



# The Steeple

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## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2017

Hello St. Luke's family! Now that July is here, we find ourselves in the heat of summer with weekend bar-b-ques, trips to the lake, family vacations and...**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!**

This year we are delving into our companion diocese of Uruguay, looking at their geography, their culture, and our shared roles in the Gospel of Christ. Our program begins on **Monday, July 10th**, and goes through to **Thursday, July 13th** when we will be inviting parents and friends to join us and celebrate what we have learned.

**The evenings start at 6:15 and wrap up at 8:30.** Enrollment is still open and we are actively seeking volunteers. There are enrollment forms in the office and I will be tending a sign-up table at Metcalf Hall after the late Sunday service.

**Speaking of volunteers**, we desperately need volunteers for both our NURSERY and the CHILDREN'S CHAPEL. Our current volunteers are getting a little worn out. They've been going above and beyond not just in those roles, but in various volunteer capacities throughout the church. We are all very grateful for all they do, but they could use a break. So, if you are reading this and have even the slightest inclination to lend a hand, please do.

Karl Franks, Christian Education Director

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### Important Dates To Remember

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

Monthly Vestry Mtg. Monday, July 17, 7:15pm

## Thoughts from Fr. Sean



Transitions...

I find myself staring down the road while also checking the rear-view mirror, these days. I keep trying to make time halt for just a moment longer so that we can continue our ministry together and continue being in close community with one another. Alas, much like performing resurrection, I have been stymied in my attempts.

Transitions are difficult, and this Church has experienced quite a few recently and will continue to experience more, long after I'm gone. Lauri's sermon last Sunday was a powerful reminder that we are given the work of God, Godly work to bring people into the faith, the Church and then send them out into the world to do the same. You are quite adept at this; look at how many priests and curates this place has raised throughout the years. I am better because you have allowed me to grow. The ones that came before me are better because you loved them fully. The ones to come will be blessed to become part of this community—the blessed community of St. Luke's, Bville, America.

Your story continues. As Lauri said, keep your arms wide open mentality, and then step beyond that to envelop the people around you with the love and Good News of Jesus Christ. And while our story is nearing its end, the next chapter will be just as exciting—and so much more.

Faithfully,  
Fr. Sean+

## WEEKLY ACTIVITY CALENDAR

*Vacation Bible School  
Mon.-Thurs.*

**July 10-13, 6:15-8:30pm**

**Sunday, July 9, 2017**

8:00am Rite I

9:15am Clergy Forum, MH

9:30am Choir Rehearsal

10:30am Rite II

**Monday, July 10, 2017**

9:30am Church Staff Mtg.

5:30pm Holy Eucharist

**Tuesday, July 11, 2017**

10:00am Spiritual Discipline  
Group, library

**Wednesday, July 12, 2017**

**Thursday, July 13, 2017**

6:45am Men's Fellowship, MH

12:00pm Holy Eucharist

6:15pm VBS Family Night

**Friday, July 14, 2017**

**Saturday, July 15, 2017**

**Sunday, July 16, 2017**

8:00am Rite I

9:15 Clergy Forum, MH

10:30am Rite II

**Monday, July 17, 2017**

9:30am Church Staff Mtg.

5:30pm Holy Eucharist

7:15pm Vestry Mtg.

**Tuesday, July 18, 2017**

10:00am Spiritual Discipline  
Group, library



## Diocesan News... Happening #65 August 4th - 6th

**Happening** is a Christian experience presented for teenagers who are in, or have completed, grades 9th, 10th, 11th or 12th, and is led by other teenagers, with the help of clergy and lay adult leadership.

This year's event will be located at St. Augustine Canterbury Center in Stillwater at OSU. Go to this link: [http://www.epiok.org/digital\\_faith/events/3165955](http://www.epiok.org/digital_faith/events/3165955) for more information and to register to attend.

## 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.)*

Robert, Hugh, Lee, Steve, Rita, Ed,  
Sydney, Evelyn, Justin, John,  
Samantha, Bev, Don, Kris, Max,  
Carl, Jamie, Jim, 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](mailto:TPBGEN@aol.com) or the church office at  
918-336-1212 or*

*[annbell@episcopalbartlesville.org](mailto:annbell@episcopalbartlesville.org).*

## PRAYER FOR THE NEW RECTOR SEARCH PROCESS

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

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.

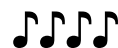
All this we ask through our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

## CHURCH WOMEN UNITED Create for Missions Day Friday, July 14 9:30am – 2:00pm East Cross Methodist Church

Church Women United  
welcomes volunteers for Create  
for Mission activities, Friday,  
July 14<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 a.m. to 2:00  
p.m. Anyone with a couple  
hours is welcome to help with a  
variety of projects to be  
donated to area and rural care  
centers. We will be cutting  
material, sewing seams, tying  
quilts, or sorting and packing up  
completed projects. A job for all  
volunteers! This event is being  
held at East Cross Methodist  
Church, 820 S. Madison Blvd.  
Lunch available. Call a CWU  
representative,  
918-337-2118 for  
more information.



## Favorite Hymns Quiz



Hymns for this coming Sunday include several  
favorites from the list covering 2000 – 2016. Hymn  
names include: “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”,  
“Come Down, O Love Divine”, “All Who Hunger  
Gather Gladly”, “Strengthen for Service, Lord”, “All  
Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” and “The Gift of Finest  
Wheat” (organ voluntary for Communion); the organ  
prelude will be variations on the hymn tune *Slane*.

Do you know which of these are found in The  
Hymnal 1982? *GATHER? Wonder, Love, and Praise?*  
Other sources? Are any of these your favorites? Which  
of these hymns has been selected as “favorite” by the  
most people? People choosing these hymns include:  
Judy Currey, Diana Farris, Juanita Green, Dolores  
McCreary, Debbie Mueggenborg, Carol Murphy, Bryson  
Read, Jeanne Rowlett, Fr. Lee Stephens, Lauri Watkins.

Have you given your favorite hymn list to  
Dolores? Music for the next 5 or 6 Sundays will be  
selected from your favorites!



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

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**LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE 7/9/17 through 7/16/17**

*Volunteers: Please make your own substitutions.*

**Acolytes**

**July 9**

Servers

Ruth Todd, Grace Mitchell

Torchbearers

Keaton Mitchell, Evan Mitchell

**July 16**

Servers

Nick Olsen, Greta Olsen

Torchbearers

Charlie Olsen, Madelyn Stuart

**Scripture Lessons for**

**Sunday, July 9**

Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67;

Psalms 45:10-17; Romans 7:15-

25a; Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

**Music for Sunday, July 9**

#657 – "Love Divine, All Loves

Excelling"

#516 – "Come Down, O Love

Divine"

WLP #761 – "All Who Hunger

Gather Gladly"

#312 – "Strengthen for Service,

Lord"

#450 – "All Hail the Power of

Jesus' Name"

**Greeters**

**Sunday, July 9**

8:00am

**Volunteer needed**

Contact Wendy Hall,

918-333-3541 or

[dhall768@cableone.net](mailto:dhall768@cableone.net)

10:30am

**Sunday, July 16**

8:00am

Monica Martin

10:30am

Carol Murphy

**Ushers**

**Sunday, July 9**

8:00am

Don Davidson

10:30am

Brian Ferguson, Hugh Harrison

**Sunday, July 16**

8:00am

Dean Zervas

10:30am

Glenn Bonner, Jim Warring

**Layreaders**

**July 9**

8:00am

Kate Carroll, Nick Conner

10:30am

Jim Warring, Penny Williams

**July 16**

8:00am

Jim Grillot, Kate Carroll

10:30am

Nick Conner, Bob Wesneski

**Sunday Coffee Fellowship Hour**

**July 9**

Juanita & Lauren Green

**July 16, 23 & 30**

Volunteers needed

There is a sign-up sheet in the

Metcalfe Hall kitchen or

contact Rita Childers, 918-519-

8470 or [puvey45@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:mcwesne@gmail.com).

**Children's Chapel**

**July 9**

Nicki Ingram, Jeanne Julstrom

**July 16**

Blair & Chad Ellis

**July 23**

Erin & Travis Perry

**Agape Mission**

**4th Thursday, July 13**

9-11am

Jeanne Julstrom, John McCollum

10:45am-1pm

Kris Bonner, Rita Childers, Becky

Liehr, Kathy Zervas, Marcia Zervas

1:00-2:45pm

Melinda Droegge, Miriam Petrovich

**Nursery Volunteers**

**July 9**

Natalie Conner

**July 16**

Barbara Todd

**July 23**

Diana Crawford

**Sunday Plate Counter**

**July 9**

Bruce Ramzel

**July 16**

Steve Clark

**July 23**

Jim Grillot

**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!

**Bereavement Committee**

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