



The Steeple

St. Luke's Episcopal Church
 210 SE Ninth St., Bartlesville, Oklahoma 74003
www.episcopalbartlesville.org

Volume XX, Number 16

April 27, 2016

WONDERFUL WACKY WEDNESDAYS!

THINGS TO KNOW:

- WWW is our version of Vacation Bible School.
- WWW allows our children to experience God and church in a loving, nurturing, fun, experiential environment.
- WWW is for all children from 4 years of age through fifth grade (just finished fifth grade). Youth who would like to be involved are welcomed with open arms as helpers!
- WWW meets Wednesdays from 3:00 to 5:30 from June 15 through July 27.
- WWW provides transportation to the church and to all events off site. Parents will need to pick up their children at 5:30.
- WWW needs volunteers now. We need people to provide snacks, help with games, help with projects, help in the nursery, tell stories. Let us know if you want to help.
- WWW registration slips are available in the narthex, in the church office and online [here](#).
- WWW leaders are Erin Perry erinperry@episcopalbartlesville.org and Lauri Watkins lwatkins@episcopalbartlesville.org. Call 918-766-2473 for more information.

INSIDE THIS ISSUE...

Weekly Calendar	2
From the Curate	2
St. Crispin's Summer Camp	2
Joyful Noise Ringers	3
With Sympathy	3
Diocesan Men's Retreat	3
Turn Out the Lights...!	3
Grout Clean-up Postponed	3
St. Luke's Prayer List	3
Lay Ministry Schedules	4



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

Mother's Day, Sunday, May 8

Pentecost Sunday, May 15

Senior Recognition/Youth Sunday, May 22

BEING SAFE, STAYING SAFE

The church is sanctuary for all of us, but most especially for our littlest ones. They are safe here, this is family in the best sense of the word, and they are each cherished. In order to keep them safe, and to protect the adults that care for them, we care for them with 2 adults in the room at all times. If you are a Sunday School teacher, a nursery worker, a Children's Chapel leader, or a WWW volunteer, it is imperative that you have another adult with you--no matter how many children are in your care. Please get help or let someone know if your assigned helper doesn't show up. We have been a little relaxed about this most important guideline recently. Let's do all we can to protect our sweet little children who are so trustingly put in our care.

Deacon Lauri Watkins



*A Word From
Fr. Sean*

I recently had a conversation about 'mountain top' experiences. In it, two friends were preparing Nicole and I for what is meant to be a spiritual weekend—this coming Cursillo

weekend as a matter of reference. Midway through our chat, one of them sat up straight, looked into our eyes and said, "...and if it's not a mountain top experience, that's okay, it will still be a worthwhile one. Try not to expect anything in particular." That struck something deep within me: How we encounter God and how God encounters us are nearly always unexpected, and absolutely always meaningful in some way or another.

Some of the spiritual valleys in my life have proved to be more edifying and faith building than many of the peaks. With a peak, I'm left looking out over the edge at another peak wondering how I'll get over there, next. Yes, I breathe in God's grace and feel filled in those moments. Yes, I am able to clear my mind and thank God with a light heart, and I am glad. But inevitably I have to look down to see the way. The abyss calls to me saying, "You will have to come down eventually, and I'll be waiting." Initially in my faith walk, I thought that was the dark calling out, a haunting echo of the ghost of future woes reaching up to drag me down again—seemingly down and away from God. But more recently, I have come to recognize that voice as the voice of God. While God sends me up the mountain to breathe fresh air and have respite, I also know that God is patiently waiting for me when He knows I'll need him most, when I descend the mountain and venture into the unknown again.

It's the entire journey—not just the 'highs'—that define us as God's people. I'm thankful for the respite God provides, but I'm increasingly aware how thankful I am for the laborious moments God uses in my life to make me stronger. How have you experienced your highs and lows? Are you able to hear God when you're in the dark? Do you remember to thank Him when you're on top of the world? And when you're walking alongside in the thin spaces, are you able to stop and appreciate the gentle conversation of formation as God molds you into a better version of yourself?

Many changes will come to this place, soon. I hope that, above all else we experience within those changes, we are able to hear and hold to the voice of God in them. I look forward to this weekend; I could use the rest. But I look forward to the challenge life brings, as well, with full hope as it arises. As De Sales said, "The same God who loves you today, will take care of you then and every day." Enjoy the peaks. Be strong in the valleys. God can be found in both, and all will be well.

Sean,



Weekly Activity Calendar

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

Tuesday, May 3, 2016
10:00am Spiritual Discipline Group,
Library

Wednesday, May 4, 2016
6-8pm Young Disciples, RH
7:00pm Choir

Thursday, May 5, 2016
6:45am Men's Fellowship, MH
12:00pm Holy Eucharist

Friday, May 6, 2016

Saturday, May 7, 2016

Sunday, May 8, 2016 *Mother's Day*
8:00am Rite I
9:15am Sunday School Classes
10:30am Rite II

Monday, May 9, 2016
9:30am Church Staff Mtg.
5:30pm Holy Eucharist
7:15pm Vestry Mtg.



St. Crispin's Summer Camp!

Summer will be over before you know it. When you get back to school, you don't want to be one of the people who just sat around the house all summer. You can only watch so many episodes of a show on Netflix. Be someone who has something AWESOME to talk about when summer is over. St. Crispin's Summer Camp is that! Enroll today to make sure you're lined up to have a great summer!

<https://stcrispins.campmanagement.com/enroll>

Daniel Chapman, Camp Director

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, 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.

THE 2016 DIOCESAN MEN'S RETREAT St Crispin's Conference Center, May 5 - 7

This annual event will begin
with dinner at 6:00 p.m. on
Thursday, May 5 with
fellowship, study and worship,
and conclude with our final
session on Saturday morning,
giving you the majority on the
weekend for more worldly
endeavors, family and worship.

[Click here to download the
registration form!](#) Please feel
free to contact Bob Baker at
(918) 688-7777 or
baker111@tulsacoxmail.com
with any questions.



With Sympathy

Sympathy and prayers to
family and friends of *Charlie K.*
Lowe, longtime member of St.
Luke's, who died in Tulsa on
Thursday, April 21. Funeral
services for Charlie K. will be at
St. Luke's on Saturday April 30
at 10am.

Joyful Noise Ringers



Our Joyful Noise Ringers are getting ready to ring a special song for the Children's Homily on Sunday, May 15. We practice each Sunday morning from 9:15 – 9:30. Hope to see lots of *Joyful Noise Children* practicing for this special gift of music! (*Who is a "Joyful Noise Ringer"? Any child who comes to Sunday School in time to have fun with music – see the time above!)

TURN OUT THE LIGHTS...!

You might be familiar with the old song by Willie Nelson...



*Turn out the lights the party's over
They say that all good things must end
Let's call it a night the party's over
And tomorrow starts the same old thing again...*



So.....the next time YOU are the last to leave the building, remember these lyrics, and please...Turn out the lights, lock the doors and say goodnight! In recent weeks, we have noticed that the lights in the hallways, classrooms, etc., have been left on all night. If you are the last to leave, please make sure all the lights are off and doors locked. Your efforts will be very much appreciated!

Steve Forsythe, Parish Administrator
sforsythe@episcopalbartlesville.org

GROUT CLEAN-UP POSTPONED

The Great Grout Clean-up that was scheduled for this Saturday, April 30 has been **postponed** due to scheduling conflicts. Please watch for the new date in "The Steeple" newsletter. We hope to have a good number of volunteers lined up, so if you are interested in helping with this project, contact Dan Droege at DBDComm@aol.com or Steve Forsythe, sforsythe@episcopalbartlesville.org. Thank you!

New Rector Search Committee

The Committee was scheduled to have our first meeting with Canon José McLaughlin on April 26. However, we decided to reschedule the meeting on May 5 due to possible dangerous storm warnings. We are eager to get started, but safety must be first!
Jim Liehr, Chairman

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.



St. Luke's Episcopal Church
210 East 9th Street
Bartlesville, Oklahoma 74003
 (Return Service Requested)
<http://www.episcopalbartlesville.org/>

The Rev. Dr. T. Lee Stephens, Rector (leestephens@episcopalbartlesville.org)
 The Rev. Sean Ekberg, Assoc. to the Rector (seanekberg@episcopalbartlesville.org)
 The Rev. Douglas Freebern, Deacon (dffreebern@yahoo.com)
 The Rev. Lauri Watkins, Deacon (lwatkins@episcopalbartlesville.org)
 The Rev. Mike Watkins, Deacon (mike.watkins@sbcglobal.net)
 In an Emergency, call 918-397-3683, 580-977-4969, 918-766-2473 or 918-914-0525
 Ann Bell, Parish Secretary (annbell@episcopalbartlesville.org)
 Steve Forsythe, Parish Administrator (sforsythe@episcopalbartlesville.org)
 Dolores McCreary, Organist/Choir Director (dolores@episcopalbartlesville.org)
 Erin Perry, Christian Educ. Dir. (erinperry@episcopalbartlesville.org)
 Kathy Zervas, Sr. Warden (kzerv@aol.com)
 Amy Borg, Jr. Warden (amy.a.borg@p66.com)
 Office Phone: 918-336-1212 Office Fax: 918-336-2557
 Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 8:30am-4:00pm, Fridays 8:30am-3:00pm
 Holy Eucharist: Sunday 8am & 10:30am; Monday 5:30pm, Thursday 12pm

"The Steeple" is a weekly publication of St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 210 SE 9th St., Bartlesville, OK 74003

LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE 5/1/16 through 5/8/16

Volunteers: Please make your own substitutions.

Acolytes
May 1
Servers
 Anneke Borg, Harald Borg
Torchbearers
 Kimaya Kindred, Emma Boyle
May 8
Servers
 David Wiseman, Grace Mitchell
Torchbearers
 Keaton Mitchell, Evan Mitchell

Scripture Lessons for
Sunday, May 1
 Acts 16:9-15; Psalm 67;
 Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5;
 John 14:23-29
Music for Sunday, May 1
 #518 – "Christ is Made the Sure Foundation"
 GATHER #71 – "Praise the god of All Creation"
 GATHER #336 – "'Now in This Banquet"
 #490 – "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"
 #390 – "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

Greeters
Sunday, May 1
8:00am
 Don Davidson
10:30am
 Glenn & Thelma Blackburn
Sunday, May 8
8:00am
 Don & Cheri Doty
10:30am
 Debbie & Dennis Mueggenborg
 (*To volunteer, contact Wendy Hall, 918-333-3541)

Ushers
Sunday, May 1
8:00am
 Ace Gardner, Dean Zervas
10:30am
 Jim Malone, Tim Simmons
Sunday, May 8
8:00am
 Ace Gardner, Michael Kemp
10:30am
 Glenn Blackburn, Brian Ferguson

Layreaders
Sunday, May 1
8:00am
 Darian Kedy, Judy Currey
10:30am
 Penny Williams, Bob Wesneski
 Lauren Green, Kate Carroll
Sunday, May 8
8:00am
 Scott Williams, Jim Grillot
10:30am
 Kate Carroll, Lynda Stephens
 Judy Currey, Nick Conner

Coffee Fellowship Hour
May 1
*Volunteer needed**
May 8
 Jim & Becky Liehr
 *To volunteer, 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
May 1
 Heather Boyle, Bob Tedstrom
May 8
 Erin & Travis Perry
May 15
 Becky & Brian Olsen

Nursery Volunteers
May 1
 Elizabeth Boyle
May 8
 Natalie Conner
May 15
 Barbara Todd

Bereavement Committee
Team 4
 Ada Grillot, Jo Baughman, Kris Bonner, Jen Peterson, Melinda Wesneski

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, 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
May 1
 Amy Borg
May 8
 Jim Malone
May 15
 Steve Clark