



The Steeple

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FAMILY PROMISE RETURNS TO ST. LUKE'S

The second quarter of the year is here and our next dates to host are set. Families will be here at St. Luke's **June 18 - 25**. There are currently 3 families in the program, a total of 4 adults and 3 children (aged 18 months, 2, and 9).

Sign up for volunteers began this past Sunday and will continue for the next 3 weeks. So much thanks to everyone who has already volunteered to serve! There will be many opportunities to host - by preparing meals, visiting with families in the evenings, or staying overnight. **Stop by Metcalf Hall after the 10:30 service to choose your slot.** If you have questions, or would like to learn more about the program, or want to sign up early, please contact Jen Peterson at jenrpet1971@gmail.com or 918-397-7779.

For more information on Family Promise of Washington County, visit to their website, <http://www.familypromisewc-ok.org/>.

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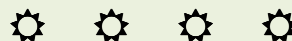
Important Dates To Remember

Memorial Day, Monday, May 29, church office closed. Holy Eucharist, 5:30pm
Monthly Vestry Mtg. Mon., June 12, 7:15pm
Father's Day is Sunday, June 18
Vacation Bible School, Mon.-Fri., July 10-14



CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES will not meet during the summer months. We will resume our regular 9:15am Sunday School Classes when area schools begin again in mid-August. Please watch future issues of "The Steeple" newsletter and the Sunday Bulletins for more details. In the meantime, have a safe & happy summer!
We hope to see you on Sundays at the Eucharist and Children's Chapel (during the 10:30am Eucharist), and don't forget VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL is July 10-14!!

It's going to be **AWESOME!!**



Thoughts from Fr. Sean



There are two great commandments: Love God; Love your neighbor. We all know these words by heart—albeit different iterations may apply—and we do a fairly good job at implementing the commandments in our lives. There are always opportunities to expand that implementation, however, and I'd like to discuss two of them with you.

The first is Family Promise. I have a confession to make: I have not been as vocal about Family Promise in these last months as I should have been. I realize that—although I am dedicated to this ministry—if I don't exude the energy and compassion externally that I feel inwardly, I am not creating a loving example of 'love thy neighbor'. I want this program to succeed, simply because of that purpose for which it was created. As Christians, we are called to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, friend the lonely, heal the sick, and proclaim by word and example the good news of Jesus Christ. Family Promise encompasses all of these life changing behaviors. Through it churches have the opportunity to house the homeless; give them food; create a sense of hope and love; give their children a chance at a safer life; all while acting as the hands and feet of Jesus Christ. Please join me, the deacons, Jen Peterson and many others who have pledged themselves to this worthy cause. Try and find some time during the week—one or two hours of one day—to spend with these people, your neighbors, in terms of feeding or fellowship. Together we can begin to disfigure the face of hopelessness and change it into a visage of joy and love.

The second is the global wave of prayer initiative which spans from the 25th of May through June 4th. Archbishop Justin Welby has invited the Christian world to join him in global prayer for all people, everywhere. In his video, Welby states that he experienced Jesus Christ over 42 years ago and since that time, Christ has walked alongside him in moments of joy and sorrow, in times of want and need, and even in instances where Justin didn't want him...Jesus was still there. I think we have all experienced the peaks and valleys of faith—those places where we meet the living, life-giving Lord that heals our wounds and gives us hope for present circumstances and future situations; just as we have shied away from Jesus in particularly difficult moments when we have felt unworthy or ashamed. In both cases, Jesus Christ has walked alongside us, too. It is precisely this reason that Welby asks us to pray for the world. He is interested in the global Jesus Movement, an initiative to bring others into this walk with Christ and to seek a few moments in prayer every day for our neighbors everywhere to experience the power and love of God. I hope you will visit www.thykingdomcome.global and pledge yourself to this worthy cause; by signing up you will create a light on a virtual map of our area, but more importantly you will be acting as an emissary of the Holy Spirit, breathing life into others around you.

Faithfully,
Fr. Sean,

WEEKLY

ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Sunday, May 28, 2017

8:00am Rite I
9:15am Clergy Forum, MH
10:30am Rite II

Monday, May 29, 2017

Memorial Day, church bldg. closed
5:30pm Holy Eucharist

Tuesday, May 30, 2017

9:30am Church Staff Mtg.
10:00am Spiritual Discipline Group, library

Wednesday, May 31, 2017

7:00pm Choir

Thursday, June 1, 2017

6:45am Men's Fellowship, MH
12:00pm Holy Eucharist

Friday, June 2, 2017

Saturday, June 3, 2017

Sunday, June 4, 2017

8:00am Rite I
9:15 Clergy Forum, MH
10:30am Rite II

Monday June 5, 2017

9:30am Church Staff Mtg.
5:30pm Holy Eucharist



Monday, May 29
Church Building
will be closed.
Holy Eucharist will
be celebrated at
5:30pm

ST. LUKE'S PRAYER LIST

Please keep them in your prayers
Names on the Prayer List are rotated off every 4 weeks. If there is need for continued prayers, please let us know.)

Don, Kris, Max, Carl, Kate, Jamie, Brody, Sally, Sherrilyn, Madelyn, Jim, Sue, Pam, Jack, Jenny, Kristen, Mary, Elizabeth, and all members of our armed forces and their families.

If you have a prayer request, contact our Prayer Ministry Coordinator Thelma Blackburn 918-333-7902 or TPBGEN@aol.com or the church office at 918-336-1212 or annbell@episcopalbartlesville.org.

PRAYER FOR THE NEW RECTOR SEARCH PROCESS

We ask you to pray for the rector candidates, Search Committee, and Vestry during our mutual discernment process for our next rector.

Father,

It is time to find a new spiritual leader to guide us. We pray individually and together to further this search process. We know that you have already chosen a path for St Luke's. We pray earnestly for your guidance in seeking out Your plan for us. We ask You to send the Holy Spirit to fill each of our hearts and minds, keep our arms wide open, and guide us to find the new Rector who will lead us on this path. Father, we ask that You bless the hearts of our Rector candidates and each member of our parish family to ease this transition for them. All this we ask through our savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

CHOIR 🎵🎵🎵

- ♪ The Truth? Yes, we DO need more of you singing in the Choir!
- ♪ Yes, we DO have a need, especially for women willing to try to sing soprano.
- ♪ Yes, soprano usually means "melody"!
- ♪ Yes, we welcome all of you who would find even a little joy in singing with our Choir! (If you come expecting a simple modicum of joy we promise you'll be filled with great gladness after spending even a little time with our Choir!)
- ♪ Is there a Plan? Yes, a remarkably easy to understand plan is being suggested for those wanting to "test the waters". (No, we don't have a leaking ceiling in the Choir Room any more. It has been repaired!)
- ♪ All choir rehearsals through the month of June will be on Sunday mornings at 9:30 in the Choir Room. Plenty of time to rehearse an easy-to-learn offertory anthem and also become familiar with the "Psalm du'jour"!
- ♪ Do you have to promise to be here every single Sunday in order to sing in the Choir? No, come as often as you can. Just come!
- ♪ Do we hope to see YOU singing in the Choir? Of course!



Hello St. Luke's family! The transition from one Parish Administrator to another has officially taken place. I'm happy to say the last of the large projects that Steve Forsythe initiated are nearing completion. The final details of the floor project should be wrapped up this week and the door project is very nearly completed as well. However, as is always the case, other projects continue to pop up. As I write this, a new railing is being installed in the hallway connecting the north doors to older part of the building. St. Luke's is a large and beautiful, but aging structure, and as such always needs attention in one area or another. I will try to stay attuned to the needs of the building, but feel free to point out anything you think I might have missed.

The past weekend saw the first use of what we are now calling **the Noah's Ark Children's Chapel**, which up until now was the smaller of the two nursery rooms. I'm happy to say that our first Sunday was successful and would like to thank our volunteers for making the change fairly seamless. This last Sunday also saw us wrapping up our Sunday School year. From this point forward we will be focusing on our **Vacation Bible School summer program**. If anyone that would like to be involved in either the planning or execution of the summer program, or would like to be involved in the nursery they would be welcomed with open arms.

Thanks and God bless-
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Holy Eucharist: Sunday 8am & 10:30am; Monday 5:30pm, Thursday 12pm

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LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE 5/28/17 through 6/4/17

Volunteers: Please make your own substitutions.

Acolytes

May 28

No Acolytes Scheduled Today

June 4

No schedule available

Layreaders

May 28

8:00am

Nick Conner, Jeff Birk

10:30am

Jim Warring, Penny Williams

June 4

8:00am

Kate Carroll, Judy Currey

10:30am

Bob Wesneski, Lauren Green

Nursery Volunteers

May 28

Diana Crawford

June 4

Erin Perry

June 11

Natalie Conner

Scripture Lessons for

Sunday, May 28

Acts 1:6-14; Psalm 68:1-10,
32-35; 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

Music for Sunday, May 28

#216 – "Hail Thee, Festival Day"

#465 – "Eternal Light, Shine in My
Heart"

GATHER #335 – "Jesus, Wine of
Peace"

#700 (text) – "O Love That Casts
Out Fear"

#460 – "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

Coffee Fellowship Hour

May 28

Glenn & Thelma Blackburn

June 4, 11, 18, 25

Volunteers needed

To volunteer, contact Rita

Childers, 918-519-8470 or

puvey45@gmail.com

Sunday Plate Counter

May 28

Jim Grillot, Jim Malone

June 4

Amy Borg

June 11

Bruce Ramzel

Greeters

Sunday, May 28

8:00am

Sally Canfield

10:30am

D. J. & Jerry Nezam

Jim & Nancy Warring

Sunday, June 4

8:00am

Don Davidson

10:30am

Glenn & Thelma Blackburn

St. Luke's Bookstore

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

***To volunteer, contact**

Melinda Wesneski,

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NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please have articles that you
would like printed in
The Steeple to the church
office no later than **Tuesdays**
at 10am.

Thank you!

Ushers

Sunday, May 28

8:00am

Robert Babcock, Dean Zervas

10:30am

Jim Grillot, Max McCreary

Sunday, June 4

8:00am

Dean Zervas

10:30am

Hugh Harrison, Tim Simmons

Children's Chapel

May 28

Erin & Travis Perry

June 4

Heather Boyle, Bob Tedstrom

June 11

Nicki Ingram, Jeanne Julstrom

Agape Mission

4th Thursday, May 25

9-11am

Jim Liehr

10:45am-1pm

Jeff Birk, Molly Ferguson,

Glenda Garrison, Darian Kedy,

Jen Peterson

1:00-2:45pm

Carol Murphy, Radomir Petrovich

Bereavement Committee

Team 3

Wendy Hall, Connie Freebern,

Glenda Garrison, Gretchen Hoyt,

Becky Liehr, Carol Murphy