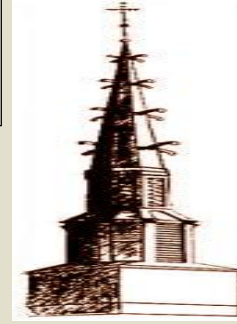


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# *The Steeple*



Oct 4, 2023

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



### **St. Ursula's Altar Guild Welcomes New Members.**

This past Sunday St. Luke's was honored to welcome new members: Sandy Whitson, Shelly Jackson, Sherry Deason, Judy DuVall, and Nancy Bradford to St. Ursula's altar guild. In Realm if you look under the group's description it reads, "The altar guild at St. Luke's is a group of confirmed members of the church who set up our worship services, provide assistance for weddings and funerals, along with decorating the church for our festival seasons." Truer words have never been spoken.

Nevertheless, the altar guild is not just what they do or who they are - the guild also forms itself around a spiritual practice and a deep love of our Lord Jesus Christ.

This week I was privileged to gather with them as we looked ahead to the seasons of Advent and Christmas. We laughed, ate well, and planned, planned, planned, but we also celebrated Eucharist together which was my favorite part. As a part of that service their hands were blessed with the following words: "May God continue to bless the work of your hands. May God bless your handiwork." And indeed, God has blessed them and blessed us all through their ministry.

And so as I sat down to write this, I was reminded of Christ call to serve and that ministry distilled down to its purest form is not just service for service's sake, but the grateful response of God's people, whose activity in the world and with one another suggests, through action, a new way of being. In other words, ministry is not so much something we simply "do" to others. Rather, it is a holy way of living - toward God and toward one another. For this group, tending to the altar is just that - holy service with God and for God's people and I am so thankful for them.

I have fond memories of the guild in the church where I grew up, it was the members of that guild who first introduced me to the church's holy things. It was a member of the altar guild who first showed me where the crosses in the altar were, where the oils were kept and why we used them, and most important of all they knew all the different names of the things we used. It amazed me. It still does as does the guild's devotion.

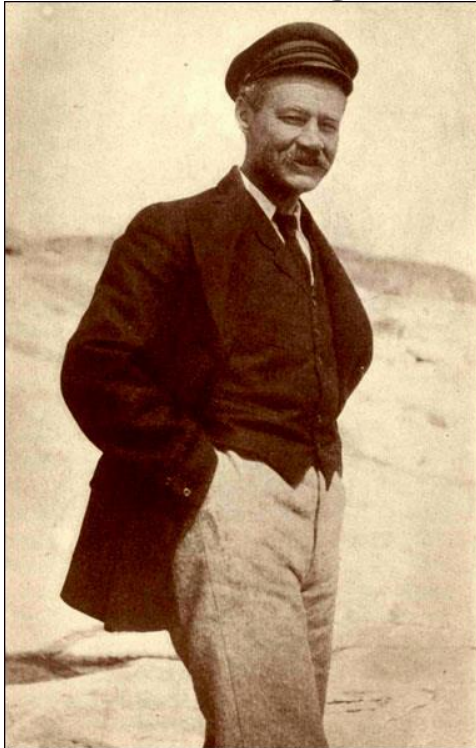
Tending to the holy things of the church is a way that they tend us. And so, I hope that you will join with me in saying a prayer of thanks for them today: Lord Jesus Christ, who knew and experienced the ministry of faithful women during your earthly life; We pray that you continue to bless the work that our altar guild undertakes in the care of your sanctuary. Continue to nurture in them a spirit of reverence for your house and worship, your Word and Sacraments, and preserve in purity and holiness their souls and bodies as living temples of Your presence. Amen.

In Thanksgiving,

Nick+

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## **Theologians Corner: Wilfred Thomason Grenfell** **Medical Missionary, 1940**



Wilfred Thomason Grenfell was born in Cheshire, England, in 1865, the second of four sons of the Reverend Algernon Sidney Grenfell, headmaster of Mostyn House School, Parkgate, and his wife Jane Georgina Hutchinson. While studying medicine at the London Hospital Medical School, he came under the influence of the American revivalist Dwight L. Moody. An athlete skilled in boxing, cricket, rugby, and rowing, he was an early exponent of the “muscular Christianity” made famous by Charles Kingsley.

In 1887, as a qualified doctor, he joined the Royal National Mission to Deep-Sea Fisherman as a medical missionary, serving in Iceland and the Bay of Biscay. During a visit to Labrador in 1892, Grenfell was appalled by the near-starvation, poverty, and ill health of the British workers there. Devoting himself to their nurture and improvement, he built the first hospital of the Labrador Medical Mission in 1893, eventually opening boarding schools, hospital ships, clothing distribution centers, and the Seaman’s Institute at St. John’s, Newfoundland, often with money he raised himself with speaking tours and books. Many benefactors from New York and New England enabled his relief efforts. Several of Grenfell’s books about Labrador and his religious writings appealed to those with whom he worked due to his modest and simple style.

In 1912, he organized the International Grenfell Association, with branches in the United States, Newfoundland, and other parts of Canada, and this organization supported his work and ministry for the remainder of his career. He was knighted for his work in 1927.

Sir William retired from his work in 1935, due to ill health. He died in Vermont in October of 1940.

Together we pray: Compassionate God, whose Son Jesus Christ taught that by ministering to the least of our brothers and sisters, we minister to him: Make us ever ready to respond to the needs of others, that, inspired by the ministry of Wilfred Grenfell to the sick and to seafarers in Labrador and northern Newfoundland,  
our actions may witness to the love of our Savior Jesus Christ; who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, 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, Miriam Petrovich, Lynette Beebe, Geraldine Wright, Nancy & Joe Norton, and Jack Smith.

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## Luke's Place Oct 5<sup>th</sup>-Oct 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023

- Oct 5<sup>th</sup> Men's Breakfast, 7am, Metcalf  
Bible Study, 9:15am, Metcalf  
Green Country Eucharist, Rite I, 1pm, GCV
- Oct 8<sup>th</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 10<sup>th</sup> City General Bond Election, Metcalf  
Spiritual Discovery, 10am, Library
- Oct 11<sup>th</sup> Choir, 5pm, Choir Room



Our deepest sympathy to Miriam Petrovich and her family for the loss of her husband, Radomir. The Petrovichs are most loved in this parish. For those who wish to send a note or card to Miriam, the address is: Ste Ann's Court, 81 Duncan Lane Apt 216, Fredericton, NB E3B9T1 Canada





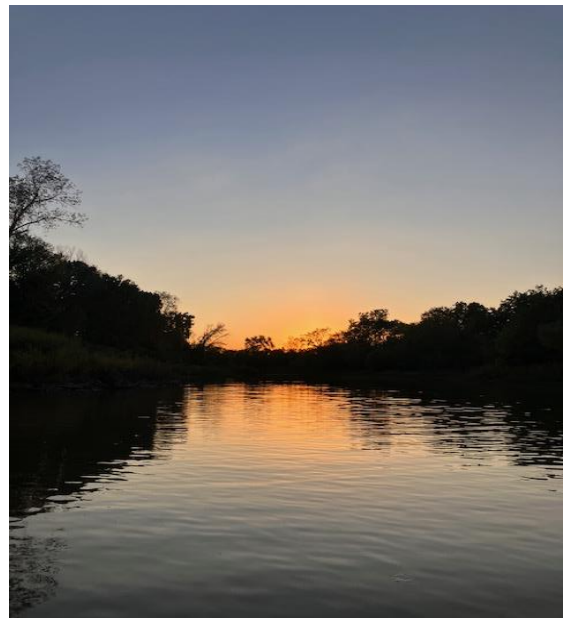
Pantry needs: tuna, SPAM, sleeves of crackers, pancake mix (just add water)

Homeless needs: reusable bags

YD enjoyed a beautiful evening at the Roper's family home where they met their menagerie of animals, roasted hot dogs & s'mores, wandering on wooded trails, kayaked on the pond and just enjoyed being outside. Father Nick concluded the evening with prayers by the fire. Thank you, Roper family!







# 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.

## Birthdays and Anniversaries, Oct 8<sup>th</sup> –Oct 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023

### Birthdays



Becky Olsen 10/11  
Scott Peterson 10/11  
Doug McIver 10/13  
Jim Perrier 10/13  
Lynda Stephens 10/13

### 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 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.

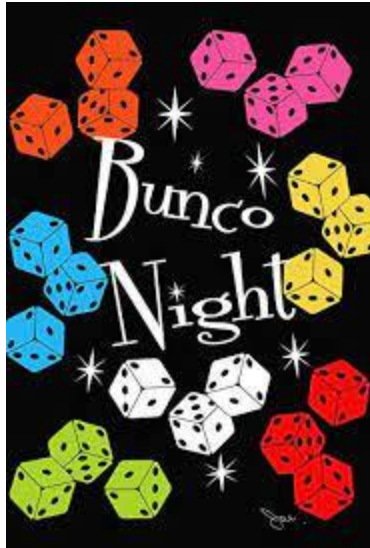


Eric H. F. Law

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.



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 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> and lets celebrate our Patron Saint together!



**There will be a planning meeting for games for the Trunk or Treat Event this Sunday, Oct 8<sup>th</sup>, at 1pm in Metcalf. We could use some ideas, game managers, and help with set up. We will try to make it a short meeting. Please come and share your thoughts for Trunk or Treat.**







# *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.





**Last summer Pack the Backpacks had an unprecedented request for school supplies. They supplied 33% of the students in Washington County with school supplies to begin the school year. In order to meet next year's demand and the rising costs, the**

**Washington County School Supply Drive is asking for donations of school supplies and funds throughout the year. Here at St Luke's, you will see a basket in the Narthex for these supplies. Every month the group will ask for a specific item/items and it will be in the Steeple, much the same way Concern requests their month needs. So watch and give generously.**



As I finish up this week's Steeple, I can hear the stories and laughter celebrating Janice Lonski's life. It's a joyous sound despite the reason for everyone to gather. The church is full and this is just the first event for today. Blessing of the Animals will be later and maybe, just maybe, the weather will hold. If not, we'll be in Metcalf with our furry, feathered or scaly babies. Next is the Diocesan Convention at St Crispin's, where our Diocesan budget will be passed and new ministries celebrated. Last year I got to go and, honestly, besides Dolores receiving the Bishop's Cross, the next

highlight was listening to Teresa's report on Summer Camp. Never thought I would see so much attention to a financial and attendance report and then for it to end with a standing ovation! Wow Teresa!

To look ahead now closer to home...St Luke's Day is coming Oct 18<sup>th</sup> and a traditional potluck that night is scheduled. The bunco dice will break out and those who want to play can, those who don't, can sit and visit and enjoy the comraderie. Of course, what is the week of Halloween without Trunk or Treat here after the last service on the last Sunday in October! There is also a gathering for Women's Fellowship at the Phares' for drinks and poetry. This is a first for us so should be a fun evening – Fr Nick is bartending! The last thing I want to mention and the first thing up for November is BEDLAM! Yes, the OU vs. OSU (or OSU vs. OU) game is November 4<sup>th</sup> and we hope to be live streaming the game, decorating our vehicles with team colors, and marking our lawn chairs in Metcalf with the team of our choice along with our team swag. Since the time has not been announced yet, more info will be coming soon, but look for an indoor tailgate party watching the game. See you around the church! Penny

**Don't Forget We Need: PIES, PIES, PIES!!!!**

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