



# The Steeple

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## **KARL'S CORNER**

Hello! As always, there are a number of projects taking place throughout the church, some noticeable and some not as much.

The two that are currently most obvious are the door project and the lawn treatment. The final door has just been hung and is expected to be completed in short order. As parish administrator I would like to thank the numerous parishioners that have assisted in making the project possible, and I think we can all be grateful to Steve Forsythe for having initiated the project. His thoroughness in planning has enabled the project to move towards completion as seamlessly as anyone could have hoped. The lawn is currently being treated and will continue to be for the duration of the summer. Unfortunately, this will result in temporary brown spots as the weeds die off and the new grass grows in. Once the process is completed however, the lawn will be back to the beautiful state that it should be.

**IN OTHER NEWS...** We still need volunteers for our upcoming **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**. We are hoping to see parents, teenagers, and other adults who would like to help. There are a number of different ways to be involved, whether it's volunteering to help sign kids in, helping with crafts, helping to prepare food, or just donating materials. Any way that YOU (yes that's directed at you specifically) could help would be greatly appreciated.

We are starting the student registration this week. As a reminder the program will run from Monday July 10th through Thursday the 13th from 6:15 to 8:30 and will be for kids entering kindergarten through 5th grade.

Student registration forms as well as volunteer sign-up sheets are available in the church office. Feel free to contact me directly with any questions.

Thanks-  
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### **Important Dates To Remember**

- Father's Day is Sunday, June 18
- Family Promise at St. Luke's, Sun., June 18 – Sun. June 25
- Vacation Bible School, Mon.-Fri., July 10-14



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Sunday, June 18**

## Thoughts from Fr. Sean



Friends,

Yesterday I landed in New Jersey for the week-long preaching conference with my peers. I am not entirely sure what to expect from this week; it could be filled with learning opportunities and growth, or it could be an exercise in perseverance. The key is me. I have heard from a great deal of people, each detailing how wonderful this week was for them. I have heard from a few who decided to disengage after the first day and allow the week to pass them by. The

same can be said for New Jersey, itself. You see, I've been excited for this conference for quite some time—looking forward to being with peers from around the country and gleaning some best practices and wisdom in preaching—but every time I told someone where I was going, they would chuckle or grunt in disgust, "Ohhhh, Jersey...I'm sorry." I can honestly say I have not heard anything 'good' about New Jersey my entire life; everyone seems to have some kind of poor opinion on this state. But I have to tell you that, when I flew in and peered out the window of the airplane, what I saw was beauty. Trees. TALL ONES! And water, LOTS OF IT. Surely the plane had taken me in the wrong direction—this couldn't be the unmagical land of New Jersey, it is too beautiful!

I wonder if this is how people view the church? How many times have you had a conversation with a friend or a stranger about God or the Church, only to discover that someone else (or maybe even you, if you were hurting at the moment) had painted a less than desirable picture for them? There's power in the words we use and the attitudes we express when talking about, describing, or otherwise remembering something aloud to someone who hasn't experienced it. In the last two days, I've started wondering about the effect we have on people when we complain about other churches, other denominations, other religions: Are we really doing them a service or are we simply lending our own sense of jaded faith to them, enabling them to either 'just say no' to church or come in with a less than optimistic expectation of what the church can be? I leave you with a question: How do you talk about the church? About faith? About God? Be honest with yourself and answer these questions out loud. You might be surprised to hear the answers.

Faithfully,  
Fr. Sean+



**Sincere sympathy & prayers** to Jennifer & Doug McIver, Josie & Ryan (2531 Westview Dr., 74003), on the death of Jennifer's mother, Virginia Morse, on Friday, June 9. Funeral services for Mrs. Morse were Tuesday, June 13 at St. James Catholic Church in Bartlesville.

## WEEKLY

### ACTIVITY CALENDAR

*Family Promise Families at  
St. Luke's June 18 - 25*

#### **Sunday, June 18, 2017**

*Father's Day*

8:00am Rite I

9:15am 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.

#### **Tuesday, June 20, 2017**

10:00am Spiritual Discipline Group, library

#### **Wednesday, June 21, 2017**

3:30pm Green Country Eucharist

#### **Thursday, June 22, 2017**

6:45am Men's Fellowship, MH

12:00pm Holy Eucharist

#### **Friday, June 23, 2017**

#### **Saturday, June 24, 2017**

8:00am Rite I

9:15 Clergy Forum, MH

9:30am Choir Rehearsal

10:30am Rite II

#### **Monday June 26, 2017**

9:30am Church Staff Mtg.

5:30pm Holy Eucharist

## FAMILY PROMISE AT ST. LUKE'S

### Family Promise starts this week!

We will be hosting families beginning this Sunday, June 18th. Three families with a total of 5 adults and 6 children will be sheltered and fed for the week. A huge thanks to all of the volunteers who signed up to help make this possible. Please pray for the families as we help people in transition move toward independence. We still have a need for two volunteers to serve as evening hosts from 7-9pm on Saturday, June 24th. If you are able to fill this role, please contact Jen Peterson at 918-397-7779 or [jenrpet1971@gmail.com](mailto:jenrpet1971@gmail.com).

### 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.)*

Ed, Evelyn, Justin, Milagros, 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](mailto:TPBGEN@aol.com) or the church office at 918-336-1212 or [annbell@episcopalbartlesville.org](mailto:annbell@episcopalbartlesville.org).*



### CONCERN CHILD LEARNING CENTER

1225 W. 5<sup>TH</sup>  
SATURDAY,  
JUNE 24  
8AM-2PM

Drop off donations Monday-Friday, June 12-16, 8am-4pm or call 918-333-5493 for items to be picked up.



### VOLUNTEER FOR EPISCOPAL YOUTH EVENT (EYE) July 10 – 14 University of Central Oklahoma in Edmond

We expect nearly 1500 people from dioceses all across the United States, Europe, Dominican Republic, Micronesia, and more! Help us showcase the truly dedicated members of Oklahoma, and our commitment to ministry, hospitality and engagement with the Church. Choose from a variety of volunteer roles & hours. All training is included. Be a part of the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest Episcopal Church event. How to volunteer: On the Diocesan Website homepage ([www.eppiok.org](http://www.eppiok.org)) click on the Volunteer for EYE button. Questions? Contact Sabrina Evans, [SEvans@epiok.org](mailto:SEvans@epiok.org), or phone 405-232-4820.

### PRAYER FOR THE NEW RECTOR SEARCH PROCESS

*Father,*

*It is time to find a new spiritual leader to guide us. We pray individually and together to further this search process. We know that you have already chosen a path for St Luke's. We pray earnestly for your guidance in seeking out Your plan for us. We ask You to send the Holy Spirit to fill each of our hearts and minds, keep our arms wide open, and guide us to find the new rector who will lead us on this path. Father, we ask that You bless the hearts of each member of our parish family to ease this transition for them. All this we ask through our savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.*



### AN EXCERPT FROM DEACON LAURI WATKINS' SERMON LAST SUNDAY, JUNE 11...

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful  
And kindle in us the power of your love  
Send forth your Spirit and we shall be created  
And you will renew the face of the Earth.  
O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit  
shall instruct the hearts of the faithful,  
Grant that by the same Spirit we may be truly wise  
And ever enjoy his consolation. Amen.

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

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**LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE 6/18/17 through 6/25/17**

*Volunteers: Please make your own substitutions.*

**Acolytes**

**June 18**

Servers

Nick Olsen, Greta Olsen

Torchbearers

Charlie Olsen, Madelyn Stuart

**June 25**

No Acolytes scheduled today

**Scripture Lessons for**

**Sunday, June 18**

Genesis 18:1-15; Psalm 116:1-

2, 12-19; Romans 5:1-8;

Matthew 9:35—10:8

**Music for Sunday, June 18**

**TBA**

**Greeters**

**Sunday, June 18**

8:00am

Monica Martin

10:30am

Carol Murphy

**Sunday, June 25**

8:00am

Sally Canfield

10:30am

D. J. & Jerry Nezam

Jim & Nancy Warring

**Ushers**

**Sunday, June 18**

8:00am

Dean Zervas

10:30am

Glenn Bonner, Jim Warring

**Sunday, June 25**

8:00am

Robert Babcock, Dean Zervas

10:30am

Jim Grillot, Max McCreary

**Layreaders**

**June 18**

8:00am

Jim Grillot, Kate Carroll

10:30am

Penny Williams, Kyle Peterson

**June 25**

8:00am

Jeff Birk, Darian Kedy

10:30am

Lauren Green, Katherine Powell

**Sunday Coffee Fellowship Hour**

**June 18**

*Volunteers needed*

**June 25**

D. J. & Jerry Nezam

**July 2**

*Volunteer needed*

*To volunteer, contact Rita*

*Childers, 918-519-8470 or*

[puvey45@gmail.com](mailto:puvey45@gmail.com)

**Sunday Plate Counter**

**June 18**

Steve Clark

**June 25**

Jim Grillot

**July 2**

Amy Borg

**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](mailto:mcwesne@gmail.com).

**Children's Chapel**

**June 18**

Blair & Chad Ellis

**June 25**

Erin & Travis Perry

**July 2**

Heather Boyle, Bob Tedstrom

**Agape Mission**

**4th Thursday, June 22**

9-11am

Jim Liehr

10:45am-1pm

Jeff Birk, Molly Ferguson,

Glenda Garrison, Darian Kedy,

Jen Peterson

1:00-2:45pm

Carol Murphy, Radomir Petrovich

**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**

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