



The Steeple

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THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!

You did it! We cannot thank you enough!!

We had a 61% response rate for the Parish Survey. And we are so grateful!!

We set a stretch goal of 70% but hoped to beat the 60% response rate of St. Andrew's of Grove – and we did it!! Either way, we have a wealth of information to inform the next steps in our new rector search process.

It will be so helpful to the work of the Search Committee and Vestry to have the input of a vast majority of the parish. Plus, your overwhelming response to the survey request is a testament to your personal and collective investment in the task of finding a new rector for St. Luke's.

The Search Committee is deeply engaged in the process of tabulating and analyzing the survey results.

The plan is to share an overview of the survey results with the parish in both small groups and at a parish meeting. The Search Committee is working with the Vestry on plans for a parish pot luck dinner to discuss the priorities, issues and ideas shared by you in the Parish Survey.

We continue to ask you to pray for the Search Committee and Vestry during our discernment process for St. Luke's next rector.

We are a vibrant, healthy and engaged church family doing good and important things. We have so much to do today and more to plan for tomorrow.

And, we have so much for which to be thankful.

God's love truly is celebrated and shared at St. Luke's!

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Important Dates To Remember

- Setting Up, Packing & Distribution of Backpacks, Fri. 8/5 thru Tues. 8/9 (see pg. 3)
- Co-Ed Cursillo Weekend at St. Crispin's, Fri. - Sun. 8/12-14
- Rally Day, Sunday School Classes begin, Sunday, August 21

WE'RE LAUNCHING OUR NEW WEBSITE!

The St. Luke's website has a new look! It's been completely remodeled with more visuals, more news and more information about how prospective members can become part of the St. Luke's family. With the help of Sandy Lee, our hardworking webmaster for nearly a decade, the site has now become the responsibility of Dan Droege of the vestry communications committee. The web address remains the same: episcopalbartlesville.org.



While there is much about our faith that remains the same, there is also much about parish life that keeps evolving and changing. For example, at the 10:30 Holy Eucharist we had the opportunity to bid farewell to Jo Oertle, a longtime member of St. Luke's, who will be moving to be near family in New Hampshire in August. In the same service there happened to be a visitor who told me he was looking for a church home. Then he said, "I think I just found one." Over my almost twenty years as Rector I have had to say "goodbye" as well as "hello" to a lot of people.

Churches evolve in a variety of ways – usually for the better. In the early days of my tenure we developed a folder for visitors and new members. The multi-colored and sized pages described our parish life. There was a lot of information to help people learn about us and perhaps decide to join our church. I think it was fairly well done, attractive and informative.

The use of computers and the internet was on the rise. Initially only a few people had email, but that changed quickly – though there were a few holdouts. Before long we recognized the need for our parish to have a website – that was about ten years ago. The diocese was encouraging churches to develop websites and provide workshops which some of us attended.

Enter Sandy Lee – another longtime member who was teaching computer technology at Tri-County. She had also created several websites for organizations in the community. She offered to create one for St. Luke's. She had the knowledge and experience to go out on the internet and find programs to create our website at no cost – it was all free. I remember how excited we were when we "launched" our website.

For about eight or nine years now Sandy has faithfully maintained our website – again, at no cost. She has kept things updated, which is a weekly process. This included "The Steeple" and the sermon for the week. Plus, she posted all the updates for events in the parish as well as pictures from time to time. I am so grateful for all Sandy has done for us over these years. She has made a difference in presenting our parish life to the public. Indeed, we rarely have a visitor who has not already "visited" us online.

Now the time has come to create a new website for St. Luke's. This was approved by the Vestry several months ago and Dan Droege has taken the lead. After all the years of maintaining our current website, Sandy has agreed that it is time for a change and is being very supportive. Again, we are grateful for all Sandy has done – we could not have done it without her.

That being so, Dan has been working with a local company called "Bit Brilliant, LLC" to build a new and expanded website. I think everyone will be pleased. The Wardens and I have approved the new version and it has been reviewed by members of the Vestry. The official launch will be the end of this week at the same link: www.episcopalbartlesville.org.

And so, we continue evolving into a new era of presenting St. Luke's and communication within the church and the community. St. Luke's is a church on the move "With Arms Wide Open."

Blessings,
Fr. Lee+

ALL-PARISH PICTORAL DIRECTORY



We are having a new church directory made and we need everyone's participation! Pictures will be taken Tuesday through Thursday, Sept. 13-15 here at the church. Please watch "The Steeple" newsletter and the Sunday bulletin for updates and more information.

Weekly Activity Calendar

Sunday, July 31, 2016

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

Monday, August 1, 2016

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

Tuesday, August 2, 2016

10:00am Spiritual Discipline Group,
Library

Wednesday, August 3, 2016

Thursday, August 4, 2016

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

Friday, August 5, 2016

7:00pm Setup of Church Bldg. for Distribution of Backpacks

Saturday, August 6, 2016

9am-4pm Packing of the Backpacks

Sunday, August 7, 2016

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

1-5pm Packing & Setup of Backpacks

Monday, August 8, 2016

8:30am-12pm & 1-6pm Distribution of Backpacks

9:30am Church Staff Mtg.

5:30pm Holy Eucharist

7:15pm Vestry Mtg.

"ADOOR" ST. LUKE'S



I, with the Vestry's approval of course, am delighted to announce the "launching" of the "ADoor St. Luke's" initiative to refurbish or replace ten exterior doors

around the church building. The idea is for parishioners to "adopt" a door by making a donation to cover the costs of bringing that door back to excellence! All but one of the doors are located on the older part of the church and as such have been letting people in and out of St. Luke's for over 60 years! Imagine the stories they could tell us! In fact, I have been told that Mrs. Frank (Jane) Phillips designed the faux hinges on some of the doors.

"Adopters" will be recognized with a plate or plaque on the door so that people can see specifically how they or loved ones (in the case of memorial gifts) are recognized. More information, such as the name and location of each door, and a general description of that door's "issues", and an example of a plaque will be coming soon. Progress on the "adoption" process will be displayed and tracked on a bulletin board in the hall. If you have questions about any of the program or individual doors, please contact me.

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ST. LUKE'S PRAYER LIST

Please keep the following 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.)

Jeanne, Lida, Robert, Bod, Susie, Jim, Geir, Scott, Georgia, Glenn, Shelly, Max, Emma, Dortha, Helen, Cory, Jean, 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.

PRISM OF CHRIST FOR JULY: JIM GRILLOT

In June the Vestry voted to acknowledge Jim Grillo as the Prism for July. One cannot be around St. Luke's very long without seeing Jim's involvement in our parish life. This has actually been true for many years. He and his wife, Ada, have been members of our parish for a long time. Jim's fingerprints are on every light fixture, coffee pot, air conditioning unit and much more in the church where repair and/or maintenance are needed. He combines his love for the church with his engineering inclinations and practical knowledge to get many jobs done. Our Parish Administrator considers Jim his technical guru!

Jim has also served in personal ways such as Senior and Junior Warden, as a member of the Vestry and member of the Parish Maintenance Committee (PMC). He recruits, trains and schedules our Layreaders. He also serves as one of our faithful Ushers. Even more personally, Jim is known for caring for members of the parish a variety of ways including auto mechanics, transportation, meals, hospital and home visits, phone calls – wherever people are in need.

As a member of the Lions Club, Jim is involved in securing glasses and vision exams for people in need. He also serves as an ally for Bridges Out of Poverty in Bartlesville.

These are some of the highlights of Jim's service in the church and community – no doubt there are many more. He is certainly a "doer" and has touched many lives along the way. We are grateful for Jim – St. Luke's Prism for July.

WASHINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

Coming Soon: 2,400 Kids!

School will be starting soon for area schools. On August 8, we need to be ready to hand out school supplies to over 2,400 kids and we could use your help. We need donations of money or basic school supplies; especially wide paper, wide spirals, pencils, crayons & markers. To make a monetary donation, make your check out to St. Luke's and note on it "Pack the Backpacks", or you may donate directly to the WCSSD by giving your donation to Tim Simmons or Bob Wesneski.

Another big way to help is by volunteering on one of the following dates.

- **Friday, August 5** 9:00 am – 4:00 pm Setting up supplies & backpacks for packing
- **Friday, August 5**, 7:00 pm – 10:00 pm Move school supplies from storage
- **Saturday, August 6**, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm Packing the elementary backpacks
- **Saturday, August 6**, 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm Setting up for high school packing
- **Sunday, August 7**, 1:30 pm – 5:00 pm Packing the high school supplies
- **Monday, August 8**, 8:00 am – 11:30 am Handing out the backpacks
- **Monday, August 8**, 1:00 pm – 6:00 pm Handing out the backpacks
- **Tuesday, August 9**, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm Handing out the backpacks
- **Tuesday, August 9**, 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm Packing up supplies & cleaning up



We could also use help feeding our volunteers. With the hundreds of volunteers we have, that's a lot of snacks. If you can help with snacks, please let Melinda Wesneski know or place it in the Rodgers Hall kitchen and label it for the WCSSD. Thank you so much for all you do for the "Pack the Backpacks".
Melinda Wesneski

Wonderful Wacky Wednesdays Wrap-Up



Wonderful Wacky Wednesdays have come to an end. It was everything we expected and more. Each week we had an average of 17 kids. The children went home with a treasure chest that had a special treasure from each week's lesson. We also added and recited a Bible verse to our mini Bible book weekly. The children enjoyed making terrariums, kaleidoscopes, clay mandalas, God's eyes, and painting pots for their flowers. We enjoyed our special guests Dolores and Susie who taught us about rhythm and harmony, Mike our song leader and Father Lee and Father Sean's pop-in visits. We were well fed by several of the church members! The children filled their bellies with mini Jell-O aquariums, a popcorn bar, fruit kabobs, ants on a log, popsicles and the big hit...frozen grapes! It was fun to see our children invite their friends to come join WWW; they are starting their missionary work early! We had several faithful volunteers who told stories, helped with games, with crowd control and were cleaning as we moved along! When I say "we" Deacon Lauri was my right hand during this whole adventure! We planned the whole thing together, met weekly and brushed up on our crafty skills. Since this is my first year in this position, I can't say thank you enough to Lauri! I really need to say thank you to all of you as well! This was an experience that allowed me to grow in many ways!

We celebrated the end of www on Wednesday night 7/27 at Frontier Pool with swimming and Fr. Lee & Travis Perry grilled hot dogs for us too! It was GREAT fun!

Here are a few pictures from our outing to the Olsen's house & creek in June:





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LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE 7/31/16 through 8/7/16

Volunteers: Please make your own substitutions.

Acolytes
July 31
No Acolytes Scheduled Today
August 7
Servers
 Anneke Borg, Harald Borg
Torchbearers
 Kimaya Kindred, Emma Boyle

Scripture Lessons for
Sunday, July 31
 Hosea 11:1-11; Psalm 107:1-9,
 43; Colossians 3:1-11;
 Luke 12:13-21
Music for Sunday, July 31
 WLP #761 – "All Who Hunger
 Gather Gladly"
 #508 – "Breathe on Me Breath of
 God"
 WLP #757 – "Will You Come and
 Follow Me"
 #178 – "When Morning Gilds the
 Skies"

Greeters
Sunday, July 31
 8:00am
 Gretchen Hoyt
 10:30am
 Becky & Jim Liehr
 Carol Murphy
Sunday, August 7
 8:00am
 Don Davidson
 10:30am
 Thelma Blackburn, Jo Oertle

Ushers
Sunday, July 31
 8:00am
 Ace Gardner, Dean Zervas
 10:30am
 Jeff Birk, Jim Warring
Sunday, August 7
 8:00am
 Ace Gardner, Dean Zervas
 10:30am
 Jim Malone, Tim Simmons

Layreaders
Sunday, July 31
 8:00am
 Nick Conner, Darian Kedy
 10:30am
 Lynda Stephens, Judy Currey
 Penny Williams, Juanita Green
Sunday, August 7
 8:00am
 Kate Carroll, Judy Currey
 10:30am
 Bob Wesneski, Lauren Green
 Juanita Green, Nick Conner

Coffee Fellowship Hour
July 31
 Carol Murphy
August 7
 Heather Boyle
August 14
 D. J. & Jerry Nezam
 *Please 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, you may
 contact Melinda Wesneski,
 918-333-7758 or
mcwesne@gmail.com.

Children's Chapel
July 31
 Erin & Travis Perry
August 7
 Heather Boyle, Bob Tedstrom
August 14
 Erin & Travis Perry

Nursery Volunteers
July 31
 Diana Crawford
August 7
 Elizabeth Boyle
August 14
 Natalie Conner

Bereavement Committee
Team 2
 Barbara Martin, Laura Birk,
 Thelma Blackburn, Sally
 Canfield, Debbie Mueggenborg

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,
July 28, 2016
 9-11am
 Jim Liehr, Fr. Lee Stephens
 10:45am-1pm
 Jeff Birk, Molly Ferguson,
 Glenda Garrison, Darian Kedy,
 Jen Peterson
 1-2:45pm
 Carol Murphy,
 Radomir Petrovich

Sunday Plate Counters
July 31
 Jim Grillot
August 7
 Amy Borg
August 14
 Bruce Ramzel