



The Steeple

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Parish Potluck Dinner

Sunday, August 21 5:30PM Metcalf Hall

Mark your calendars for Sunday, August 21st starting at 5:30PM. Plan to join the St. Luke's Search Committee for a potluck dinner.

Your task is pretty easy. Plan to bring a dish to share and expect food, fun, fellowship and information sharing.

The task of the Search Committee is more involved. Following our meal, the Search Committee will share an overview of the Parish Survey results. They also hope to engage you in a discussion about these results and next steps.

Bring a dish to share and join us on the evening of Sunday, August 21st.

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Important Dates To Remember

Co-Ed Cursillo Weekend at St. Crispin's,
Fri. - Sun. 8/12-14

Rally Day, Sunday School Classes
begin, Sunday, August 21 (see pg. 3)

All-Parish Potluck, Sun., Aug. 21, 5:30pm
(see article this pg.)

Church Pictorial Directory photo
appointments, Tues.-Thurs., Sept. 13-15.
(see article this pg.)

CHURCH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY PORTRAIT APPOINTMENTS

Sign-Up Begins Sunday, August 21

Portraits Taken Sept. 13-15

Hey there beautiful people of St. Luke's! In the words of the late great Jim Morrison, "The time to hesitate is through." We're bringing a professional company in to take pictures and WE WANT YOU! The St. Luke's directory v. 2016 goes live on September 13th-15th from 2pm-9pm each of those days. What we need: for you to sign up on one of those days! Beginning August 21 there will be sign-up sheets available after both services for you to pick your prettiest hour. You may bring props, pets, but leave your frowns at home. After your picture is taken, you'll be escorted to the premier Common Room upstairs (Rm. #217) to view your beautiful handiwork. You will have the option to pick one of the photos for free—yes, FREE—

and you will also be able to purchase picture packages for Christmas gifts, personal memory or any other reason you can think of. Pricing guides will be available upon sign up. For any questions please call, email, Facebook or carrier pigeon Fr. Sean at seanekberg@episcopalbartlesville.org or seanekberg@gmail.com.

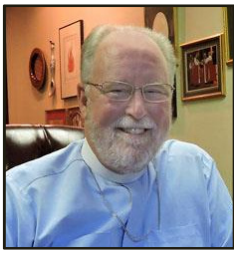
We need everyone to sign up for a time because we want all of you to be in the new directory! If for some reason you cannot be present at those times, don't fret—additional dates are available on September 27th-October 1st and October 4th-October 8th. These sessions will be held at East Cross Methodist Church.

Thanks, y'all and may the flash be with you!



Fr. Sean+

From the Rector...



This morning I got up as usual and went through my routine of getting ready as if this were a normal day. I said “I love you” to Lynda as headed for the garage – Lord Mason was playing his morning game of growling and tugging on my pant leg. Just another Monday so it seemed. Then I turned the corner of Eighth and Cherokee – normal was gone!

The streets and church parking lot were crammed with cars. A line of people stretched out the door and all the way around the church past the courtyard. Twenty-six hundred (2,600) backpacks full of school supplies were being picked up. Parents and children were waiting in orderly and happy fashion to get this wonderful gift – so needed treasure for school.

As I walked down the hall, I saw several people I knew who gave me a morning hug. Volunteers were eagerly looking for the right backpack that had been carefully prepared for each child. Faces lit up as they were handed their backpack for this school year. What fun to see their smiles! Judging by the countenance of the volunteers, they were just as happy as the children.

No, this was anything but a normal day at church – wonderfully so.

But that was just the beginning. In staff meeting much of the conversation was about Rally Day, plans for the pictorial directory and the Search Committee’s potluck dinner. This is August and suddenly normal looks like ...well, anything but normal. In fact I don’t know what normal really is now – if I ever did.

To top it all off, this is also Cursillo week. All the planning for this spiritual retreat at St. Crispin’s is coming to fruition. The pace is quickening. The planning started about a year ago and now the time is here. This will be the tenth time I have been on a Cursillo team and I couldn’t be more excited. This is always a special time that opens the way for people to experience a renewal in their walk with Christ – an enriched spirituality – including this old priest.

This time about a third of the participants and team are from St. Luke’s which is an unusual, but delightful ratio. The members making their Cursillo include Kathy Zervas, Walt and Cindy Gasior, John Hood and Cynthia Hall, and Jim and Nancy Warring. Members of the team from St. Luke’s include Becky and Jim Liehr, Kris Bonner, Fr. Sean and Nicole Ekberg, and Lynda and me. Please pray for us and others from all over the state as we gather for this special experience.

As I think about it, getting up in the morning is most often the most normal thing I do every day – getting ready for whatever the day may be. Sometimes I think God is like a Surprise Lily. This time of year Surprise Lilies just pop up most anywhere and I find myself smiling and saying, “Thanks be to God!” Such are these days in particular when so much is happening – and going to happen. God is in our midst. We just need to be paying attention – to be aware.

This is true no matter where we are in the course of the day. When we live that way, we can be the face of God’s love to others even if we do not know their names at any given moment. Could this be God using us as “Surprise Lilies” for people we meet? Perhaps that should be the new normal.

Blessings,
Fr. Lee+

Weekly Activity Calendar

Sunday, August 14, 2016

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

Monday, August 15, 2016

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

Tuesday, August 16, 2016

10:00am Spiritual Discipline Group,
library

Wednesday, August 17, 2016

Thursday, August 18, 2016

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

Friday, August 19, 2016

Saturday, August 20, 2016

Sunday, August 21, 2016

Rally Day

8:00am Rite I
9:15am Sunday School Classes
10:30am Rite II
5:30pm All Parish Potluck & Search
Committee Update, MH

Monday, August 22, 2016

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



With Sympathy

Sincere sympathy and prayers to
Mrs. Dorsie Bjornsen (3310 SE
Wayside Dr., Bartlesville, OK 74006)
on the death of her husband, Geir
Bjornsen, on Friday, August 5. No
service is scheduled at this time.

SUMMER 2016 NEWSLETTER FROM FAMILY PROMISE OF WASHINGTON COUNTY

To view the Family Promise Newsletter
click on the following link:

[http://us11.campaign-
archive2.com/?u=c83e6504de1b178f135c
c11e5&id=7652af15da&e=3928851017](http://us11.campaign-archive2.com/?u=c83e6504de1b178f135cc11e5&id=7652af15da&e=3928851017)

ST. LUKE'S PRAYER LIST

Please keep them 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, Elizabeth, Emma, Alvin, Jeremiah, Jeanne, Lida, Robert, Bid, Susie, Jim, Scott, Georgia, Glenn, Shelly, Max, Dortha, Helen, Cory, 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.

PRISMS OF CHRIST FOR AUGUST

Steve & Cheryl Van Aken

The Vestry of St. Luke's voted unanimously in July to recognize and thank Steve and Cheryl Van Aken as Prisms of Christ and Christ's ministry in our parish for the month of August. We see Christ working in and through them and in who they are. While this is not an award, we do want to lift them up as models of the Christ-life – the life of Grace.

This is the first time the Prism has been given to a couple. Usually this recognition is for an individual whose life reflects our Lord in particular ways. However, their ministry with the Christmas Star Tree is something they have always done together and made a huge impact on our parish and foster children. Indeed, what they have done every November and December for twenty-five years has blessed over two thousand children at Christmas time. That is simply amazing!

Both of them are involved in the church and the community in other ways. Steve has served as Junior and Senior Warden and numerous times on the Audit Committee. He has also been involved with Family Promise as well as Pack the Backpacks. In the community he has been involved with Big Brothers and Big Sisters along with Daybreak Rotary.

Cheryl has been a member of the core group for the Thursday Healing Eucharist and praying for people in need. Her concern for others has also been shown in looking after our members who are struggling by being there for them. For many years she has played an active role with the Washington County Red Cross – especially in times of fires and other disasters.

These are just a few ways the two of them have made a difference in the life of our parish and in the community. In all that they do and in who they are, we see Christ and the ministry of Christ in our midst. We are grateful.

RALLY DAY IS SUNDAY, AUGUST 21



Mark your calendars for **Sunday, August 21st**! We will be kicking off our Fall Sunday School classes. If you have a child who is going into Pre-K through Senior High or you are one of my Sunday School teachers, this is for you! We will meet in the Common Room #217 which is located on the 2nd floor across from Father Sean's office.

From 9:15-9:35 we will have snacks and look over our schedules. There will be a fun group activity at each table/class as we welcome new friends and answer questions.

Around 9:40 the classes will head to their Sunday School classrooms with their teachers for the Fall. I am confirming our teacher schedule and there have been some changes made. We will have a weekly rotation for each class. (Be on the lookout for an email about this schedule). The lesson for this

week will be shorter. I am hoping to have all of the teachers attend this important event, so that our classes can start feeling like a community.

We have some new families who will be starting Sunday School this fall, so I want to give a brief outline of our schedule each week.

9:15-9:30 All children (can even include you...Seniors) meet Dolores in the "Common Room" for music.

9:30-10:15 Sunday School classes with a provided snack during this time.

I am really looking forward to this fall! We have new families, new teachers and a few changes to spice things up a bit. ☺

Also, be on the lookout for the Children's Ministry table during coffee hour on Aug. 21! I will be there with info about our programs. There will also be an opportunity to learn more about all of the other ministry opportunities at St. Luke's and in our community. These ministries will be highlighted on Sun., August 21 in Metcalf Hall with information and sign-up sheets for you to be a part of that ministry.

Erin Perry, Director of Christian Education



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LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE 8/14/16 through 8/21/16

Volunteers: Please make your own substitutions.

Acolytes
August 14
Servers
 David Wiseman, Grace Mitchell
Torchbearers
 Keaton Mitchell, Evan Mitchell
August 21
Servers
 Nick Olsen, Greta Olsen
Torchbearers
 Kyle Peterson, Charlie Olsen

Scripture Lessons for Sunday, August 14
 Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19;
 Hebrews 11:29-12:2;
 Luke 12:49-56
Music for Sunday, August 14
 #371 – "Thou Whose Mighty Word"
 #515 – "Holy Ghost, Dispel Our Sadness"
 #490 – "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"
 #383 – "Fairest Lord Jesus"
 "When From Bondage We Are Summoned"

Greeters
Sunday, August 14
8:00am
 Don Doty
10:30am
 Debbie & Dennis Mueggenborg
Sunday, August 21
8:00am
 Monica Martin
10:30am
 Carol Murphy
 Steve & Maureen Forsythe

Ushers
Sunday, August 14
8:00am
 Ace Gardner, Michael Kemp
10:30am
 Brian Ferguson, *sub needed*
Sunday, August 21
8:00am
 Michael Kemp, Dean Zervas
10:30am
 Glenn Bonner, Steve Clark

Layreaders
Sunday, August 14
8:00am
 Jim Grillot, Nick Conner
10:30am
 Penny Williams, Lynda Stephens
 Judy Currey, Kate Carroll
Sunday, August 21
8:00am
 Scott Williams, Jim Grillot
10:30am
 Scott Williams, Nick Conner
 Bob Wesneski, Judy Currey

Coffee Fellowship Hour
August 14
 D. J. & Jerry Nezam
August 21
 All Parish Potluck, 5:30pm
 To volunteer, 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
August 14
 Erin & Travis Perry
August 21
 Becky & Brian Olsen
August 28
 Jeanne Julstrom, Travis Sutton

Nursery Volunteers
August 14
 Natalie Conner
August 21
 Barbara Todd
August 28
 Anneke Borg

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, August 11, 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
August 14
 Bruce Ramzel
August 21
 Steve Clark
August 28
 Jim Grillot, Jim Malone