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The Steeple



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EASTER



The Weekly Newsletter of St. Luke's Episcopal Church



Dear St. Luke's,

As we approach the holiest time in the liturgical calendar, I invite you to an observance the profound and sacred journey that is – the Paschal Triduum. This three-day period, starting from Holy Thursday evening and culminating in the Easter Vigil, invites us all to enter into the mystery of Christ's passion, death, and resurrection in a deeply contemplative and reflective manner.

The Paschal Triduum is not just a series of religious rituals; it is a transformative experience that allows us to immerse ourselves in the central mysteries of our faith. It is a time of solemn prayer, joyful celebration, and profound gratitude for the ultimate sacrifice of love made by Jesus Christ for our salvation.

On Holy Thursday, we gather to commemorate the Last Supper, where Jesus instituted the Eucharist. We are called to reflect on the profound act of humility and service demonstrated by Jesus as he washed the feet of his disciples, teaching us the true meaning of selfless love and service.

Good Friday marks the day of Christ's crucifixion, a day of somber reflection and deep sorrow as we meditate on the immense suffering endured by Jesus for our sake. It is a day of fasting and abstinence, calling us to unite our own sufferings with those of Christ and to contemplate the depth of his love for each one of us.

Holy Saturday is a day of quiet anticipation and waiting as we keep vigil at the Lord's tomb. It is a time of prayerful contemplation and hopeful expectation, as we await the joy of the resurrection that will be celebrated at the Easter Vigil.

The Easter Vigil is the culmination of the Paschal Triduum, a celebration of light and life as we rejoice in the resurrection of our Lord. It is a time of great joy and exultation, as we proclaim that Christ has triumphed over sin and death, bringing us the gift of eternal life.

As we prepare to enter into this sacred time, let us open our hearts to the grace and mercy of God, allowing the Paschal Triduum to renew and transform us. May we journey together as a community of faith, supporting and encouraging one another as we walk the path of discipleship with Christ.

A Blessed Triduum to you

Nick+



Theologian's Corner: John Keble Priest, 1866

John Keble, born on April 23, 1792, received his early education in his father's vicarage. At fourteen, he won a scholarship to Oxford and graduated in 1811 with highest honors. He served the University in several capacities, including ten years as Professor of Poetry. After ordination in 1816, he had a series of rural curacies, and finally settled in 1836 into a thirty-year pastorate at the village of Hursley, near Winchester.

Among his cycle of poems entitled *The Christian Year* (1827), which he wrote to restore among Anglicans a deep feeling for the Church Year, remains a familiar hymn (*The Hymnal* 1982, #10):

New ev'ry morning is the love
Our wakening and uprising prove:
Through sleep and darkness safely brought,
Restored to life and power and thought.

The work went through ninety-five editions, but this was not the fame he sought: his consuming desire was to be a faithful pastor, who finds his fulfillment in daily services, confirmation classes, visits to village schools, and a voluminous correspondence with those seeking spiritual counsel.

England was going through a turbulent change from a rural to an industrial and urban society. England and Ireland were incorporated in 1801 and the (Protestant) Church of Ireland became part of the Church of England. Up until 1833, Ireland had twenty-two Anglican bishops and archbishops for a population of about 800,000 persons, a ratio considerably smaller than that of the English dioceses. The "Irish Church Measure" of 1833 would have reduced the number of Anglican bishops and archbishops by ten, amalgamating episcopal oversight to a proportion equal in both countries and saving money needed at the parish level. Keble vigorously attacked this Parliamentary action as a "National Apostasy" undermining the independence of the Church in a sermon by that title, now referred to as his Assize Sermon of 1833.

His Assize Sermon of 1833 was the spark that ignited the Oxford Movement. Those drawn to the Movement began to publish a series of “Tracts for the Times” (hence the popular name “Tractarians”)— which sought to recall the Church to its ancient sacramental heritage. John Henry Newman was the intellectual leader of the Movement, Edward Bouverie Pusey was the prophet of its devotional life, and John Keble was its pastoral inspiration. Though bitterly attacked, his loyalty to his Church was unwavering. Within three years of his death at Bournemouth, in Hampshire, on March 29, 1866, at age 74, a college bearing his name was established at Oxford “to give an education in strict fidelity to the Church of England.” For Keble, this would have meant dedication to learning in order “to live more nearly as we pray.”

Together, let us pray: Grant, O God, that in all time of our testing we may know thy presence and obey thy will; that, following the example of thy servant John Keble, we may accomplish with integrity and courage that which thou givest us to do and endure that which thou givest us to bear; 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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Current pantry needs are: complete pancake mix (just add water), sugar and gently used brown grocery bags with handles; homeless needs: single serve 8-ounce canned vegetables and microwavable cup of soup.

Please pray for: Liz Green, Michelle Sheffield, Catherine Sheffield, David King, Pris Snow, Ben Baker, Diana Farris, Joel Hahn, Steve McCraw, Josh Harris, David Swindell, Norma Perrier, Connie Finch, Peggy Kauffman, Tony Clapper, 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, , Danny Clem, David McAtee, Tim Curry, Peggy Duncan, Shawn, Nancy Bradford, Stephanie Gallegos, Pat Sare, David Chamberlain, and Sherri & Steve Linn.

Please add the following to your prayers this Holy Week :
St Paul's Cathedral, OKC Holy Trinity Cathedral, Montevideo, Uruguay

At Luke's Place Mar 28, 2024 -Apr 3, 2024

- Mar 28th Men's Breakfast, 6:30 am, Metcalf**
 - Green Country Eucharist for Maundy Thursday, 1pm, GCV**
 - Maundy Thursday with Foot Washing, 6pm**
 - All Night Vigil at Altar of Repose, 9pm-9am, Chapel**
- Mar 29th Good Friday Service, noon**
 - Office will be closed after service**
- Mar 30th Holy Saturday Service, 9am, Chapel**
 - Ferguson Funeral, 2pm**

Great Easter Vigil, 6pm, start in Courtyard
Mar 31th Holy Eucharist Rite I, 8am, Chapel
Holy Eucharist Rite II, 10:30am
Apr 1st Office Closed
Apr 3rd YD, 6pm, Rodgers

Birthdays and Anniversaries, Mar 31st –Apr 7th , 2024

Birthdays



Daisy Droege (4/3)

Anniversaries



Scott & Sigrid Williams (4/2)

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!

April Pack the Backpacks Item

Glue sticks-packaged or individual—you can find these at Wal-mart, Dollar stores, Hobby Lobby, or Staples. Just about anywhere that carries school supplies of crafts.



All Night Vigil at the Altar of Repose



When? Beginning at 9:00pm Maundy Thursday, March 28, and ending at 9:00am Good Friday, March 29.

Where? Chapel- enter from the south side through the Chapel door

For how long? There will be a sign up board in the Narthex with 1 hour slots that overlap. You may sign up for as many hours as you would like.

Why? In Matthew, Jesus asks the disciples “Could you not watch with me for one hour?” The hour can be spent praying, meditating, reading, or sitting quietly. It is your time waiting with Jesus.



Concern is doing a fundraiser downtown apartment and loft tour on 4/16, including a reception with light refreshments. Cost for tickets is \$25. Two times available, either 4:30 or 5:30. For more information and tickets go to www.concerncares.com.

Getting schooled, again



I remember when I was in High School getting ready for graduation, I had a discussion with Mr. Roger Unruh, our Principal and Math teacher. I made the comment that I am finished going to school. He laughed and informed me; I will never be done getting schooled. How little did I understand what he meant at that time. I went to NDSSS and received my Automotive Technology, more schooling. While working at different companies, yep, I received more schooling. When I retired from being a Technician, I went all over the USA to get more schooling on how to sharpen. Schooling continued from more than 10 different teachers on multiple types of training on sharpening different types of equipment. Before I started my business, I went to Tri-County-Tech to learn how to start a business. That was just the beginning of everything. This doesn't include the Managerial training, Safety training, and everything else that I have been involved with throughout my career. I see a pattern here that has been going on all my life. More schooling is involved!

Now, here it is 2024 and guess what? I just finished an all-day training session at St. Crispin's Conference Center in Wewoka, Oklahoma. This was done so I can become more familiar with my position on the Vestry Committee here at St. Luke's. The best thing when you go to conferences like this is you meet people from all over Oklahoma that are there for the same reason you are. Not only learning from the training sessions, but you get a different perspective from everyone there. Reminded me of some of the sharpening seminars I attended. Sometimes it's not the training sessions where you get all the training. It's also from the people there with you. With my sharpening business, I don't have competition in the business, I have friends that are in the same business. Today

was no different. Learning in the sessions and the people there with you, your friends in the same business. The difference with this training is teaching me how to be a better servant for St. Lukes and its members while on the Vestry Committee. Received a lot of ideas, but me, the rest of the Vestry Committee and Father Nic, will need help to continue from the members of St. Lukes. This is our home. Together we can come together and always work to make a better life for us and everyone outside the Church. This means lending a helping hand where needed, a shoulder if needed and an ear when needed. At one point today I was able to take a break and sit on one of these rocking chairs. These were all donated by someone from some Church or organization. Little did they realize that that little donation of a rocking chair cleared my mind and made me see that what you do doesn't have to be a big project. Every little thing we do in the life we have been given is sometimes done for the enjoyment of others, even if we never know about it.

As I stated earlier, today I was schooled again. Guess Mr. Unruh was right as always. This schooling has now taught me a different way to apply what I know. As Psalm 34:14 says, "Turn away from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it." (Unknown author) Open your eyes and see all the love in me, I got enough forever. Don't be afraid, take what you need from me, and we'll be strong together.

Hosanna,
Hosanna



Palm Sunday

Hosanna,
in the Highest





Rehearsal for Easter Morning

The Choir has been working hard in preparation for Holy Week.

THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Maundy Thursday Holy Eucharist RII
@ 6:00 p.m.

All Night Vigil from 9:00 p.m. to 9:00
a.m.

Good Friday Service RII @ 12:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday Service @ 9:00 a.m.

Easter Vigil @ 6:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday Holy Eucharist RI @ 8:00
a.m. Easter Sunday Holy Eucharist RII

@ 10:30a.m.



lawn chair and watch the solar eclipse with us!

The Solar Eclipse will be visible on April 8 around 1:45pm. Margaret and I am planning to park our lawn chairs in the courtyard and watch it beginning around 1-1:15pm until it eclipses. We will have mimosas and snacks and you are welcome to join us. Barring cloudy or bad weather, bring your

Penny

BINGO

BY **CASA HISPANA** *night*

Join us for an evening of Bingo, Raffles, Family Fun, and Hispanic Food
For tickets, call 918.907.1584

Saturday, April 6th
5:30 PM
St Luke's
Episcopal Church



\$12
Ticket

Include:

-  Admission Price &
-  10 cards

CasaHispana.Bartlesville@gmail.com

Games start at 6:00 PM



All proceeds benefit Casa Hispana, a Bartlesville non-profit organization that provides support to local individuals and families by enabling connections to community resources, offering translation services, English and citizenship classes, and providing highly subsidized dental care to under-served communities

See Jeff Birk for Tickets!





And the one that got away.....



The Church
Office is Closed
Monday

The Church office will be closed after the Good Friday Service and all day Monday April 1st for the Easter holiday. Have a BLESSED EASTER! Penny & Margaret

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