



The Steeple

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WONDERFUL WACKY WEDNESDAYS!

We have a few needs for WWW, our summer program for our children:

- ✓ First, we need **you**. There are many non-threatening, non time-consuming ways to help. Please contact Erin Perry, erinperry@episcopalbartlesville.org or Lauri Watkins, lwatkins@episcopalbartlesville.org if you can give a little time to our summer programs.
- ✓ Second, we need **2-liter pop bottles**--clear only, with lids. Those can be dropped off in the office, or handed to Lauri or Erin.
- ✓ Third, we need **corks**--like the kind that come off wine bottles. There will be a box in the office marked "corks" for your deposits.
- ✓ Fourth, and most important, we need your **children and grandchildren** on Wednesdays (**June 15-July 27**) from 3:00 to 5:30pm. The program is fun and a wonderful way for kids to be in touch with God and with each other. Registration forms are available in the office and on our website, www.episcopalbartlesville.org. Please get them filled out and turned in so we can firm up our plans.

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Important Dates To Remember

Mother's Day, Sunday, May 8
 Pentecost Sunday, May 15 (wear red!)
 Senior Recognition/Youth Sunday, May 22



ADULT DISCIPLESHIP FORUM 9:15am, Sundays, Metcalf Hall

If you've ever thought to yourself, "Self, I bet that shiny bowl looking thingy has a name...I wonder what it is", then you're in luck! This weekend between services we'll be offering an extensive vocabulary lesson followed by a three page exam on the names of everything in the Church! Okay. Maybe not a test and it probably won't be an extensive vocab lesson, but we WILL tell you the names of the stuff around the Church. It's just one step closer to understanding your Episcopal heritage. See you at 9:15!!

Fr. Sean+



Benchmarks on the journey came to mind in recent special events for me. What happens in between is important, but the benchmarks indicate something important in the moment.

That is what I experienced in Asheville, North Carolina with the marriage of Claire Rickards and Justin Hinson. Claire's parents are Tim and Kate Rickards, who were longtime members of St. Luke's, and Kate is the daughter of Fr. Bob and Anne Evans. That should make easy connections for anyone who has been around St. Luke's for very long.

Of course, the benchmark was for Claire and her wedding. She was ten years old when I arrived at St. Luke's and among the first Acolytes in my tenure. What a delight for me to see her grow up and then to be asked to be the Officiant for her wedding. On Wednesday I will be showing wedding pictures to Claire's Grandmother, Anne, at St. Simeon's Retirement Home and talking about that wonderful day. What a hoot that will be!

When Lynda and I returned, there was just enough time to finish planning Charlie K. Lowe's service – she died while we were gone. Gratefully, I had seen her twice recently. Just before Holy Week we went to Tulsa with Reserved Sacrament in hand – she always loved the Holy Eucharist. She was having a good day and we had a wonderful visit. Lynda and I went back to see her just before we left and it was obvious that she would not be with us much longer.

This of course was the final benchmark for Charlie before she made the transition. She was quite a character – one of kind – one of God's unique ones. I am grateful for the privilege of being her priest over the years. So, I shared in her benchmark right along with Lari, her daughter, and Jason, her son-in-law, and above all, her grandson, Tag. Indeed, Charlie left me a picture of Tag when I was holding him at his Baptism.

This weekend provided another benchmark – Cursillo for Fr. Sean and Nicole – reminding me of my Cursillo nineteen years ago. This special spiritual retreat becomes not only a wonderful memory, but also a part of us as we journey forward. It is hard to explain because Cursillo is an experience – a spiritual, and perhaps mystical, experience grounded right where we are in the journey with others. That is still true for me after all these years. Perhaps your Cursillo will be in August – I will be there again on team – along with Lynda, Fr. Sean and Nicole.

Benchmarks come in a variety of sizes and importance. We would do well to celebrate them. Meanwhile, all the stuff in between is also important. Sometimes I think the in between times can be even more important when we live with grateful hearts and are mindful of the people given to us in any given day – and aware of God's constant presence. Benchmarks are like starting a new chapter of our book knowing that each page is a gift to be experienced.

So, being back on Sunday was normal – not ordinary – wonderful – while not extraordinary. Being back in our Community of Faith and seeing everyone and sharing in the Sixth Sunday of Easter – celebrating the Holy Eucharist – it is all good stuff and gives me great delight and spiritual energy moving forward.

Where are you with your life benchmarks and the stuff of your everyday life? Know that God is with you – and so are a lot of folks who care about you.

Blessings,
Fr. Lee+

Weekly Activity Calendar

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.

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

Wednesday, May 11, 2016
 6-8pm Young Disciples, RH
 7:00pm Choir

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

Friday, May 13, 2016

Saturday, May 14, 2016

Sunday, May 15, 2016 *Pentecost*
 8:00am Rite I
 9:15am Sunday School Classes
 10:30am Rite II

Monday, May 16, 2016
 9:30am Church Staff Mtg.
 5:30pm Holy Eucharist

Tuesday Spiritual Discipline Group

Hope As Old As Fire
By Bishop Steven Charleston



The meditation resource for the Tuesday Discipline Group for the summer is Steven Charleston's "Spiritual Diary,"

Hope As Old As Fire. These are daily Facebook posts from 2011 which were combined to make a very popular book and enjoyed by many people. The Tuesday Group (10:00 in the Library) will be using Bishop Charleston's book for daily meditations and for sharing each week. This will allow people to come and go through the summer and yet have brief reflections for each day to nurture our spirituality. The group is open to anyone desiring to grow in his or her spiritual life. If you have questions, call or write Fr. Lee.

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.)

Jim, 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 the church office at
918-336-1212 or

annbell@episcopalbartlesville.org.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED MAY FRIENDSHIP DAY

"Finding Grace at the Table"
will be the theme for the annual
Church Women United May
Fellowship Day of Celebration.
The event begins at 11 a.m.
Friday, May 6, at St. James
Catholic Church, 5500 Douglas
Lane with a potluck luncheon.
Fr. Lee Stephens will conduct
the celebration service, and
Maurice McCorvy of Westside
Center, will be a guest speaker.

Another feature of May
Fellowship Day is the collection
of the "Fellowship of the Least
Coin", a symbolic measure of
concern and prayer for justice,
peace, and reconciliation. The
prayers offered and the least
coins collected support projects
for women and the children
around the world. For more
information, contact Thelma
Blackburn, 918-333-7902.



CRAFTING OUR PRAYERS

The ladies of Crafting Our Prayers are continuing to sew
sundresses for the little girls in Africa. We plan to make
25 more dresses on May 20, beginning at 9:00. If you
have time and a sharp pair of scissors, we need you to
cut some out for us before that day so we can sew
quickly. If you are interested in helping, contact
Lauri Watkins at lwatkins@episcopalbartlesville.org or
918-766-2473. The fabric and pattern will be provided for you. We
could use extra trim and double fold bias tape, if you have some on
hand.



JOYFUL NOISE RINGERS!



We're almost ready (or some of us are!) to ring the handbells
to accompany the Choir on Sunday, May 15th. If you plan
to ring with us you **MUST** be here Sunday, May 8th to
practice with us - 9:15 a.m. right before Sunday School. Hope
to see our wonderful JOYFUL NOISE CHILDREN*

*(All children who come to Sunday School)

THANK YOU

Many, many thanks to Jim Hess and 5th and Shawnee Discount Liquor
for their longtime contribution to St. Luke's of our communion wine.

Pentecost

Sunday, May 15

Sunday, May 15, is the Day of Pentecost, which marks the day when the
Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles. Pentecost Sunday occurs 50 days
after Easter and is also known as "the birthday of the Church". Pentecost
launched the large-scale spreading of the Gospel after Jesus' ascension.
Pentecost is represented with the color red, which symbolizes the fire of the
Holy Spirit. If you can, wear **RED** on Sunday, May 15!

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.



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LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE 5/8/16 through 5/15/16

Volunteers: Please make your own substitutions.

Acolytes
May 8
Servers
 David Wiseman, Grace Mitchell
Torchbearers
 Keaton Mitchell, Evan Mitchell
May 15
Servers
 Nick Olsen, Greta Olsen
Torchbearers
 Kyle Peterson, Charlie Olsen

Scripture Lessons for
Sunday, May 8
 Acts 16:16-34; Psalm 97;
 Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17,
 20-21; John 17:20-26
Music for Sunday, May 8
 #214 – "Hail the Day That Sees
 Him Rise"
 #515 – "Holy Ghost, Dispel Our
 Sadness"
 #305 – "Come, Risen Lord, and
 Deign to be Our Guest"
 #334 – "Praise the Lord, Rise Up
 Rejoicing"
 #477 – "All Praise to Thee, for
 Thou, O King Divine"

Greeters
Sunday, May 8
8:00am
 Don & Cheri Doty
10:30am
 Debbie & Dennis
 Mueggenborg
Sunday, May 22
8:00am
 Sally Canfield
10:30am
 D. J. & Jerry Nezam
 Jim & Nancy Warring

Ushers
Sunday, May 8
8:00am
 Ace Gardner, Michael Kemp
10:30am
 Glenn Blackburn,
 Brian Ferguson
Sunday, May 15
8:00am
 Michael Kemp, Dean Zervas
10:30am
 Glenn Bonner, Steve Clark

Layreaders
Sunday, May 8
8:00am
 Scott Williams, Jim Grillot
10:30am
 Kate Carroll, Lynda Stephens
 Judy Currey, Nick Conner
Sunday, May 15
8:00am
 Kate Carroll, Nick Conner
10:30am
 Lauren Green, Judy Currey
 Carol Murphy, Bob Wesneski

Coffee Fellowship Hour
May 8
 Jim & Becky Liehr
May 15
 Karen Lewey
May 22
 Senior Sunday

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 8
 Erin & Travis Perry
May 15
 Becky & Brian Olsen
May 22
 Jeanne Julstrom, Travis Sutton

Nursery Volunteers
May 8
 Natalie Conner
May 15
 Barbara Todd
May 22
 Anneke Borg

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
2nd Thursday,
May 12, 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
May 8
 Jim Malone
May 15
 Steve Clark
May 22
 Jim Grillot, Jim Malone