



The Steeple

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Mark
Your
Calendar

Sunday, June 26

St. Luke's Survey Kickoff "Fill it Out" Fellowship

Mark your calendar for this special date – Sunday, June 26th. You do not want you to miss the Parish Survey kickoff *after* each Sunday service. It will be a fun event and will serve a very important purpose.

The Parish Survey will be used to gather information that will help us:

- Describe who we are and what we do as a parish family.
- Assess the current effectiveness of St. Luke's Functions and identify areas for improvement.
- Determine the needs and goals of St. Luke's.
- Describe what we expect from a rector of St. Luke's.
- Tell us about what thrills you or concerns you about our future as a parish and a church family.

Our goal is to have a 70% response rate to this survey. We've been told that St. Andrew's in Grove had a 60% response rate. *The Search Committee knows that the St. Luke's Family can beat that number!!*

Being there and completing your survey means that your part is done. Plus, you help us save on time, postage and *annoying follow ups!!*

If you can't join us at the "Fill it Out" Fellowship, we will mail surveys to your home address during the week of June 27th.

We want as much participation, input and opinions as we can gather. Your ideas, perspectives and opinions are critical in determining who we are as a parish and what we want or need in the future. So please help us reach our significant goal of a 70% response rate.

Anyone needing special assistance to complete the survey can contact any member of the Search Committee and we will help you. (Kris Bonner, Steve Clark, Walt Gasior, Darian Kedy, Jim Liehr, Monica Martin)

And please continue to pray for the St. Luke's Search Committee and Vestry during our discernment process for St. Luke's next rector.

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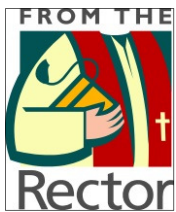
Important Dates To Remember

Family Promise Families at St. Luke's, thru June 19 (see pg. 3)
Wonderful Wacky Wednesdays Summer Program for our children begins Wed., June 15



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Happy
Father's
Day
Sunday, June 19



This is Sunday evening after a long, painful, grief-filled and despairing day. It has happened again and this time the record was broken again – and they are still saying the death toll will likely go up (gratefully it has not).

A few weeks ago I provided the prayers we often call “Last Rites” for Linda Cabbage. She was aware and agreed to have the prayers – she even said the Lord’s Prayer with Tom and me. Her time of transition was coming and she was ready – though it was hard to let her go. Tonight in my imagination, I wanted to say the prayers for each of the victims with the hope that somehow that might help them, their families and us. Then I thought perhaps the river of tears from family, friends, supporters and strangers across the nation, perhaps the world, and from my eyes will in some way bless them – love them – even help them.

Earlier tonight I offered this Gratitude Note of prayers from the Book of Common Prayer that speak to the pain, grief and outrage of this day after yet another mass shooting.

Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy.

Lord of All, grant to all who mourn a sure confidence in your Godly care, that, casting all their grief on you, they may know the consolation of your love. Amen.

God of Grace, help us, we pray, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and trust in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to life everlasting. Amen.

O God, you have bound us together in a common life. Help us, in the midst of our struggles for justice and truth, to confront one another without hatred or bitterness, and to work together with mutual forbearance and respect; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

The pain and grief will not go away quickly – this is too disturbing – too unreal. This morning in the second Holy Eucharist I shared what I was told just before the procession – there had been a mass shooting in Florida and at least fifty people had been killed. I said several prayers and offered the Holy Eucharist with “special intention” for the victims at the time for Communion.

When I got home the TV had ongoing news about the shooting. Beyond the shock, pain and grief, I heard some themes I have heard too many times before – hatred for the LGBT community, the use of an AK-15 whose only purpose is for killing people, the radicalization of a young man for or by ISIS, and perhaps another case of mental illness. Plus, the politicization of this tragedy has already begun.

Perhaps this time we will take steps to address these themes. Only time will tell. I pray that the voices of reason and compassion will be steady, insistent and persistent. With that in mind, I offer one of the prayers for a second time:

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Blessings,
Fr. Lee+

Weekly Activity Calendar

Family Promise Families

at St. Luke's through June 19

Sunday, June 19, 2016 Father's Day

8:00am Rite I

9:15am Discipleship Forum, MH

9:30am Choir Rehearsal

10:30am Rite II

Monday, June 20, 2016

10:00am Church Staff Mtg.

5:30pm Holy Eucharist

Tuesday, June 21, 2016

10:00am Spiritual Discipline Group,
Library

Wednesday, June 22, 2016

3:00-5:30pm Wonderful Wacky

Wednesday

Thursday, June 23, 2016

6:45am Men's Fellowship, MH

12:00pm Holy Eucharist

Friday, June 24, 2016

Saturday, June 25, 2016

Sunday, June 26, 2016

"Fill It Out Fellowship" All-Parish

Survey Sunday after both services

8:00am Rite I

9:15am Discipleship Forum, MH

9:30am Choir Rehearsal

10:30am Rite II

Monday, June 27, 2016

9:30am Church Staff Mtg.

5:30pm Holy Eucharist

FAVORITE HYMNS

The list of Favorite Hymns



selected since 2006 reveals some interesting facts.

What hymn do you think has been chosen “favorite” the most times in the past several years? Do you wonder who else might like your favorite hymn? Just a little information: the most often chosen hymn as “favorite” is GATHER #261 – “On Eagle’s Wings”. The 2nd most chosen is in The Hymnal 1982, “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”, #490; 3rd – GATHER #291, “Here I Am, Lord”; and 4th – The Hymnal, “The Church’s One Foundation”, #525.

Favorite hymns reflect a wide range of ages, musical backgrounds, spiritual/religious experiences, and unique personalities! Want to include your favorites in hymn selections for July and August? Get the information to Dolores soon! She gave up on reading minds long ago. So be specific!

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.)

Spence, Mike, Scott, Katherine, Jim, Geir, Hugh, Cheri, Carolyn, Mary, Georgia, Bob, Glenn, Mark, Becky, Steve, Jeff, 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.

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP FORUM

Mere Christianity

by C.S. Lewis

Discipleship Form

Sundays, Metcalf Hall, 9:15

C.S. Lewis is one of the great Christian thinkers and writers of our time. His book, Mere Christianity, is a classic and will be the resource for discussion in the Discipleship Forum starting this Sunday. The first assignment is Chapter One. Copies of the book are available in the parish office for \$10.00. Come and share in the discussion led by Fr. Sean.

FAMILY PROMISE

We are currently hosting 3 families in our church this week - a total of four adults and six children.

We are in **URGENT** need of 2 more volunteers to serve as evening/activity hosts from 7-9pm on Saturday evening (June 18). In this role, you are the important bridge between the dinner meal team, who will finish around 7pm and the overnight hosts, who will arrive at approximately 9pm. The role is casual....to visit with adults and/or play with the children in the nursery. If you are available to serve in this important role, please contact Jen Peterson as soon as possible at 918-397-7779 or jenrpet1971@gmail.com.

A **HUGE** thank you to all of the volunteers who have given so much of themselves and their time to make the path a little easier for those who are in need of our love, support and assistance at a difficult time in their lives.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL SUMMARY

	May			May Year to Date		
	MTD Actual	MTD Budget	Variance (unfav.)	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Variance (unfav.)
Income						
Pledge Payments	33,589	32,083	1,506	176,064	160,417	15,647
Non-Pledge Payments	2,985	2,250	735	10,651	11,250	(599)
Other Income	433	1,942	(1,509)	10,306	7,544	2,762
Total Income	37,007	36,275	732	197,021	179,211	17,810
Expenses	31,552	32,011	458	169,676	187,314	17,638
NET INCOME/LOSS	5,455	4,264	1,190	27,344	(8,104)	35,448

Walt Gasior

St. Luke's Prism of Christ for June

St. Luke's Vestry voted to recognize and thank Walt Gasior for who he is in Christ to us and for all he does for St. Luke's and our community. They see him as one of the "Prisms of Christ" and Christ's ministry in our midst. He was presented the Prism for June at the 8:00 a.m. service last Sunday, June 12.

Walt has a gift of seeing what needs to be done and getting it done. He played a significant role on the Vestry in a time of refocusing our work for the parish, taking the lead in several successful stewardship campaigns and improving communication in the parish. He was involved in reviving the "With Arms Wide Open" image of St. Luke's. He serves on the Natural Church Development Team and the Search Committee for a new Rector.

Walt has also extended himself in the community with his involvement in Bridges Out of Poverty and Family Promise – helping people trapped in generational poverty. In recent months he has become a volunteer mediator in the court system helping couples and families in conflict.

The life of our parish family and the lives of many others have been enriched because of his personal gifts and ministry. We are grateful. St. Luke's is a better place and we are better people because of who Walt is – a "Prism of Christ's Ministry" for all of us.



Looking Ahead.....A sneak peek at W.W.W. (Wonderful/Wild Wacky Wednesdays)

Our theme for this summer's WWW is "A Community Close to God's Heart." We will become closer to God and this beautiful Earth he has given us. Each week we will have a new lesson, with a new "treasure" and a new activity to help remind us the beauty of life. We have 20 kids enrolled and we will become our own community! Follow our journey at St. Luke's Facebook page! I will be posting pictures! Below you will find our schedule and where we will be each week.

June 15	"Our Earth is God's Earth"	Olsen's house and in a creek
June 22	"Christ Has Many Faces"	St. Luke's
June 29	"Let Your Light Shine"	Sooner Park
July 5	"The Earth is Rich with Life"	Tents outside of St. Luke's
July 13	"Harmony-How We Live Together"	St. Luke's
July 20	"Peace Be with You"	St. Luke's
July 27	End of WWW Bash	Frontier Pool (More details to come)



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LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE 6/19/16 through 6/26/16

Volunteers: Please make your own substitutions.

Acolytes
June 19
Servers
 Nick Olsen, Greta Olsen
Torchbearers
 Kyle Peterson, Charlie Olsen
June 26
Servers
 Spencer Heald, Ruth Todd

Scripture Lessons for Sunday, June 19
 1 Kings 19:1-4, 8:15a; Psalm 42 & 43; Galatians 3:23-29; Luke 8:26-39
Music for Sunday, June 19
 #581 (text) – "Where Charity and Love Prevail"
 #589 – "Almighty God, Your Word is Cast"
 #653 & 653 – "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"
 #711 – "Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God"
 #544 – "Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun"

Greeters
Sunday, June 19
8:00am
 Monica Martin
10:30am
 Carol Murphy
 Maureen & Steve Forsythe
Sunday, June 26
8:00am
 Sally Canfield
10:30am
 D. J. & Jerry Nezam
 Jim & Nancy Warring

Ushers
Sunday, June 19
8:00am
 Michael Kemp, Dean Zervas
10:30am
 Glenn Bonner, Steve Clark
Sunday, June 26
8:00am
 Robert Babcock, Dean Zervas
10:30am
 Jim Grillot, Max McCreary

Layreaders
Sunday, June 19
8:00am
 Darian Kedy, Judy Currey
10:30am
 Nick Conner, Carol Murphy
 Kate Carroll, Penny Williams
Sunday, June 26
8:00am
 Scott Williams, Jim Grillot
10:30am
 Juanita Green, Judy Currey
 Nick Conner, Bob Wesneski

Coffee Fellowship Hour
June 19
 Wendy Hall
June 26
 The Deacons

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 19
 Becky & Brian Olsen
June 26
 Jeanne Julstrom, Travis Sutton
July 3
 Heather Boyle, Bob Tedstrom

Nursery Volunteers
June 19
 Barbara Todd
June 26
 Anneke Borg
July 3
 Elizabeth Boyle

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 10am on Tuesdays.
Thank you!

Agape Mission
4th Thursday, June 23, 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

Sunday Plate Counters
June 19
 Steve Clark
June 26
 Jim Grillot, Jim Malone
July 3
 Amy Borg