



The Steeple

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PENTECOST SUNDAY



Pentecost

Sunday, June 4, is the Day of Pentecost, which marks the day when the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles. Pentecost Sunday occurs 50 days after Easter and is also known as the birthday of the Church. Pentecost launched the large-scale spreading of the Gospel after Jesus' ascension. Pentecost is represented with the color red, which symbolizes the fire of the Holy Spirit. If you can, wear **RED** on Sunday, June 4.



FAMILY PROMISE RETURNS TO ST. LUKE'S

As you know, families will arrive at St. Luke's [June 18 - 25](#). There are currently 3 families in the program, a total of 4 adults and 3 children (aged 18 months, 2, and 9).

In order to run this week smoothly, it takes approximately 54 volunteers to make it work (assuming everyone only volunteers once). AT THIS TIME, WE ARE 2 AND A HALF WEEKS FROM HOSTING WITH 23 SIGNED UP, AND 31 ESSENTIAL SPOTS LEFT TO FILL. This means we need you!

Sign up for volunteers will continue for the next 2 weeks. So much thanks to everyone who has already volunteered to serve! We still need folks to prepare meals, visit with families in the evenings, stay overnight, as well as donate supplies. Stop by Metcalf Hall after the 10:30 service to choose your slot. If you have questions, or would like to learn more about the program, or to sign up, please contact Jen Peterson at jenrpet1971@gmail.com or [918-397-7779](tel:918-397-7779).

For more information on Family Promise of Washington County, visit to their website, <http://www.familypromisewc-ok.org/>.

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Important Dates To Remember

St. Luke's at SunFest June 2-4 (see pg. 3)
Monthly Vestry Mtg. Mon., June 12, 7:15pm
Father's Day is Sunday, June 18
Family Promise at St. Luke's, Sun., June 18 - Sun. June 25 (see article this pg.)
Vacation Bible School, Mon.-Fri., July 10-14

Thoughts from Fr. Sean



There's a birthday coming up, this weekend—the birthday of The Church. Annually we celebrate something called "Pentecost" and yet, I wonder if everybody knows why. As a cradle Episcopalian, I grew up knowing that at one point in the year I was expected to don a red shirt go to church for a picture—that was the extent of my Pentecost knowledge. Thankfully through the years, I have

been instructed as to why that was an important day. In short, Pentecost is the birthday of The Church. After Jesus sacrificed himself for humanity, the disciples found themselves in a time of transition: They knew that something miraculous had happened; they knew that Christ was the Son of Man, yet they didn't have a clear notion of what to DO with that knowledge. Enter Pentecost. Post-ascension Jesus, the apostles are left in a room with their ponderings; I can imagine a group of people naval-gazing and wondering what to do next. Then the Holy Spirit shows up and lights them on spiritual fire, thereby enabling them with the energy, spirit and ability to preach the Word to all who would listen, thus birthing the Church.

So why, after two millennia, do we continue this practice of memorialization and celebration? I think there are many good answers to that question, but the one that strikes closest to home for me is this: Right now, it is more important than ever before to feel the power of the Holy Spirit moving through us, urging us to come together with one purpose—to love and love wholly (and Holy) everyone around us. We see declining numbers in denominations across the globe; we witness acts of terrorism and hate nearly every day; we watch in disbelief as the world seemingly crumbles away as evil takes its toll on the good of humanity. Pentecost is a not-so-gentle reminder that we are called and enabled by the Holy Spirit to combat that with our love, our time, and our comforting presence to all who seek God. There are plenty of opportunities to allow the Spirit to move through us and to impact the world. We can volunteer to help those in need via Family Promise (see pg. 1); we can evangelize to the surrounding community by means of signing up and being present at the booth during Sun Fest (see pg. 3); we can volunteer to help our kids better understand the good news of Jesus Christ through curriculum such as Vacation Bible School (see next column); and many other ways.

This Sunday, be reminded that the Holy Spirit came and breathed new life into the existing believers and gave them a name: Church. Now, go out and DO. Be thankful. Be Blessed. Be Church.

Faithfully,
Fr. Sean+

WEEKLY

ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Sunday, June 4, 2017

Pentecost Sunday

8:00am Rite I

9:15am Clergy Forum, MH

9:30am Choir Rehearsal

10:30am Rite II

Monday, June 5, 2017

9:30am Church Staff Mtg.

5:30pm Holy Eucharist

Tuesday, June 6, 2017

10:00am Spiritual Discipline Group, library

Wednesday, June 7, 2017

Thursday, June 8, 2017

6:45am Men's Fellowship, MH

12:00pm Holy Eucharist

Friday, June 9, 2017

Saturday, June 10, 2017

Sunday, June 11, 2017

8:00am Rite I

9:15 Clergy Forum, MH

9:30am Choir Rehearsal

10:30am Rite II

Monday June 12, 2017

9:30am Church Staff Mtg.

5:30pm Holy Eucharist

7:15pm Vestry Mtg.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

When: M-F, July 10-14

Where: St. Luke's!

What's Needed: Volunteers!

**Contact: Karl Franks at
617-777-0461 or
ktdfranks@gmail.com**

THANK YOU!

✠ 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.)

Jaycee, Bev, Don, Kris, Max, Carl, Jamie, Jim, Mark, 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.

PARISH UPDATE ST. LUKE'S RECTOR SEARCH PROCESS

The St. Luke's Rector Search Committee is very pleased to update the St. Luke's parish family on the search process.

We recently completed online video interviews with our pool of rector candidates. Our approach was to have a conversation with the candidates about themselves and about St. Luke's. We found these conversations to be most valuable and very productive.

Following the interviews, we assessed each candidate's background, experience, philosophy and personality. We also spent a great deal of time in prayer, individual reviews, and group discussions to determine which candidates might be a good fit with St. Luke's.

Through that process, we identified top candidates whom we believe deserve more consideration and further conversation. We are now entering the next phase of our rector search process. We are arranging site visits to the home and parish of our top candidates.

We anticipate these visits to include extended time with the candidate and their family as well as an opportunity to experience a worship service at their church. In addition, we want to spend time in conversation about St. Luke's – who we are; what we do; where we want to go; and, what we need in our next rector.

Our search process journey has been a long one for the parish, for the Vestry and for our committee. 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.

☀ SUNFEST AND ST. LUKE'S! ☀

St. Luke's is hosting a booth at Sunfest this year. Volunteers are needed to staff the booth in 2-hour shifts.

Shifts are:

Friday, June 2 from 3pm - sunset
Saturday June 3 from 10am - sunset
Sunday June 4, from 12noon - 4 pm

Please contact Deacon Lauri at lauri-watkins@sbcglobal.net or 918-766-2473. You will work in groups of 2 or 3 so grab a couple of friends and enjoy our community. Get your request in quickly so you can have the best time slot!

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

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LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE 6/4/17 through 6/11/17

Volunteers: Please make your own substitutions.

Acolytes

June 4 & 11

No schedule available

Layreaders

June 4

8:00am

Kate Carroll, Judy Currey

10:30am

Bob Wesneski, Lauren Green

June 11

8:00am

Judy Currey, Nick Conner

10:30am

Kate Carroll, Juanita Green

Nursery Volunteers

June 4

Erin Perry

June 11

Natalie Conner

June 18

Barbara Todd

Scripture Lessons for

Sunday, June 4

Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34,

35b; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13;

John 20:19-23

Music for Sunday, June 4

GATHER #190 – "Spirit of God
Within Me"

#230 – "A Mighty Sound from
Heaven"

#507 – "Praise the Spirit in
Creation"

#306 – "This is the Hour of
Banquet & of Song"

#376 – "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore
Thee"

Coffee Fellowship Hour

June 4, 11, 18, 25

Volunteers needed

To volunteer, contact Rita

Childers, 918-519-8470 or

puvey45@gmail.com

Sunday Plate Counter

June 4

Amy Borg

June 11

Bruce Ramzel

June 18

Steve Clark

Greeters

Sunday, June 4

8:00am

Don Davidson

10:30am

Glenn & Thelma Blackburn

Sunday, June 11

8:00am

Volunteer needed

10:30am

Debbie & Dennis

Mueggenborg

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.

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!

Ushers

Sunday, June 4

8:00am

Dean Zervas

10:30am

Hugh Harrison, Tim Simmons

Sunday, June 11

8:00am

Don Davidson

10:30am

Brian Ferguson, Hugh Harrison

Children's Chapel

June 4

Heather Boyle, Bob Tedstrom

June 11

Nicki Ingram, Jeanne Julstrom

June 18

Blair & Chad Ellis

Agape Mission

2nd Thursday, June 8

9-11am

Jeanne Julstrom, John McCollum

10:45am-1pm

Kris Bonner, Rita Childers, Becky

Liehr, Kathy Zervas, Marcia Zervas

1:00-2:45pm

Melinda Droege, Miriam Petrovich

Bereavement Committee

Team 3

Wendy Hall, Connie Freebern,

Glenda Garrison, Gretchen Hoyt,

Becky Liehr, Carol Murphy