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The Steeple



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The Weekly Newsletter of St. Luke's Episcopal Church



Y.D. to N.Y.C.

With New York City on the horizon, it would be meet and right to pause and honor our benefactors Mary and Chuck Friley. Without the generous memorial in honor of their son Chip these trips would not be possible. Thank you Frileys.

For those of you who do not know of Chip, "he was born on February 24, 1970 in Bartlesville, Oklahoma and spent most of his childhood moving around the globe. He returned to Bartlesville for his middle school and high school years, attending St. Luke's with his family. After high school graduation, Chip attended Southern Methodist University (SMU) - or as he would say "not really Southern nor Methodist" but a university - earning a BA and MA in economics. Post college, Chip found himself living in Washington, DC working in and around energy associations, and after a bit of time he returned to school earning an MBA from Georgetown University which launched his work with Brookhaven National Laboratory.

Chip, as he was best known, embraced his work as an energy economist and was extensively published in peer journals. The love for his work allowed him to attend conferences globally, and before kids, he always included time to procure porcelain, furniture, books, and drink coasters. Those coasters speak to Chip's dry sense of humor, quick wit, his ability to make anyone feel at ease, and his consummate hosting abilities.

Chip embraced the role of cook with a team called the "Rogue Saints". This fabled group of folks found community and grace as regularly and faithfully scheduled meal prep for DC's unhoused community. Their meals were so loved and favored they began serving on the big holidays: Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas. Their meals were crafted with care and served to people, including church congregants, who knew not to miss the mashed potatoes or the meatloaf. Thus, the Rogue Saints always packed the fellowship hall learning to make enough food for seconds and take-away boxes.

Part of our trip will be spent at Christ Disciples International - Food Distribution Center at 3021 Webster Ave. in the Bronx. While largely a pilgrimage, aspects of our trip will align themselves seamlessly with Chip's passion and mission. We will be staying at the New York School for Urban Ministry - an institution where in another life, perhaps we would have run into Chip and his Rogue Saints. Who knows, maybe there will be some Rogue Saints in N.Y.C. afterall.

Nick+



Theologian's Corner: St. Veronica

The account of the woman with an issue of blood, who had the unusual name of Veronica, may be found in the Gospel according to Saint Matthew (9:20-22), in Saint Mark's Gospel (5:25-34), and also in Saint Luke's Gospel (8:43-49).

According to Saint Nikódēmos of the Holy Mountain, Veronica was from the city of Paneada. When the Lord healed her issue of blood, she was very grateful, because for twelve years she had "suffered much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and nothing had helped, but instead she became worse" (Mark 5:26).

She had heard of Christ, and decided to go to Him, believing that she would be healed merely by touching His garment. When she did this, the Savior felt that power had gone forth from Him. Turning to the crowd, He asked who had touched His garment. His disciples were puzzled by the question, since many people were pressing Him on all sides. Saint Veronica came forward and fell down before Him in fear and trembling, and admitted what she had done. The Lord said, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your affliction" (Mark 5:34).

It is said, that in her gratitude, she made a statue of Him and placed it in front of her house, where everyone could venerate it. A healing plant grew at the base of the statue, which was able to cure various diseases.

Later, Saint Veronica became a member of the early Church. After living a life of holiness, she surrendered her soul to God.

Some Roman Catholics venerate a saint named Veronica, who is said to have wiped the Savior's face with her veil as He carried His Cross to Golgotha. This Veronica, however, is not the saint who is commemorated by the Orthodox Church as the same Veronica who was healed by Christ. The confusion comes because the cloth itself was called the "Veronica," or true image (from vera

and iconica) of Christ's face. On August 16, the Orthodox Church commemorates the “Image not made by hands.”

This weekend we will hear the story of the Veronica who was healed by Jesus.



A Little History Lesson

The Fourth of July—also known as Independence Day or July 4th—has been a federal holiday in the United States since 1941, but the tradition of Independence Day celebrations goes back to the 18th century and the [American Revolution](#). On

July 2nd, 1776, the [Continental Congress](#) voted in favor of independence, and two days later delegates from the [13 colonies](#) adopted the Declaration of Independence, a historic document drafted by [Thomas Jefferson](#). From 1776 to the present day, July 4th has been celebrated as the birth of American independence, with festivities ranging from [fireworks](#), parades and concerts to more casual family gatherings and barbecues.

From the Book of Common Prayer: Almighty God, who hast given us this good land for our heritage: We humbly beseech thee that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of thy favor and glad to do thy will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in thy Name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to thy law, we may show forth thy praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in thee to fail; all which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>30</p> <p>Pack the Backpacks (Rodgers Hall)</p> <p>8:00am Holy Eucharist - Rite I</p> <p>10:30am Holy Eucharist - Rite II</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Pack the Backpacks (Rodgers Hall)</p> <p>8:00am Morning Prayer</p> <p>4:00pm Evening Prayer</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Pack the Backpacks (Rodgers Hall)</p> <p>8:00am Morning Prayer</p> <p>4:00pm Evening Prayer</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Pack the Backpacks (Rodgers Hall)</p> <p>8:00am Morning Prayer</p> <p>4:00pm Evening Prayer</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Independence Day</p> <p>Office closed</p> <p>Pack the Backpacks (Rodgers Hall)</p> <p>3:30am YD2NYC Send off (Metcalf Hall)</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Pack the Backpacks (Rodgers Hall)</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Pack the Backpacks (Rodgers Hall)</p>
<p>7</p> <p>Pack the Backpacks (Rodgers Hall)</p> <p>8:00am Holy Eucharist - Rite I</p> <p>10:30am Holy Eucharist - Rite II</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Pack the Backpacks (Rodgers Hall)</p> <p>YD Returns</p> <p>8:00am Morning Prayer</p> <p>12:00pm Finance Committee (Vestry Room)</p> <p>4:00pm Evening Prayer</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Pack the Backpacks (Rodgers Hall)</p> <p>8:00am Morning Prayer</p> <p>12:00pm P.E.O. Group (Metcalf Hall)</p> <p>4:00pm Evening Prayer</p> <p>6:00pm Chorale Society Board Meeting/Tom Chamberlain (Vestry Room)</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Pack the Backpacks (Rodgers Hall)</p> <p>8:00am Morning Prayer</p> <p>4:00pm Evening Prayer</p>	<p>11</p> <p>7:00am Men's Breakfast (Metcalf Hall)</p> <p>Pack the Backpacks (Rodgers Hall)</p> <p>8:00am Morning Prayer</p> <p>9:15am Bible Study (Metcalf Hall)</p> <p>1:00pm Holy Eucharist Rt. I (Green Country Village Chapel)</p> <p>4:00pm Evening Prayer</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Pack the Backpacks (Rodgers Hall)</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Pack the Backpacks (Rodgers Hall)</p>
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Please pray for: Liz Green, Michelle Sheffield, Catherine Sheffield, Ben Baker, Diana Farris, 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, 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, Chuck McCarty, Bob Baughman, Jean Mason, Margie Lambert, Estelle Sams, Ron Adams, Brian Jones, Adam Thomas, and Eileen Leigh.

Please add the following to your prayers this Fifth Week after Pentecost:

St Basil's, Tahlequah

Christ the King Chapel, Montevideo, Uruguay

At Luke's Place : June 27th – July 3rd, 2024

June 27th Men's Breakfast, 7:00 am, Metcalf
Bible Study, 9:15am, Metcalf
Green Country Eucharist, 1pm, GCV
Pub Theology, 6:30pm, Tumbleweed's
June 29th Vestry Goal Day, 9am, Metcalf
June 30th Holy Eucharist Rite I, 8am, Chapel
Holy Eucharist Rite II, 10:30am

Concern's current needs are: canned fruit, 18 oz peanut butter, flour, Spam, tuna, paper or plastic grocery bags and egg cartons. We also need volunteers for the summer. Please call 918-336-4693 and talk to Melody.

Concern appreciates your continued support.

Birthdays and Anniversaries, June 30th – July 6th, 2024

Birthdays



Chad Ellis (7/1)
Martha Reyburn (7/1)
Chaz Cervený (7/3)
Margaret Holden (7/3)
Katherine Powell (7/3)

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!



This Thursday (June 27th), 6:30pm, at Tumbleweed's



YD2NYC

July 4th-8th, 2024

On the most Patriotic day of the year, our youth and sponsors will board a plane heading to the City that never sleeps for a 4 day Missions/Summer trip. Keep them in your prayers as they travel and see the sights of New York City. Oh! The Places They Will Go.....



YD SEND OFF!

Our kids and sponsors will be rising early (or maybe never go to bed the day before) for their trip to New York City. If you are in town and have the heart to rise early with them, meet in Metcalf around 3:30- 3:45am, July 4th ,and we will surround them with prayer and send them on their way. We will have orange juice and coffee, doughnuts and pastry available. The NYC folks will depart St Luke's at 4am for the airport in Tulsa to begin their adventure. I ❤️ NYC!

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