

# The Steeple

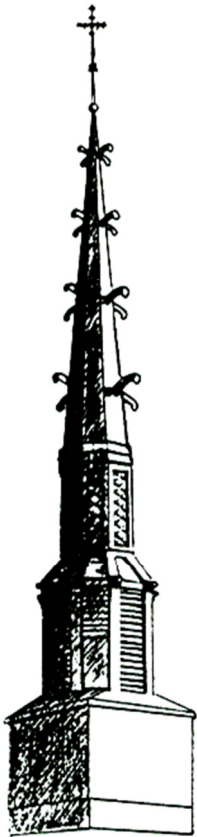
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## Rally Sunday – August 20

**Rally:** To muster for a common purpose; to come together again to renew an effort; to join in a common effort.

Come! Let us rally this Sunday! Let us come together again and worship. Let us celebrate the children of our church. Let us renew our efforts to attend church and adult classes. Let us be renewed and invigorated.

This Sunday is Rally Sunday. Children and youth begin a new year in their classes. Adults may attend the Clergy Forum (The younger adult class will start in September). Children's chapel begins again. Sunday School classes for all ages start at 9:15.

We are provided with yet another chance to begin again. Kites will be flying, race cars will be racing, and we will be excited to see each of you! Bring a friend. Show off the special joy that is in our church.

## WORDS FROM THE WARDEN

Sunday was bittersweet, wasn't it? Metcalf Hall was overflowing with well wishers for Fr. Sean and Nicole who are now mostly settled in their new abode in Yukon. Great food, a beautifully framed altar linen, a cash purse of over \$3,500 given to them by the most benevolent parishioners ever, and of course, the unexpected garden gnome!

What a great way to celebrate Fr. Sean's tenure with us! He and Nicole have certainly captured the hearts of all of us and sitting in his empty office on Monday morning for the weekly staff meeting was especially tough for me.

But a new chapter is awaiting us, as it is for them, and we can look forward to the months to come when we, too, will celebrate the priest who will never take Fr. Lee's or Fr. Sean's place but make their own place among us and become part of our parish family, leading us into the future and whatever it may hold for St. Luke's. How very exciting when you think of it that way! We are an extremely healthy and happy congregation just waiting for that day to come. Until then, I am

Faithfully yours,  
Kathy

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### ✓ Important Dates To Remember

Rally Day, Aug. 20  
Family Promise, Sept. 10-17

### Who You Gonna Call?

In this time of transition, it's important to know that we have 4, count 'em 4, clergy that you can turn to for pastoral needs. While this has always been true, we thought it would be a good idea to refresh you with how to contact them. This information is reprinted weekly on the back page of the Steeple.

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## **A Message from Bishop Ed: Charlottesville, Virginia**

*The following was sent by Bishop Ed Konieczny in response to the tragedy that unfolded in Charlottesville, Virginia.*

My Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

By now, many of you have heard the news or seen the horrific acts of violence from the political demonstrations in Charlottesville, Virginia. Acts that have left one person dead and several others injured.

As people of faith, we cannot let these actions occur without speaking out against the hatred, bigotry, and injustice perpetrated by those who commit these cruel and violent acts.

We are a nation founded upon the principles that all people are created equal, regardless of race, gender, orientation, religious persuasion, or station in life. The violence and rhetoric witnessed today do not reflect these principles, they should be condemned in the strongest possible manner, and those responsible should be held accountable.

I fear that we have lost the desire to live in community. I fear that the world has been telling us far too loudly, and for far too long, that our primary desire above all else should be promotion of self-interest. I fear that the opinion that the ends justify the means, has resulted in a common message that whatever course of action we see fit to use to accomplish our goals can be justified: dishonesty, hatred, violence, etc.

My Sisters and Brothers in Christ, I write to you today to remind you that the world doesn't have the final say! We have the ability and the power to change the trajectory in which we find our world and society. Through the teachings and example of Jesus Christ, our Savior, and with the power of the Holy Spirit, we can and will make a difference. We must not allow acts of violence, hatred, bigotry, and injustice to continue. We must speak out in love; extend a hand to our neighbor; give hope to the lost and cast aside. Together our voices can drown out the vicious rhetoric that has taken over our country; and we can create a new conversation.

In the urgency of this moment, I ask your prayers for all who have been affected by today's events. Pray for our first responders; medical personnel; victims and their loved ones; the community of Charlottesville; and all those affected by this situation. I ask you also, as our Lord Jesus Christ teaches us, to pray for those who commit these acts of injustice and violence that they may find amendment of heart, and be filled with a desire to live in the peace and love of Jesus Christ!

I ask all congregations to include the Prayer for the Human Family in their worship services, and I ask you to pray with me now:

*O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Faithfully,  
+Bishop Ed

## **WEEKLY ACTIVITY CALENDAR**

### **Sunday, Aug 20, 2017**

*RALLY DAY*

8:00am Rite I

9:15am Sunday School

9:15am Clergy Forum

10:30am Rite II

### **Monday, Aug 21, 2017**

9:30am Church Staff Mtg.

5:30pm Holy Eucharist

*Solar Eclipse Day: While  
Looking toward Heaven,  
Please Protect Your Eyes*

### **Tuesday, Aug 22, 2017**

10:00am Spiritual Discipline  
Group, library

### **Wednesday, Aug 23, 2017**

6:00pm Young Disciples, RH

### **Thursday, Aug 24, 2017**

6:45am Men's Fellowship, MH

12:00pm Holy Eucharist

### **Friday, Aug 25, 2017**

### **Saturday, Aug 26, 2017**

### **Sunday, Aug 27, 2017**

8:00am Rite I

9:15am Sunday School

9:15am Clergy Forum

10:30am Rite II

### **Monday, Aug 28, 2017**

9:30am Church Staff Mtg.

5:30pm Holy Eucharist

### **Tuesday, Aug 29, 2017**

10:00am Spiritual Discipline  
Group, library

## ST. LUKE'S PRAYER LIST

Please keep the following persons in your prayers:

Elizabeth, Jenny, Sue, Jim, Kris, Max, John, Samantha, Robert, Lee, Hugh, Ed, Sydney, Henry, Lana, Seth, Jacey, Brandon, J.R., Charles, Etta, Penny, Mary, Kenny, Bev, 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

[office@episcopalbartlesville.org](mailto:office@episcopalbartlesville.org).

(Names on the Prayer List are rotated off every 4 weeks. If there is need for continued prayers, please let us know.)

## 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.

All this we ask through our savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Thanks to Lauren Green

for sharing his special gift of music Sunday.

The "Prelude to Suite No. 1 in G" by

J. S. Bach was a glorious time of spiritual reflection in preparation for hearing the reading of the Gospel.



Monthly Financial Summary	July			July Year To Date		
	MTD Actual	MTD Budget	Variance (Unfav.)	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Variance (Unfav.)
<b>Income</b>						
Pledge Payments	23,740	33,333	(9,593)	229,467	233,333	(3,866)
Non-Pledge Payments	1,535	1,750	(215)	17,655	12,250	5,405
Other Income	369	317	52	8,977	7,017	1,961
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>25,644</b>	<b>35,400</b>	<b>(9,756)</b>	<b>256,099</b>	<b>252,600</b>	<b>3,499</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>28,140</b>	<b>32,461</b>	<b>4,321</b>	<b>215,273</b>	<b>224,482</b>	<b>9,208</b>
<b>NET INCOME/LOSS</b>	<b>(2,496)</b>	<b>2,939</b>	<b>(5,435)</b>	<b>40,826</b>	<b>28,118</b>	<b>12,707</b>

## LOOKING FORWARD



Choir Rehearsals begin Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m.

Our Choir will return and be a welcome presence in the Chancel (that's where they sit!)... on Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. A great time for YOU to come sing with the Choir!

## Meals for Hugh Harrison & Virginia Jones

Thanks to all who have signed up to provide meals for Hugh and Virginia as Hugh begins his medical treatment. They require no special diet or have any restrictions. Virginia is self-monitoring about her sugar requirements.

Please try to deliver the meal between 4-6 p.m. and call earlier in the day to let them know you are coming. Hugh does rest a lot in the morning, so call Virginia, or, call early afternoon to confirm with them that you are bringing a meal.

If you need to change your assigned date, please try to trade with someone else on the list, or call Connie Freebern 918-914-1155. Thanks so very much; Hugh and Virginia really appreciate your help. The meal preparation schedule for the next few days will be published weekly in the Steeple on the back page and the full schedule will be posted in the hallway at church.

Address: 1429 Oak Street, Bartlesville, OK 74003

Hugh: 918-886-2957 Virginia: 918-766-3758

## Family Promise Returns: Sept. 10-17

During our next turn to host families, **we will be testing a new method for signing up volunteers.** Instead of 4 weeks of "sign-up Sunday's" at Metcalf Hall, we are asking folks to check their calendars and sign up through email or phone call to Jen Peterson at [jenrpet1971@gmail.com](mailto:jenrpet1971@gmail.com) or 918-397-7779. Hopefully, everyone will get their preferred time and date in early, so that the final 2 "Sign-up Sunday's" at Metcalf Hall will merely be to fill in a couple of the remaining spots. Thanks in advance for helping serve in this great ministry!

**As usual, we will be asking for 2 volunteers in the following roles for each of the evenings (Sunday Sept 10th through Saturday Sept 16th):**

- Dinner prep and service 5:30-7pm
- Evening activity host 7-9pm
- Overnight host 9pm - 6:30am the following morning

### Other Volunteer Positions

- Supply donations for breakfast and lunch groceries
- Saturday morning breakfast prep on Saturday Sept 16th
- Setup and takedown on Sunday, Sept 10th and 17th
- Laundry at the end of the week

Have questions? Interested in volunteering or learning more about the program? New to St. Lukes? Please contact Jen Peterson for information.

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In an Emergency, contact any of the clergy listed above.

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Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 8:30am-4:00pm, Fridays 8:30am-12:30pm

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

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**LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE August 20, 2017 through August 27, 2017**

*Volunteers: Please make your own substitutions*

**Acolytes**

**August 20**

Nick Olsen, Greta Olsen, Kyle Peterson, Charlie Olsen

**August 27**

No Acolytes Scheduled

**Layreaders**

**August 20**

8:00am

Nick Conner, Jeff Birk

10:30am

Katherine Powell, Kate Carroll

**August 27**

8:00am

Kate Carroll, Nick Conner

10:30am

Judy Currey, Jim Warring

**Nursery Volunteers**

**August 20**

Barbara Todd

**August 27**

Diana Crawford

**September 3**

Erin Perry

**Hugh & Virginia**

**Meal Preparation**

**August 16**

Kate Carroll & Kris Bonner

**August 18**

Bob & Georgia Gates

**August 21**

Steve & Cheryl Van Aken

**August 23**

Sally & Jim Lindsey

**August 25**

Anna Oliphant

**Scripture Lessons for**

**August 20**

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8; Psalm 133;

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32;

Matthew 15:10-28

**Music for August 20**

#371 "Thou, Whose Almighty Word"

#536 God Has Spoken to His People

#405 All Things Bright and Beautiful

#490 "I Want to Walk As A Child of the Light"

#438 "Tell Out, My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord"

**Sunday Coffee Fellowship Hour**

**August 20**

Glenda Garrison

**August 27**

Borg Family

**September 3**

To Volunteer see the sign-up sheet in the Metcalf Hall kitchen or contact Rita Childers, 918-519-8470 or [puevey45@gmail.com](mailto:puevey45@gmail.com)

**Sunday Plate Counter**

**August 20**

Steve Clark

**August 27**

Jim Grillot

**September 3**

Amy Borg

**Greeters**

**August 20**

8:00am

Monica Martin

10:30am

Carol Murphy

**August 27**

8:00am

Sally Canfield

10:30am

D.J. & Jerry Nezam, Jim & Nancy

Warring

**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 Connie Freebern

[connie.freebern@yahoo.com](mailto:connie.freebern@yahoo.com)

918-914-1155

**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**

**August 20**

8:00am

Dean Zervas

10:30am

Glenn Bonner, Jim Warring

**August 27**

8:00am

Dean Zervas, Robert Babcock

10:30am

Max McCreary, Jim Grillot

**Children's Chapel**

**August 20**

Blair and Chad Ellis

**August 27**

Erin and Travis Perry

**September 3**

Robert Tedstrom, Heather Boyle

**Agape Mission**

**Thursday, August 24**

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

**Bereavement Committee**

**Team 3**

Wendy Hall, Connie Freebern,

Glenda Garrison, Gretchen Hoyt,

Becky Liehr, Carol Murphy