



The Steeple

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DISCIPLESHIP FORUM TO BEGIN NEW STUDY Sunday, April 24, 9:15am, Metcalf Hall

Why do we have red doors? What's happening during the Eucharist? What is this whole 'Episcopal Church' thing, anyway? If you nodded your head at any or all of these questions, then you're in luck! Beginning Sunday, April 24, an 'Introduction to and Exploration of the Episcopal Church' course will begin. From 9:15 to 10:15, please come to Metcalf Hall and ask questions about your church. We will cover everything from red doors to infant baptism, and most likely some questions you didn't even know you had. Also, if you've been part of the church for a number of years, perhaps you have some insights valuable to this course and could provide answers of your own. So, no matter how long you've been coming to St. Luke's, please stop by in between services on Sunday and join us in exploring our beautiful Episcopal heritage.

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✓ Important Dates To Remember

- Happy Hour, Thursday, April 14, 5:30pm, Sterling's Grille (see pg. 2)
- Beer, Brats and Bingo Outreach Fundraiser, Sun., April 17, 6pm, Metcalf Hall
- Great Grout Clean-Up, Sat., April 30, 9am-12pm (see pg. 3)

BEER, BRATS, AND



SUNDAY, APRIL 17, 6:00 P.M. St. Luke's Metcalf Hall

Admission: \$15 adults, \$5 children (12 & under)
Tickets will be on sale in the church office, **through Wednesday, April 13 only.**
This is a family event featuring grilled brats, hot dogs, potato salad, beer, non-alcoholic beverages, and Bingo games!
All proceeds from this event benefit St. Luke's Outreach Fund.

FAMILY PROMISE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Three families are staying with us this week until Sunday April 17. A huge thank you to everyone who has signed up to serve for the week. We are hosting three single moms with 7 children (aged newborn through teen): a total of 10 people.

We have a few volunteer spots left and ask that you check your calendars to see if you can help in these remaining roles:

Evening activity hosts 7-9 pm
(to visit with families and play with the children)
Friday, April 15th - need 1 more person
Saturday, April 16th - need 2 people

Overnight hosts 9 pm-6:30 am
(to stay overnight - beds provided)
Saturday, April 16th - need one more person

Please contact Jen Peterson as soon as possible if you are able to fill any of these spots. If you have any questions, or would like to become a volunteer, please contact Jen Peterson at [918-397-7779](tel:918-397-7779) or jenrpet1971@gmail.com.

Prayer for the Selection of our New Rector

*Almighty God, giver of every good gift:
Look graciously on your Church, and so
guide the minds of those who shall
choose a rector for this parish, that we
may receive a faithful pastor, who will
care for your people and equip us for
our ministries; through Jesus Christ our
Lord. Amen.*



Gratitude Note: For slow motion at St. Luke's Sunday morning with Ada and Glenn. Following the Children's Homily, four-year old Ada, was asked to carry the banner for the first time as the other children lined up for the procession to Children's Chapel. She was eager and focused though she had a hard time seeing where she was she was going because of the banner. Her steps were short and deliberate – it took her

forever to get down the aisle – but what a precious sight – we are all in love with Ada. Later in the service we had the offertory and choir anthem. I was busy getting ready up front and not watching the congregation. Then I went behind the Altar to signal the congregation to stand and the Ushers to come forward with the morning offering. That was when I saw that Glenn was one of the Ushers – holding an Alms Basin in one hand and his cane in the other. Slowly, ever so slowly, Glenn shuffled up the center aisle. Last year Glenn almost died and is still battling to regain his health – what a faithful and determined sight. Ada and Glenn – an eighty-year difference – similar in speed – equally inspiring. I love this church! Thanks be to God!

Gratitude Note: For seeing Church twice on Sunday. Of course we continued the celebration of the Easter Season at St. Luke's with the Holy Eucharist. How good it was to be together to sing, pray, listen, hug, give, receive – eat and drink together – to be the church as followers of the Risen One. Then it happened again at 3:00 with Steve, Steve, Steve, Jim, David, Scott, Ethan, Kyle and myself. We were the set-up team for Family Promise. We have some practice now after several weeks of hosting the homeless families. It took about an hour – what a delightful time. We were ready for the three single Mothers and their seven children. The scene continued that evening – another experience of Church – that makes three. When I went back to welcome the three families, two volunteers had provided a healthy meal for the families – and were enjoying our guests. Before I left, the evening volunteer hosts arrived – a new family to our parish. I love this Church! Thanks be to God!

Gratitude Note: For Beer, Brats and Bingo at St. Luke's. This has not happened yet, but I am looking forward to this fun event. In my “previous life” this would not have happened in church. Indeed, this would be unthinkable. Such restrictions worked for them and that is fine – for them. Personally, I like being in a church where the focus is more on having fun being together and raising money for Outreach while enjoying beer, brats and bingo – which of course does not make us any less Christian – or more. As of this morning (Monday), over seventy tickets have been sold. By the deadline on Wednesday I am sure we will be “sold out!” I am grateful for our Outreach Committee that plans these events that not only brings us together but also raises funds for ministries in our community that serve the less fortunate among us. Plus, we can invite our friends who have a negative view of “church” and let them experience what being Episcopal is like – or at least a taste of our life together. I love this Church! Thanks be to God!

Blessings,
Fr. Lee+

HAPPY HOUR, THURSDAY APRIL 14, 5:30PM

Have you ever noticed how joyful Thursdays can be? We're past the hump of the week, but not yet to Friday, creating a palpable excitement of anticipation. And yet, we have no arena in which to emote this glee...until now. That's right folks, this Thursday, April 14 we are gathering together in celebration of Thursdays everywhere! Beginning at 5:30 pm, we will meet at **Sterling's** with jubilant hearts eager to share our Thursday joys. So come, stay for a few, maybe an hour, and be happy. We'll call it...*Happy Hour*.

Weekly Activity Calendar

Sunday, April 17, 2016

8:00am Rite I
9:15am Sunday School Classes
10:30am Rite II
6:00pm “Beer, Brats & Bingo” Outreach Fundraiser, MH

Monday, April 18, 2016

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

Tuesday, April 19, 2016

10:00am Spiritual Discipline Group, Library

Wednesday, April 20, 2016

3:30pm Green Country Eucharist
6-8pm Young Disciples, RH
7:00pm Choir

Thursday, April 21, 2016

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

Friday, April 22, 2016

Saturday, April 23, 2016

Sunday, April 24, 2016

8:00am Rite I
9:15am Sunday School Classes
10:30am Rite II

Monday, April 25, 2016

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

RETIREMENT RECEPTION FOR LINDA CUBBAGE

**Tuesday, April 19 at the Bartlesville
Community Center in the
Lyon Gallery from 3:00 - 5:30 p.m.**

The Bartlesville Symphony Orchestra invites you to a reception honoring Linda Cabbage on her retirement after thirteen years as Development Director of the BSO.

This is a "come and go" event to thank Linda for all of her work over the years, and she would be very happy to see any who have worked with her at St. Luke's as well as at the Symphony and other civic events.

SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

Walt Gasior & Jim Liehr gave the following report at the 8:00 and 10:30 services Sunday, April 10:

The Rector Search Committee will be meeting with Canon José McLaughlin on April 26 and we are excited about beginning our work. Canon José will guide us in the process and let us know what we need to begin working on.

Walt and Jim also led each service in the “Prayer for the Selection of our New Rector”.

*Jim Liehr, Search Committee
Chairman*

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.) Shelly, Jacob, Charlie K., Amber, Dortha, Helen, Mary Lou, Sarah, Max, Ginny, Sandy, Linda, Emma, Joseph, Sue, Mark, Becky, Cory, Roy, Jean, D'Manuel, Matthew, Lisa, 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 contact the church office at 918-336-1212 or anbell@episcopalbartlesville.org.

CRAFTING OUR PRAYERS
 The women of Crafting Our Prayers are making pillow case dresses! These are little shift-type dresses that the little girls of the Uganda need for clothing. On April 20, we are going to begin at 9am and go as long as we need to (or want to) as we try to make 50 dresses to send off. There are some examples of these little dresses on the bulletin board. If you can wield a pair of scissors, sew a basic straight stitch on a machine, or press a hem, you can help us with the project. Please plan to join us on this day for fellowship and for using the gifts we have been given to make a difference. Everyone is welcome to come, stay as long as you wish, help as much as you are able. For more information, contact Deacon Lauri at 918-766-2473 or lwatkins@episcopalbartlesville.org.

☀ Summer Dreams! ☀
 Time to mark your calendars for summer fun. **Wonderful Wacky Wednesdays** will take place again this summer as a fun, enrichment opportunity for the young members of our church family. Children, ages 4 through 11, are invited to come each Wednesday afternoon from 3 - 5:30pm and enjoy activities around the theme of "Treasuring God's World." **WWW** will begin on June 15 and run through July 27. Mark your calendars for Wednesdays and watch for more details.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL SUMMARY

	March			March Year to Date		
	MTD Actual	MTD Budget	Variance (unfav.)	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Variance (unfav.)
Income						
Pledge Payments	30,768	32,083	(1,315)	117,404	96,250	21,154
Non-Pledge Payments	1,690	2,250	(560)	5,700	6,750	(1,050)
Other Income	748	942	(194)	4,414	4,360	54
Total Income	33,206	35,275	(2,070)	127,518	107,360	20,158
Expenses	41,449	41,472	23	107,903	122,406	14,503
NET INCOME/LOSS	(8,243)	(6,197)	(2,046)	19,616	(15,045)	34,661

THE GREAT GROUT CLEANUP

You've probably noticed after last year's professional floor cleaning that the quarry tiles in the main hallway and kitchen looked great, but the grout still looked dirty. The flooring pros could not budge the grout crud, which is primarily soaked-in floor wax. We've tried several super-strength floor cleaners as well as paint remover, acids and wire brushes. But nothing we found could clean the unsightly gunk from the grout.

But there is a solution. Check out the improvement in this photo. →

The improvement is made with the use of grout paint. It has been tested for durability over a period of several months and it works! We now need a few extra hands (and knees) to speed up the process of getting the job done.



If you'd like to help out from **9 a.m.-12pm Saturday, April 30** contact Dan Droege at 918-331-7936 or DBDComm@aol.com. A lunch of pizza and beer or soda will be your reward. Dan will provide both written and in-person instruction.

Introducing...!!

ST. LUKE'S NEW STAFF MEMBER

Erin Perry is to be our new Coordinator of Children's Education. You will be seeing her around more and more. Erin is a recent member of our parish, perhaps best known as mother of Sam and Emma! Her husband Travis can be found teaching in the Children's Chapel or golfing with Fr Sean, when he's not working at Phillips 66. Erin comes with great experience for this job. She spent many years as an elementary teacher, but now owns a sweet clothing shop downtown (Curbside Closet). Her educational expertise and organizational abilities, along with her love for this church, make her right for this job. Erin is shadowing Lauri Watkins at this time, but will take over full time on June 1.

SUMMER CAMP AT ST. CRISPIN'S!



One of my favorite memories from childhood is summer camp! St. Crispin's Summer Camp is filling up with eager kids ready to have an experience that they too won't forget. If you have a child going into 1st grade through graduating seniors this is something for you to consider! Visit WWW.STCRISPINS.EPIOK.ORG/SUMMER or contact Lauri Watkins, or Erin Perry for more details.

Erin Perry, Coordinator of Children's Education (in training!)



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LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE 4/17/16 through 4/24/16

Volunteers: Please make your own substitutions.

Acolytes
April 17
Servers
 Nick Olsen, Greta Olsen
Torchbearers
 Kyle Peterson, Charlie Olsen
April 24
Servers
 Michael McElyea,
 Spencer Heald

Scripture Lessons for
Sunday, April 17
 Acts 9:36-43; Psalm 23; Revelation
 7:9-17; John 10:22-30
Music for Sunday, April 17
 #523 – "Glorious Things of Thee
 Are Spoken"
 #478 (text) – "Jesus, Our
 Mighty Lord, Our Strength in
 Sadness"
 #343 – "Shepherd of Souls"
 #664 – "My Shepherd Will
 Supply My Need"
 #494 – "Crown Him With Many
 Crowns"

Greeters
Sunday, April 17
8:00am
*Volunteer needed**
10:30am
 Steve & Maureen Forsythe
 Carol Murphy
Sunday, April 24
8:00am
 Sally Canfield
10:30am
 D. J. & Jerry Nezam
 (*To volunteer, contact
 Wendy Hall, 918-333-3541)

Ushers
Sunday, April 17
8:00am
 Michael Kemp, Dean Zervas
10:30am
 Glenn Bonner, Steve Clark
Sunday, April 24
8:00am
 Robert Babcock, Dean Zervas
10:30am
 Grim Grillot, Max McCreary

Layreaders
Sunday, April 17
8:00am
 Jim Grillot, Kate Carroll
10:30am
 Lauren Green, Judy Currey
 Nick Conner, Juanita Green
Sunday, April 24
8:00am
 Nick Conner, Jeff Birk
10:30am
 Carol Murphy, Juanita Green
 Kate Carroll, Penny Williams

Coffee Fellowship Hour
April 17
 Rita Childers
April 24
 Carol Murphy
 To volunteer, 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, you may
 contact Melinda Wesneski,
 918-333-7758 or
mcwesne@gmail.com.

Children's Chapel
April 17
 Becky & Brian Olsen
April 24
 Jeanne Julstrom, Travis Sutton
May 1
 Heather Boyle, Bob Tedstrom

Nursery Volunteers
April 17
 Barbara Todd
April 24
 Anneke Borg
May 1
 Elizabeth Boyle

Bereavement Committee
Team 3
 Wendy Hall, Connie Freebern,
 Glenda Garrison,
 Gretchen Hoyt, Becky Liehr,
 Carol Murphy

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
2nd Thursday,
April 14, 2016
9-11am
 Jeanne Julstrom,
 John McCollum
10:45am-1pm
 Kris Bonner, Rita Childers,
 Becky Liehr, Kathy Zervas,
 Marcia Zervas
1-2:45pm
 Melinda Droege,
 Miriam Petrovich

Sunday Plate Counters
April 17
 Steve Clark
April 24
 Jim Grillot, Jim Malone
May 1
 Amy Borg