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The Steeple



October 8, 2026



Ordinary Time

The Weekly Newsletter of St. Luke's Episcopal Church



The Fellowship of the Kitchen at St. Luke's

One of my favorite places to be at St. Luke's is the kitchen. The kitchen is the center of the celebrations we share; from festive brunches, times of sorrow, celebratory potlucks and everything in between.

We have some wonderful cooks at St. Luke's, but I think the fellowship of the kitchen is about more than the food. It's about being together. It's working side by side, helping where we can, sharing recipes and stories, and enjoying each other's company. It is rewarding to watch a get-together go from an idea to an event. An empty parish hall becomes a place of celebration. A collection of different main dishes, sides and desserts becomes a meal. And somewhere amid all the work and fun, fellowship happens.

Long after the get-together is over, the dishes are put away and the kitchen lights are turned off, the fellowship remains. It lingers in the stories we share, the friendship we strengthen, and the welcome we carry with us into the rest of the church. That is the gift of the kitchen at St. Luke's. Ordinary work is transformed by love, and a room

where, time and again, we discover that the best meals are the ones we make and share together.

See you in the Kitchen!

Karen Lewey

At Luke's Place: Oct 9th – Oct 15th, 2026

- Oct 11th** Holy Eucharist, rite I, 8:00am, Chapel
Faith Forum, 9:15am, Metcalf
Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10:30am, Nave
- Oct 12th** Holiday- Office Closed
- Oct 13th** Spiritual Discovery, 9:30am, Library
Icon Group, 5:30pm, Icon room
Bible Discussion Group, 6:30pm, Metcalf
- Oct 14th** Walking the Mourner's Path, 2:00pm, WTMP room
Choir, 6pm, Choir Room
- Oct 15th** Men's Group, 7am, Metcalf
Bible Study, 9:15am, Metcalf
Green Country Morning Prayer, 1pm, GCV

Prayer List

Please pray for: Ben Baker, Josh Harris, David Swindell, Connie Finch, Terry Grogan, Tyler Roberson, Jerry Nezam, Lynette Beebe, Danny Clem, David McAtee, Steve Linn, Jean Mason, Mary Wallace, Lynda Stephens, Marcie Zervas, Audrey Harris, Nan Buhlinger, Dionna Cameron, Betty Rogers, JoAnn Gallery, Kathleen Turner, Steve Clark, Dean Zervas, Frank Molina, Diane Mitchell, Frank Traylor, Steve Hand, Donna Steward, Penny Johnson, Shaina Smith, Ann Morrow, Miriam Petrovich, Jason Elmore, June Mosley, Larry Mueggenborg, Sherry Breitman, Barbie Hirst, Jack Stoecker, Dorothy Buchanan, Bob Lambert, Linda & Robert Preece.

Please add to your prayers:

St Andrew's, Grove

Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil

Birthdays & Anniversaries for Oct 11th – Oct 17th , 2026

Birthdays

Scott Peterson	(10/11)
Becky Olsen	(10/11)
Michael Hutchinson	(10/12)
Doug McIver	(10/13)
Lynda Stephens	(10/13)
Jim Perrier	(10/13)
Sandra Wells	(10/13)
Andrea Jones	(10/15)

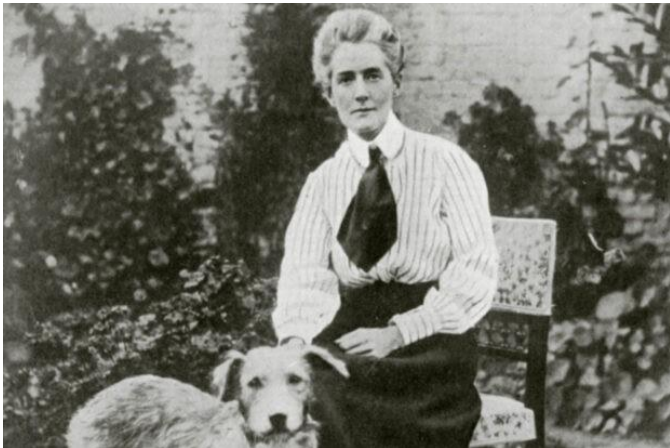
Anniversaries

Marvin & Linda Huffman (10/14)

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: Ramen noodles, canned tuna and cereal; homeless needs: winter gloves.



Theologian's Corner: Edith Cavell WWI Nurse and Martyr 1915

Edith Cavell was born the eldest of four children on December 4th, 1865 in a small village near Norwich, England where her father held a long tenure as vicar. Edith received a classical English boarding school education and spent a period after her schooling serving as a governess in Brussels.

After caring for her father following a grave illness, Edith became a nurse at the London Hospital in 1896. In addition to working at hospitals and infirmaries throughout England, Edith served as a private traveling nurse, visiting and caring for patients in their own homes. In 1907, Edith assumed a position as matron at the newly founded L'École Belge d'Infirmières Diplômées (known in English as the The Berkendael Medical Institute) in Brussels. While serving as matron at the Berkendael Medical Institute, Edith launched a nursing journal, L'infirmière, and taught nursing in many schools throughout Belgium.

World War I broke out while Edith was in England visiting family which precipitated an immediate return to Belgium where she began serving as a Red Cross nurse. Following the German occupation of Brussels in 1914, Cavell began collaborating with others to shelter and smuggle Allied soldiers out of Belgium and into the Netherlands. Motivated by deeply held Christian faith, Edith insisted on treating wounded soldiers on both sides of the war effort, which, combined with her outspokenness against the war and the occupation, placed her in violation of German military law. Edith Cavell was arrested on August 3rd, 1915. During her depositions to the German police, Edith confessed to smuggling more than 60 British and 15 French soldiers, as well as 100 French and British draftable civilians out of Belgium and into neutral countries.

The evening before she was executed, Edith spoke to Father Stirling Gahan, the Anglican prison chaplain, these words which are inscribed on her memorial near Trafalgar Square in London: "Patriotism is not enough. I must have no hatred or bitterness towards anyone." On the morning of her execution, she asked Pastor Paul Le Seur, the Lutheran prison chaplain to ask "Father Gahan to tell my loved ones later on that my soul, as I believe, is safe, and that I am glad to die for my country." Edith Cavell was executed by the German government on October 12th, 1915.

LIVING God, the source of all healing and wholeness: we bless you for the compassionate witness of your servant Edith Cavell. Inspire us to be agents of peace and reconciliation in a world beset by injustice, poverty, and war. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, to the ages of ages. **Amen.**



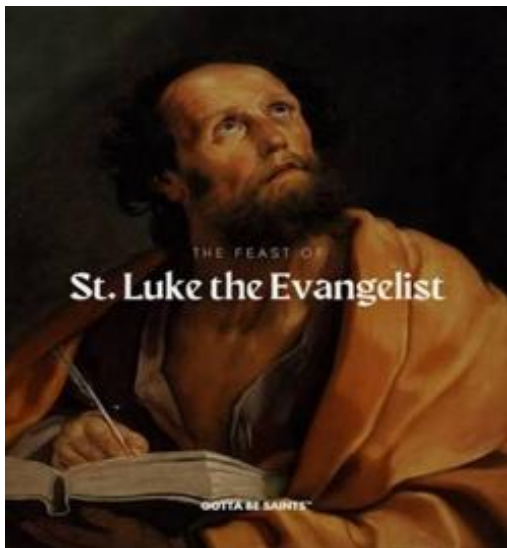
October Item: 24ct Colored Pencils



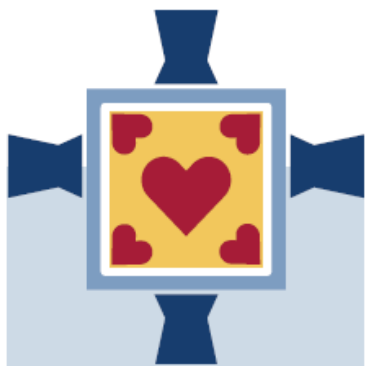
ALL THINGS PAUL

If you like to study the Pauline books of the New Testament or anything in the Holy Scriptures about the subjects discussed in Paul's writings, join us in Metcalf Hall every Tuesday at 6:30 pm for one hour.

The topic for Oct 6th is : **Love rejoices in the Truth** .



Oct 19th , 5:30pm. Lets honor our patron saint with a celebration of the Eucharist in the nave and a lite supper afterward in Rodgers. Fr Thom Crowe will be joining us for the evening. Let's celebrate St Luke at Luke's Place!



Questions for Reflection:

What might God be inviting you to release or clear away in your life so that something new can grow?



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THE EPISCOPAL
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Plenty Good Room

Making Room for Plenty Good Harvest

The harvest is great, but the workers are few. Matthew 9:37 (NLT)

When I was a teenager, my grandmother loved her garden. She still does. Her garden required the kind of care that kept her hands in the soil and her attention fixed on the rhythms of the season. On warm afternoons she would call me outside to help her prepare the dirt, loosening the earth, pulling weeds, and clearing space for new seeds. I remember standing there sometimes, puzzled and very impatient. To me, the garden already looked fine.

After the winter season, I had grown accustomed to what it always looked like. To me, it was good enough. Why disturb what was already there? Why dig up soil that seemed just fine? The work felt slow and unnecessary, but my grandmother understood something I was still learning.

A healthy garden needs tending. She moved through those rows and buckets with patience, gently removing what did not belong, the stubborn weeds, the tangled stems, the crowded patches of soil that had no room left to breathe. She knew that if new life was going to grow, something first had to be cleared away. The garden would overflow with life, all because we made room.

Season after season, I was, and still am, amazed. Looking back now, I realize something I did not understand then: if the garden had stayed the way I wanted it, untouched, crowded, unpruned, we would never have seen that abundance at all. The garden required room, and a willingness to yield.

Sometimes that work feels uncomfortable. Sometimes it feels unnecessary. Sometimes we cannot yet see what God is preparing to grow. But the invitation remains the same: make room for new life, make room for deeper faith, make room for the Spirit to move in ways we may not yet understand. And when the seasons of harvest come, we may discover what my grandmother knew all along: when space is made in the garden, there is always plenty good room for the harvest. tens.org

Blessing of the Animals



YD 'In It to Win It' Game Night





YOU DID IT!

Almost 300 pounds of food was collected for Concern during the month of September! Amazing! Thank you to everyone who brought canned goods to feed our neighbors. You are wonderful!



BINGO

BY
CASA HISPANA *night*

Join us for an evening of Bingo, Raffles, Family Fun, and Hispanic Food

**Saturday, October
24th, 2026**

**5:30 PM
St Luke's
Episcopal Church**

CasaHispana.Bartlesville@gmail.com

**For tickets call
918.907.1584**

\$12
Ticket

Include:

 **Admission Price &**
 **10 cards**



Games start at 6:00 PM



All proceeds benefit Casa Hispana a Bartlesville non-profit organization that provides support to local individuals and families by enabling connections to community resources, offering translation services, English and citizenship classes, and connecting under-served communities with local resources



It's Pumpkin Pie Season!

CONCERN will be providing their annual Thanksgiving boxes to our neighbors in need, and St. Luke's has a long tradition of supplying delicious pies. If you'd like to contribute, checks made out to St Luke's and in memo Concern Pies can be dropped off in the offering plate or in the office through 11/15.

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- Karole Cozby, Sr. Warden
- Karen Lewey, Jr Warden
- Becky Liehr
- Chase Almy
- Lisa Beeman
- Steve Heidorn
- Dolores McCreary
- Steve VanAken
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- Robert Lonski
- Cathy Perrier

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