

Weekly News

St. Luke's Episcopal Church
210 SE Ninth St., Bartlesville, Oklahoma 74003

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February 20, 2019

CONGRATULATIONS!!

Abel Ingram was born Friday, February 15th weighing 8lbs and 1oz.

Proud parents are

David & Nicki and brothers Elliot & Ezra!! If you would like to send a card
the families address is

1920 Southview Ave, Bartlesville, OK 74003.



STARS!



So how are your star words appearing in your daily life? Remember those stars? You received one on Epiphany. For those of you starting to feel left out, there are still stars available in the office. Just pick one out of the bag and NOTICE. Be mindful of how that word pops

up, what does it mean to you, how often are you noticing your word?

My word is "praise." I wasn't too thrilled with it, thinking it was kind of an ordinary star word. I have certainly noticed it so many places. Mostly, what I have been struck by is a growing personal conviction that I need to praise in place of fixing, suggesting, teaching, clarifying, criticizing, or questioning. I'm still on a steep learning and awareness curve, but I'm trying. When I see someone doing something that isn't quite what I think it should be, I stop myself from fixing it right. Instead, I say a quiet prayer of gratitude for that person, and turn to do something else. I'm trying to watch my eternal need to suggest an improvement. Instead, I'm trying to give honest praise and recognition to the people who are doing so much around me. And I'm trying not to ask God for so much, turning my prayer time to praise time and finding myself more grateful for what is right in my life. I have a long way to go. I am surprised at how hard this "ordinary" word is. I'm embarrassed, actually, at my stress over giving praise instead of criticism. This star has certainly lit up a few dusty corners in my soul.

I wonder how you are doing? Maybe if you have put your star word aside, you might want to bring it out and see how it leads you into Lent. I'd love to hear about your experiences. In Christ's love--your deacon Lauri. Lauri-watkins@sbcglobal.net 918-766-2473

CONCERN



Some of you may have heard rumors about the CONCERN Child Learning Center so I want to tell you what is happening. It's exciting news! About 50 years ago, St. Luke's and a number of other churches formed Churches United for Community Concern (CONCERN) which established a Child Learning Center. At that time, no childcare facility in Bartlesville:

- accepted a child of color,
- was located on the westside, or
- offered quality and affordable childcare for low-income working parents.

The CONCERN Child Learning Center (CCLC) was started to meet these 3 needs. Tuition became affordable thanks to subsidies from CONCERN and tuition support from the Government's Department of Human Services (DHS).

CONCERN constructed the CCLC building in the 1970's for an enrollment of 90 children. Changing regulations over the years now limit our enrollment to 58 which has decreased our income. In addition, a few years ago DHS put a freeze on accepting new families into their program, so when children graduate from the CCLC, there are fewer who qualify to receive DHS funds to fill the vacancies. Throughout these changes, CONCERN's commitment has never wavered even as the subsidies paid to the CCLC first doubled and then tripled. We finally had to accept that this level of support is no longer possible.

We looked for a partner who could continue to provide affordable, quality childcare and that partner is Washington County Childcare Foundation. We are so happy that the CCLC will become part of the existing network of Delaware childcare facilities and have the financial backing to keep it going. The transition will be seamless to the children and parents. The location and directors will remain the same and the staff will have the option to stay on and receive a much-needed pay increase.

So... after the contracts are executed and we have said a prayer of thanksgiving, CONCERN will be able to re-focus our mission by increasing the help we give to those who are homeless, those who might lose their electricity, gas, or water, and those who need an Oklahoma Identification card or prescriptions. CONCERN's emergency pantry will continue to serve those who are in critical need of food. The need today is as prevalent as ever – in fact Salvation Army turned away 226 people who needed help in January alone.

St. Luke's ALSO depends on CONCERN. When Father Steve gets a call or someone stops by the church who needs help, they are referred to CONCERN who provides financial and nutritional needs. As importantly, the CONCERN staff and volunteers are experienced in dealing with people who are emotional, angry or without hope. The staff does what they can to help their clients while treating them with dignity and respect and are the light of Christ for these people.

CONCERN and our community still need your money, time, hearts, hands, and donations to the pantry, and St. Luke's will certainly continue to support CONCERN through the Outreach funds.

We are so happy that our prayers have been answered and we found a solution that continues the promise of quality care and education for the children while being able to help more of the people in need.

Please feel free to phone or email me if you have any questions.
Thank you.

Amy Borg, St. Luke's member and President, CONCERN Board of Directors
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LITERACY

The homily on Sunday (Feb 10) mentioned the high percentage of adults in Oklahoma that do not have functional literacy. 23% of adults over 18 cannot read well enough to fill out a job application, do necessary paperwork on the job, read prescription labels accurately, or understand community signage. Such a high illiteracy rate has ramifications in all areas of life, including employment, poverty, incarceration, drug use, child rearing, health decisions, and feeling successful.

The library provides free, confidential, personalized, one-to-one learning opportunities to adults who inquire about reading. Tutors are always needed! The library provides the training and asks you to make a one-year commitment. Please pick up a brochure from the bulletin board next to Metcalf and/or go to the library to volunteer your services. This is one very concrete way to make a huge difference in someone's life. Questions? Contact Lauri Watkins (918-766-2473) or Jeff Birk.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP GROUP

Women's Fellowship Group will meet on Thursday, February 21st from 5:30 to 7:00 in Metcalf Hall. Kathy Zervas will bring beverages and Rachel Gurule and Nancy Megee will bring appetizers. Hope to see you then!

OUT OF THE OFFICE

Robyn will be out of the office from Monday, February 25th until Tuesday, March 5th. Jeff Birk and Nancy Woods will be working in the office during this time.
The office will be open from 9:00am – 1:00pm.

ST. LUKE'S PRAYER LIST Please keep the following persons in your prayers:

Elizabeth, Jenny, Thelma, Georgia, Diana, Millie, Bryson, Sydney, Ed, Evelyn, Toni, Milton, Joyce, Joseph, Lyndee, Alan, Virginia, Pris, Bill, Karen, Lee, Bonnie, Linda, Madelyn, Annette, Ethan, Elaine, Marjean, Tonya, Helen, Sandy, Mark, Darian, Tom, Cynthia, Steve, Issac, Sally, Don, Barbara, Brent, Katie, Ruth 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.)

Scriptures Sunday, February 24:

- [Genesis \(45:3-11, 15\)](#)
- [Psalm \(37:1-12, 41-42\)](#)
- [1st Corinthians \(15:35-38, 42-50\)](#)
- [Luke \(6:27-38\)](#)

Scriptures Sunday, March 3:

- [Exodus \(34:29-35\)](#)
- [Psalm 99](#)
- [2 Corinthians \(3:12-4:2\)](#)
- [Luke \(9:28-36;37-43a\)](#)

Sunday Coffee

Fellowship Hour:

February 24 – Nancy Megee

March 3 – Karen Lewey

To volunteer see the sign-up sheet in the Metcalf Hall kitchen or contact Rita Childers, 918-519-8470 or puvey45@gmail.com

Greeters:

February 24:

8:00am: Sally Canfield

10:30am: D. J. & Jerry Nezam, Jim &

Nancy Warring

March 3:

8:00am: Don Davidson

10:30am: Glenn & Thelma Blackburn

Bereavement Committee

Team 4:

Ada Grillot, Jo Baughman,
Kris Bonner, Jen Peterson

Sunday Plate Counter:

February 24: Jim Grillot

March 3: Amy Borg

Nursery Volunteers:

February 24: Blair Ellis

March 3: Ruth Todd

Agape Mission

Thursday, February 28:

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, Becky Olsen

Thursday, March 14:

9-11am: Jeanne Julstrom, John McCollum

10:45am – 1pm: Kris Bonner, Rita Childers,
Becky Liehr, Kathy Zervas

1:00 – 2:45pm: Peter Julstrom, Miriam
Petrovich

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Ushers:

February 24:

8:00am: Dean Zervas

10:30am: Jim Grillot, Nancy Megee

March 3:

8:00am: Dean Zervas

10:30am: Jim Liehr, Travis Perry

Layreaders:

February 24:

8:00am: Jeff Birk, Judy Currey

10:30am: Juanita Green, Jim

Warring

March 3:

8:00am: Jim Grillot, Jeff Birk

10:30am: Penny Williams, Judy
Currey

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

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