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The Steeple



May 8, 2024



The Weekly Newsletter of St. Luke's Episcopal Church



Greetings friends,

As I mentioned this past Sunday in our announcements, Teresa and I will be heading to Sewanee, TN for Morgan's graduation from the University of the South this week. Her final Sunday at All Saints will be this Sunday, May 12th. After services on Sunday, we will be packing the cars up for our trip home to Bartlesville. Since I'll be gone, Fr. Omar Cisneros will be presiding this weekend at St. Luke's and I couldn't be more excited for him to meet all of you. Below is a little bit about Fr. Omar.

Fr. Omar was born in Denver, Colorado, to parents from northern Mexico. He grew up in predominately Spanish-speaking Episcopal churches. In his twenties, he worked as a community organizer, primarily focused on education, and staffed various local and state-wide campaigns. He received his undergraduate degree at Southeastern Oklahoma State University and his Master of Divinity from Virginia Theological Seminary. Omar was ordained a deacon at St. Paul's Cathedral on December 21st, 2021 (Feast of St. Thomas) and a priest on June 29th, 2022 (Feast of St. Peter and Paul). He enjoys reading, writing, archery, and competing in Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu and Judo. Omar has been married to Karina since 2016, and they have one dog.

Upon our return, we will be gearing up for Senior Sunday here at St. Luke's as well as the Feast of Pentecost. I can't think of a better day to celebrate our seniors and their parents than Pentecost. And come to think of it, not just their parents but the leaders of Y.D: Jennifer, Tom, Kate, and Becky. Words cannot express the impact y'all have made on our kiddos.

Thank-you.

As part of our tradition here at St. Luke's, the seniors are given an invitation to address the congregation. And in preparation for that, I hope that you will join with me in praying for Josie, Cody, and Jackie as they prepare their remarks. In addition to this, will you join me in praying for their families as well? For they too are preparing for all the bittersweet changes that commencement brings.

It is true we do not have very much time to gladden the hearts of those who walk this way with us and I'm thinking about this more and more as these three prepare to depart our community for the work that has been prepared for them to do.

God Bless,

Nick+

Theologian's Corner: Junia and Andronicus



At the end of his letter to the Romans, the apostle Paul identifies Junia and Andronicus as “prominent among the apostles.” They had been in prison with him and had come to know Christ before he did.

In Eastern Orthodox tradition, these apostles are remembered for the converts they won in their extensive travels to preach the gospel, and they are honored as martyrs for Christ. Their feast day has been celebrated in Eastern churches since the early seventh century.

In the late fourth century, John Chrysostom wrote about them, praising Junia as a woman and an apostle. St. Joseph the Hymnographer, writing in the ninth century, lauded them in a liturgical hymn:

With piety we will honor the bright stars and holy
Apostles Junia and the God-inspired Andronicus.
The blessed Paul proclaims you both as truly distinguished
Among the Apostles, and blessed in the Church.

Together we pray: Almighty God, whose Son, the risen Christ, sent forth thine apostles Andronicus and Junia to proclaim the gospel and extend thy reign: Send us

forth in thy Holy Spirit, that women and men may minister as one in faithful witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit in perfect unity, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Please pray for: Liz Green, Michelle Sheffield, Catherine Sheffield, 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, Don Doty, Luke Karel, Miriam Petrovich, Lynette Beebe, Nancy & Joe Norton, Jack Smith, Danny Clem, David McAtee, Shawn, Nancy Bradford, Stephanie Gallegos, Pat Sare, Jim Carroll, Sherri & Steve Linn, Jack Stoecker, Ben Stoecker, Tom McLoughlin, Dionna Cameron, Raphael, James Chamberlain, and Jean Mason .

Please add the following to your prayers this Sixth Week of Easter:

St Luke's, Chickasaw

St. Timothy's, Paul's Valley

At Luke's Place : May 9th - May 15th , 2024

- May 9th Men's Breakfast, 7:00 am, Metcalf**
- Green Country Prayer Service, 1pm, GCV**
- May 12th Holy Eucharist Rite I, 8am, Chapel**
- Holy Eucharist Rite II, 10:30am**
- May 13th Ladies' Prayer Partners, 11:30am, Library**
- May 14th Spiritual Discovery, 10am, Library, Book Study**
- May 15th Choir, 5pm, Choir Room**
- Catechism Class, 6:30pm, Vestry Room**



ST. LUKE'S BOOKSTORE



Come and check out the Bookstore for Mother's Day and Graduation gifts!

Birthdays and Anniversaries, May 12th – May 18th, 2024

Birthdays



Sigrid Williams (5/12)
Jim Stanton (5/12)
Murphey Warring (5/13)
Joanne Gallery (5/14)
Robert Matthews (5/14)

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!

CONCERN

Concern's current needs are: macaroni and cheese, canned pinto and black beans and flour.

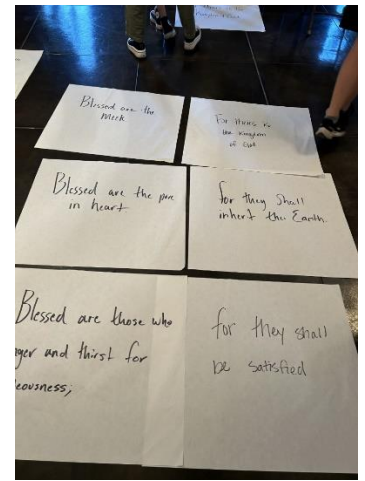


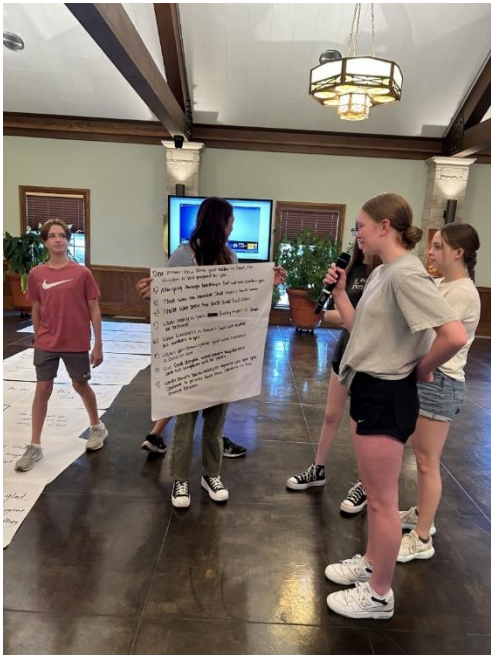
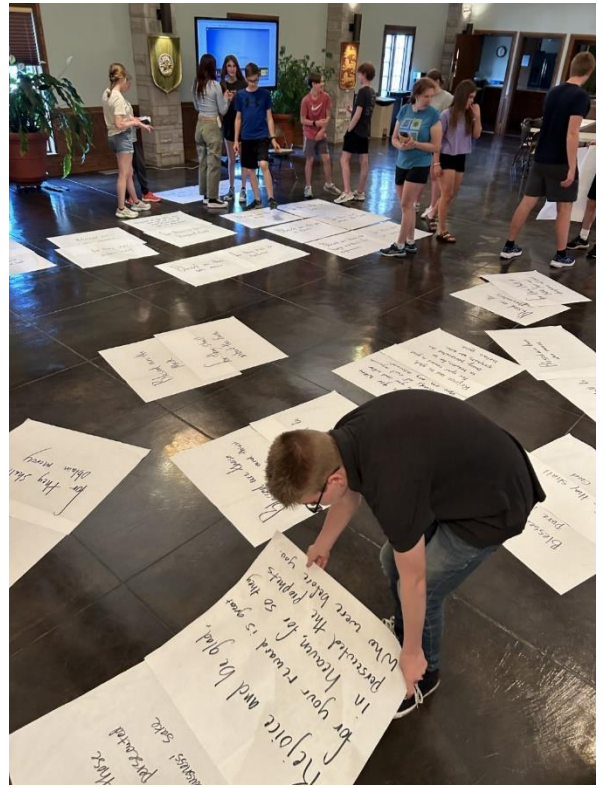
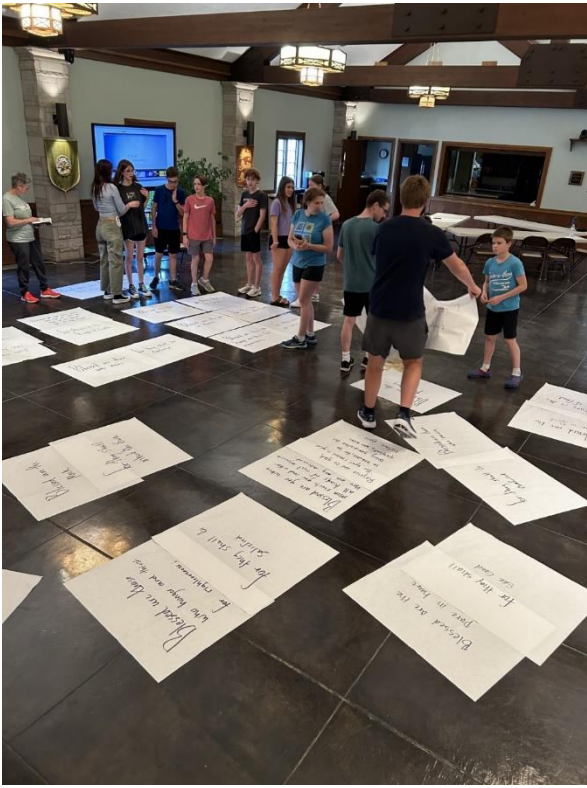


Rulers, Pencil Boxes, Notebooks, Paints, Scissors, Wide Ruled Paper, Elmer's Glue, Crayola Markers, Pocket Folders May Pack the Backpack Items

Your choice to bring

YD





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