

The Steeple

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CHURCH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY PORTRAIT APPOINTMENTS

Sign-Up Begins THIS 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 September 13-15 from 2pm-9pm each of those days. What we need: for you to sign up for 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+

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Important Dates To Remember

- Rally Day, Sunday School Classes begin, Sunday, August 21 (see article this pg.)
- All-Parish Potluck, Sun., Aug. 21, 5:30pm (see pg. 3)
- Church Pictorial Directory photo appointments, Tues.-Thurs., Sept. 13-15. (see article this pg.)

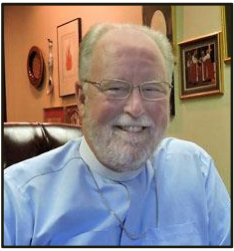
Rally Day is this Sunday, August 21!



If you have a child that is in Pre-K – 12th grade, please join us for Rally Day Kick-Off at 9:15 A.M. in the Common Room (#217) located upstairs. We will have our schedules, meet our Sunday School friends, teachers and enjoy snacks. We will break off into our specific classrooms around 9:40 - 10:15! See you Sunday morning!!!

ALSO, there will 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 this Sunday, August 21 in Metcalf Hall with information and sign-up sheets for you to be a part of that ministry.

From the Rector...



As always with a Cursillo weekend, what a joyous and loving experience with Christ, twelve pilgrims and nineteen team members. What a wonderful time which was in some ways topped off with the celebration of the Holy Eucharist on Sunday morning. With the break in the weather at St. Crispin's, we worshipped in the open-air chapel surrounded by trees, a view of the lake and the sound of birds. We were "in a sacrament" experiencing a sacrament.

I was mindful of the celebrations happening back home at St. Luke's. Many thanks to Fr. Bob Gates and Deacon Doug who led the services here. I have already heard good comments about both the sermon and the liturgy. Word has also gotten back to Fr. Sean and me that no one seemed to know we were gone. On the good side, "it sounds like you were being the church". On the other hand, "What do you mean we were not missed?"

Usually I try to have at least one of us in town when the other is away. For Cursillo I made an exception – and I am glad I did. We did the "old priest— young priest" all weekend and it was fun and fulfilling on several levels. This was the tenth time I have served as a Spiritual Advisor for a Cursillo and likely the last. My first was right after my Cursillo twenty years ago. This was Fr. Sean's first time after making his Cursillo in April.

While we were two of three Spiritual Advisors, Cursillo is "Lay-led." Becky Liehr was our Lay-rector and did a marvelous job in selecting and preparing the team and then in leading us through the weekend. I was also proud of our other lay members from St. Luke's: Kris Bonner, Jim Liehr, Lynda Stephens and Nicole Ekberg. Our parish was well represented through their dedication, hard work and spirituality.

We have had a lot of people from St. Luke's make their Cursillo and we have just added five more in Jim Warring, Cindy Gasior, Kathy Zervas, Walt Gasior and Nancy Warring. I intentionally listed them individually though they are obviously two couples. Cursillo is a personal journey which we get to do with friends and new friends from across the diocese. At the same time, sharing the experience is wonderful also. This has certainly been true for Lynda and me over the years.

As you might guess, we are all more than a little tired. Yet we are excited about the Cursillo experience and anxious to see where it will lead us in our spiritual journey. Walt had a good metaphor for the weekend – "It was like taking a drink from a fire hydrant!" There is a lot of truth to that. Someone else said, "It was like being flooded by God's love." That is also true. For me it was like creating another "trajectory" for my spiritual journey.

Everyone's experience is always a little different from others. Sometimes people are renewed immediately and other people don't see the benefits until weeks later. Yet, I think we all come back with a better appreciation of what it means to be Christ-people – Children of God called to follow Jesus – what it means to be "church" together – a Community of Faith for each other and reaching to touch the lives of others.

Thanks be to God for Cursillo – for what was experienced this weekend and what is happening in the lives of those who shared the experience.

Blessings,
Fr. Lee,

Weekly Activity Calendar

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

Tuesday, August 23, 2016

10:00am Spiritual Discipline Group, library

Wednesday, August 24, 2016

10am-2pm Regional Clericus Mtg., MH
6-8pm Young Disciples, RH
7:00pm Choir

Thursday, August 25, 2016

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

Friday, August 26, 2016

Saturday, August 27, 2016

Sunday, August 28, 2016

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

Monday, August 29, 2016

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

2,500 KIDS SAY THANK YOU!

This year, the "Pack the Backpacks" program gave out more school supplies than ever before and on behalf of the kids and parents who were helped, the Washington County School Supply Drive sends its biggest "Thank You!" to everyone at St. Luke's. The money you contribute helps us buy supplies when they are the cheapest, which is actually right now. Allowing the program to occupy Rodgers Hall for about 6 weeks could be very disruptive to other church activities but somehow we all make it work. This year we even moved the times for our Family Promise week a bit to make everything work out. But the biggest source of pride is our church members and staff who help out. I know that Ann Bell answered many dozens of phone calls from our clients and she directed every one of them to the right spot. We lost count of how many folks from St. Luke's helped pack and distribute the backpacks. We had so many happy and grateful families that were touched. We thank all of you for being the foundation for the efforts of so many folks.

Melinda and Bob Wesneski



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.)

Steve, Mary, Elizabeth, Emma, Alvin,
Jeremiah, Jeanne, Lida, Robert, Bid,
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.

Church Nursery Volunteers Needed...!

We are in need of volunteers for the
nursery. We lost two of our
awesome volunteers, Elizabeth Boyle
and Anneke Borg to college. ☹️
Amalie Sutton is our Nursery
Supervisor and you can find her in
the nursery every Sunday, but we
need another adult (at least 16 or
older) to assist her. Our plan is to
schedule each volunteer once a
month. If this is something you
would like to help with, please
contact Erin Perry at 918-766-6166
or at erinperry31@gmail.com.

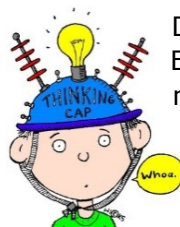


Christmas Carols in August!



A St. Luke's "tradition"! Christmas Carols will be sung as the music for the 10:30 Eucharist on August 21st. Curious about the most selected Christmas Carols for CC in Aug. since 2010? Tied for 1st: "Angels from the Realms of Glory", "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing", and "Joy to the World". Tied for 2nd: "Once in Royal David's City" and "What Child is This".

For "Inquiring Minds" Who Want to Know Parish Potluck August 21 - 5:30PM



Did you ever wonder how regularly folks attend the Holy Eucharist? What about how long folks have been members of St. Luke's? Or, how many members have been Episcopalians for 50 years or more? What do you think the average number of ministries is for a member of St. Luke's?

We know that "inquiring minds" want to know. So the St. Luke's Search Committee has some of the answers. There are only 2 things that you need to do --bring a dish to share and show up at the Parish Potluck.

Be there next Sunday, August 21 at 5:30pm to find out answers to these questions and many, many more. In addition, we hope you will be there to engage with the parish family in a discussion of issues and concerns as we continue in our joint discernment process for a new rector.

Bring a dish to share and join us next Sunday evening starting at 5:30PM. Expect food, fun, and fellowship. Participate in information sharing, answers to interesting questions and discussions of issues and concerns.



ADOOR ST. LUKE'S is an open and shut operation! Currently three doors have been **adopted**—the Chapel Door and the two South Entry Doors! The contractor is coming by this week to start work on the Chapel Door. Further, the two Rogers Hall Entry Doors are in the adoption process. I will be putting more information up on the reddish bulletin board in the hall, sort of across from the office. The display will show all the doors and indicate their "adoptive status" and provide an explanation of the "adoption process". It is certainly permissible for more than one adopter to contribute to the cost of adopting an individual door. I am working on a prototype of a recognition plaque to be attached to each adopted door. Stay tuned for more information about this exciting project!

Steve Forsythe, Parish Administrator
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Choir Summer Sabbatical Soon to End!

Although it has been helpful having members of our choir singing with the congregation these past several weeks, our choir is missed when they are not singing in the chancel!

The Choir will return to lead in our singing on Sunday, Aug. 28th. This means rehearsals will begin Wednesday, Aug. 24th at 7 p.m. We always welcome new singers (or would-like-to-be-singers) in our choir. Come to a rehearsal and give us a try! Rehearsals begin at 7 p.m. and we are usually finished by 8:30. Choir Room is on 2nd floor right above the office.





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LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE 8/21/16 through 8/28/16

Volunteers: Please make your own substitutions.

Acolytes
August 21
Servers
 Nick Olsen, Greta Olsen
Torchbearers
 Kyle Peterson, Charlie Olsen
August 28
Servers
 Spencer Heald, Ruth Todd

Scripture Lessons for
Sunday, August 21
 Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6;
 Hebrews 12:18-29; Luke 13:10-17
Music for Sunday, August 21
 #93 – "Angels from the Realms of Glory"
 #87 – "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"
 #99 – "Go Tell It On the Mountain"
 #101 – "Away in a Manger"
 "What Feast of Love"
 #100 – "Joy to the World"

Greeters
Sunday, August 21
8:00am
 Monica Martin
10:30am
 Carol Murphy
 Steve & Maureen Forsythe
Sunday, August 28
8:00am
 Sally Canfield
10:30am
 D. J. & Jerry Nezam
 Jim & Nancy Warring

Ushers
Sunday, August 21
8:00am
 Michael Kemp, Dean Zervas
10:30am
 Glenn Bonner, Steve Clark
Sunday, August 28
8:00am
 Robert Babcock, Dean Zervas
10:30am
 Jim Grillot, Max McCreary

Layreaders
Sunday, August 21
8:00am
 Scott Williams, Jim Grillot
10:30am
 Scott Williams, Nick Conner
 Bob Wesneski, Judy Currey
Sunday, August 28
8:00am
 Judy Currey, Jeff Birk
10:30am
 Nick Conner, Kate Carroll
 Bob Wesneski, Penny Williams

Coffee Fellowship Hour
August 21
 Karen Lewey
August 28
 Volunteer needed*
 *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 21
 Becky & Brian Olsen
August 28
 Jeanne Julstrom, Travis Sutton
Sept. 4
 Heather Boyle, Bob Tedstrom

Nursery Volunteers
August 21
 Barbara Todd
August 28
 Anneke Borg
September 4
 Volunteer needed*
 *Contact Erin Perry, 918-766-6166

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
4th Thursday, August 25, 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 Counter
August 21
 Steve Clark
August 28
 Jim Grillot, Jim Malone
Sept. 4
 Amy Borg