

The Steeple

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PARISH UPDATE: RECTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE

The St. Luke's Rector Search Committee has started the next phase of our process. Over the next several weeks, teams of three committee members will be visiting the homes and home parishes of our top candidates.



These visits have two objectives:

(1) to learn as much as we can about our rector candidates so that we could make an informed decision about their fit with St. Luke's and (2) to give our candidates and their family as much information as possible about St. Luke's, Bartlesville and Oklahoma so that they can make an informed decision about whether St. Luke's might be a good fit their family.

Our search process has been a long journey for the St. Luke's parish family. We continue to have faith that we are on the right path to find the right priest God intends to be the next rector for our beloved St. Luke's.

We also believe that your prayers do make a difference. Please continue praying for the Vestry, our committee and top candidates as we continue our respective discernment processes.

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Important Dates To Remember

Church Bldg. Closed July 3 & 4 (see article this pg.)

Vacation Bible School, Mon.-Thurs., July 10-13 (see pg. 3)



The Church office and building will be closed for the Independence Day Holiday on Monday & Tuesday, July 3 & 4. The Holy Eucharist will be celebrated as usual on Monday, July 3 at 5:30pm.

Thoughts from Fr. Sean



Generations...

Lately I have been studying, thinking about and watching multiple generations cohabitate this place we call "Church". My mind and heart have taken me back to various names over the last two years—names that meant a great deal to me and to many of you. A few in particular are Cordy Liggett, Cheri Doty, and Linda Cabbage. These three women impacted both my ministry and my life in ways I never could have imagined. Linda was inclusive from the moment we met

her; she always slipped theater tickets or show-time reminders in our pockets, trying to make sure that we had an opportunity to have some fun and see a broader picture of Bartlesville. Cheri was a sweet strong woman who used to make me laugh with her questions—one of which coming after a sermon of mine, "Fr. Sean, do you think I'd like video games?" Last but not least, Cordy. Dear Cordy. Hers was the first Last Rites service I celebrated, the first funeral I served in, and she was the first matriarch of this church to welcome me. She used to sit next to me at functions and at Sunday forum and whisper funny sayings. She would always let me know when I said something the right way, and when I could use a little improvement on my speech. I miss her, Cheri, and Linda when I remember their loving contributions to this place and to its people.

Then I begin to think of the people still with us, here at St. Luke's. There are too many to name who do so very much for this congregation and community. Newer members have started stepping up in terms of facilitating classes, outreach opportunities and programs. Veteran members have kept the Church healthy and sustainable through their efforts in maintaining the properties, the vestry, the youth and various other duties. And then there are the Deacons, the Music Maestro, the Lay Eucharistic Ministers...the list goes on and on. The present looks vibrant and life-giving, as the Church and Body of Jesus Christ should look.

I wonder about the future, with full hope and confidence that it will be even better than the present. I think about the new incoming Rector—someone who will undoubtedly breathe new life and lend new perspective to this place. I look at new families starting to come in and contribute their time and talents. I see the new staff members becoming strong leaders. It is bittersweet for me to watch all of this, both from within and the sideline, as I still invest myself into this place while simultaneously preparing to depart.

The generations of this church are amazing—each in their own unique way. Keep up your good work, your loving hearts and your faithful lives. Remember those who went before you, appreciate those who are alongside you, and prepare a place for those who will follow you. And do all these things in His name.

Faithfully,
Fr. Sean,

CHAPEL DOOR DEDICATION

The Chapel door on the southwest side of the church building, which was restored in memory of Cordy Liggett, will be blessed and dedicated this coming Sunday, July 2 at 9:30am with her family present. All are invited to attend this brief dedication.



WEEKLY ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Sunday, July 2, 2017

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

Monday, July 3, 2017

Church Bldg. Closed for
Independence Day Holiday
5:30pm Holy Eucharist

Tuesday, July 4, 2017

Church Bldg. Closed for
Independence Day Holiday

Wednesday, July 5, 2017

Thursday, July 6, 2017

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

Friday, July 7, 2017

Saturday, July 8, 2017

Sunday, July 9, 2017

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

Monday, July 10, 2017

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

Tuesday, July 11, 2017

10:00am Spiritual Discipline Group,
library

Favorite Hymns Time



We are fast approaching that "should-be-but-probably-never-will-be" liturgical season called "Favorite Hymns Time" (aka Summer Sundays). For each one of you who wonder how the hymns for our communal worship are selected; for each of you who wish we would sing at least a few of your favorite hymns at Sunday's 10:30 Eucharist; for those who have voiced a desire to have a say in the music/hymns/songs for the aforementioned worship time – HERE IS YOUR CHANCE!

Easy instructions: let Dolores McCreary know your favorites. It will also help if you have a suggestion for the source of your favorites IF they are not in the 3 hymnals we use on a regular basis: *The Hymnal 1982*, *GATHER*, and *Wonder, Love, and Praise*. It is also a good idea to let her know the Sunday(s) you will NOT be here. We'll begin "Favorite Hymns Time" on Sunday, July 9th and continue through mid-August.

ST. LUKE'S PRAYER LIST

Please keep the following persons
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.)*

Robert, Hugh, Steve, Rita, Ed, Sydney,
Evelyn, Justin, John, Samantha,
Jaycee, Bev, Don, Kris, Max, Carl,
Jamie, Jim, Sue, Pam, Jack, Jenny,
Elizabeth, and 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.*

FAMILY PROMISE WRAPS UP! BACK IN SEPTEMBER!

Another successful week of hosting homeless families here at St. Luke's came to a close this past Sunday. Approximately 60 of our volunteers made it possible to feed and house 3 families - a total of 5 adults and 6 young children. Experiences of joy, as well as sadness were shared by the guests; their struggles, challenges and hopes were articulated. Volunteers listened, gave their time and attentiveness, and offered encouragement for their journey. God's grace was ever present and seemed to be an umbrella over all. What a remarkable group of parents and children. As we wish them every success in their transition to independence, please continue to pray for our families and the Family Promise program. And thank you to **every single** volunteer who made the time in their busy schedules to change lives by being present in ALL of the various roles. From meals, to setup, supply donation and laundry, each of you are Christ's hands truly showing what it is to have your arms wide open! Bless you.

- Jen Peterson

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Hello St. Luke's family! As June wraps up we find ourselves in the heat of summer. There are weekend bar-b-ques, trips to the lake, family vacations and...**Vacation Bible School!**

This year we are delving into our companion diocese of Uruguay, looking at their geography, their culture, and our shared roles in the Gospel of Christ. Our program begins on Monday, July 10th, and goes through to Thursday, July 13th when we will be inviting parents and friends to join us and celebrate what we have learned.

The evenings start at 6:15 and wrap up at 8:30. Enrollment is still open and we are still actively seeking volunteers. There are enrollment forms in the office and I will be tending a sign-up table at Metcalf Hall after the late Sunday services.

Speaking of volunteers, we desperately need volunteers for both our NURSERY and the CHILDREN'S CHAPEL. Our current volunteers are getting a little worn out. They've been going above and beyond not just in those roles, but in various volunteer capacities throughout the church. We are all very grateful for all they do, but they could use a break. So, if you are reading this and have even the slightest inclination to lend a hand, please do.

Karl Franks, Christian Education Director

KARL'S CORNER

As Parish Administrator I've had the pleasure of seeing how the various members of our church pull together and make things happen. I would personally like to thank all of the volunteers that have made our rental properties come together. Dan Droege and Steve Clarke come specifically to mind. 821 Osage was a huge project and was tackled head on without complaint. Hopefully, all of the major work on the properties is behind us. However, some may have noticed activity at the garage apartment. The roof was in need of repair, which was taken care of this past Monday, and our tenant has recently moved out. The apartment requires a little clean up, and as such, you might notice a small mess as that takes place. It will be taken care of in short order.

If anyone notices that the faucet in the kitchen no longer leaks and the sprayer now functions as it should, please take the time to thank Jim Grillot. He took care of that, and many other little things that people might not notice. Thank you, Jim. Your help is appreciated. And, thank you to everyone else.

God bless - Karl Franks, Parish Administrator, 617-777-0461 or
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Holy Eucharist: Sunday 8am & 10:30am; Monday 5:30pm, Thursday 12pm

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LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE 7/2/17 through 7/9/17

Volunteers: Please make your own substitutions.

Acolytes

July 2

Servers

Harald Borg, Makayla Lein

Torchbearers

Emma Perry, Emma Boyle

July 9

Servers

Ruth Todd, Grace Mitchell

Torchbearers

Keaton Mitchell, Evan Mitchell

Scripture Lessons for

Sunday, July 2

Genesis 22:1-14; Psalm 13;

Romans 6:12-23; Matthew

10:40-42

Music for Sunday, July 2

#518 – "Christ is Made the Sure Foundation"

#686 – "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

GATHER #344 – Behold the Lamb of God"

GATHER #346 – "One Bread, One Body"

#718 – "God of Our Fathers"

Greeters

Sunday, July 2

8:00am

Don Davidson

10:30am

Glenn & Thelma Blackburn

Sunday, July 9

8:00am

Volunteer needed

Contact Wendy Hall,

918-333-3541 or

dhall768@cableone.net

10:30am

Debbie & Dennis

Mueggenborg

Ushers

Sunday, July 2

8:00am

Dean Zervas

10:30am

Hugh Harrison, Tim Simmons

Sunday, July 9

8:00am

Don Davidson

10:30am

Brian Ferguson, Hugh Harrison

Layreaders

July 2

8:00am

Nick Conner, Scott Williams

10:30am

Kate Carroll, Juanita Green

July 9

8:00am

Kate Carroll, Nick Conner

10:30am

Jim Warring, Penny Williams

Sunday Coffee Fellowship Hour

July 2

Volunteers needed

July 9

Juanita & Lauren Green

July 9, 16, 23 & 30

Volunteers needed

There is a sign-up sheet in the

Metcalf Hall kitchen or

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**, contact

Melinda Wesneski,

918-333-7758 or

mcwesne@gmail.com.

Children's Chapel

July 2

Heather Boyle, Bob Tedstrom

July 9

Nicki Ingram, Jeanne Julstrom

July 16

Blair & Chad Ellis

Agape Mission

4th Thursday, July 13

9-11am

Jeanne Julstrom, John McCollum

10:45am-1pm

Kris Bonner, Rita Childers, Becky

Liehr, Kathy Zervas, Marcia Zervas

1:00-2:45pm

Melinda Droegge, Miriam Petrovich

Nursery Volunteers

July 2

Erin Perry

July 9

Natalie Conner

July 16

Barbara Todd

Sunday Plate Counter

July 2

Amy Borg

July 9

Bruce Ramzel

July 16

Steve Clark

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!

Bereavement Committee

Team 3

Wendy Hall, Connie Freebern,

Glenda Garrison, Gretchen Hoyt,

Becky Liehr, Carol Murphy