



The Steeple

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DISCIPLESHIP FORUM BEGINS 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

Co-Ed Cursillo, April 29-May 1, St. Crispin's Conference Center
ECW Bishop's Day & Annual Conference, St. Paul's Cathedral, OKC, Fri.-Sat., April 29-30
Great Grout Clean-Up, Sat., April 30, 9am-12pm (see "Steve's Stuff", pg. 3)

SEARCH COMMITTEE REPORT

Yesterday I learned that Canon José McLaughlin has been selected to stand for election as Bishop for the Western Diocese of North Carolina. Bishop Ed sent an e-mail to everyone on the Diocese e-mail list and it was also posted on Facebook so many are already aware of this. The Bishop selection process is lengthy and we do not know how long the process will take, and whether he will be elected. I am not surprised that he has been called. He is a man of great faith, character and integrity and would make a fine bishop.

I have not heard from Canon José and have every reason to believe that our meeting next week will still occur. What great timing and opportunity for us to meet with him. That way we will have an early understanding of where he is in his personal search process, and what impact, if any, it will have on our search process.

Please trust God and the process and Canon José's commitment to us. Continue to pray for our search process and also pray for Canon Jose as he makes his journey.

Jim Liehr, Chairman

HONORING THE CLASS OF 2016



Do you have a graduating senior this year? Our tradition at St. Luke's is to honor & recognize our High School Seniors on Youth Sunday, which is scheduled for Sunday, May 22 this year.

Please contact Lauri Watkins, 918-766-2473 or email her at lwatkins@episcopalbartlesville.org or the church office at 918-336-1212 or annbell@episcopalbartlesville.org so that your graduate may be recognized on this most important occasion in their lives. Thank you!

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.



What a week! Family Promise blessed us and was blessed by us, Beer/Brats/Bingo was a huge success, a Prism of Christ was honored, a new Christian

Education Coordinator was named, just to name a few. We're so blessed here at St. Luke's with multiple ministries and opportunities for 'doing'; but that's not all we are. We are also blessed by encountering our 'being' here. We have spirituality classes, bible studies, youth programs, four Eucharist services a week—all containing a genuine desire to discover our faith in deeper and more meaningful ways alongside one another in community. Because that's what we are: the Community of God.

I have been here for a little under ten months now and I have never, in all my years as an Episcopalian and a Christian, encountered a group more dedicated to public and liturgical service in the name of God. You amaze me and I am humbled to be among you. Having said that, there are still new ways in which we can continue to stretch ourselves in the pursuit of stronger faith. Cursillo is quickly approaching on April 28-30. This weekend offers an approach to faith that reinvigorates and revitalizes it's already deeply spiritual people. Please contact me or Fr. Lee for more details on how to attend.

Next, we are starting a new class between services that will provide information about the Episcopal Church and all things that make you go hmmm... Why do we have red doors? Where do we come from? How many of us are there? And so much more. Please come to the first class and say what you'd like to know; we'll spend the rest of the summer exploring our beautiful denomination and our heritage.

And for the kids? St. Crispin's Camp offers a wide variety of week-long escapes for them to explore their faith and grow into stronger versions of themselves. Also, beginning soon we will have wild and wacky Wednesdays, a fun way for the them to seek God on their level.

No matter what you're looking for, chances are you can find it here at St. Luke's. I look forward to seeing you at one or all of these things listed above in the next few months. Until then, be well and know that you are loved.

Fr. Sean +

FORRRRRRRREEEE...!

As many of you know, I was tasked with coordinating a golf tournament for Bishop Ed; this weekend sees that task completed. As of right now we have twenty eight teams (112 golfers), and have raised over \$18,000 toward St. Crispin's Camp! St. Luke's was a huge part in this endeavor, sending three teams and sponsoring a tee box at the event. Thanks for your support!!!! If you'd like to play or support this tournament, there's still time. Just contact me anytime this week.

Thank you, again.

Sean+

Weekly Activity Calendar
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
Tuesday, April 26, 2016
 10:00am Spiritual Discipline Group, Library
Wednesday, April 27, 2016
 6-8pm Young Disciples, RH
 7:00pm Choir
Thursday, April 28, 2016
 6:45am Men's Fellowship, MH
 12:00pm Holy Eucharist
Friday, April 29, 2016
 4/29-30 ECW Annual Conference & Bishop's Day, OKC
Saturday, April 30, 2016
 1-3pm Martha's Task "Purse-N-Ali-Tea" Fundraiser, MH
Sunday, May 1, 2016
 8:00am Rite I
 9:15am Sunday School Classes
 10:30am Rite II
Monday, May 2, 2016
 9:30am Church Staff Mtg.
 5:30pm Holy Eucharist

RETIREMENT RECEPTION CANCELLED

The retirement reception scheduled for Tuesday, April 19 at the Community Center for Linda Cabbage was cancelled. However, if you would like to send retirement wishes to Linda, you may write her at 2325 Windsor Way, Bartlesville, OK 74006. She would love to hear from you.

With Sympathy

Sympathy and prayers to The Rev. Kay Boman-Harvey whose husband, Ken Harvey, died unexpectedly Sunday, April 17. Kay serves as Deacon at All Saints in Miami. Funeral services for Mr. Harvey are 11am, Sat., April 23, outdoors, at All Saints' Episcopal Church, 225 B Street NW, Miami, OK 74354.

FOR YOUR CALENDARS

Upcoming Sunday School and Children's Chapel Schedule:

Sunday School will continue through the month of May. Our last day for this school year will be May 22. All classes will meet as usual, beginning at 9:15. On May 15, Pentecost, we will have an all-ages Pentecost party during the Sunday School hour. Parents are invited to attend. May 22 will be the last day of Sunday School for this school year. Sunday School classes will take up with the beginning of public school in August.

Children's Chapel will continue through the summer months. In order to give our chapel volunteers a break, we are looking for volunteers who would like to lead Children's Chapel once or twice in the months of June and July. The training is short and simple. Lessons are planned and are walk-in ready. Please let Erin Perry or Deacon Lauri know if you can help us out in the summer. We need two volunteers for each Sunday. Children's Chapel happens during the second service from the Children's Homily through the Peace.

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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.) Camilla, Natalie, Glenn, Tracy, Devin, Bob, Linda, Shelly, Jacob, Charlie K., Amber, Dortha, Helen, Sarah, Max, Linda, Emma, Joseph, Sue, Mark, Becky, Cory, Roy, Jean, 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 annbell@episcopalbartlesville.org.

ST CRISPIN'S SUMMER CAMP IS FILLING UP! HERE IS THE LIST OF DATES FOR EACH SESSION...

June 10 - 11: ABC Camp (1st - 3rd graders, with parents)

June 12 - 18: Senior High (10th grade - high school graduates)

June 19 - 25: Intermediate Session 1 (4th - 6th graders)

June 26 - July 2: Junior High Session 1 (7th - 9th graders)

July 3 - 9: All Ages (4th grade -high school graduates)

July 10 - 16: Intermediate Session 2 (4th - 6th graders)

July 17 - 23: Junior High Session 2 (7th - 9th graders)

Intermediate Session 1 is filling up for girls! Jr. High Session 1 is also filling up for girls. They are also in need of Medical Volunteers. If you are a RN, PA or MD and can volunteer your time at one of the sessions....you can send a child to camp for free! Please contact Daniel at St. Crispin's for more info. Don't waste any more time!! Sign your kids up for a week of comradery, spirituality, and just plain FUN!

WILD WACKY WEDNESDAYS!!!

Wednesdays just got wild and wacky....well starting June 15! Mark your calendars for each Wednesday from 3-5:30 for W.W.W. We have started planning and we are excited to have a 7 week session of God's Creations! If you are 4-11 years of age and you enjoy being outside, making cool nature treasures, singing and snacking...then you better not miss this! Keep an eye out for more details concerning W.W.W.

FAMILY PROMISE RECAP

Another week of Family Promise has been accomplished. 4 families, which included 4 mamas, 5 children under the age of 3, and 3 other children were housed and fed under our roof for a week. Many, many volunteers helped pull off our support for these sweet families. We were blessed with a wide variety of needs and gifts this last week. We needed 4 cribs/pack and plays! We needed 4 high chairs! We used 2 rocking chairs. We had a small invasion of ants, much to the mothers' concern--so we needed immediate eradication of insects. We needed lots of help during the dinner hours--feeding, wiping up, helping busy mothers. We used the nursery more than it has ever been used. Our 14 year old received a thoughtful gift of make up from one of our members and spent happy hours in our lovely women's restroom in front of that gorgeous mirror. We celebrated a birthday with presents and cake and ice cream. We took a few of our guests to the Caney Zoo for a fun outing on Saturday.

Here are some quotes I heard from our guests this week.

- "I didn't want to sleep in churches, but the people are so nice that it works."
- "Thank you for all that has been done. We feel hopeful."
- "I didn't know where to start. You gave me some space to figure it out."
- "I feel safe here."

It isn't the food or the beds, the temporary rooms or the place to be. It isn't the nursery or the kitchen. It is the people who come and care for our brothers and sisters in need. It is you, talking to our guests, giving your hearts and your hands, giving up time and talent, that is making the difference. Right now we have two ladies with jobs who will soon be out of the program, one who just arrived, trying to make sense of her life, but determined to re-enter the working world, and a mama with three small babies who needs time to recover from childbirth while she makes plans for the rest of her life. All four women are so determined to make their life livable. All four need this space and time from us.

Thank you. From the depths of my being, I thank you for all that you have done to make this week possible for them. Without this program they would be on the streets, living with their children in a car, or stuck in an abusive, dangerous relationship, without hope. You have made a visible difference in their lives.

Lauri Watkins

BENEFIT CONCERT FOR FAMILY PROMISE

All are invited to a benefit for the Family Promise Program. Christian Contemporary Artist Melinda McGlasson will be in concert Friday, April 22 at 7:00pm at Oklahoma Wesleyan University, 2201 Silver Lake Rd. Donations will be taken with all proceeds benefitting Family Promise of Washington County.



The NW door to Metcalf Hall has been installed and finished and is quite beautiful, if I do say so. I intend for the painting and staining to be the example for what we can do with the rest of the exterior church doors. The approach will be to get an estimate on refurbishing each door or set of doors and then go about finding the funds to accomplish the work.

Big thanks to Steve Clark who helped me clean out the 819 and 821 garage storage areas. Additional thanks to Steve and Jim Liehr who hauled off the junk. As soon as some cleaning occurs, the garages will be ready for storage of larger Twice Blessed items. Please help keep the areas organized and useful.

The list to help with the Great Grout Cleanup kick off effort on April 30 is still short, but I am sure many of you are rearranging your schedules to be a part of this effort to beautify our church floors! Please call Dan Droegge at 918-331-7936 to be involved.

Great effort from Kathy Zervas and the Young Disciples in spreading mulch around the church shrubbery last week.

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LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE 4/24/16 through 5/1/16

Volunteers: Please make your own substitutions.

Acolytes
April 24
Servers
 Michael McElyea,
 Spencer Heald
May 1
Servers
 Anneke Borg, Harald Borg
Torchbearers
 Kimaya Kindred, Emma Boyle

Scripture Lessons for
Sunday, April 24
 Acts 11:1-18; Psalm 148;
 Revelation 21:1-6; John 13:31-35
Music for Sunday, April 24
 #410 – "Praise, My Soul, the King
 of Heaven"
 "The Word of God"
 #335 – "I Am the Bread of Life"
 #473 – "Lift High the Cross"

Greeters
Sunday, April 24
8:00am
 Sally Canfield
10:30am
 D. J. & Jerry Nezam
Sunday, May 1
8:00am
 Don Davidson
10:30am
 Glenn & Thelma Blackburn
 (*To volunteer, contact
 Wendy Hall, 918-333-3541)

Ushers
Sunday, April 24
8:00am
 Robert Babcock, Dean Zervas
10:30am
 Jim Grillot, Max McCreary
Sunday, May 1
8:00am
 Ace Gardner, Dean Zervas
10:30am
 Jim Malone, Tim Simmons

Layreaders
Sunday, April 24
8:00am
 Nick Conner, Jeff Birk
10:30am
 Carol Murphy, Juanita Green
 Kate Carroll, Penny Williams
Sunday, May 1
8:00am
 Darian Kedy, Judy Currey
10:30am
 Penny Williams, Bob Wesneski
 Lauren Green, Kate Carroll

Coffee Fellowship Hour
April 24
 Carol Murphy
May 1
*Volunteer needed**
**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 24
 Jeanne Julstrom, Travis Sutton
May 1
 Heather Boyle, Bob Tedstrom
May 8
 Erin & Travis Perry

Nursery Volunteers
April 24
 Anneke Borg
May 1
 Elizabeth Boyle
May 8
 Natalie Conner

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
1-2:45pm
Sundays at 10am.
 Thank you!

Agape Mission
4th Thursday,
April 28, 2016
9-11am
 Fr. Lee Stephens, Jim Liehr
10:45am-1pm
 Jeff Birk, Molly Ferguson,
 Glenda Garrison, Darian Kedy,
 Jen Peterson
1-2:45pm
 Carol Murphy,
 Radomir Petrovich

Sunday Plate Counters
April 24
 Jim Grillot, Jim Malone
May 1
 Amy Borg
May 8
 Jim Malone