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The Steeple



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The Weekly Newsletter of St. Luke's Episcopal Church



Dear St. Luke's,

February tends to be a very busy month for the staff and vestry here at St. Luke's. Not only do we have the **annual meeting set for Sunday February 11th**, but we also have all of the usual events as well. This year we have a few extra that I'd like to share with you.

Calendar Review

February 2, Max Legatski's Funeral.

February 4, Scout Sunday

February 4, Valentine's Dinner and Auction to benefit Y.D.'s pilgrimage to N.Y.C.

February 6, Walking the Mourner's Path Begins.

February 11, Annual meeting after 10:30 service Metcalf Hall (Potluck).

Souper Bowl Sunday, Y.D.'s food drive for Concern.

February 12, Vestry 5:30 (New Vestry Member 1st meeting)

February 13, Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper.

February 14, Ash Wednesday (Services at 12:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.)

February 21, Midweek Manna begins (Confirmation Classes begin).

Busy, but so good!

I was reminded today at morning prayer that our annual meeting is set for Super Bowl Sunday. Never fear my friends, we will adjourn well in time for you to get home and cheer on the Chiefs to victory. It has been our practice to have a meal for our annual meeting and I'd love to continue that tradition. Might I suggest a potluck? It has been a while since we have had one of those. The last time we had one, I remember thinking to myself St. Luke's knows what they are doing! So, let's plan for that!

You'll notice too that with the advent of Lent comes with it midweek manna. As a part of midweek manna there is usually a program associated with our time together. While plans for the main program are still being finalized, one that will be launching is a new confirmation class. For

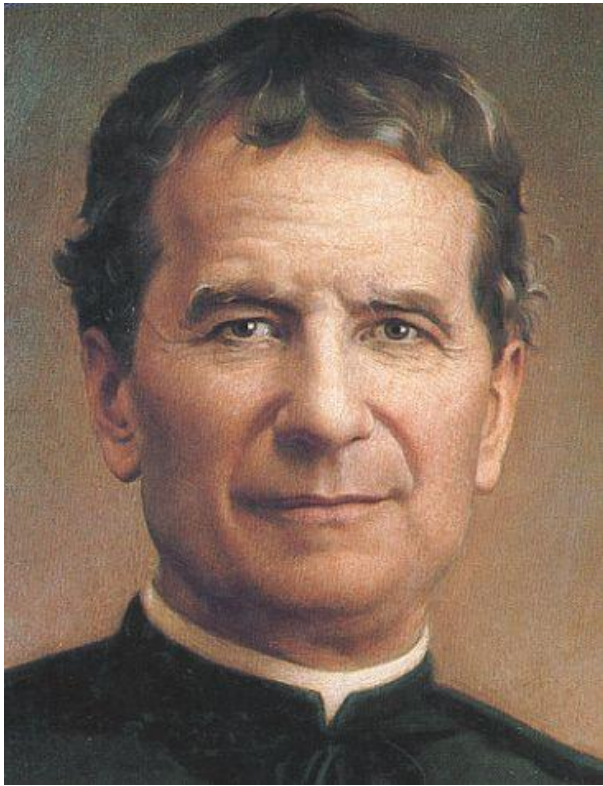
those of you who would like to be received, confirmed, or reaffirm your faith when Bishop Poulson comes this year, this is the class for you. Please let us know if this is the year for you to take that next step in your faith.

I am truly grateful that there are so many rich opportunities for us to gather over the next few weeks. The gatherings themselves span over several aspects of our common life together – one that I hope you are proud to be a part of. I know I am. I'll see you soon.

Peace to you,
Nick+

Children's Sermon on Sunday





Theologian's Corner: John Bosco Priest, 1888

John Bosco was born on August 16, 1815, near Turin, Italy. His father died when he was two, leaving his mother to provide marginal subsistence for the family. He showed a remarkably sweet and kind disposition, which put him at odds with many of the boys with whom he grew up. When he was nine, he received a vision: Christ and the Blessed Virgin encouraged him to be kind, obedient, and hard-working and told him that, in doing so, a great future would be shown him.

Bosco always counted this as the beginning of his vocation.

Bosco was fascinated by the traveling circuses which visited his region and went about learning to juggle, walk a tightrope, and do magic tricks. He put on local

“shows,” which drew both children and adults.

The “price” of admission to these exhibitions was time spent at the end of the show saying prayers together. With help from some patrons who recognized his intelligence and talent, he attended seminary, and, after ordination, he obtained an appointment as chaplain to a girls boarding school. Because of his teaching ministry, he was accorded the title “Don.”

Bosco was not satisfied ministering only to well-to-do young women. In time, every Sunday and feast day the campus filled up with local boys who came for catechism, basic schooling, and supervised play. The raucous energy of the boys scandalized the school and Don Bosco was fired. In 1846 he was able to open an orphanage and put the new work under the patronage of St. Francis de Sales. With the help of an assistant priest and some seminarians he had groomed from among his boys, he formed the Salesian Order. This order, grudgingly admired by secular politicians, was recognized by the Pope and grew to include women religious, lay brothers, and dedicated laity, operating orphanages, vocational schools, and nighttime primary schools for working people.

Don Bosco summed up his theory of education: “Every education teaches a philosophy by suggestion, implication, atmosphere. Every part has a connection with every other part. If it does not combine to convey some general view of life, it is not education at all.”

Don Bosco died in Turin on January 31, 1888.

Together we pray: Loving God, who dost tenderly care for children and orphans: Fill us with love like that shown forth in the witness of John Bosco, that we may give ourselves completely to thy service and to the salvation of all; through thy Son Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, 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, Steve McCraw, Josh Harris, 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, Nancy & Joe Norton, Jack Smith, Tina Holland, Sarah Winn, Danny Clem, David McAtee, and Molly Ferguson.

Please add the following to your prayers this Fourth week after the Epiphany:
Christ Memorial, El Reno Church of the Holy Spirit, Salto, Uruguay



Winter Needs

Concern's current needs are: peanut butter, and complete pancake mix (just add water). Homeless needs are single serve canned proteins.

GLOVES, SOCK HATS, AND HAND WARMERS.

At Luke's Place Feb 1, 2024 -Feb 7, 2024

- Feb 1st** **Men's Breakfast, 7am, Metcalf**
 Rector's Bible Study, 9:15am, Metcalf
 Green Country Eucharist, Rite I, 1pm, GCV
- Feb 2nd** **Max Legatski's Memorial Service, 2pm**
- Feb 4th** **Holy Eucharist Rite I, 8am, Chapel**
 Faith Forum, 9:15am, Metcalf
 Holy Eucharist Rite II, 10:30am
 Godly Play, after children's sermon, upstairs
 YD Valentine Italian Dinner and Auction, 6pm, Metcalf
- Feb 6th** **Spiritual Discovery, 10am, Library**
 Altar Guild meeting, 5:30pm,
- Feb 7th** **Choir, 5pm, Choir Room**
 YD, 6pm, Rodgers

Birthdays and Anniversaries, Feb 4th – Feb 10th , 2024



Birthdays

Marcia Zervas (2/5)
Patty Vail (2/8)



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!



Get Your Cans in the Van!

Our YD need YOUR help to Fill the Church Van with canned goods and nonperishables for Concern! Food Drive will last till Feb 11th. We need everyone to bring canned goods to reach the goal! Drop them off by the coat racks in the hall by Metcalf. The kids will move them to the van. Its been a slow start, but lets catch up and help feed those who are hungry! Thank you for giving!

Watch for
details
coming soon!

**SHROVE TUESDAY
PANCAKE SUPPER
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13**



YD Activities

YD was super excited to get a new foos ball table and got right to work assembling it. It looks fabulous and the kids are already enjoying it. They're very grateful for the donation. Father Nick joined YD a couple weeks ago and talked about personal goal setting with the group. YD also has been making posters to promote the food can drive and the fundraising supper for the YD trip to New York this summer. There was also a creative Lego building contest going at the same time!





Handbell Choir Starts Soon!

As a result of the positive response to the handbells featured at Christmas, we are forming a handbell choir to serve on special occasions. Our first presentation will be on Easter. Practices will begin the week of Feb. 18th. If you read music and have an interest in joining us, please contact Keeli Droege at keelidroege@gmail.com or 918-697-8509.

Valentine's Dinner & Auction

February 4
6pm
St. Luke's Church
\$30/person

Three-course pasta dinner
served by youth group
members

Complimentary wine and beer

Auction Items

- Dinner for 4 by Nancy Woods and Karole Cozby
- Haircut and style or manicure by Cara Moore
- 1 hour of yardwork by youth group
- Cooler and camping supplies
- Beer tasting gift basket
- Lots of awesome baked goods
- Art work
- Pampered Chef basket
- Farm basket

**ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE ST. LUKE'S YOUTH
GROUP'S TRIP TO NYC**



St Luke's Annual Parish Meeting

February 11th, Metcalf Hall
Immediately following the 10:30 service. We will have a potluck dinner so we are asking that everyone bring a dish to share, then we will look at next year's budget, hear a recap of last year's activities, elect our new leaders, and hear goals for next year.

Up for Election:

Report of 2023 Nominating Committee
2024 Ballot
Votes by Acclamation

The Nominating Committee consisting of Nancy Megee, Sally Lindsey, Cathy Perrier, Nan Buhlinger, and Shelly Jackson present the following:

Senior Warden – Nancy Woods
Junior Warden – Karole Cozby
Vestry 3-year term – Laura Birk
Vestry 3-year term – Dolores McCreary
Vestry 3-year term – Steve Heidorn
Vestry 1-year term – Robert Lonski
Vestry youth 1-year term – Erin Roper
Convention delegates – Nancy Woods, Darian Kedy, and Jim Perrier
Nominating Committee Chair – Jeanne Julstrom
Nominating Committee – Cheryl Van Aken, Margo Proctor, Judy Chamberlain, and Sara Clements



Max Legatski's Celebration of Life service will be Friday, Feb 2nd, St. Luke's at 2pm.



ST. CRISPIN'S *Summer Camp* SUMMER 2024

EACH PERSON IS A UNIQUE CREATION OF
GOD, WITH GIFTS TO BE AFFIRMED.



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Contact Fr Nick if you know a child who wants to go!

Possible New Ministries (or old ones revived)

Are any of these calling to you? If so, reach out to Fr Nick and he will fill you in on possibilities, needs, direction, and goals:

Prayer Warriors- A parish prayer team

Prayer Shawls- given to those needing to be held in prayer (can you knit or crochet?)

Caregivers Ministry-

Sweet Studies- bible study for 3rd-5th grades

Women's Fellowship- in the past we have a gathering every month or so
Water from the Well- evening bible study for adults
Living Compass for Adults-

St. Luke's Vestry Members

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