



The Steeple

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Farewell Reception & Lunch for Fr. Sean and Nicole Sunday, Aug. 13th (RSVP Requested)

We knew this day would come, but that doesn't make it any easier. Fr. Sean and Nicole's last Sunday with us will be August 13th. To help them celebrate this fork in their road, we are planning a bar-b-que (what else?) lunch for everyone on Sunday, August 13th after the 10:30 service. Please help out by sending an RSVP (including the number of people attending) either via email to: office@episcopalbartlesville.org or by calling the church office. We'll give them such a good sendoff they may find their way back! It could happen.

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✓ Important Dates To Remember

Pack the Backpacks, Aug. 4-8. See event details on page 3.

Farewell Reception & Lunch for Fr. Sean and Nicole, Sun., Aug. 13, Noon, Metcalf Hall (see article this page). Please RSVP
YD Lockin, Aug. 18-19



This weekend is when we "Pack the Backpacks". Hundreds of folks will descend on St. Luke's on Saturday morning and Sunday afternoon to fill 2,500 backpacks with school supplies. Come be a part of something good. A detailed schedule of activities is found inside.

WORDS FROM THE WARDEN

There are only 2 Sundays left with our beloved "Priest in Charge", Fr. Sean and Nicole. As sad as I am to see them go, I rejoice in the fact that they are embarking on the next phase in their ministry in Yukon! That church will certainly feel their presence--how lucky they are!! Come and celebrate their last Sunday with us on August 13, at a catered Bar-B-Que luncheon and reception immediately following the 10:30 a.m. service. You will need to notify our new "Secretary in Charge", Bob Wesneski if you plan to attend so we'll be sure to have enough food. Call the church office or email him at office@episcopalbartlesville.org by Wednesday, August 9th. You won't want to miss this send-off!!

Faithfully yours,
Kathy

Thoughts from Fr. Sean



Friends,

What a trip! I'm grateful that I had the opportunity to visit Ireland for the past week; the golf, sites and people were amazing. We played 108 holes of golf; traveled over 1000 kilometers throughout the week and we were able to see much of the South and West of the country.

While we were driving on the fourth day, I realized that many of the roads had sheep along them, grazing and gazing about—without fences. The

shepherds apparently trust the sheep enough to allow them to scour the countryside for food and rely upon one another to keep safe and return home at the end of the day. It made me think of this place. There are so many activities and functions that occur within our Church and out in the community that don't require clergy to be present. With the mantra of 'one ministry within the church and one ministry out in the community', you all have been entrusted with the work of God and trusted to carry it out—and you do it! I began thinking of CONCERN (we have one member on the board and multiple volunteers), Agape (we have multiple volunteers each week), The Green Country Dental Clinic (setup by some of our members), the school supply drive (organized and directed by our members and other members of various churches around town), and many, many more.

You go out and 'feed' yourselves with the ministries you do each week and then come 'home' each Sunday to rest. I smiled to myself as I traveled throughout the countryside and realized that we are all sheep like the ones I was witnessing: We go out into the world without fences, searching for food and keeping each other safe, and then we return home to be together at the end of the week. I love that about this place.

Needless to say, I carried you all with me in my travels and thought fondly of this place and what it has meant and continues to mean to me. Blessings to all of you.

Faithfully,
Fr. Sean

WEEKLY ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Sunday, Aug. 6, 2017

8:00am Rite I
10:30am Rite II
1:30pm-5pm Pack the
Backpacks, RH & MH

Monday, Aug. 7, 2017

8 am – 6 pm Pack the
Backpacks Distribution,
RH & MH
9:30am Church Staff Mtg.
5:30pm Holy Eucharist

Tuesday, Aug. 8, 2017

9 am – 3 pm Pack the
Backpacks Distribution,
RH & MH
10:00am Spiritual Discipline
Group, library

Wednesday, Aug. 9, 2017

Thursday, Aug. 10, 2017

6:45am Men's Fellowship,
MH
12:00pm Holy Eucharist
6:30pm PEAK
Superintendents Panel,
MH

Friday, Aug. 11, 2017

Saturday, Aug. 12, 2017

Sunday, Aug. 13, 2017

8:00am Rite I
10:30am Rite II
12:00pm Ekberg Reception

Monday, Aug. 14, 2017

9:30am Church Staff Mtg.
5:30pm Holy Eucharist
7:15pm Vestry

Tuesday, Aug. 15, 2017

10:00am Spiritual Discipline
Group, library

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.)*

Elizabeth, Jenny, Sue, Jack, Pam, Jim,
Bev, Kris, Max, John, Samantha, Robert,
Lee, Hugh, Ed, Sydney, Henry, Lana,
Seth, Jacey, Brandon, J.R., Charles, Etta,
Penny, Mary, 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*

office@episcopalbartlesville.org.

Favorite Hymns 🎵🎵

Sunday's hymns are chosen from the
"Favorite Hymns" list covering 2000 –
2016 and include hymns suggested by
Kris Bonner, Judy Currey, Sean Ekberg,
Hugh Harrison, Dolores McCreary,
Debbie Mueggengborg, Carol Murphy,
Jeanne Rowlett, the Simmons family,
and Lauri Watkins. Music for the
Communion organ voluntary is the hymn
tune Galilee from The Hymnal 1940 and
is a favorite of Carol Murphy who, along
with many of us who grew up in the
Episcopal Church in the "olden days",
remembers singing "Jesus Calls Us O'er
the Tumult" to this old tune. The hymn
text made it into our current Hymnal
1982 but the hymn tune Galilee did not.
Wonder how many will remember this
old tune!

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. 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.

"PACK THE BACKPACKS" Volunteer Opportunities

All activities take place here at St. Luke's:

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| Aug. 4, 7 pm | Move in Paper |
| Aug. 5, 9-1 | Pack Elementary Backpacks |
| Aug. 5, 2 pm | Reset Packing Tables for High School Packing |
| Aug. 6, 1:30-5pm | Pack High School Backpacks |
| Aug. 7, 8:30-6:00 | Distribute Backpacks |
| Aug. 8, 9-3 | Pack up Supplies |

Where are You in this Picture?



Just imagine what our choir would sound like/look like if everyone who
really enjoyed singing would come sing with us!

A great opportunity to give Choir a try - Sunday, Aug. 13th - "Sending
Forth Sunday" - only 1 rehearsal - 9:30 a.m. that very same morning.

Music guaranteed to be easy!

You are also assured of a "front-row" seat!!!

Young Disciples Starts on Aug. 18

Young Disciples starts up again with a LockIn from 6pm on Friday, August
18 to 7am on Saturday, August 19. YD parents should expect groggy
and/or irritable youth during the day on Saturday. This event features food,
travel, trampolining, go karts, running around in the middle of the night and,
if you so desire, very little sleep.

Enquiring Minds Want to Know...

Fr. Sean and Nicole's New Mailing Address:

212 E. Grand Teton Ct.

Yukon, OK 73099

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(Return Service Requested)
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The Rev. Sean Ekberg, Priest in Charge (seanekberg@gmail.com)
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LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE August 6, 2017 through August 13, 2017

Volunteers: Please make your own substitutions

Acolytes
August 6

Harald Borg, Makayla Lein,
Kimaya Kindred, Emma Perry

August 13

Ruth Todd, Grace Mitchell,
Keaton Mitchell, Evan Mitchell

August 20

Nick Olsen, Greta Olsen, Kyle
Peterson, Charlie Olsen

Scripture Lessons for
August 6

Exodus 34:29-35; Psalm 99; 2
Peter 1:13-21; Luke 9:28-36

Music for August 6

#379 "God is Love, Let Heaven
Adore Him"
#7 "Christ, Whose Glory Fills the
Skies"
#335 "I Am the Bread of Life"
#455 "O Love of God, How
Strong and True"
#671 "Amazing Grace"

Greeters
August 6

8:00am

Don Davidson

10:30am

Glenn & Thelma Blackburn

August 13

8:00am

Don Doty

10:30am

Debbie & Dennis Mueggenborg

Ushers
August 6

8:00am

Dean Zervas

10:30am

Tim Simmons, Hugh Harrison

August 13

8:00am

Don Davidson

10:30am

Brian Ferguson, Hugh Harrison

Layreaders
August 6

8:00am

Scott Williams, Jim Grillot

10:30am

Bob Wesneski, Judy Currey

August 13

8:00am

Judy Currey, Jeff Birk

10:30am

Kyle Peterson, Lauren Green

Sunday Coffee Fellowship Hour
August 6

Karen Lewey

August 13

Ekberg Reception

August 20

Glenda Garrison

To Volunteer see the sign-up
sheet in the Metcalf Hall kitchen
or contact Rita Childers, 918-519-
8470 or puevey45@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 Connie
Freebern

connie.freebern@yahoo.com

918-914-1155

Children's Chapel
August 6

Robert Tedstrom, Heather Boyle

August 13

Nicki Ingram, Jeanne Julstrom

August 20

Blair and Chad Ellis

Agape Mission

Thursday, August 10

9-11am

Jeanne Julstrom, John McCollum

10:45am-1pm

Kris Bonner, Rita Childers, Becky

Liehr, Kathy Zervas, Marcia

Zervas

1:00-2:45pm

Melinda Droege, Miriam

Petrovich

Nursery Volunteers

August 6

Erin Perry

August 13

Natalie Connor

August 20

Barbara Todd

Sunday Plate Counter

August 6

Amy Borg

August 13

Bruce Ramzel

August 20

Steve Clark

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
Team 3

Wendy Hall, Connie Freebern,
Glenda Garrison, Gretchen Hoyt,
Becky Liehr, Carol Murphy