



The Steeple

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HONORING THE CLASS OF 2017

Do you have a graduating senior this year? Our tradition at St. Luke's is to honor and recognize our High School graduating seniors on Youth Sunday, which is scheduled for May 21 this year. There will also be a reception in their honor that day in Metcalf Hall immediately following the 10:30 Eucharist.



Please contact the church office at 918-336-1212 or email annbell@episcopalbartlesville.org so that your graduate may be among those recognized on this most important occasion in their lives. Thank you!

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Important Dates To Remember

- ✓ Monthly Vestry Mtg., Monday, May 8, 7:15pm
- Mother's Day, Sunday, May 14
- 2017 Senior Recognition Sunday, May 21.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL NEWS

Hello Saint Luke's family! First let me express how happy I am to have been given a chance to step into the position of Christian Education Director. With the help of our many volunteers, I look forward to seeing the youngest members of our parish begin their journeys with Christ. I also very much look forward to discussing what that might look like with the rest of you.

I'm also excited to announce plans for our upcoming week- long Vacation Bible School. We have it penciled in for the week of July 10th through the 15th. It's currently in its discussion phase and we are looking for anyone who would like to take part in the planning committee. If you might be interested in volunteering, your input and involvement would be greatly appreciated.



Go to these links for the
May Activity Calendar and
May Birthday & Anniversary
list:

[http://episcopalbartlesville.org/
calendar/](http://episcopalbartlesville.org/calendar/)

[http://episcopalbartlesville.org/
birthdays-and-anniversaries/](http://episcopalbartlesville.org/birthdays-and-anniversaries/)

Thanks,
Karl Franks
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Thoughts from Fr. Sean



It's still Easter! Perhaps one of the best lines ever came from one of our young theologians this last Sunday when she said, "We should have more egg hunts!" That's the kind of excitement we should have about Easter; a childlike love of the season with fun mixed in with faith. But how? Finding the joy in life seems like an impossible search, sometimes. We get bogged down with work, school, volunteerism and many other

opportunities of distraction. I would offer this as a response to that: Keep your Lenten disciplines going, with minor tweaks here and there. OR, add a new spiritual discipline such as reading daily scripture, taking a walk and enjoying God's creation, or calling a friend to make time for connection and fellowship.

Easter is about the Risen Lord, yes. But it is also about practicing resurrection of dormant faith and heartfelt gratitude for God's blessing to the world. Look around you! We have a beautiful space, a holy space, in which to worship; we have loving and caring small groups that share and grow together; we have dedicated committees that seek to serve God in many different ways; and we have the freedom to worship together in many different services throughout the week.

So find your joy, or feed your joy. Either way, enjoy this Easter season and remember that you are the blessed community of the Body of Christ; His hands, His feet, and His words are yours to steward. Will you speak joy, craft love, and walk faithfully? I know you will, because I see your hearts in action.

Faithfully,
Fr. Sean+



NEW STAFF MEMBERS!

Hello all! It is with great pleasure that I announce the appointment of Karl Franks as Christian Education Director AND Parish Administrator. Karl has attended St. Luke's Episcopal Church for a little over three years and shows a deep faith and desire to serve God in both these capacities. Steve Forsythe, the Wardens, and I see the gifts Karl possesses to effectively steward our beloved Church in the years to come. Please welcome Karl in his new position and feel free to reach out to him if you haven't met him, yet.

Next, Lana Barnes will be our new Parish Secretary, effective July 1st. As we witness the retirement of our beloved Ann Bell—21 years is a blessed era in which St. Luke's has benefitted from her hard work and loving heart—we are fortunate to have found someone with seven years' parish secretary experience! It's an exciting time to be a St. Lucan!

Weekly Activity Calendar

Sunday, May 7, 2017

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

Monday, May 8, 2017

9:30am Church Staff Mtg.
5:30pm Holy Eucharist
7:15pm Vestry Mtg.

Tuesday, May 9, 2017

10:00am Spiritual Discipline Group, library

Wednesday, May 10, 2017

6-8pm Young Disciples, RH
7:00pm Choir

Thursday, May 11, 2017

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

Friday, May 12, 2017

Saturday, May 13, 2017

Sunday, May 14, 2017

Mother's Day

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

Monday May 15, 2017

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

NEW RECTOR SEARCH PROCESS: PARISH UPDATE

The St. Luke's Rector Search Committee is very pleased to update the St. Luke's parish family on the interview phase of our rector search process. Last week, we conducted online video interviews with rector candidates.

Our approach was to have a conversation with the candidates. We asked questions to learn more about them and they asked questions to learn more about St. Luke's. Most sessions lasted about an hour.

We found last week's candidate conversations to be very productive.

We have interviews scheduled with other candidates in the coming weeks.

After we complete the interview phase, we will assess the candidate's fit with the needs of St. Luke's. The next phase of our rector search process will be site visits to the candidate's parish and home.

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

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.)

Rashad, Daniel, Waylon, Billy, John, Jared, Daniel, Tony, Derek, Andrew, Gene, Jamie, Brody, Sally, Sherrilyn, Madelyn, Jim, Mary, Sue, Tammy, Pam, Jack, Ann, Rose, Becky, Peggy, Lynette, Jenny, Diane, Kristen, Mary, Elizabeth, Max, Emma, Cory 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.



WHAT A GREAT EFFORT ON THE FLOORS! It could not have happened as successfully as it did without the extra efforts of: The St. Luke's Men's Group--Steve Clark, David Hall, Glenn Bonner, Bob Wesneski, Lauren Green, Bill Jones, and Jim Grillot: Staff--Hugh Harrison, Lana Lookout, and Karl Franks: and the Color Coordinators: Dean and Kathy Zervas, and Brad Borg. Plus the contractor and his crew were super hard working and efficient!

In the three weeks I have left as Parish Administrator, I hope to complete the painting of the replaced exterior doors and maybe also the Rogers Hall doors. Some of this depends on the weather. Otherwise I will be helping transition my replacement into the wonderful job!

Steve Forsythe, Parish Administrator
918-336-1212, sforsythe@episcopalbartlesville.org

Historic House Tour

Admission: A passion for cleanliness

Would you like to visit one of Bartlesville's fine old homes? St. Luke's has one...at 821 S. Osage (across the alley from Rodgers Hall). It's about to be rented, but you'll have a chance to get a (very) close look on "Clean House Days"
FRIDAY & SATURDAY, MAY 12-13 from 9 am to 4 pm



This beautiful rental property is being extensively improved by contractors from our rental agent, but it needs a **GOOD CLEANING** by church members before a complete interior painting, carpet cleaning and occupancy. The main tasks are cleaning woodwork, kitchen and bathroom counters and some windows. St. Luke's will provide gloves and cleaning supplies. If you have a favorite cleaning item, bring it. By doing this cleaning ourselves, we'll help offset the costs of preparing this property for occupancy. If you can help at any time during Clean House Days, please contact Steve Clark (918-914-9662 or snclark@sbcglobal.net) or Dan Droege (918-331-7936 or dbdcomm@aol.com). Set your own hours and "tour" times.

Church Women
United
2017 May
Friendship Day
Kindling New Fires
of Love

All Women of the
Community are Invited
Friday, May 5, 11:30am
First Presbyterian Church
505 S. Dewey
Covered Dish Luncheon
Questions: Contact Pat Netzer,
918-337-2118



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Holy Eucharist: Sunday 8am & 10:30am; Monday 5:30pm, Thursday 12pm

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LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE 5/7/17 through 5/14/17

Volunteers: Please make your own substitutions.

Acolytes

May 7

Servers

Harald Borg, Makayla Lein

Torchbearers

Kimaya Kindred, Emma Perry

May 14

Servers

Ruth Todd, Grace Mitchell

Torchbearers

Keaton Mitchell, Evan Mitchell

Scripture Lessons for

Sunday, May 7

Acts 2:42-47; Psalm 23; 1 Peter

2:19-25; John 10:1-10

Music for Sunday, May 7

#379 – "God is Love"

GATHER #71 – "Praise the God of All Creation"

#664 – "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

GATHER #339 – "Life-Giving

Bread, Saving Cup"

"Sing, Ye Faithful, Sing With Gladness"

Greeters

Sunday, May 7

8:00am

Don Davidson

10:30am

Glenn & Thelma Blackburn

Sunday, May 14

8:00am

Don Doty

10:30am

Debbie & Dennis

Mueggenborg

Ushers

Sunday, May 7

8:00am

Steve Forsythe, Dean Zervas

10:30am

Hugh Harrison, Tim Simmons

Sunday, May 14

8:00am

Don Davidson

10:30am

Brian Ferguson, Hugh Harrison

Layreaders

May 7

8:00am

Jeff Birk, Jim Grillot

10:30am

Nick Conner, Jim Warring

May 14

8:00am

Kate Carroll, Judy Currey

10:30am

Katherine Powell, Bob Wesneski

Coffee Fellowship Hour

May 7

Wendy Hall

May 14

Jim & Nancy Warring

May 21

Senior Reception

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, contact

Melinda Wesneski,

918-333-7758 or

mcwesne@gmail.com.

Children's Chapel

May 7

Heather Boyle, Bob Tedstrom

May 14

Nicki Ingram, Jeanne Julstrom

May 21

Blair & Chad Ellis

Agape Mission

2nd Thursday, May 11

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

May 7

Erin Perry

May 14

Natalie Conner

May 21

Barbara Todd

Sunday Plate Counter

May 7

Amy Borg

May 14

Bruce Ramzel

May 21

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