



The Steeple

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FAMILY PROMISE

VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED! We are just under 2 weeks away from hosting our families here at St. Luke's from **June 12-19**. We are in need of volunteers for each of the following positions. If you are able to serve in any of these roles, please contact Jen Peterson as soon as possible at jenrpet1971@gmail.com or [918-397-7779](tel:918-397-7779).

Dinner Prep 5:30-7pm

Sunday June 12
Monday June 13
Friday June 17

Evening/Activity Host 7-9pm

Sunday, June 12
Wednesday June 15
Friday June 17
Saturday June 18

Overnight hosts 9pm-6:30am

Saturday June 18

Saturday morning breakfast 8-10am

Saturday June 18

Training for New Volunteers

For our new volunteers, new members, or anyone with questions about the program, we will be hosting a brief training and orientation plus Q&A session at St. Luke's in Rodgers Hall this Sunday, June 5 at 9:00am.

New graduate from the program!

We are so excited to share that Redina Barrs has just graduated from the program and has moved into her new home this past weekend. **Congratulations to Redina and her daughter!** They are in need of a few household items to get themselves started. There will be a list of needed items available to review at the Family Promise signup table this Sunday, June 5.

A huge thankyou to everyone at St. Luke's for their continued support for this wonderful program. You are making such a wonderful and positive change in the lives of families in our community.

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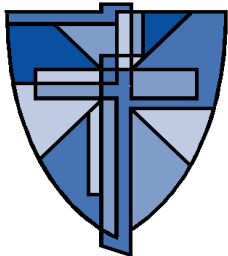


Important Dates To Remember

Family Promise Families at St. Luke's,
June 12-19

Wonderful Wacky Wednesdays Summer
Program for our children begins Wed., June
15

For surely, O LORD,



you **ble**s the righteous;
you **sur**round them with
your **fav**or as with a **sh**ield.

Psalm 5:12

Kid's News!!

- **S.S.S. (Summer Sunday School)** starts this Sunday! 9:15-10:15 we will welcome 4 year olds – 5th graders for a combined class. Please meet in the Godly Play room (upstairs).
- **COOKIE TABLE** will be out again this Sunday, June 5, after the 10:30 service to sign up for WWW (Wild Wacky Wednesdays). Come sign your kiddos up! Look for the balloons.
- **W.W.W.** is getting closer! Wednesday, June 15th is the kick off and this is one you don't want to miss! We will be at the Olsen's beautiful property and exploring the Earth's amazing gifts. Plan on meeting at the church by 2:30. We will leave by 2:40 pm!



Over the years I/we have been blessed to have some outstanding staff members. At the core has been Dolores McCreary as our Organist and Choirmaster and Ann Bell as our Parish Secretary. In the other positions, people have come and gone – each making contributions to our ministry team and parish

This week marks another change in our staff. This time IS with a double positive. Lauri Watkins has served as our Children’s Education Coordinator for four years in a remarkable way. Without a doubt she brought our children’s ministry to a new level. She reintroduced Godly Play to our Children’s Church School – a very effective way for nurturing our children in the faith. She has enlisted and trained volunteers for Church School, Children’s Chapel, Nursery and Wonderful Wacky Wednesdays. She has led workshops on Safeguarding God’s Children and God’s People for our church and churches in our region. One of her greater strengths has been in working with the parents of our children.

Lauri has used her experience as a teacher and her growing faith to make a difference in the life of our parish, but especially for our children. While doing this, she also ordained as a Deacon three years ago. Thus, she has served in two distinctive and overlapping roles. That has been an interesting and helpful combination, but the time has come for her to step aside as our Children’s Education Coordinator and to devote her time and energy to being a Deacon only. I am happy for her as well immensely grateful for devotion and service to our children and their parents.

As Lauri was anticipating this transition, she suggested Erin Perry might be the right person to be our next Children’s Education Coordinator. I agreed and gratefully so did Erin. She also has experience as a teacher in the public school system and has wonderful young children of her own. Erin is an entrepreneur in business and is energetic, creative and loving. She has already been through the basic and advanced training for Godly Play and worked with Lauri in getting ready for Wonderful Wacky Wednesdays. She is a great fit for our staff and St. Luke’s. I am very grateful.

I think St. Luke’s staff is especially strong right now and will be for the foreseeable future. Steve Forsythe is remarkable in his position as our Parish Administrator. Lana Lookout is doing an excellent job as our Sexton. So is Hugh Harrison as the Assistant Sexton. The same can be said for Amalie Sutton who serves our “little ones” in the Nursery.

Now add to all the above Fr. Sean as our Associate to the Rector (Curate) and our Deacons: Doug Freebern, Mike and Lauri Watkins – I am/we are blessed. Each one provides a different voice in the Pulpit and helps lead in various ministries within the parish and community. St. Luke’s is very fortunate to have them.

Canonically, the staff “works” for the Rector, but we are a team of servants. I am clear that each them is vital in leading, nurturing and supporting multiple ministries of our Parish Family. That is encouraging in the present and for the future. I thank God daily that I get to serve Christ and the Church with them – so blessed.

Blessings,

Fr. Lee+

Weekly Activity Calendar

Sunday, June 5, 2016

8:00am Rite I
9:15am Discipleship Forum, MH
9:30am Choir Rehearsal
10:30am Rite II

Monday, June 6, 2016

9:30am Church Staff Mtg.
5:30pm Holy Eucharist

Tuesday, June 7, 2016

10:00am Spiritual Discipline Group,
Library

Wednesday, June 8, 2016

Thursday, June 9, 2016

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

Friday, June 10, 2016

Saturday, June 11, 2016

Sunday, June 12, 2016

*Family Promise Families at
St. Luke’s, June 12 - 19*

8:00am Rite I
9:15am Sunday School Classes
9:30am Choir Rehearsal
10:30am Rite II

Monday, June 13, 2016

9:30am Church Staff Mtg.
5:30pm Holy Eucharist
7:15pm Vestry Mtg.

NEEDED:

CLEAR 2-LITER
PLASTIC BOTTLES
FOR A FUN
PROJECT FOR
WONDERFUL
WACKY



WEDNESDAYS! Bring to
Sunday School or drop in
the church office. Thanks!!

Come on In!

*You’re always welcome in
the Choir Room!*

Sunday morning
rehearsals at 9:30.
No need to “sign
up”. Simply
SHOW UP and
SING!



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.)

Geir, Hugh, Carolyn, Cheri, Mary, Georgia, Bob, Linda, Glenn, Mark, Becky, Steve, Jeff, Jim, Camilla, Natalie, Shelly, Helen, Max, Emma, Sue, Jean, 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.

Bishops Group Urges Episcopalians to Wear Orange on June 2nd

Bishops United Against Gun Violence Backs Movement for Common Sense Gun Legislation

Bishops United Against Gun Violence, a group of more than 60 Episcopal bishops, including Bishop Ed, that advocates for background checks on all gun purchases and other violence prevention measures, is urging all Episcopalians to consider wearing orange on June 2nd as a sign of their commitment to reducing gun violence in their communities. [Go to this link to continue reading...](#)

ST. LUKE'S SEARCH COMMITTEE Parish Update

The St. Luke's Search Committee continued meeting last Thursday. During this meeting, the Search Committee discussed and agreed on the following:

1. **COVENANT** - We finalized our covenant which is an agreement to govern our work together.
2. **PARISH SURVEY** - We reviewed and edited a rough first draft of the Parish Survey. The committee also had initial discussions with the staff about a mailing list for the survey. In addition, we discussed options for distributing the survey to the parish.

As a reminder, 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 the foundation of our search process.**

3. **TWO WAYS TO COMMUNICATE WITH SEARCH COMMITTEE** –

Another reminder about ways you may communicate with the Search Committee:

The EMAIL ADDRESS for the search committee is Stlukesearch2016@gmail.com.

You may 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.

The next meeting of the St. Luke's Search Committee will be on June 2 with plans 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, Walt Gasior, Darian Kedy, Jim Liehr, Monica Martin

♦ ♦ ♦

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.

SUMMER SCHEDULE FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

- **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!



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LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE 6/5/16 through 6/12/16

Volunteers: Please make your own substitutions.

Acolytes
June 5
Servers
 Anneke Borg, Robert Boyle
Torchbearers
 Kimaya Kindred, Emma Boyle
June 12
Servers
 David Wiseman, Grace Mitchell
Torchbearers
 Keaton Mitchell, Evan Mitchell

Scripture Lessons for
Sunday, June 5
 1 Kings 17:8-16; Psalm 146;
 Galatians 1:11-24; Luke 7:11-17
Music for Sunday, June 5
 #368 – "Holy Father, Great Creator"
 #505 (text) – "O Spirit of Life"
 #692 (text) – "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"
 #341 – "For the Bread Which You Have Broken"
 #427 – "When Morning Gilds the Skies"

Greeters
Sunday, June 5
8:00am
 Don Davidson
10:30am
 Glenn & Thelma Blackburn
 Jo Oertle
Sunday, June 12
8:00am
 Don Doty
10:30am
 Debbie & Dennis Mueggenborg

Ushers
Sunday, June 5
8:00am
 Ace Gardner, Dean Zervas
10:30am
 Jim Malone, Tim Simmons
Sunday, June 12
8:00am
 Ace Gardner, Michael Kemp
10:30am
 Brian Ferguson
Volunteer needed

Layreaders
Sunday, June 5
8:00am
 Jim Grillot, Kate Carroll
10:30am
 Lynda Stephens,
 Penny Williams, Judy Currey
Sunday, June 12
8:00am
 Nick Conner, Jeff Birk
10:30am
 Lauren Green, Kate Carroll
 Judy Currey, Juanita Green

Coffee Fellowship Hour
June 5
 Lauren & Juanita Green
June 12
 Jim & Becky Liehr
June 19
 Wendy Hall

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
June 5
 Heather Boyle, Bob Tedstrom
June 12
 Erin & Travis Perry
June 19
 Becky & Brian Olsen

Nursery Volunteers
June 5
 Elizabeth Boyle
June 12
 Natalie Conner
June 19
 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
2nd Thursday, June 9, 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
June 5
 Amy Borg
June 12
 Jim Malone
June 19
 Steve Clark