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Important Dates To Remember

Monthly Happy Hour, Copper Bar, Price Tower, Thursday, August 13, 6-7pm

Last Day to Sign up for Church Directory Photo Appointments, Sunday Aug. 16. (see page 2)

Fr. Bob & Anne Evan's Retirement Potluck, Sun., Aug. 23, 12pm, Metcalf Hall.

Church School Classes begin Sunday, August 23, 9:15am

PARISH FAMILY DAY

Sunday, August 23

It will be a Sunday of many activities!
You won't want to miss it!



FR. BOB AND ANNE EVANS RETIRING AGAIN! Fr. Bob and Anne Evans are retiring from active ministry - again. Fr. Bob was the Rector of St. Luke's from 1967-1977. He and Anne returned to Bartlesville about eleven years ago when he retired from serving in the Diocese of Wisconsin. He again served at St. Luke's as Assistant to the Rector in 1999-2000. Since then Fr. Bob has served as Vicar of St. Thomas in Pawhuska for seven and half years. Fr. Bob and Anne will be at St. Luke's on **Sunday, August 23**, which is also a week before their sixtieth wedding anniversary. We are planning a potluck lunch at 12noon for the parish family to honor Fr. Bob and Anne. This will be followed by a reception for friends in the community from 1:30-3pm who would like to help them celebrate their 60th anniversary and their retirement. In September Fr. Bob and Anne will be moving to St. Simeon's Retirement Center in Tulsa.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH SCHOOL Sunday, August 23 will be the first Sunday for our Children's Church School and Children's Chapel as we head into fall. In that we still don't have a Children's Education Coordinator, parent volunteers have graciously stepped in to take responsibility for teaching and planning for the remainder of the year. We have some very committed and capable people who can provide for our children in a great way. We will be ready to go on Sunday, August 23. If you are interested in helping, please call Fr. Lee, 336-1212.

THREE FOCUS MINISTRIES You will also have the opportunity to sign up as a volunteer for one or more of St. Luke's focus ministries: Agape Mission, Kane Elementary School Reading Mentors and The CONCERN Center. Leaders will be on hand with information and to answer your questions and assist you.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH Information will be offered during the Discipleship Forum on Sun., Aug. 23, 9:15am. There will be brief presentations on Spiritual Discipline Groups, Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius and Education for Ministry (EfM).



Parish Family Day

Sunday, August 23rd, has been dubbed as “Parish Family Day” – for lack of name of significance for starting up again in the post-summer and early-fall seasons. This Sunday in some churches is called “Rally Day” which is equally non-liturgical and has many meanings. So, we will do “Parish Family Day” unless you have need to call it by the other name.

The Evans Actually, Fr. Bob and Anne Evans have given us an excuse to have a pot-luck luncheon following church on the 23rd. After forty years of association with St. Luke’s and retiring again (this time from St. Thomas, Pawhuska) it seemed natural that we should have a celebration. Then to heighten the hype, we will at the same time celebrate their sixtieth wedding anniversary with them. Fun and more fun.

Children’s Church School This will also be the first Sunday for our Children’s Church School as we head into fall. In that we still don’t have a Children’s Education Coordinator, I am working with some of our parents and other volunteers to organize for Church School and Children’s Chapel until the end of the year. We have some very committed and capable people who can provide for our children in a great way. We will be ready to go on the 23rd. If you are interested in helping, give me a call.

Spiritual Growth The Discipleship Forum on Aug. 23 will be devoted to exploring ways to grow spiritually – to move to a new level in your faith. There will be brief presentations on Spiritual Discipline Groups, The Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius, Spiritual Direction and Education for Ministry (EFM). So, if you are ready to enrich your faith journey, come and see what we have to offer.

Three Focus Ministries This will also be a day to sign up for one of our focus ministries: Agape, Kane Mentors and CONCERN. These ministries are essentially on a school calendar basis. So, everyone will have an opportunity to sign up or re-sign up to share in these ministries. Leaders will be on hand to answer questions and enlist your help for these ministries.

New Directory Sunday, **Aug. 16**, will be the **final day** to sign up for your photography appointment for the pictorial directory and we will be taking some parish pictures which could be used in the parish family section. In conjunction with the new directory, I will also have a special announcement to make about our new edition. I am very pleased we are going to have a new directory. What a great help it will be in encouraging us to grow closer as a parish family.

Possible Slide Show While we won’t be ready for a presentation on building a house in Mexico, I am hoping to have a slideshow going during our gathering. We have far more pictures than anyone will want to see – much less hear a narration. However, a slideshow might trigger your interest in hearing more. Think about it – we built a house in three and half days!

Lauri, the Aspirant

In case you have not heard, Lauri Watkins has been approved by the Bishop for the Aspirancy Program of the Diocese for becoming a Deacon. She will soon have her physical and psychological tests. Assuming she passes, she will attend monthly meetings as a part of the discernment process for seven or eight months. If she is then approved, she will be in the Deacon Formation Program for the next three years. Keep Lauri and her husband, Mike, in your prayers as Lauri makes her way through the next few months of discernment.

Blessings,
Fr. Lee+

Calendar of Events

Sunday, August 16, 2009

FINAL DAY to Sign up for Church Photo

Directory before & after both services

8:00am Rite I

9:15am Discipleship Forum

10:30am Rite II

Monday, August 17, 2009

8:45am Morning Prayer

9:15am Church Staff Mtg.

5:30pm Holy Eucharist

7:15pm Vestry Mtg.

Tuesday, August 18, 2009

4-7pm Yoga Classes, Rm. 217

Wednesday, August 19, 2009

12:15pm Martha’s Task Board Mtg.

7:00pm Choir

Thursday, August 20, 2009

6:45am Men’s Fellowship

12:00pm Holy Eucharist

4-7pm Yoga Classes, Rm. 217

Friday, August 21, 2009

Saturday, August 22, 2009

Sunday, August 23, 2009

8:00am Rite I

9:15am Discipleship Forum

10:30am Rite II

12:00pm Parish Family Day &

Fr. Evans Retirement Potluck, MH

Monday, August 24, 2009

8:45am Morning Prayer

9:15am Church Staff Mtg.

5:30pm Holy Eucharist

Tuesday, August 25, 2009

4-7pm Yoga Classes, Rm. 217

CHURCH PHOTO DIRECTORY

Sunday, August 16 is the LAST DAY that you may sign up for a photography appointment to have your picture included in our new Church Pictorial Directory. There will be sign up sheets and volunteers at each table to help you select your appointment time before and after both services. **Photography dates are Wed. – Fri., August 26 – August 28, 3-9pm, & Sat., Aug. 29, 10am-5pm.** If you are unable to be here on Sunday, you may call the church office (336-1212) NO LATER THAN Fri. Aug. 14 to make your appointment.



Our new directory will be a great tool to help you connect names and faces to build a stronger church family here at St. Luke’s. If you get your picture taken, you will receive a free portrait and a free directory.

ST. LUKE'S PRAYER LIST

Please keep the following persons in your prayers...

(Names on the Prayer List will be rotated off every 4 weeks. If there is a need for continued prayers, please let us know.)

Tom, Betty, Hugh, Evelyn, Bladen, Anne, Truman, Greyson, Kim, Natalie, Elizabeth, Don, Shirley, Kate, Greg, Gail, Roy, Kenneth, Millie, Rob, Kylee, Allison, Moon, Durl, Nancy, Margaret, Lou Ann, Nathan, Erin, Lynna, Lynda, Jennifer, Doug, Jan, Jeremy, Byron, Lane

If you have a prayer request, please call or e-mail our Prayer Ministry Coordinators:

Thelma Blackburn

(333-7902, TPBGEN@aol.com) or

Richard Chamberlain (333-5591,

Deaconrc@sbcglobal.net)

ST. LUKE'S CHOIR PRACTICES BEGIN

Choir rehearsals begin on **Wednesday, August 26** at 7:00pm in the Choir room. If you enjoy singing, come sing with us! Not sure if you're ready to make a commitment? Come to rehearsal and find out more about St. Luke's wonderful Choir! Help us prepare music for the Diocesan Convention, hosted by St. Luke's.

Handbell Ringers, where are you?

Anyone interested in starting a handbell choir? We have the bells. We have the music. All that is needed are ringers, or people willing to learn. It's fun! It's challenging! Adults? Children? We can make a choir or an ensemble if there are enough ringer – at least 8 people are needed. And, yes, we could have a choir for kids as well as a choir for adults. Talk with Dolores if you'd like to explore this possibility!

Come, make Music
with the Choirs of
St. Luke's.
Singing & Ringing
Make a Joyful
Noise!

MONTHLY HAPPY HOUR

Thursday, August 13
6-7pm

Copper Bar in the
Price Tower
5th & Dewey

Bring a friend and enjoy drinks, hors
d'oeuvres & fellowship.

FAVORITE HYMNS FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

Favorite hymns for Sunday include: "Sanctuary", requested by the Simmons family and the Mexico mission group; "Surely the Presence of the Lord", requested by Lauri Watkins; "Behold the Lamb of God", requested by Lauri Watkins and Debbie Mueggenborg; "When Morning Gilds the Skies", requested by Kris Bonner. Favorite hymns have been selected from the cumulative lists dating from 2006 – 2009.



Episcopal Church Women's Semi-Annual Rummage Sale is Fri.-Sat., Oct. 2 & 3

We are now accepting donations of rummage! We can use clothing, shoes, books, household items, furniture, etc. We do ask that the clothes be clean and in good repair, and any donated appliances be in good working order. All donations are tax deductible. Stop by the church office for a receipt. You may bring your donations M-F, 8:30-4pm. If you can help with set-up, sales or clean up, please call Kate Carroll 336-5445.



LAST SUMMER DISCIPLESHIP FORUM Open Topic Discussion

Sunday, August 16, Metcalf Hall, 9:15

As school begins again, summer vacation time comes to a close. And, we turn the corner in the Discipleship Forum. This Sunday, August 16, the discussion will be open to whatever is on the mind of the participants. The experience can be a bit risky, but also a lot of fun. So, get your cup of coffee and join the conversation. Some possibilities might be: "What was that sermon all about?" or "What about our new Bishop?" or "What about the house in Mexico?" or "I wish someone would explain..." or "What is a sabbatical?" or "Mthr. Andrea who?"

EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY (EfM)

EfM will be holding its first short informational meeting this coming Sunday, August 16 after the 10:30 Eucharist. Everyone is welcome. Bring your inquiring minds and find out what it's all about.

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Monday 5:30pm, Thursday 12pm

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LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE 8/16/09 through 8/23/09

Acolytes **Sunday, August 16, 2009**

10:30 a.m.

Servers

Nicole Simmons

Deanna Boone

Crucifer

Jack Wiseman

Torchbearers

Dave Wiseman

Anneke Borg

Sunday, August 23, 2009

10:30 a.m.

Servers

Shawn Clem

Crucifer

Katie Todd

Layreaders **Sunday, August 16, 2009**

8:00am

L. Watkins, Kedy

10:30am

Grillot, Green

P. Williams, Beeman

Sunday, August 23, 2009

8:00am

M. Watkins, Beeman

10:30am

P. Williams, Buhlinger

Boone, Kedy

St. Luke's Bookstore

The Bookstore is open on Sundays between the two services and after the 10:30 service. All proceeds from sales go to St. Luke's Outreach Projects.

**To volunteer, please call Cindy Gasior, 914-2144; Melinda Wesneski, 333-7758 or Barbara Martin, 336-8445.*

Ushers **Sunday, August 16, 2009**

8:00 a.m.

Zervas, Kemp

10:30am

Bonner, Clark

Sunday, August 23, 2009

8:00am

Zervas, Babcock

10:30am

McCreary, Grillot

Children's Chapel

No Children's Chapel during the summer months.

Plate Counters **Sunday, August 16, 2009**

Ramzel

Sunday, August 23, 2009

Grillot, Malone

Volunteers: Please make your own substitutions.

ECW Bereavement Committee

August

Ferguson, Schilling, Sparks

September

Blackburn, Liehr

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please have any information that you would like printed in *The Steeple* to the church office no later than **Tuesdays, 12 noon.**
Thank you!

Sunday Nursery Volunteers

August 16 – Megan Burnett

August 23 – Cordy Liggett

August 30 – Tracy Harlow

Volunteers: Please make your own substitutions.

Lessons for Sunday, August 16, 2009

1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14;
Psalm 111; Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58

Music for Sunday, August 16, 2009

#410 – "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

"Sanctuary"

"Surely the Presence of the Lord"

GATHER #344 – "Behold the Lamb of God"

#427 – "When Morning Gilds the Skies"