



The Steeple

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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!



Following is the schedule for the next few months
for our children and youth attending Sunday School:

- **May 15**--Pentecost Party! Starting promptly at 9:15, come to the Vestry Room for a celebration of this important day in our faith. Wear **RED**! Parents are welcome, also.
- **May 22**--Last day of regular Sunday School for the year. Junior High and Senior High will not meet, due to practice for Youth Sunday.
- **May 29**--No Sunday School
- **June 5**--Summer Sunday School begins at 9:15. Ages 4 through 5th grade will meet upstairs for a story and a guided activity time.
- **June 5-July 31**--Summer Sunday School sessions each Sunday at 9:15.
- **August 7 and 14**--no Sunday School
- **August 21**--Rally Day! Mark your calendars!

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Important Dates To Remember

Pentecost Sunday, May 15 (wear red!)

Senior Recognition/Youth Sunday, May 22 (see pg. 4)

Memorial Day, Monday, May 30, church office closed

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.

WONDERFUL WACKY WEDNESDAYS!

Plans are in full effect and Wednesdays will once again be Wild and Wacky! Starting June 15th from 3:00-5:30, our young disciples (any children between the ages 4-leaving fifth grade) will be enriched and enjoy the company of others as we learn about Our Earth's Treasures. In order to reserve your child's spot, please fill out a registration form located in the narthex or on a bulletin board in the hallway. We would also appreciate any empty clear 2-liter soda bottles for one of our activities. If you would like to be a volunteer for this fun event, please email Lauri or myself. Thank you!

~Erin Perry



A Christ Moment – Tonight at the Monday evening Holy Eucharist in the Chapel I had one of those moments and I have to talk about it. The end of last week Jennifer McKissick died at the age of 52. She touched countless lives during her journey with cancer. She was the founder of Hopestone – a wonderful organization supporting individuals and families dealing with cancer. Jennifer’s death is a huge loss, but Hopestone will no doubt continue – a remarkable legacy.

Meanwhile at the service on this cloudy, dark day we came to the Prayers of the People. Dan said the prayers as I knelt at the Altar Rail in front of a somewhat darkened window. The final prayer in a series of prayers is for people who have died and Jennifer McKissick’s name was said. At that very moment, the clouds parted and sunlight beamed through the window – which just happened to be the Resurrection window and the stained glass glowed with resurrection light! The sight took away my breath and at the same time filled me with Resurrection Hope. This was truly a Christ moment for me – a thin place. I just had to tell you about it.

Spontaneous Spirituality – I enjoyed discovering and then sharing the notion of “spontaneous spirituality” last Sunday. I could not have asked for better scriptures. The two episodes involving Paul and Silas just happened – and not in an especially good way. They certainly didn’t plan to heal the slave girl or convert the jailer. These things just happened when they had other plans and they responded rather naturally with spontaneous spirituality. The two stories are rather dramatic and interesting, but I could not help but marvel at responsive faith of Paul and Silas. I don’t know about you, but I want some of that for myself.

How does one live life day to day with a spontaneous spirituality? Actually, Jesus provided the way in the last part of his High Priestly Prayer which was on behalf of all future believers – meaning us. Jesus prayed that we would have the same relationship he had with God – to be one with God and each other.

Natural and consistent Spontaneous Spirituality isn’t an accident – I put this in bold because I think it is important – even necessary. We have all experienced glimpses or moments of “oneness” – of God’s profound presence. After all God is always present whether we are aware or not. And, we are “wired” to know and experience that Presence. However, living into spirituality calls for desire, openness, intentionality, discipline and trust. This process allows the Spirit of Christ and our spirits experience “oneness” with some level of consistency that is natural. I think this is what allows/empowers us to experience spontaneous spirituality.

I am still working on this personally. This process is transformative. Yet we don’t talk about it enough, much less live into it. Give it some thought. Even more, give it some prayer time – especially in silence.

Blessings,
Fr. Lee+

Weekly Activity Calendar

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, May 17, 2016

10:00am Spiritual Discipline Group,
Library

Wednesday, May 18, 2016

3:30pm Green Country Eucharist
7:00pm Choir

Thursday, May 19, 2016

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

Friday, May 20, 2016

9am-3pm Crafting Our Prayers,
Vestry Rm.

Saturday, May 21, 2016

Sunday, May 22, 2016

Senior Recognition Sunday

8:00am Rite I
9:15am Sunday School Classes
10:30am Rite II
12:00pm Reception honoring our
Graduating Seniors, MH

Monday, May 23, 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.

SAVE THE DATE FOR FAMILY PROMISE

June 12-19

Our next week to host Family Promise families here at St. Luke’s is June 12-19. Your opportunity to sign up to volunteer to help will begin this Sunday, May 15 following both services. If you have any questions, please contact Jen Peterson, jenr1971@gmail.com or 918-397-7779.

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.

STAMP OUT HUNGER FOOD DRIVE

This Saturday, May 14, the Post Office is collecting food as part of their "Stamp Out Hunger" food drive. 100% of the food collected will go to CONCERN. Help is needed by putting food out at your mail box on Saturday, and helping transfer food from the Post Office to CONCERN, or helping sort food at CONCERN as it arrives. If you have a pickup, van or SUV and can help move food from the Post Office to CONCERN, show up between 12:30 & 6:00 pm, we can put you to work. We also need help sorting items at CONCERN. If you can come between 2:45 & 6:00 it would be greatly appreciated. To sign up for a specific time or have questions, contact Jolly Rohrs, pantry@concerncares.com or 918-336-4693.

CRAFTING OUR PRAYERS

May 20! There has been a change in the date for our next meeting. We will meet on Friday, May 20, for a 9 to 3 workshop on dresses for our African girls. This is a change from Wednesday, May 18. Please be there at 9:00 to help us achieve our goal of making 25 dresses that day. We already have a bank of 15 dresses cut and ready for us to sew! If anyone would like to do some pre-cutting for us, we would welcome your help. The pattern is extremely simple to cut and we have lots of fabric to use. Contact Lauri Watkins 918-766-2473 for fabric and instructions.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL SUMMARY

	APRIL			APRIL YEAR TO DATE		
	MTD Actual	MTD Budget	Variance (unfav.)	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Variance (unfav.)
Income						
Pledge Payments	25,071	32,083	(7,012)	142,475	128,333	14,142
Non-Pledge Payments	1,966	2,250	(284)	7,666	9,000	(1,334)
Other Income	5,459	1,242	4,217	9,873	5,602	4,271
Total Income	32,496	35,575	(3,080)	160,014	142,935	17,078
Expenses	30,217	45,007	14,790	138,121	167,409	29,288
NET INCOME/LOSS	2,278	(9,432)	11,710	21,893	(24,474)	46,367

HAPPY HOUR

Thursday, May 12, 5:30pm, 2000 Glynnwood Dr.

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, May 12 we are gathering together in celebration of Thursdays everywhere! Beginning at 5:30 pm, we will meet at **the home of Rita Childers, 2000 Glynnwood Dr.** with jubilant hearts eager to share our Thursday joys. Drinks & snacks will be provided. Weather permitting, we will meet on the patio. So come, stay for a few, maybe an hour, and be happy. We'll call it...*Happy Hour*.

EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY (EfM)

Interested in church history, the bible, or theology? The EfM program goes a long way to addressing all these topics. In this study there is emphasis placed on working in community and seeing the hand of God in our lives.

EfM is an educational tool for equipping us to be ministers of Christ regardless of our walk of life. With the new EfM format people who have previously taken the program may re-enroll in desired terms. You do not need to start at the beginning.

Next term's class is forming and must be in place by the end of July. For information contact Lauri (lauri-watkins@sbcglobal.net; 918-766-2473) or Mike (mike.watkins@sbcglobal.net; 918-336-1430)

JEN PETERSON

ST. LUKE'S PRISM OF CHRIST FOR MAY

St. Luke's Vestry voted to recognize and thank Jen Peterson for who she is in Christ to us and for all she does for St. Luke's and our community. They see her as one of the "Prisms of Christ" and Christ's ministry in our midst. She was presented the Prism for May in the services last Sunday.

Jen and her family have only been members of St. Luke's for three years, but immediately became an active and vital part of our parish family. Jen became involved in our children's ministries and has engaged our children with Godly Play in Church School. She also served as a leader in Children's Chapel.

The Agape Mission is a ministry that won her heart. She has faithfully served the people who go there for a free lunch. She talks about the importance of this ministry for her – a tangible way of serving Christ while serving others.

Jen's leadership at St. Luke's with Family Promise has been amazing. She leads our coordinating team and is instrumental in recruiting and organizing our volunteers. She has done an incredible job working with the families, the Family Promise organization and dozens of volunteers. However, it not only the work she has done for this important ministry, but the spirit in which she has engaged and led this ministry. The love of Christ comes through in everything she says and does. The life of our parish family and the lives of many others have been enriched because of her personal gifts and ministry. We are grateful. St. Luke's is a better place and we are better people because of who Jen is – a "Prism of Christ's Ministry" for us all.

ST. LUKE'S SEARCH COMMITTEE PARISH UPDATE

The St. Luke's Search Committee met for 3 ½ hours on May 5th with Canon José McLouglin. The purpose of this meeting was to orient the committee to our role in calling a new rector for St. Luke's and the steps in the selection process. Canon Jose outlined a thorough and comprehensive plan based upon a tried and true process. As a result of this orientation meeting, the Search Committee is ready to do our work!

The work of our selection committee will fall into three basic categories:

1. The first is to gather information, perspectives and opinions so we can honestly and accurately describe St. Luke's – our strengths, areas for improvement, ministries, vision, and future needs. **This information gathering step in the process will be the most time consuming. The success of this work will depend upon the willing and active involvement of the St. Luke's family as your ideas, perspectives and opinions are key.**
2. The second step is to create a Parish Profile. It will be used to advertise the position and recruit interested and eligible candidates for St. Luke's. The Parish Profile describes
 - Who We Are
 - What We Want or Need in the Future
 - What We Will Offer a New Priest
 - What We Will Expect from a New Priest
3. The third category of work for the search committee will be to screen eligible candidates for consideration by the St. Luke's Vestry.

Once the top candidates have been identified, then the Vestry takes on the tasks of meeting and interviewing the candidates. The Vestry will make the decision about who to call to serve as the new priest for St. Luke's.

The Search Committee is committed to providing full and regular communications with the St. Luke's family throughout this process. We are committed to being as open, transparent and inclusive in our work as we are able with one exception. The one exception will be our need for strict privacy during the candidate screening, vestry interviewing and candidate calling steps.

The next meeting of the St. Luke's Search Committee will be on May 19th and we plan to meet weekly for the foreseeable future. We expect that after our next meeting, we will have lots more details about our communications plans and ways we will communicate with the St. Luke's family.

In the interim, feel free to contact Jim Liehr or any member of the search committee, if you have any questions or want to discuss any aspect of our work. And we also ask that you continue to pray for the search committee as we begin the discernment process for St. Luke's next rector.

Kris Bonner, Steve Clark, Diana Farris, Walt Gasior, Darian Kedy, Jim Liehr, Monica Martin

SENIOR SUNDAY, MAY 22

Our 2016 graduating seniors will be recognized at both the 8am & 10:30am services on Sunday, May 22. The Young Disciples youth group will also be assisting with lay leadership responsibilities during both services. Following the 10:30 service, there will be a reception in honor of our 2016 Graduates in Metcalf Hall. Join us in congratulating them at this special time in their lives.



Our 2016 Graduating Seniors are:

Anneke Borg, daughter of Amy Borg and Brad Borg
Elizabeth Boyle, daughter of Heather & Rob Boyle
Spencer Heald, son of Ellen & Randy Heald
Rachel Wade, daughter of Nancy & Jim Warring
David Wiseman, son of Robin & Wayne Wiseman





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LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE 5/15/16 through 5/22/16

Volunteers: Please make your own substitutions.

Acolytes
May 15
Servers
 Nick Olsen, Greta Olsen
Torchbearers
 Kyle Peterson, Charlie Olsen
May 22
Servers
 Spencer Heald, Ruth Todd

Scripture Lessons for
Sunday, May 15
 Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34,
 35b; Romans 8:14-17;
 John 14:8-17
Music for Sunday, May 15
 #225 – "Hail Thee, Festival Day"
 #508 – "Breathe On Me, Breath
 of God"
 #700 (text) – "O Love That Casts
 Out Fear"
 #493 – "O For a Thousand
 Tongues to Sing"

Greeters
Sunday, May 15
8:00am
 Monica Martin
10:30am
 Carol Murphy
 Maureen & Steve Forsythe
Sunday, May 22
8:00am
 Sally Canfield
10:30am
 D. J. & Jerry Nezam
 Jim & Nancy Warring

Ushers
Sunday, May 15
8:00am
 Michael Kemp, Dean Zervas
10:30am
 Glenn Bonner, Steve Clark
Sunday, May 22
8:00am
 Robert Babcock, Dean Zervas
10:30am
 Jim Grillot, Max McCreary

Layreaders
Sunday, May 15
8:00am
 Kate Carroll, Nick Conner
10:30am
 Lauren Green, Judy Currey
 Carol Murphy, Bob Wesneski
Sunday, May 22
8:00am
 Jeff Birk, Darian Kedy
10:30am
 Nick Conner, Carol Murphy
 Juanita Green, Lauren Green

Coffee Fellowship Hour
May 15
 Karen Lewey
May 22
 Senior Sunday
May 29
 Diana Farris

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 15
 Becky & Brian Olsen
May 22
 Jeanne Julstrom, Travis Sutton
May 29
 Heather Boyle, Bob Tedstrom

Nursery Volunteers
May 15
 Barbara Todd
May 22
 Anneke Borg
May 29
 Diana Crawford

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 15
 Steve Clark
May 22
 Jim Grillot, Jim Malone
May 29
 Jim Grillot