



The Steeple

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2017

Vacation Bible School is finally taking shape! After much discussion we've decided on all of the key components.

The age range will be for children entering Kindergarten through 5th grade and will be taking place in the evenings from 6:25 until 8:30 starting on Monday July 10th culminating with a family night on Thursday July 13th.

Our theme this year will focus on our companion diocese of Uruguay and will have us exploring the geography, culture, food and music of the country. We hope to use our obvious cultural differences as a backdrop to highlight our commonalities in faith and liturgy while exploring what it means to be part of the larger world-wide Body of Christ.

Thus far we have a small number of volunteers that are committed to making our St. Luke's VBS a success, however... **we need more**. We are looking for anyone who would like to help with the following:

- Signing in children
- Food preparation
- Crafts
- Music
- Simple translation (Spanish)
- Set up and/or clean up
- Basically anything you might like to contribute

We will begin sign up for the kids this starting this week. Volunteers can jump on board at any time. Please feel free to contact me for either, 617-777-0461 or ktdfranks@gmail.com.

Karl Franks, Christian Education Director

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✓ Important Dates To Remember

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 quite a bit coming up in our future! We found out that the Search Committee is beginning to visit candidates; Vacation Bible School planning has begun; Family Promise is right around the corner; and the Sunday Morning Clergy Forum is ramping up talks about evangelism. Everywhere you turn, there's something to do, read, study, see or otherwise take part in. That's the beauty of being

in a vibrant parish—programs and action aren't hard to find. But there's also a sense of beauty in the quiet times. Summer allows us plenty of opportunities to slow down, to be still and listen to the Holy Spirit breathe. It is this intimate relationship that keeps us coming back for more, that draws us closer to God. One of the ways in which St. Luke's practices this intimacy in worship is found on Monday nights. Did you know that there's a service at 5:30pm? In the 'ol days, this service was endearingly referred to as 'make-up church' but it is so much more than that.

I had the opportunity to use the time during the sermon last Monday evening as a forum of sorts. I asked the dedicated few that attend Monday evening Eucharist what it was that brought them back every week. One person said that it was the overwhelming sense of the Holy Spirit that they felt in a small enclosed setting—this person loves our church family, especially when we're all together, but finds something special in the stillness of a smaller service with equal profundity. Another person liked the physical setting of the service—it allowed closer proximity to their spouse, who usually volunteers to read or serve at the altar. The conversation was beautiful as people kept naming the reasons why the Monday service means so much to them. Have you been? What about your friends that might not have a church home—would they benefit from a smaller service, a place where they might feel a little less overwhelmed by a large group of people? What about timing? Some people have to work on Sundays (with the exception of me, I GET to work on Sundays) and cannot attend service—would it be kind to invite them for an opportunity to worship when they can be there? In the discussion, we also talked about moving the service to 6:00pm rather than 5:30 to allow for those getting off work to attend; is this something that you desire? The Monday night service offers something special—just like Sunday—but different at the same time. I invite those of you who haven't tried it out to come and see, to experience a different perspective of worship and to have a new way in which to listen to God, to worship Jesus, and to be moved by the Holy Spirit.

Faithfully,

Fr. Sean,

WEEKLY ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Sunday, June 11, 2017

8:00am Rite I
9:15am 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.

Tuesday, June 13, 2017

10:00am Spiritual Discipline Group, library

Wednesday, June 14, 2017

Thursday, June 15, 2017

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

Friday, June 16, 2017

Saturday, June 17, 2017

Sunday, June 18, 2017

Father's Day

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

Monday June 19, 2017

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



With Sympathy

Sincere sympathy & prayers to Mrs. Geraldine Wright (215 SE Morningside, 74006) and Mr. Mark Wright on the death of husband and father, Luther Wright, on Monday, June 5. Funeral services for Mr. Wright will be Saturday, June 10, 11am, at St. Luke's.

✠ 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.)

John, Samantha, 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.

PRAYER FOR THE NEW RECTOR SEARCH PROCESS

We ask you to pray for the rector candidates, Search Committee, and Vestry during our mutual discernment process for our next rector.

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



FAMILY PROMISE RETURNS TO ST. LUKE'S

As you know, our families are set to arrive at St. Luke's from June 18th-25th.

A huge thanks to all who signed up this past Sunday! We are getting closer to filling each role. At this point, we still have the following volunteer spots available. If you have a couple of hours to spare for any of these positions, please contact me ASAP or come sign up after Sunday service.

Overnight host 9pm-6am

Friday, June 23rd (need one woman)

Dinner Preparation 5:30-7pm

Monday, June 19th (need 2 people)

Evening Activity Hosts 7-9 pm

Thursday, June 22nd (need 2 people)

Saturday, June 24th (need 2 people)

Saturday morning breakfast 8-10am

Saturday, June 24th (need 2 people)

Thanks! Please contact Jen Peterson 918-397-7779, jenrpet1971@gmail.com.

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LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE 6/11/17 through 6/18/17

Volunteers: Please make your own substitutions.

Acolytes

June 11

Servers

Ruth Todd, Grace Mitchell

Torchbearers

Emma Boyle, Keaton Mitchell

June 18

Servers

Nick Olsen, Greta Olsen

Torchbearers

Charlie Olsen, Madelyn Stuart

Scripture Lessons for

Sunday, June 11

Genesis 1:1—2:4a; Psalm 8;

2 Corinthians 13:11-13;

Matthew 28:16-20

Music for Sunday, June 11

#362 – "Holy, Holy, Holy"

#515 – "Holy Ghost, Dispel Our Sadness"

#306 – "Come, Risen Lord"

#300 – "Glory, Love and Praise and Honor"

#494 – "Crown Him With Many Crowns"

Greeters

Sunday, June 11

8:00am

Volunteer needed

10:30am

Debbie & Dennis

Mueggenborg

Sunday, June 18

8:00am

Monica Martin

10:30am

Carol Murphy

Ushers

Sunday, June 11

8:00am

Don Davidson

10:30am

Brian Ferguson, Hugh Harrison

Sunday, June 18

8:00am

Dean Zervas

10:30am

Glenn Bonner, Jim Warring

Layreaders

June 11

8:00am

Judy Currey, Nick Conner

10:30am

Kate Carroll, Juanita Green

June 18

8:00am

Jim Grillot, Kate Carroll

10:30am

Penny Williams, Kyle Peterson

Sunday Coffee Fellowship Hour

June 11

Carol Murphy

June 18,

Volunteers needed

June 25

D. J. & Jerry Nezam

To volunteer, contact Rita

Childers, 918-519-8470 or

puvey45@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

June 11

Nicki Ingram, Jeanne Julstrom

June 18

Blair & Chad Ellis

June 25

Erin & Travis Perry

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

Nursery Volunteers

June 11

Natalie Conner

June 18

Barbara Todd

June 25

Diana Crawford

Sunday Plate Counter

June 11

Bruce Ramzel

June 18

Steve Clark

June 25

Jim Grillot

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