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The Steeple

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The Weekly Newsletter of St. Luke's Episcopal Church



Perspective

It occurs to me that some of you may or may not know about how the Young Disciples decided on New York City for our pilgrimage this year. You may recall that in 2022 we traveled to Washington D.C. because Chip Friley was from the Capitol and we really wanted to see where he lived and practiced his faith. As a part of that trip, we visited Washington National Cathedral and were just in awe! Nevertheless, our tour guide explained that while our National Cathedral is immense in its size and scope, the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York City was even larger. On a whim I said, "Well, looks like we know where we are going next." And "The rest," they say, "is history."



After the service at St. John's, we had a chance to go on a self-guided tour which did not disappoint. Before we departed for the MET, however, we found St. Luke's Chapel and gathered there for a brief moment before our patron saint in whose name we remembered our beloved parish.

If you can believe it, we made up twenty something of the one hundred- and fifty-people at St. John's on Sunday. For a cathedral service, it was an intimate gathering in a magnificent and holy

space. And yet, because we share in the practice of common prayer and the common cup the service felt very, very familiar.

When asking the kids what they thought “Big!” was usually the descriptor, that and – and this is a big “and” ... almost all of them said that to some degree they either missed St. Luke’s or preferred St. Luke’s over the majesty of the America’s largest Episcopal Cathedral. That spoke to me of their love of home and the fact that while abroad, no matter how familiar the service is you really do miss the place where your family and friends worship. You miss the people. They missed you. Home is home after all.



Theologian's Corner:

The Tetramorph



When preparing for Y.D.'s trip to New York we again decided to create tee shirts with designs that highlight our appreciation for all things St. Luke's. Our blue tee shirt this year featured an ox with wings – which you can see in the bottom left corner of the woodcut. That symbol was the source of many questions. Seeing as it can be found all around our church home, I thought we'd feature an explanation of it's meaning in this week's Steeple.

The tetramorph is a symbolic arrangement of four differing elements, or the combination of four disparate elements in one unit. The term is derived from the Greek tetra, meaning four, and morph, shape.

The word comes from the Greek for "four forms" or "shapes".

In English usage, each symbol may be described as a tetramorph in the singular, and a group as "the tetramorphs", but usually only in contexts where all four are included. The tetramorphs were especially common in Early Medieval art, above all in illuminated Gospel books, but remain common in religious art to the present day.

In Christian art, the tetramorph is the union of the symbols of the Four Evangelists, derived from the four living creatures in the Book of Ezekiel, into a single figure or, more commonly, a group of four figures. Each of the four Evangelists is associated with one of the living creatures, usually shown with wings. The most common association, but not the original or only, is: Mark the King, Lion; Luke the lowly Servant, Ox; Matthew the Angel; and John the Eagle.

In Christian art and iconography, Evangelist portraits are often accompanied by tetramorphs, or the symbols alone used to represent them. Evangelist portraits that depict them in their human forms are often accompanied by their symbolic creatures, and Christ in Majesty is often shown surrounded by the four symbols.

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, Eileen Leigh, Bob Lambert, and Carla Curry.

Please add the following to your prayers this Seventh Week after Pentecost
Good Shepherd, Sapulpa Institute for Anglican Theology, Montevideo, Uruguay

At Luke's Place : July 11th – July 17th, 2024

- July 11th Men's Breakfast, 7am, Metcalf
Bible Study, 9:15am, Metcalf
Green Country Eucharist, 1pm, GCV
July 14th Holy Eucharist Rite I, 8am, Chapel
Holy Eucharist Rite II, 10:30am
July 15th Finance Committee, noon, Vestry Room
Vestry , 5:30pm, Vestry Room
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Concern's current needs are: Peanut butter, SPAM, canned beans, hot and cold cereal. We also need volunteers for the summer. Please call 918-336-4693 and talk to Melody.

Concern appreciates your continued support.

Birthdays and Anniversaries, July 14th – July 20th, 2024

Birthdays



Jeff Hall (7/14)
Jeanne Julstrom (7/17)
Susan Brooks (7/18)
Heather McCraw (7/18)
Fr Nick Phares (7/20)

Anniversaries



David & Kim Breedlove (7/18)

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!



Calling New Layreaders!

We could use a few more layreaders during the 10:30am service. If this ministry speaks to you, please talk with Jeff Birk or Penny Williams or any of the layeaders serving now. You will be trained and join the schedule on rotation when you feel confident to serve. It's a blessed service to read the Scriptures and to serve at God's table. Please consider joining our ranks!

SAVE THE DATE

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MORE TO FOLLOW....



Stewardship

TOGETHER WE ARE CALLED TO BE STEWARDS
OF GOD'S ABBUNDANCE AND
CARETAKERS OF ALL HE HAS ENTRUSTED TO US.



Pack *The* Backpacks

Pack the Backpack is a non-profit dedicated to providing students, in need, living in Washington County with backpacks and the supplies suggested by teachers. St. Luke's has been an important part of this annual event for more than 20 years. Each summer just before school starts the Church facility is turned into a maze of tables. Volunteers will pick up a backpack and a list, follow the maze picking up items like pencils or crayons then end up in Metcalf with the full backpack. The list is stapled to the backpack. Over 2,700 backpacks were loaded with supplies last year. Starting Sunday afternoon for 2 day the students with their parents will pick up the backpack. Many times the look on the child's face is priceless.

There are many opportunities to volunteer: 1) When the product that we have been purchasing all year long is moved into Rogers Hall 2) Setting up tables in Metcalf, the narthex and the outer narthex in preparation for what is called sprint weekend (packing the backpacks and passing them out). 3) Walking the maze of tables to fill the backpacks. 4) Passing out the backpacks 5) Move unused product back to storage.

If you have any questions please contact Steve Clark.

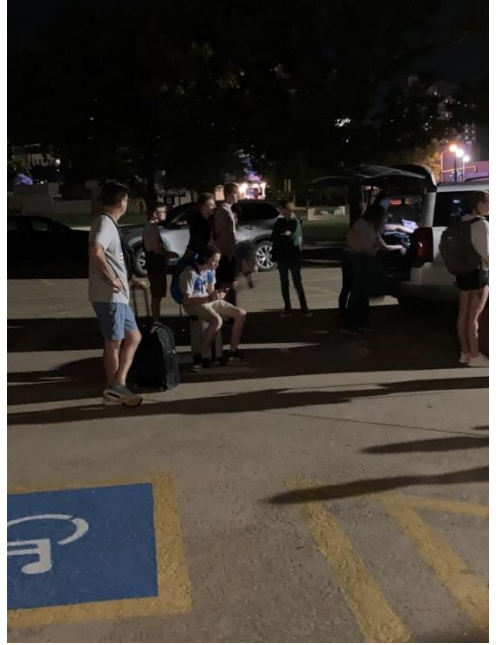


Women's Prayer Partners July meeting will be at 11:30 on Monday July 22 in classroom upstairs.

YD's Departure for New York

Our Youth and Sponsors are home now with wonderful memories of their trip. Here are pictures of their departure for the Tulsa Airport on the 4th of July





And off they go- right on time! In a few weeks we will gather in Metcalf and hear of their adventures, see photos of their time there, and lessons they learned on their mission to New York City. Again, we are in deep gratitude to the Frileys for their wonderful gift to our kids.

PACK THE BACKPACKS

BINGO



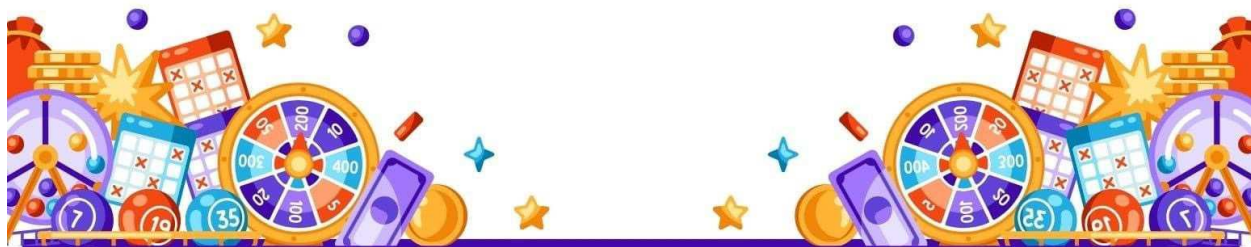
Join us for a fun filled evening of bingo, friends, and excitement!! we'll have 50/50 games, regular bingo, yummy food, and great baskets and gift cards to win! Help us raise funds for school supplies while having a great time!

PRIZES | FOOD | FUN

July 20th

doors open 5:30pm
main games start 6pm
tickets \$12

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www.packthebackpacks.org

Saint Mary Magdalene Feast Day

On July 22, the Church celebrates the Feast of St. Mary Magdalene, one of the most prominent women mentioned in the New Testament. Her name comes from the town of Magdala in Galilee, where she was born.



Eucharist celebrating St Mary Magdalene is July 22nd, 12:15pm, in the Chapel.



Tree Trimming Around St Luke's

When you drive into the lot at the church, you will notice the difference and it will seem rather stark, but bear with us. The trimming that has been done will make our trees and bushes healthier. We lost shade but gained a more manicured look and in the long run, will make our landscaping lusher. The shade will come back and we may even have some new grass growth in bare spots. A new haircut is always a little disarming until it starts to grow out and our trees are the same. Please enjoy the new look- it won't last long before everything starts growing back and it will! God and Mother Nature work so well together!

Penny

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