



The Steeple

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☀ Summer Sunday School ☀

Answering the question "Who is Jesus?" is an important part of a child's spiritual development. Summer Sunday School is exploring that this year, calling it "Knowing Jesus in a New Way." Stories, activities, reflection time, music, and snacks will be a part of what we do together. Bring your children or grandchildren at **9:15 every Sunday in June and July** for a special time together. We can always use youth helpers, too! We still need some adult helpers for this class. If you would give one hour of a summer Sunday to this, please contact Erin Perry at erinperry@episcopalbartlesville.org to fill in a slot. We need your help.

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Important Dates To Remember

NO Sunday School, Sun., May 29
Memorial Day, Monday, May 30, church office closed. Holy Eucharist celebrated at 5:30pm
Family Promise Families at St. Luke's, June 12-19 (see pg. 2)

W.W.W.

Wonderful Wacky Wednesdays are planned and ready to go! Now all we need are kids! Please sign up your child or grandchild for this unique experience in learning about God's beautiful world. We begin on June 15 with a trip to the Olsen's farm and a lesson on creek ecology, given by Steve Forsythe and Dan Droege--right in the middle of the creek! We will continue with stories, music, crafts, games, snacks, and outreach projects all through June and July on Wednesdays, 3:00-5:30 p.m. The time to register is NOW. Registration forms are available in the church office and online (www.episcopalbartlesville.org). Contact Erin Perry for details erinperry@episcopalbartlesville.org. Also, we are still in need of clear plastic 2-liter bottles for a fun project—Thanks!

SUMMER SCHEDULE FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

- **May 29** NO Sunday School
- **June 5 - July 31** Summer Sunday School for children ages 4 through 12. Theme: "Knowing Jesus in a New Way." 9:15 every Sunday.
- **June 15- July 20** Wonderful Wacky Wednesdays. Every Wednesday from 3:00-5:30.
- **July 27** All Parish pool party and potluck picnic. Watch for details!!!!
- **August 7 and 14** NO Sunday School
- **August 21** RALLY DAY! Mark your calendars!

Note: There are still a few slots open for summer camp at St. Crispin's. Join the fun and get signed up quickly.

W.W.W. Cookie Party!



Stop by Metcalf Hall **this Sunday, May 29** after the 10:30 service for a cookie and opportunity to sign up for W.W.W. Look for the balloons! 😊



Lynda and I just returned from a quick trip to Kansas City to see our grandchildren – especially Cayden, one of the Twins, before he heads off to a summer job near St. Louis. It is hard to believe they have finished their first year of college. Could I possibly be that old?

We returned to join in the celebration of Senior Sunday and hearing from four incredible Young Disciples who are graduating this Friday – Anneke, Elizabeth, David and Spencer. Each one shared with depth their faith journey – clearly from the heart. However, I was especially impressed and touched by the way they took time to be affirming of specific individuals who had blessed them on the way to graduation. One of them even went so far as to name each of the Young Disciples and sponsors and gave a brief statement why he or she was important to him. Amazingly, most of what they had to say wasn't about them, but affirmations of the people on the journey with them.

Even so one of the seniors reminded us – we are to be people like Jesus – “With Arms Wide Open” – and she pushed us further – that means including everyone – no one left out. These graduates will make a difference in whatever they do, but especially the people they will meet on the path.

I got to hear them twice and was touched both times. I meant it when I said, “You have made us a better church and made me a better priest.” Thank you.”

While we were away some of our folks experienced some significant challenges ranging from serious surgery, two broken hips, eye surgery and more. The staff kept me informed with each development and Fr. Sean and Deacons Doug, Lauri and Mike provided pastoral care. What a capable and compassionate staff. Now that I am back even more news has surfaced of difficult circumstances some of our friends are facing.

In preparation for an Agape Group, I read prayer/poem last week by Jack Levison in his book, 40 Days with the Holy Spirit. I realized this was a gift to my spirit and now I want to offer the prayer as gift to those who may need it.

Holy Spirit

I'm not asking to cause life or death to disappear
 Hardship or distress to vanish
 Persecution or peril to evaporate
 But you can settle fears with this soul of mine
 The panicked heart
 The anxious spirit

Holy Spirit

Banish the Unholy Spirit
 As real as you
 But unwelcome
 You can quiet my qualms
 Anxieties that dog my steps by day
 Forebodings that haunt me by night

Holy Spirit

I'm not asking you to cause death or life to disappear
 But to hearten me with the love of Christ
 With a love for Christ
 Amen.

Blessings,
 Fr. Lee+

Weekly Activity Calendar
Sunday, May 29, 2016
 8:00am Rite I
 9:15am Discipleship Forum, MH
 9:30am Choir Rehearsal
 10:30am Rite II
Monday, May 30, 2016
Memorial Day, Church Office Closed
 5:30pm Holy Eucharist
Tuesday, May 31, 2016
 10:00am Spiritual Discipline Group, Library
Wednesday, June 1, 2016
Thursday, June 2, 2016
 6:45am Men's Fellowship, MH
 12:00pm Holy Eucharist
Friday, June 3, 2016
Saturday, June 4, 2016
Sunday, June 5, 2016
 8:00am Rite I
 9:15am Sunday School Classes
 9:30am Choir Rehearsal
 10:30am Rite II
Monday, June 6, 2016
 9:30am Church Staff Mtg.
 5:30pm Holy Eucharist

Family Promise
Of Washington County, Oklahoma

**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 be after both services on Sunday. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Jen Peterson, 918-397-7779, or jenrpet1971@gmail.com.



Memorial Day remains one of America's most cherished patriotic observances. The spirit of this day has not changed - it remains a day to honor those who died defending our freedom and democracy.

Have a safe and happy holiday! The church office will be closed Monday, May 30; however, the Holy Eucharist will be celebrated at 5:30pm.

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.)

Mary, Georgia, Glenn, Steve, Jim, Camilla, Natalie, 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.



Ever wonder why our Choir looks like they are having a really good time? Curious about what REALLY happens in a Choir rehearsal? Like to find out how it feels to sit in a "reserved seat" right up front on Sunday mornings? Have we got a DEAL for YOU!!!

Beginning Sunday, May 29 and each Sunday through June, you are invited to come sing with the Choir. Rehearsals will be each Sunday morning at 9:30. We will practice all the music for the 10:30 Eucharist. Anthems will be easily learned in a short rehearsal.

Anthem for May 29th – a folk-song style setting of the text "Day By Day" (see hymn 654).

No need to bring your own choir robe! We have plenty in a variety of sizes! All books, music, etc. will be provided. All you need bring is a happy and eager desire to make a joyful noise (aka "singing")!

? LOST & FOUND ?

Are you missing the key fob for your Ford vehicle? One was found in Metcalf Hall on Saturday, May 21. If so, please come by the church office to pick it up!

There are also several coats on the coatrack outside Metcalf Hall – a woman's pink raincoat and a toddler's navy hoodie. All of them are looking for their owners!

SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

The St. Luke's Search Committee held our first working session Thursday, May 19th. We had a lively discussion about our task, how we plan to work with each other and with the St. Luke's family, and next steps in the process. Specifically, the Search Committee discussed and agreed on the following:

1. **COVENANT** We established a covenant to govern our work. It includes issues like respecting each other's opinions, keeping our work confidential and providing mutual support and prayer.
2. **WAY TO COMMUNICATE WITH SEARCH COMMITTEE** We established one way for members of the St. Luke's family to communicate ideas, issues and concerns with the Search Committee. This communication can be done by email or by letter.
 - **THE EMAIL ADDRESS** for the Search Committee is Stlukesearch2016@gmail.com.
 - **You can also mail** or leave a letter to the Search Committee at the church office.
 - **We ask that you provide your name** in any written communications to the Search Committee.
3. **PARISH SURVEY** We had a discussion about the Parish Survey which is the next step in the process. We are working on a first draft for review and discussion by the committee. In addition, we will be working with staff to develop a mailing list for the survey. The Parish Survey is the major part of our information gathering step in the search process. The success of this work will depend upon the willing and active involvement of the entire St. Luke's family as your ideas, perspectives and opinions are key.
4. **JOURNEY THROUGH TRANSITION POSTER** Canon Jose provided the search committee with an overview of the diocesan search process. We have placed that search process poster on our bulletin board. Check it out.

The next meeting of the St. Luke's Search Committee is May 26. We plan to meet weekly for the foreseeable future. We ask that you continue to pray for the Search Committee and Vestry during the discernment process for St. Luke's next rector.

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

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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.



There are some changes in renters across the alley that you might like to know about. First I am proud to say that the 805½ Osage "transition apartment" served the previous renter well and he has moved on to another place. The new renter there is a young lady named Nancy who is in the Getting Ahead class of the Building Bridges program. She and her friend drive a brown SUV which you will see parked by the apartment.

Lana & Henry Lookout and their family (of course) will soon be moving to the 805 Osage house, leaving the 801 Osage house available for rent in a couple of weeks. The Cranes continue to occupy the 821 Osage house.

Our grounds keepers Hugh Harrison and Margaret Holden have worked hard at diminishing weeds and placing mulch around the courtyard shrubs. Hugh is also working on the weeding and fertilizing of the lawns inside the outer sidewalks—it is a work in progress! Areas outside the sidewalks are not watered by our sprinkler system and thus receive less attention. Hugh and I are quite proud of the stand of fescue (grass) that has been established on the outside of the west end of Metcalf Hall and under the oak trees west of the parking lot.

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LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE 5/29/16 through 6/5/16

Volunteers: Please make your own substitutions.

Acolytes
May 29
 No Acolytes scheduled today
June 5
Servers
 Anneke Borg, Robert Boyle
Torchbearers
 Kimaya Kindred, Emma Boyle

Layreaders
Sunday, May 29
8:00am
 Judy Currey, Scott Williams
10:30am
 Juanita Green, Penny Williams
 Carol Murphy
Sunday, June 5
8:00am
 Jim Grillot, Kate Carroll
10:30am
 Lynda Stephens,
 Penny Williams, Judy Currey

Nursery Volunteers
May 29
 Diana Crawford
June 5
 Elizabeth Boyle
June 12
 Natalie Conner

Scripture Lessons for
Sunday, May 29
 1 Kings 18:20-21, 30-39; Psalm
 96; Galatians 1:1-12; Luke 7:1-10
Music for Sunday, May 29
 #362 – "Holy, Holy, Holy"
 GATHER #212 – "Lord, To Whom
 Shall We Go"
 GATHER #344 – "Behold the
 Lamb of God"
 GATHER #336 – "Now in This
 Banquet"
 #450 – "All Hail the Power of
 Jesus' Name"

Coffee Fellowship Hour
May 29
 Diana Farris
June 5
 Lauren & Juanita Green
June 12
 Jim & Becky Liehr

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

Sunday Plate Counters
May 29
 Jim Grillot
June 5
 Amy Borg
June 12
 Jim Malone

Greeters
Sunday, May 29
8:00am
 Gretchen Hoyt
10:30am
 Becky & Jim Liehr
 Carol Murphy
Sunday, June 5
8:00am
 Don Davidson
10:30am
 Glenn & Thelma Blackburn
 Jo Oertle

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.

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!

Ushers
Sunday, May 29
8:00am
 Ace Gardner, Dean Zervas
10:30am
 Jeff Birk, Jim Warring
Sunday, June 5
8:00am
 Ace Gardner, Dean Zervas
10:30am
 Jim Malone, Tim Simmons

Children's Chapel
May 29
 Heather Boyle, Bob Tedstrom
June 5
 Heather Boyle, Bob Tedstrom
June 12
 Erin & Travis Perry

Agape Mission
4th Thursday,
May 26, 2016
9-11am
 Jim Liehr, Fr. Lee Stephens
10:45am-1pm
 Jeff Birk, Molly Ferguson,
 Glenda Garrison, Darian Kedy,
 Jen Peterson
1-2:45pm
 Carol Murphy,
 Radomir Petrovich