



The Steeple

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Deadline Extended -St. Luke's Parish Survey



If you are one of the more than 50% of the St. Luke's Family who have not yet completed the Parish Survey, we ask that you please take the time to complete the Parish Survey as soon as practical. We respectfully ask that you give prayerful consideration and deep reflection to your responses.

Our deadline was last Monday, July 11th but we have extended the deadline. You can either drop off your completed Parish Survey at the Church Office or mail it back to us.

As a reminder, our goal is to have at least 70% of the St. Luke's Parish Family complete a survey.

Thanks in advance for taking the time to complete this important information gathering tool for the New Rector Search Process.

We also ask that you continue to pray for the search committee and Vestry during the discernment process for St. Luke's next rector. If you have any questions or concerns, email the committee at stlukeseearch2016@gmail.com.

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

ST. LUKE'S PARISH SURVEY RESPONSE RATE



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Important Dates To Remember

Wonderful Wacky Wednesdays Summer Program for our children continues Wed., through July 27 (see pg. 3)

NO Newsletter the week of July 18 while editor is on vacation

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

While several staff members are out of the office next week, church office hours will be as follows:

Mon. July 18 – 8am-1pm
Tues. & Wed., July 19-20 – 10am-3pm
Thurs., July 21 – 8am-1pm
Fri., July 22 – Office Closed

Thank You!

I was overwhelmed and humbled this past Sunday, July 10 on the occasion of the celebration of my 20th Anniversary as your Parish Secretary here at St. Luke's, not only by your most generous gift and the lovely reception, but most especially by your love and friendship. I consider St. Luke's an extension of my own church family, and I have enjoyed serving Our Lord with you these past 20 years. You are a very lively and active congregation that truly reflects the love of Christ in service here at St. Luke's and in the surrounding community. My life has been enriched and blessed and I am so thankful to call you my friends in Christ.

Sincerely,
Ann Bell, Parish Secretary



Sunday was exceptional – and I mean exceptional! The highs and lows, joys and sadness, hope and concern, reality and beyond-reality, grace – and grace.

Sunday was Ann Bell Day and the continuation of a horrific week in our hearts and minds.

Fr. Sean did a wonderful job in reflecting much that we have been going through personally as the events of last week unfolded. But he didn't leave us there. He brought a word of encouragement and challenge – our role in listening and responding – seeing that all lives matter – the importance of breaking the silence to speak grace – to live the Christ life in our spheres of influence.

Dolores' choices in music were among my favorites, but more importantly songs we needed to sing – like Deep Within; The Servant Song; One Bread, One Body; and Lift High the Cross. These stirred my soul opened me all the more the Divine Presence.

And did you notice the Passing of the Peace? There was a genuine sense of “community” as people were greeting one another – love was flowing in the aisles and we had not yet gotten to Holy Communion! That went to an even higher pitch at the reception in Metcalf Hall. People were really enjoying each other – how delightful!

And the children – oh how wonderful. I needed to see and hear the children on Sunday. They bring out joy and happiness in me. They truly are my “Youngest Friends.” And, one of my newest friends came up to me after the service and wanted to know how to take Communion. He blessed me with his desire to know and participate.

Then when Jim Liehr, Chair of the Search Committee, asked those who had filled out the Parish Survey to raise their hands, I swear 95% of the congregation responded. That is huge – another sign of community – truly a Parish Family. That was exciting for me and good sign of our prayerful and active engagement in the process.

The Ann Bell Day thing was over the top with gratitude, love and joy. Ann is such a gem – truly a Prism of Christ – not just in all that she does, but more importantly in the spirit in which serves with us. Who she is day to day inspires me. I am very aware of how blessed I am to have her on staff – a gift for twenty years and counting.

She was truly surprised by the gift from the parish. You, my friends, were indeed very generous and loving toward Ann. Our gift to her is an amazing \$4,400 – and there is apt to be a little more yet. I am grateful to the Vestry for addressing all the envelopes and stuffing the letters to secure Ann's gift of appreciation. Ann and Merle can get several cruises out of the gift – or whatever Ann wants to do.

Yes, Sunday was exceptional. Being together as a Community of Faith was important. All of the above came together for me in the celebration of the Holy Eucharist – Christ with us – Christ in us – Christ loving us into our tomorrows. We are and must continue to grow as Christ-people “with arms wide open” engaging and changing our world.

Blessings,
Fr. Lee,

Weekly Activity Calendar

Sunday, July 17, 2016

8:00am Rite I

9:15am Discipleship Forum, MH

10:30am Rite II

Monday, July 18, 2016

NO newsletter this week

5:30pm Holy Eucharist

Tuesday, July 19, 2016

10:00am Spiritual Discipline Group,
Library

Wednesday, July 20, 2016

3:00-5:30pm Wonderful Wacky
Wednesday

Thursday, July 21, 2016

6:45am Men's Fellowship, MH

12:00pm Holy Eucharist

Friday, July 22, 2016

Saturday, July 23, 2016

Sunday, July 24, 2016

8:00am Rite I

9:15am Discipleship Forum, MH

10:30am Rite II

Monday, July 25, 2016

9:30am Church Staff Mtg.

5:30pm Holy Eucharist

CANON JOSÉ M'CLOUGHLIN ELECTED BISHOP

The Rev. Canon José McLoughlin, our Canon to the Ordinary has been elected the next bishop of the Diocese of Western North Carolina. As a gesture of gratitude for his service to the Oklahoma Diocese, you are invited to donate to a gift of vestments for his consecration. If you would like to participate, send your check made out to “The Episcopal Diocese of Oklahoma” to The Episcopal Diocese of Oklahoma, Canon José Gift Fund, 924 N. Robinson, OKC, OK 73102. In addition there will be a reception in his honor on Thursday, August 25 at the Diocesan Office from 3-7pm. If you plan to attend, please contact Marcia Crawford at mcrawford@epiok.org or 405-232-4820.

“PILLOWCASE” DRESSES TO UGANDA

The time is here to send our "pillowcase" dresses to the little girls in Uganda who need them so desperately. If you are working on one, or planning to sew one, please complete your work by Thursday, July 28 and bring it to the church. Father Lee will bless them on July 31 and we will send them off on August 1. If you would like for someone to pick them up from your house, please call Deacon Lauri before July 28, 918-766-2473.

(Names on the Prayer List are rotated off every 4 weeks. If there is need for continued prayers, please let us know.)

Jim, Dan, Spence, Mike, Scott, Geir, Hugh, Carolyn, Mary, Georgia, Bob, Glenn, 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.

FAVORITE HYMNS



From the compiled list of "Favorite Hymns", this Sunday's hymns include: "Morning Has Broken" – Patricia Legatski; "Be Thou My Vision" – Diana Farris, Juanita Green, Fr. Lee Stephens, Lauri Watkins; "Prayer for Peace" – Susie Clark, Lauri Watkins; "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" – Fr. Lee Stephens.

How is it that on some Sundays the hymns seem to be so fitting for what is happening in the world around us? Do we wait until the very last minute to select hymns, waiting until just the right hymn text will fit current events? Do we use that "open the book and point to a verse" method, trusting God's Spirit to guide our page turning and finger pointing?

The truth? Hymn, anthem and other music choices are guided by the lectionary (the Scripture readings for each Sunday). Care is given to reading the lessons for each Sunday and considering which hymn texts will help to strengthen our understanding, will aid in enriching our worship. Hymns are chosen early in the week, usually by Tuesday morning for inclusion in *The Steeple*.

Because the musical traditions of the Episcopal Church encompass centuries of Christian hymn texts and tunes, as well as music and texts being written in our own time, we are blessed with a wealth of music and texts from which to choose. This means we very often seem to be especially amazed by how the hymns for a particular Sunday are so meaningful.

Rejoice, beloved, for the gift of music! And thank you for singing so gloriously!

MONTHLY FINANCIAL SUMMARY

	June			June Year to Date		
	MTD Actual	MTD Budget	Variance (Unfav.)	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Variance (Unfav.)
Income						
Pledge Payments	24,258	32,083	(7,825)	200,322	192,500	7,822
Non-Pledge Payments	3,105	2,250	855	13,756	13,500	256
Other Income	272	942	(670)	10,578	7,486	3,092
Total Income	27,635	35,275	(7,640)	224,656	213,486	11,170
Expenses	40,228	41,525	1,297	209,903	228,838	18,935
NET INCOME/LOSS	(12,593)	(6,250)	(6,343)	14,753	(15,352)	30,105

What's Happened and What's Ahead with W.W.W..... (Wonderful/Wild Wacky Wednesdays)

The adults are still recovering from last week's WWW. We began inside discussing and wondering about The Creation Story and then headed outside to enjoy God's beautiful creations.....the hot sun, water and living things! From an obstacle course that had Father Lee's favorite station, the mouth full of water and spit, to the big bucket of bubbles, we soaked up the sun and each other's fellowship.

Looking ahead....This week our theme is "Harmony-How We Live Together." Who better to help us with harmony, then Ms. Dolores! She and Susie Clark will be working with our children and listening to their heartbeats. We will also work with Melinda Wesneski on packing the backpacks. We should have a full day.

Mark your calendars!!! July 27th is our final WWW at Frontier Pool. From 7-9pm come swim, eat hotdogs and enjoy great fellowship!



WASHINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE Coming Soon: 2,400 Kids!

School will be starting in less than a month for some area schools. On August 8, we need to be ready to hand out school supplies to over 2,400 kids and we could use your help. How you ask? We al need donations of money or basic school supplies; especially wide paper, wide spirals, pencils, crayons & markers. To make a monetary donation, make your check out to St. Luke's and note on it "Pack the Backpacks". Or you may donate directly to the WCSSD by giving your check or money to Tim Simmons or Bob Wesneski.

Another big way to help is by volunteering on one of the following dates.

- **Friday, August 5** 9:00 am – 4:00 pm Setting up supplies & backpacks for packing
- **Friday, August 5**, 7:00 pm – 10:00 pm Move school supplies from storage
- **Saturday, August 6**, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm Packing the elementary backpacks
- **Saturday, August 6**, 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm Setting up for high school packing
- **Sunday, August 7**, 1:30 pm – 5:00 pm Packing the high school supplies
- **Monday, August 8**, 8:00 am – 11:30 am Handing out the backpacks
- **Monday, August 8**, 1:00 pm – 6:00 pm Handing out the backpacks
- **Tuesday, August 9**, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm Handing out the backpacks
- **Tuesday, August 9**, 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm Packing up supplies & cleaning up

We could also use help with feeding our volunteers. Packing backpacks and moving supplies is hungry work. With the hundreds of volunteers we have, that is a lot of cookies, snacks, and fruit. If you can help with snacks, please let Melinda Wesneski know or place it in the Rodgers Hall kitchen and label it for the WCSSD. Thank you all so much for all you do for the "Pack the Backpacks".

Melinda Wesneski



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LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE 7/17/16 through 7/24/16

Volunteers: Please make your own substitutions.

Acolytes
July 17
Servers
 Nick Olsen, Greta Olsen
Torchbearers
 Kyle Peterson, Charlie Olsen
July 24
Servers
 Michael McElyea,
 Spencer Heald

Scripture Lessons for
Sunday, July 17
 Amos 8:1-12; Psalm 52;
 Colossians 1:15-28;
 Luke 10:38-42
Music for Sunday, July 17
 #8 – "Morning Has Broken"
 #670 (text) – "Lord, For Ever At
 Thy Side"
 #488 – "Be Thou My Vision"
 GATHER #305 – "Prayer for
 Peace"
 #423 – "Immortal, Invisible, God
 Only Wise"

Greeters
Sunday, July 17
8:00am
 Monica Martin
10:30am
 Carol Murphy
 Maureen & Steve Forsythe
Sunday, July 24
8:00am
 Sally Canfield
10:30am
 D. J. & Jerry Nezam
 Jim & Nancy Warring

Ushers
Sunday, July 17
8:00am
 Michael Kemp, Dean Zervas
10:30am
 Glenn Bonner, Steve Clark
Sunday, July 24
8:00am
 Robert Babcock, Dean Zervas
10:30am
 Jim Grillot, Max McCreary
 *Contact Steve Clark,
 918-914-9662

Layreaders
Sunday, July 17
8:00am
 Darian Kedy, Scott Williams
10:30am
 Judy Currey, Penny Williams
 Kate Carroll, Bob Wesneski
Sunday, July 24
8:00am
 Jeff Birk, Judy Currey
10:30am
 Lauren Green, Juanita Green
 Nick Conner, Bob Wesneski

Coffee Fellowship Hour
July 17
 Lauren & Juanita Green
July 24
*Volunteer needed**
July 31
 Carol Murphy
 *Please contact Rita Childers,
 918-519-8470 or
puevey45@gmail.com

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
July 17
 Becky & Brian Olsen
July 24
 Jeanne Julstrom, Travis Sutton
July 31
 Erin & Travis Perry

Nursery Volunteers
July 17
 Barbara Todd
July 24
 Anneke Borg
July 31
 Diana Crawford

Bereavement Committee
Team 2
 Barbara Martin, Laura Birk,
 Thelma Blackburn, Sally
 Canfield, Debbie Mueggenborg

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,
July 14, 2016
9-11am
 Jeanne Julstrom,
 John McCollum
10:45am-1pm
 Kris Bonner, Rita Chiders,
 Becky Liehr, Kathy Zervas,
 Marcia Zervas
1-2:45pm
 Melinda Droegel,
 Miriam Petrovich

Sunday Plate Counters
July 17
 Steve Clark
July 24
 Jim Grillot, Jim Malone
July 31
 Jim Grillot