

FRIDAY UPDATES
August 24, 2018

FALL IS CREEPING IN. Little by little we are experiencing a taste of fall weather here and there. A welcome relief to many of us who do not enjoy the hot, humid weather. The schools have resumed classes, the football teams are gearing up, the local fairs have been honoring our 4-Hers and FFAers. I love fall for all those reasons and the rainbows of colorful leaves will soon add to the enjoyment.

THE BAPTISM OF ELIZABETH BENNETT brought a lot of happy people together last Sunday. We had seventy-four present for the service and lots of youngsters, from cradle to elementary ages. It is just so wonderful to have the young people running about and to hear their laughter. Linda Bennett presented a fabulous, delicious buffet for everyone's enjoyment as we gathered for fellowship following the service. Great to see Paul, Sara, and Andrew again, and to meet sweet little Elizabeth. Always great to welcome all the Bennett family to St. Luke's. It was lovely to meet the God parents and friends as well. What a wonderful, happy celebration to remember for years to come.

CONDOLENCES to the family of Mary Louise McKitrick, who passed away this week. Fr. Gene visited with the family and heard their stories of their memories growing up attending St. Luke's. Gene had made visitations to Mary Louise in recent weeks and will preside at her service at McClure, Schafer, Lankford on Friday, August 24.

EIGHT O'CLOCK SERVICE will resume Sunday, September 2. If you prefer the Rite I service, we hope you will return to that service, and bring a friend, or friends.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY is in the plan to begin again soon. We will let you know when we know.

FOUND: I recently found an engagement ring among the river stones beside the back steps to the parking lot. I have posted this on Facebook several times, hoping someone would claim it. There has been no contact to identify the ring or claim it. This is a nice ring and I would like to be able to return it to the owner. Contact me to identify and claim, or get out the word to others who may have visited us and lost this ring. The way this little gem sparkled up at me, it wanted to be found.

ECW ladies held their annual potluck gathering Thursday evening at St. Luke's, to reflect on their year and to enjoy a relaxing meal and conversation. Eight ladies were in attendance.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY – Dan & Dana Strecker, August 31st.

VESTRY MEETING, SUNDAY, 12:00. Important issues to discuss and decide. Quorum needed.

PRAYERS – Heavenly Father, we praise you and we thank you for our many blessings. Thank you for those who have healed and those are who are healing. We pray for those undergoing various treatments and surgeries and ask that they be comforted as they journey through their processes. We pray for all who are suffering in mind, body, or spirit. Our prayers go out to the children who have been separated from their parents in the border crossings, and to the families and businesses affected by the wild fires.

We ask these things through our savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*