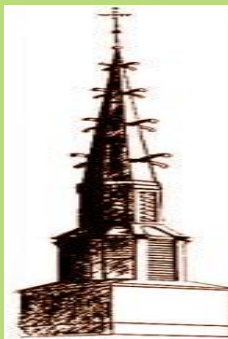


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July 31, 2024



The Weekly Newsletter of St. Luke's Episcopal Church



From Our Senior Warden:

Hello family at Luke's place!

What an eventful few weeks we have had here at St. Luke's! This is always a busy place but it seems to have amped up recently. The water damage repairs, tree trimming, Pack the Backpacks, work on 805, Bingo and of course...the blessed air conditioner.

On reflecting on all of this I am reminded of Jeff's sermons lately. *"Where do you see God?" "By God's grace and with God's grace we can feed the five thousand!"*

So I ask myself... "Where have I seen God?"

That is easy! I see God in all those who are giving of their time and using their God given gifts to work on all our projects, ministries and community needs. I see God in every worker putting in hours of time and love getting ready for *Pack the Backpacks*. I know I will see Him in all the faces of the children when they pick up their backpacks! I have witnessed God in Keeli Droege, who has put so much time into honing her organ skills, caring for our choir and getting 805 ready to sell. God shines in Robert Lonski, as he lovingly takes care of the trees and pergola, in Dennis and Dan as they constantly are checking that our AC is working (and I mean **CONSTANTLY!**) and who are forever fixing stuff around here, in Penny and Margaret as they keep things running smoothly, in our lay readers, altar guild, prayer warriors, AV workers, Men's group, bereavement, stewardship, ushers, youth group & leaders, choir, vestry, clergy and on and on. I see God every single Sunday when we pass the "Peace" and share in

His body and blood. And oh, how I see God in the beauty that surrounds us in nature. He is everywhere! Jeff reminds us all to be aware, take notice and give thanks.

By God's grace and with God's grace we serve one another, our families, our church, our community, our world and our Lord! Heavenly Father...we thank you for your grace and for the JOY that comes from loving you! Help us to be all that you created us to be!

In peace always...
Nancy Woods

Theologian's Corner:



Verna Dozier, 1917-2006

Verna Dozier, c. 1995.

A high school English teacher and Christian educator, Verna Dozier is credited with changing and revitalizing the way Episcopalians learn and use God's word in their lives. Born in Washington, DC, her parents deeply influenced her passion for education and her deep Biblical faith. She received a BA and an MA in English from Howard University and went on to teach in public schools for the next 32 years. During this time and well after her retirement, Dozier was deeply involved in the study of the Bible and Christian education.

A believer in critical and independent thought, she stated in a 1997 commencement address, "All learning begins not with the answers of the teacher, but with the questions of the learner." For Dozier, religious authority came with baptism and lies with laity; ministry was not just for the ordained.

Her reputation as a demanding yet caring teacher paired with her ability to empower the laity became well known. In the 1950s, she began teaching classes at her Washington, DC parish (St. Mark's), at the national Episcopal Youth summer conferences, and in Diocese of Washington's educational programs. Soon, she was in demand in dioceses all across the United States as a teacher, mentor, conference and workshop leader, public speaker, and as a trainer and consultant for the Episcopal Church. After her retirement, Dozier devoted herself to Christian education full-time. For all her

work in the Church, she was awarded a Doctor of Divinity from the University of the South in 1988 and a Doctor of Humane Letters from Virginia Theological Seminary in 1993.

Not only was she an educator, Dozier was also an activist. In her teaching, she would often use stories about racism and other social issues. Having grown up under Jim Crow, she was an advocate of oppressed people throughout society and the Church. She supported the ordination of women to the priesthood and the episcopate and was an advocate for gay and lesbian rights in the Church.

Verna Dozier served the Church in other capacities as well. In the Diocese of Washington, she was a member of the Standing Committee and the Commission on Ministry. At the national level, she served on the Episcopal Church's Board of Examining Chaplains and the Church Deployment Board. In addition to her work for the Church, she was on the Board of the Alban Institute, and a member of the Council of the College of Preachers at the National Cathedral and of Mid-Atlantic Training and Consulting.

Dozier was one of the most sought-after speakers churchwide and had tremendous impact on generations of lay leaders who were educated in the new Prayer Book emphasis on baptized ministry. She authored several articles and books including *The Dream of God: A Call to Return*, *Equipping the Saints: A Method of Self-Directed Bible Study for Lay Groups*, and *Sisters and Brothers: Reclaiming a Biblical Idea of Community*. [\[Sources\]](#)



Author and teacher Verna Dozier leads a Bible study weekend at a parish in the Diocese of Massachusetts, 1992.



Verna Dozier, Bishop John T. Walker, and Henry Rightor at the 66th General Convention in Denver, Colorado in 1979.

Oh Heavenly Father, thank you for the gift and wisdom of Verna Dozier. May her writings and teaching give us insight into social justice for all races and the realization of God's love for all His

children. In Jesus Christ's name, Amen.

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, 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, Carla Curry, Jack Bridendolph, and Tom Oakes.

**Please add the following to your prayers this Tenth Week after Pentecost
Trinity, Tulsa**

At Luke's Place : Aug 1st – Aug 7th , 2024

**Aug 1st Men's Breakfast, 7am, Metcalf
Bible Study, 9:15am, Vestry Room
Green Country Eucharist, 1pm, GCV
Pack the Backpacks- all day
Aug 2nd Pack the Backpacks- all day
Aug 3rd Pack the Backpacks- all day
Aug 4th Eucharist, Rite I, 8:00am, Chapel
Eucharist, Rite II, 10:30am, Nave**

Concern's current needs are: cereal and canned beans; and homeless - toothbrushes and toothpaste

Concern appreciates your continued support.



Due to the water damage and subsequent repairs, the Church Office is now temporarily located in the Nursery. Sorry for the inconvenience.

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



Birthdays

Bill Bridendolph 8/4



Anniversaries

Tom & Judy Chamberlain 8/5

Jim & Kate Carroll 8/6

Steve & Susie Clark 8/9

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!

an
Evening
in Metcalf

8 10 2024 7:30 - 9:30 PM

RSVP BY 8/2 - CATHY PERRIER - 918-336-7974 NANCY BRADFORD 214-725-4055

cocktail attire adults only

Please get your RSVP in this week! Let get together for some fellowship!

'Pack the Backpacks' Schedule-- St Luke's, we need you to help pack!

Thursday August 1st 6-8pm packing backpacks

Friday August 2nd 9am-noon packing backpacks

Friday August 2nd 1:30-5pm packing backpacks

Saturday August 3rd 9am-noon packing backpacks

Saturday August 3rd 1:30-5pm moving supplies-need heavy lifters!

Sunday August 4th 2-7pm distributing backpacks **need to be over 18**

Monday August 5th 8:30am-7pm distributing backpacks ** need to be over 18**

The link to Sign Up Genius is:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F054BA8A92CAAFF2-50143346-pack>

Please consider helping during this coming final week of Pack the Backpacks.



little extra help with vocal parts, come at 5:00 pm on Wednesdays for pre-rehearsal vocal sectionals.

Chancel Choir News

In a couple of weeks it's back-to-school for the kiddos and that means that choir will gather once again! We have a slightly later schedule with regular rehearsals from 5:30-6:30 pm on Wednesday evenings starting Aug. 21st. For those who want a

Do you love singing but aren't a choir member? We would love for you to join us! Call or email Keeli Droege at 918-697-8509 or keelidroege@gmail.com.

Thank You,

Keeli Droege
Choir Director/Organist



Rotarians Honor Bob Baughman

Bob Baughman was honored Monday by the entire Bartlesville Noon Rotary Club for 65 years of service to the club and the community. Also in attendance were friends, members of the Daybreak Rotary Club, and the Rotary District Governor. A St. Luke's member since 1957, Bob was accompanied at the celebration by wife Jo and daughter Beth.

Bob and Jo came to Bartlesville in 1956 from the University of Michigan, where they both attended the business school. He came here to work and eventually manage the family's Baughman Lumber Company, a Bartlesville institution up until the early '90s. Going back four generations, Baughman Lumber once had stores in several Oklahoma communities with oil rig builders being one of their primary customers.

Now 95 years old, Bob continues to gladden the hearts of all who know him with his quick smile, tinkling eyes, and his sincere interest in the wellbeing of others. While he can no longer attend St. Luke's services in person because of physical limitations, he retains fond memories of Luke's Place and all who worship here. If you'd like to congratulate Bob on this significant honor, you can email Jo at jybokla@aol.com or drop a note to their home at 628 Chestnut Ct. Bartlesville, OK 74003.

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