



The Steeple

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A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM BISHOP ED

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Our neighbors in London suffered yet another terrorist attack early this morning, just after midnight. This is the fourth terrorist attack to occur in the UK in the past four months, following the attacks at Westminster, in Manchester, and on the London Bridge and in Borough Market. I ask you to please join me in prayer for all the victims of these attacks, those killed and those injured; the families and friends of all victims; the first responders and all medical personnel; and all those affected by these senseless acts of violence. I ask you also to please join me in prayer for all those in London and across the United Kingdom during this difficult time.

In all times, we must not let these types of violence, hate, and darkness change who we are as people of faith. We must follow our Savior, Jesus Christ, as He leads us in the ways of forgiveness, healing, and reconciliation. We must choose love over hate, hope over fear, belief over doubt, and trust in the goodness of our neighbors. We must strive to embody God's peace, love, and grace with each other. We must remind the world that we can do better, and we must do better.

I ask all congregations to include the Prayer for the Human Family in their worship services this coming week. Please join me in prayer:

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Important Dates To Remember

Family Promise at St. Luke's through
Sunday June 25

Church Bldg. Closed July 3 & 4 (see
article this pg.)

Vacation Bible School, Mon.-Thurs., July
10-13 (see pg. 3)



The Church office and building will be
closed for the Independence Day Holiday
on Monday & Tuesday, July 3 & 4.
The Holy Eucharist will be celebrated as
usual on Monday, July 3 at 5:30pm.

Thoughts from Fr. Sean



Friends,

Behold, there is water...

The scriptures lend multiple insights and ways of living that can be practical, theological, or both. In my multiple trips to clergy related continuing education, I have had the opportunity—rather the blessing—to sit with my peers and laugh, listen and learn from their experiences and knowledge. On this most recent trip, the scripture, “Behold, there is water,” was spoken aloud in reference to the sacrament of baptism.

It was late at night—we’d been in a classroom for the majority of the day learning the psychology of forgiveness—and we needed to ‘blow off’ some steam. But after a couple of hours there it was: Behold, there is water. The line was said after we had been debating the most efficacious means of evangelism within the Episcopal Church. We were all scratching our heads and wondering how we could impact the people sitting in our pews more effectively, how we could impact that one visitor who may never visit again. Behold, there is water.

It’s such a simple move, really, to offer baptism every service within the year, yet we don’t do it. Some would argue that we owe the people seeking the sacrament an explanation and education—to which I would respond, “Yes. Yes we do.” But at the same time, there were many in the ancient world who received baptism without fully understanding the power behind it, the meaning of it. Just the same, there are many within our walls who come for one or two Sundays searching for something—anything—to change their lives for the better. Withholding the sacrament of baptism to someone within our reach is much like setting a pitcher of water next to a woman dying of thirst, but requiring her to understand how the water will save her before offering it. I believe that if we can impact one life, lead one person to Christ through this simple change, then we’ve managed to do that which Christ asks of us in terms of spreading the mission and love of God. Why not offer the grace which isn’t ours to begin with, why not offer a drink to those dying of thirst around us? We have the authority given to us through Christ to offer this sacrament, and we also have the means because: Behold, there is water.

Faithfully,

Fr. Sean+



FAMILY PROMISE IS HERE THIS WEEK!

This past Sunday, partitions were assembled into rooms, beds were wheeled in and made up with sheets and blankets, sitting and dining areas were created in Rodgers Hall, as we prepared for the arrival of our families. Many thanks to the heroic efforts of our set-up team, who were simply amazing and made it all happen in one hour! We have a total of three families with 5 adults and 6 children who are staying through this week, departing on Sunday morning. Again, a huge thank you to all of the volunteers who signed up to help make this all possible. Please pray for our families and the Family Promise Program as we help people in transition move toward independence.

As always, if you are interested in becoming a volunteer or learning more about the program, please contact Jen Peterson at 918-397-7779 or jenrpet1971@gmail.com.

WEEKLY ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Sunday, June 25, 2017

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

Monday, June 26, 2017

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

Tuesday, June 27, 2017

10:00am Spiritual Discipline Group, library

Wednesday, June 28, 2017

Thursday, June 29, 2017

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

Friday, June 30, 2017

Saturday, July 1, 2017

Sunday, July 2, 2017

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

Monday, July 3, 2017

Church bldg. closed for Independence Day Holiday

5:30pm Holy Eucharist

Tuesday, July 4, 2017

Independence Day, church bldg. closed

ALTAR FLOWER DONATIONS



Last week, flower remembrance giving envelopes were mailed out to the parish. St. Luke’s

“flower calendar” begins July 1 and ends June 30 of the following year. If you have a loved one you would like to remember or a special blessing to commemorate, please consider a donation of \$45 per Sunday remembrance. Make your check payable to St. Luke’s, with “St. Ursula’s Flower Fund” in the memo. Simply place your envelope with the information completed for your remembrance in the offering or bring/mail it to the church office. If you have any questions, contact Cheryl Fregin at 918-440-0040 or cherylfregin@yahoo.com.

ST. LUKE'S PRAYER LIST

Please keep the following persons 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.)

Hugh, Steve, Ed, Evelyn, Justin, Milagros, John, Samantha, Jaycee, Bev, Don, Kris, Max, Carl, Jamie, Jim, Mark, Sue, Pam, Jack, Jenny, 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.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL SUMMARY

	May			May Year to Date		
	MTD Actual	MTD Budget	Variance (unfav.)	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Variance (unfav.)
Income						
Pledge Payments	23,520	33,333	(9,813)	175,214	166,667	8,547
Non-Pledge Payments	1,205	1,750	(545)	14,725	8,750	5,975
Other Income	2,715	1,817	898	8,296	6,383	1,913
Total Income	27,440	36,900	(9,460)	198,235	181,800	16,435
Expenses	21,879	23,486	1,607	157,514	158,274	760
NET INCOME/LOSS	5,561	13,414	(7,853)	40,721	23,526	17,195

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The Choir will be singing a setting of the hymn "They Cast Their Nets in Galilee" for the offertory anthem Sunday. The melody line is easily learned. The hymn text is hymn #661 in The Hymnal 1982. Other music for Sunday includes favorites "Will You Come and Follow Me", "Take Up Your Cross", "Surely It Is God Who Saves Me".

Why am I telling you this before we come together to sing and rejoice at the 10:30 Eucharist this coming Sunday? Simply because I know there are those of you reading *The Steeple* who would really enjoy singing the music for worship BEFORE we come together as a congregation at 10:30! And you can have extra time with these beautiful hymns/anthems. All you need do is come to the Choir Room for a 9:30 rehearsal Sunday morning. Then, if you feel confident (or even if you still feel a little timid!), you will be encouraged, urged, begged to sing with the choir. You might even enjoy the view from the Chancel (that's where the Choir sits!)

- Dolores McCreary, Choir Director

PRAYER FOR THE NEW RECTOR SEARCH PROCESS

*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 each member of our parish family to ease this transition for them. All this we ask through our savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.*

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2017 NEEDS YOU!

Hello again St. Luke's family! Our Vacation Bible School planning is still moving forward and the actual event is on the horizon. However, we are still drastically short on volunteers! If YOU are able to help in any way possible please feel free to approach me or come by the church office to sign up. The dates are Monday – Thursday, July 10th through the 13th in the evenings from 6:15 to 8:30. The age range is from entering kindergartners to 5th graders.

Student registration forms can also be found in the office. We're hoping to make this year's VBS a success, but we need the support of as many parishioners as possible!

Thanks - Karl Franks
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Holy Eucharist: Sunday 8am & 10:30am; Monday 5:30pm, Thursday 12pm

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LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE 6/25/17 through 7/2/17

Volunteers: Please make your own substitutions.

Acolytes

June 25

No Acolytes scheduled today

July 2

Servers

Harald Borg, Makayla Lein

Torchbearers

Emma Perry, Emma Boyle

Scripture Lessons for

Sunday, June 25

Genesis 21:8-21; Psalm 86:1-

10, 16-17; Romans 6:1b-11;

Matthew 10:24-39

Music for Sunday, June 25

WLP #757 – "Will You Come and Follow Me"

#675 – "Take Up Your Cross"

#692 (text) – "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

#679 – "Surely It Is God Who Saves Me"

#296 – "We Know That Christ is Raised and Dies No More"

Greeters

Sunday, June 25

8:00am

Sally Canfield

10:30am

D. J. & Jerry Nezam

Jim & Nancy Warring

Sunday, July 2

8:00am

Don Davidson

10:30am

Glenn & Thelma Blackburn

Ushers

Sunday, June 25

8:00am

Robert Babcock, Dean Zervas

10:30am

Jim Grillot, Max McCreary

Sunday, July 2

8:00am

Dean Zervas

10:30am

Hugh Harrison, Tim Simmons

Layreaders

June 25

8:00am

Jeff Birk, Darian Kedy

10:30am

Lauren Green, Katherine Powell

July 2

8:00am

Nick Conner, Scott Williams

10:30am

Kate Carroll, Juanita Green

Sunday Coffee Fellowship Hour

June 25

D. J. & Jerry Nezam

July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Volunteers needed

To volunteer, contact Rita

Childers, 918-519-8470 or

puvey45@gmail.com

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,

918-333-7758 or

mcwesne@gmail.com.

Children's Chapel

June 25

Erin & Travis Perry

July 2

Heather Boyle, Bob Tedstrom

July 9

Nicki Ingram, Jeanne Julstrom

Nursery Volunteers

June 25

Diana Crawford

July 2

Erin Perry

July 9

Natalie Conner

Sunday Plate Counter

June 25

Jim Grillot

July 2

Amy Borg

July 9

Bruce Ramzel

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!

Agape Mission

4th Thursday, June 22

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