speaks of his ministry to the Gentiles (*A 21:18*).

Outside the New Testament, James is mentioned by the Jewish historian Josephus, who calls him "the brother of Jesus the so-called Christ," and reports that he was much respected even by the Pharisees for his piety and strict observance of the Law, but that his enemies took advantage of an interval between Roman governors in 62 AD to have him put to death. His death is also reported by the second-century Christian writer Hegesippus.

Numerous references in early Christian documents show the esteem in which he was held in the early Church. (<http://justus.anglican.org/resources/bio/275.html>)



Make plans to join the **Brunch Bunch** shortly after 10:30 service on October 22 for our first Oktoberfest. We'll be serving brats and hot dogs and our best attempts at creating German side dishes and desserts. Did you know that in addition to Riesling, Spatburgunder (aka Pinot Noir) is also a German wine? Yes, there will be beer and

nonalcoholic drinks also.



All Saints' Day will be celebrated on November 5<sup>th</sup>. If you have a saint you would like remembered during the Prayers of the People Necrology, please let the office know by Nov 1<sup>st</sup>. Thanks!

# Scratch and Sniff!



## Birthdays and Anniversaries, Oct 22<sup>nd</sup> –Oct 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023

### Birthdays



**Kate Carroll**      10/23  
**Ruth Todd**      10/23  
**Ben Powell**      10/28

### Anniversaries



**Frank & Nancy VanDuker** (10/22)  
**Jen & Scott Peterson**      (10/25)

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!

# 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.



Faith Forum Schedule: Holy Currencies.

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.



Eric H. F. Law

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.



**TONIGHT! TONIGHT! TONIGHT!**

Its Potluck and Bunco Night on St Luke's Day, **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 or just visit. The YD'ers will join us. Hope to see you **TONIGHT** and lets celebrate our Patron Saint

together!



We have had a request to kick start Coffee Hour again. There is a sign up in Metcalf at the serving window . We can try again but it takes volunteers to keep it going. Please consider just bringing a package of cookies or cheese and crackers. We always have the coffee brewing.



Decorating of the Haunted Garage for Trunk or Treat will begin the week of October 23<sup>rd</sup> and extra hands would be greatly appreciated. Blood and gore are NOT in the plans, but surprise and creepy are. Please let Steve Van Aken, Nancy Woods, or the Jackson boys know if you would like to help. The decorations are here but more manpower is needed.

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Pub Theology will be Oct 26<sup>th</sup> at Tumbleweed's,  
6:30pm. Plan to come!



Bedlam will happen November 4<sup>th</sup> for the last time for awhile. We still don't know a time but the plans to stream the game and have a Bedlam party are in the works for that Saturday. OSU and OU fans and really anyone who loves Oklahoma football are invited to come, have some game food and enjoy the rivalry. Prizes for the best tailgate food and best team swag for each team will be given. Bring your game food, dress in your Team's colors and symbols, bring your lawn chair and be ready to cheer your team to victory.



REMEMBER Trunk or Treat on October 29<sup>th</sup>! Bring your lawn chairs and candy and after the 10:30 service, the fun will begin. Kids (and adults) can wear their costumes to church. There will be refreshments, games, face painting, and the Haunted Garage, plus the parade of Trick or Treaters going from open trunk to open trunk. Please be a part of the fun and load up your candy and lawn chair and come to the event!





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