

The Steeple

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Sunday School

Why bother? Why bother to get up an hour early to come to Sunday School? Why bother to bring the kids when you could all enjoy doughnuts and coffee in your jammies? Why bother to expect your kids to do one more thing this week? Because...

Sunday School for adults is a chance to make new connections, explore your faith more deeply in a group that speaks your same Episcopal language, learn more deeply about the history of your church and why we believe what we believe. It's a chance to model for your children that learning about God is something we are never finished with. It's a chance to ask questions, to think carefully, to be challenged, to hear other opinions.

Sunday School for children is a chance to learn and own the ancient stories of the Bible. It's a chance to make new friends, feel connected to other children who speak of faith, to enjoy an chance to explore new ways of expressing faith. It's a place to build lifelong habits of study and worship.

Sunday School for youth is a time to join with other teens who speak the same faith language. It's a time to explore concepts that are important and hard to speak about. It's a time to ask questions, to hear new ideas, to become grounded in this church. Because...

Attending Sunday School is another way we support our church. Your attendance is important. It strengthens your church in ways that worship attendance doesn't. It gives you more a feeling of belonging. Your presence speaks louder than any words you might say.

Come this Sunday, and every Sunday that you can. There is a place for everyone.

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✓ Important Dates To Remember

Family Promise, Sept. 10-17

WORDS FROM THE WARDEN

A little over 10 years ago, you may remember that our Sexton, Hugh Harrison and Virginia were victims of Hurricane Katrina and were brought to Bartlesville along with several other people by members of St. Luke's and were given a new beginning in our town. While the other families eventually moved elsewhere, Hugh and Virginia remained in Bartlesville and at St. Luke's. Since then, they have become an integral part of our parish and are loved and appreciated by all of us.

A few months ago, Hugh became seriously ill; losing a lot of weight and not having the strength or stamina to work full time. After extensive tests and a hospital stay, Hugh was diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer. Since then, so many of you have stepped in to help both Hugh and Virginia by taking him to doctor appointments, making home visits, bringing them meals and giving them monetary support. The Vestry, too, has done their part by voting to keep him on the payroll. Hugh still does what he can for the church; he opens it up almost every day, makes the coffee and washes the dishes left in the kitchen sink.

The good news is, just today, I have received word that the medical expenses that Hugh's insurance won't cover will be paid by financial aid through St. John's. I will say, though, that Hugh is in extreme discomfort and hopefully his treatment and medication will give him some relief. Please keep Hugh and Virginia in your prayers and I thank all of you who have already helped them and those of you signed up to help him. Please know that you will make the difference in his quality of life just by being there. As always, I am

Faithfully yours,
Kathy

The Deacon's Dialogue

Our deacons will share this space to pass on their thoughts weekly.



A dialogue is a conversation between two or more people (at least one of the definitions). It is hard to have a dialogue in a printed box on a page, but let's see what we can do.

So, how are you? How has your summer been? Are you ready to get back into a more normal rhythm of things? Does your normal rhythm include church and

Sunday School?

How is this time of transition for you? Do you feel a little out of sync? Are you just kind of in a waiting mode?

What are you hoping for? What is your vision of our new priest? Will you be disappointed if she/he is not what you are expecting? Are you trying to stay open to all possibilities?

This is a fabulous church. I know you've heard that before. I want you to hear it again and again. I want you to know that you as church are out of the norm amazing. When I asked for volunteers to continue our children and youth programs, 25 of you came forward! 25 people helping our children grow and prosper in the church is amazing. When the YD sponsors asked for replacements, 3 adults immediately stepped in to continue the good work that is going on in that group. When Fr Sean needed to go to his new church before we had a new rector, Fr Bob came right in to more than adequately fill the gap. That is amazing. When we needed to fill backpacks, to move supplies, to hand out backpacks, you were there. 2,500 children went to school well prepared. That is amazing.

We are continuing. We are growing. We are thriving. We are moving forward with backpacks and Family Promise and Kane tutors and Agape volunteers. We have new members in altar guild, the choir, and lay reading. We haven't missed a step. That's amazing.

The world around us shakes. The community around us shakes. The political scene becomes more bizarre each day. The solar eclipse comes and goes.

We continue. I'm so very humble and happy to be a part of this amazing home we call St. Luke's. Hold on, my dear friends. Continue on in your every good work. COME TO CHURCH AND SUNDAY SCHOOL EVERY WEEK. Pray daily for the world, for the community, for the church, for each other. You are amazing.

WEEKLY ACTIVITY CALENDAR

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

Wednesday, Aug 30, 2017

6:00pm Young Disciples, RH

Thursday, Aug 31, 2017

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

Friday, Sep 1, 2017

Saturday, Sep 2, 2017

Sunday, Sep 3, 2017

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

Monday, Sep 4, 2017

Labor Day-Office Closed

Tuesday, Sep 5, 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, Debra, 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
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.)*

LOOKING FORWARD



Choir Rehearsals begin Wednesday, September 6th, 7:00 p.m.
Our Choir will return and be a welcome presence in the
Chancel (that's where they sit!)... on Sunday, September 10th. A great time
for YOU to come sing with the Choir!

Family Promise Volunteers Needed Sept. 10-17

Our next turn to host families is coming up from September 10-17 - just over 2
and a half weeks away. After the past weeks of sign ups, we have filled just 5 out
of 50 critical roles. Volunteers are still needed in all areas listed below. Please
check your calendars and see if you are able to offer a couple of hours to this
important program. Contact me directly by phone or email, or stop by Metcalf
Hall after the 10:30 service on Sunday to sign up. jenrpet1971@gmail.com or
918-397-7779. Thanks in advance for helping serve in this great ministry!

Jen Peterson

***As usual, we will be asking for 2 volunteers in the following roles for each of the
evenings:***

Sunday Sept 10th through Sunday Sept 17th

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.

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.



Episcopalians Love to Eat and Drink Together

One of our Supper Club groups met at Green
Country Village for their monthly get-together.

Standing: Dennis Mueggenborg, Steve
Clark, Susie Clark, Karen Lewey, Bruce
Ramzel

Seated: Debbie Mueggenborg, Jeanne
Rowlett (hostess with the mostess), Mary
Ramzel

*(Submit your photos of St. Luke's
happenings, along with some info on the
event and the names of the folks, to:*

office@episcopalbartlesville.org. You send
'em, we print 'em.)

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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 27, 2017 through September 3, 2017

Volunteers: Please make your own substitutions

Acolytes

August 27

No Acolytes Scheduled

September 3

*Harald Borg, Kimaya Kindred,
Emma Boyle*

Layreaders

August 27

8:00am

Kate Carroll, Nick Conner

10:30am

Judy Currey, Jim Warring

September 3

8:00am

Jim Grillot, Kate Carroll

10:30am

Lauren Green, Nick Conner

Nursery Volunteers

August 27

Diana Crawford

September 3

Erin Perry

September 10

Natalie Connor

Hugh & Virginia

Meal Preparation

August 23

Sally & Jim Lindsey

August 25

Anna Oliphant

August 28

Radomir & Miriam Petrovich

August 30

Elaine Ryan

September 1

Judy Currey

Scripture Lessons for

August 27

Exodus 1:8-2:10; Psalm 124;
Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20

Music for August 27

#9 "Not Here for High and Holy Things"

#515 "Holy Ghost, Dispel Our Sadness"

#581 (text) "Where Charity and Love Prevail"

#467 "Sing, My Soul, His Wondrous Love"

#561 "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"

Sunday Coffee Fellowship Hour

August 27

Borg Family

September 3

Volunteers Needed

September 10

Volunteers Needed

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

Sunday Plate Counter

August 27

Jim Grillot

September 3

Amy Borg

September 10

Bruce Ramzel

Greeters

August 27

8:00am

Sally Canfield

10:30am

D.J. & Jerry Nezam, Jim & Nancy Warring

September 3

8:00am

Don Davidson

10:30am

Glenn & Thelma Blackburn

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

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 27

8:00am

Dean Zervas, Robert Babcock

10:30am

Max McCreary, Jim Grillot

September 3

8:00am

Dean Zervas

10:30am

Tim Simmons, Hugh Harrison

Children's Chapel

August 27

Erin and Travis Perry

September 3

Robert Tedstrom, Heather Boyle

September 10

Nicki Ingram, Jeanne Julstrom

Agape Mission

Thursday, September 14

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