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June 4, 2026



Ordinary Time

The Weekly Newsletter of St. Luke's Episcopal Church



“God be with you till we meet again.”

Not long ago I found an old recording of Morgan singing hymns. At St. Andrew's, “God be with you till meet again,” is sung each year at graduation, marking a moment when paths diverge and a new chapter begins. I have come to love that hymn because it speaks a truth that Christians have always known: our partings are never final when they are entrusted to God.

As my family prepares to say farewell, I find myself holding those words close to my heart, for they are not simply a farewell; these words are a prayer. A prayer that God would guide your steps, strengthen your hearts, and keep you in his steadfast love. A prayer that wherever life leads, you would know the presence of Christ walking beside you.

Friends, please know that you have left an indelible mark upon my life. You have shaped me, encouraged me, challenged me, and loved me more generously than I can adequately express. The memories we have shared, the prayers we have offered, the laughter and tears we have carried together, and the countless ways we have encountered Christ in one another will remain with me always.

Though distance may separate us, you will forever have a piece of my heart. I will carry you with me into every new season, grateful beyond words for the gift of having walked this way together.

So rather than saying goodbye in this final Steeple message, I offer this prayer:

God be with you till we meet again.
By His counsels guide, uphold you.
With his sheep securely fold you.

Daily manna still provide you.
God be with you till we meet again.

And by God's grace, I trust that we shall.

Until then, may the blessing of Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Love,

Nick+

At Luke's Place: June 5th – June 11th, 2026

June 7th Holy Eucharist, Rite I, 8:00am, Chapel
Faith Forum, 9:15am, Rodgers
Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10:30am, Nave
Pot Luck Lunch, 11:30am, Metcalf

June 8th Ladies Prayer Partners, 11:30am, Metcalf

June 9th Spiritual Discovery, 9:30am, Library

June 11th Men's Group, 7am, Metcalf
Bible Study, 9:15am, Metcalf
Green Country Eucharist MP, 1pm, GCV

Prayer List

Please pray for: Ben Baker, Steve McCraw, Josh Harris, David Swindell, Connie Finch, Terry Grogan, Tyler Roberson, Jerry Nezam, Lynette Beebe, Danny Clem, David McAtee, Steve Linn, Jean Mason, Adam, Mary Wallace, Lynda Stephens, Marcie Zervas, Audrey Harris, Peggy Rockey, Nan Buhlinger, Bill Birk, Dionna Cameron, Betty Rogers, Dan & JoAnn Gallery, Kathleen Turner, Steve Clark, Lauren Gandy, Dean Zervas, Frank Molina, Diane Mitchell, Frank Traylor, Steve Hand, Donna Steward, Clay Smith, Penny Johnson, Kim Shipman, Fred Whitson, Dayna Rathman, Shaina Smith, Ann Morrow, Carrie Washington, Miriam Petrovich, Jason Elmore, Teresa Phares, June Mosley, and Marsha Tibbits.

Please add the following to your prayers for this week:

St Philip's, Ardmore Ardmore Village, Ardmore Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda

Birthdays & Anniversaries for May 31st – June 6th, 2026

Birthdays

Danny Clem (6/8)

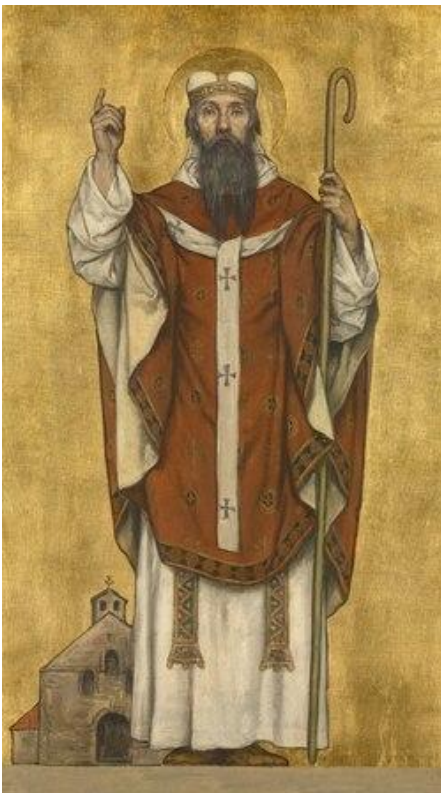
Anniversaries

Lauren & Juanita Green (6/12)

If your or a love one's name doesn't appear on the list, please email or call the office, and we will add your birthday and/or wedding anniversary.

Concern

Concern's current needs are: canned green beans and tuna; and homeless needs are: single-serve fruit cups, Ensure and electrolyte drinks.



Theologian's Corner Boniface Bishop, Missionary, Martyr June 5th, 754

Wynfrith, nicknamed Boniface ("good deeds"), was born around 680 near Crediton in Devonshire, England. When he was five, he listened to some monks who were staying at his father's house. They had returned from a mission to the pagans on the continent, and Boniface was so impressed by them that he resolved to follow their example. Although his father had intended him for a secular career, he gave way to his son's entreaties and sent him at the age of seven to a monastery school. He eventually became director of the school at Nursling, in Winchester, where he wrote the first Latin grammar in England, and gave lectures that were widely copied and circulated.

At thirty, he was ordained and set out to preach in Friesland (overlaps with modern Holland), whence he was soon expelled because of war between its heathen king and Charles Martel of France. Boniface, after a brief withdrawal, went into Hesse and Bavaria, having secured the support of the Pope and of Charles Martel for his work there. In Hesse, in the presence of a large crowd of pagans, he cut down the Sacred Oak of Geismar, a tree of immense age and girth, sacred to the god Thor. It is said that after only a few blows of his axe, the tree tottered and crashed to the ground, breaking into four pieces and revealing itself to be rotted away within. It was the beginning of a highly successful missionary effort, and the planting of a vigorous Christian church in Germany, where Boniface was eventually consecrated bishop. He asked the Christian Saxons of England to support his work among their kinsmen on the continent, and they responded with money, books, supplies, and above all, with a steady supply of monks to assist him in teaching and preaching.



Boniface did not confine his attentions to Germany. He worked to establish cooperation between the Pope and others in Italy on the one hand and Charles and his successors in France on the other. He persuaded Carloman and Pepin, the sons of Charles, to call synods for the reform of the church in their territories, where under previous rulers bishoprics had often been sold to the highest bidder. He never forgot his initial failure in Friesland, and in old age resigned his bishopric and returned to work there. Many Frisians had been converted earlier by Willibrord (another Saxon missionary from England--see 7 Nov), but had lapsed after his death. Boniface preached among them with considerable success. On June 5, the eve of Pentecost, 754, he was preparing a group of Frisians for confirmation when they were attacked and killed by heathen warriors.

The historian Christopher Dawson estimates that he has had a greater influence on the history of Europe than any other Englishman.

Together we pray: Pour out your Holy Spirit, O God, upon your church in every land, that like your servant Boniface we might proclaim the Gospel to all nations, that your kingdom might be enlarged and that your holy Name might be glorified in all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the same Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

June School Supply Item Needed



12 Count Box -Colored Pencils



Ordinary Time- What is it?

In the Episcopal Church, **Ordinary Time** refers to the long, green season that begins the Monday after Pentecost and lasts until the First Sunday of Advent.

While widely used to describe this period, the phrase itself is actually informal. Here is a breakdown of what this season represents and how it works:

- **Name Origin:** The term doesn't mean "boring" or "routine". It comes from the word "ordinal" (meaning "counted"). During this season, Sundays are counted numerically (e.g., "The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost").
- **The Liturgical Focus:** Most of the church year focuses on the major life events of Jesus (Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter). Ordinary Time shifts the focus to everyday discipleship, spiritual growth, and how Christians live out their faith in the world.
- **Liturgical Color:** The designated color for the season is **green**, which symbolizes growth, hope, and new life. Because of this, it is often informally referred to as the "long green season".







GOODBYE
GOD'S GRACE AND PEACE GO WITH YOU!



ST. LUKE'S BOOKSTORE

**We will be closed from
May 24th – June 9th.**

Normal Hours
Tuesday & Thursday
11:00am-1:00pm
Sunday
11:30am

The Feast Day of St. Barnabas the Apostle is celebrated annually on **June 11**. A prominent pioneer of the early Church, he is known as the "son of encouragement" and is highly revered as the patron saint of Cyprus, Antioch, and peace-making missions. Barnabas was instrumental in the early Church's expansion, notably vouching for St. Paul after his conversion and bringing him to Antioch to preach. Tradition holds that Barnabas was martyred in his native Cyprus around 61 AD, reportedly stoned to death in Salamis.





FAREWELL PARISH POT LUCK

This Sunday after 10:30 service
Please bring a side dish or dessert to share
Meat and drinks will be provided
Metcalf Hall

Let's gather this Sunday to say Goodbye and Thank you to
the Phares Family for their ministry with us
We Will Miss You Dearly!

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