Weekly News

St. Luke's Episcopal Church
210 SE Ninth St., Bartlesville, Oklahoma 74003
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July 24, 2019

FAREWELL TO THE WATKINS

The time has come to wish our faithful deacons—Deacon Lauri and Deacon Mike—farewell. They've sold their house and will be on there way to Oregon soon. People have asked me what I plan to do once they are gone. I may be living in a state of denial—but my answer is the Lord will provide. Now is not the time to figure out what comes next, but to celebrate the Watkins' ministry while they are still with us. We'll figure out what the Lord has next in store for St. Luke's at a later time.

I feel privileged to have served with Lauri and Mike. I haven't always been an enthusiastic proponent of the diaconate, but I have served with four excellent deacons over the last five years, and their faithfulness and witness have reoriented my thinking about the ministry of deacons in the church. I've gone from "why do we need them?" to "how can we ordain more of them?"

The Watkins have exemplified diaconal ministry in the church through their continued witness to the needs of the world—continually pointing the people of St. Luke's in the direction of the most vulnerable among us. In the ordination rite for the diaconate, the ordinand are instructed by the Bishop to do the following, "In the name of Jesus Christ, you are to serve all people, particularly the poor, the weak, the sick, and the lonely." Whatever faults they may possess, Lauri and Mike cannot be accused of failing to live into their vocation to serve the most vulnerable.

This Sunday (July 28), we will celebrate the ministry of Deacon Mike and Deacon Lauri at the 10:30am service with special readings, hymns, and a short liturgy called *The Ending of a Pastoral Relationship*. As our deacons, their ministry among us will be brought to an appropriate conclusion during the celebration of the Holy Eucharist. Later, beginning at 4:30pm, we will gather for a picnic in Metcalf Hall. There will be a brief program and presentation of gifts beginning at 5:10pm, and food will be served around 5:30pm. There will be programming for children in Rogers Hall up until dinnertime.

I hope everyone will come to the 10:30am and service and the picnic at 4:30pm to celebrate the Watkins ministry at St. Luke's and help us send them off with our love and blessing. Please RSVP the church office if you plan to attend the picnic.
Christ's Peace,
Father Steve+

BIG BLOWOUT MOVING SALE!

July 25-26, 1118 South Dewey
8:00 – 2:00 each day
The Watkins are downsizing, and they have treasures!
Lots of tools, bedding, books and stuff.

BINGO NIGHT!

Questions or for Tickets contact
Jeff Birk 918-327-1101

All former St. Luke's EfM attendees and graduates are asked to attend the July 28th Church Picnic to take part in a group picture with the Watkins at 5:00 p.m. that day!

FAMILY PROMISE – COMING SOON!

Calling all volunteers! St. Luke's will be hosting Family Promise for our 3rd quarter commitment from August 18-25. **Stop by Metcalf Hall this Sunday after the 10:30 service to sign up.** If you know where and when you would like to serve, don't wait! Feel free to contact Jen Peterson directly with your preferred role and time slot.

As usual, we will need volunteers in each of these main areas:

1) prepare and share a meal with families
2) spend 2 hours in the evening after dinner visiting with families and planning some activities or games for kids
3) bring your sleeping bag and pillow and sleep overnight at the church.
4) supply donations - bring supplies and groceries for families to use throughout the week at Anchor House.

New to St. Luke's? Interested in learning more about how you can make a significant and lasting difference in the lives of homeless families in Bartlesville? Attend a training session, and come volunteer for Family Promise at St. Luke's! Contact Jen Peterson for more info. 918-397-7779jenrpet1971@gmail.com

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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, Pris, Bill, Karen, Lee, Linda, Annette, Ethan, Elaine, Marjean, Helen, Mark, Cynthia, Steve, Don, Barbara, Brent, Katie, Ruth, Lu, Rex, Suzanne, Glenn, Callie, Sarah ***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.)

PARISH PICNIC

HONORING
MIKE & LAURI WATKINS

SUNDAY, JULY 28TH

ACTIVITIES (FOR ADULTS & KIDS) BEGINNING AT 4:00PM ~ DINNER AT 5:30

Hamburgers, Hotdogs, Brats, and all the fixin's will be provided!

POTLUCK

FOR SIDES & DESSERTS

PLEASE RSVP TO CHURCH OFFICE!

918-336-1212 (MON-THUR 9AM-1PM)

StLukes@episcopalbartleville.org

or TEXT Robyn 918-213-5863

Volunteers are needed for:

set up/serving ~ grilling ~ clean up

You can sign up at the church after services Sunday

Scriptures Sunday, July 28:
Jeremiah (1:4-9)
Timothy (3:8-13)
Psalm 84
Luke (22:24-30)

Greeters:
July 14:
8:00am: ???
10:30am: Dennis & Debbie Mueggenborg
July 21:
8:00am: Monica Martin
10:30am: Carol Murphy
July 28:
8:00am: Sally Canfield
10:30am: D.J. & Jerry Nezam, Jim & Nancy Warring

Agape Mission
Thursday, July 11:
9-11am: Jeanne Julstrom, Becky Liehr
10:45am – 1pm: Kris Bonner, Rita Childers, Becky Liehr, Kathy Zervas, Dolores McCreary
1:00 – 2:45pm: Peter Julstrom, Miriam Petrovich, Wendy Hall
Thursday, July 25:
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

Ushers:
July 14:
8:00am: Don Davidson
10:30am: Brian Ferguson, Mark Fregin
July 21:
8:00am: Dean Zervas
10:30am: Glenn Bonner, Jim Warring
July 28:
8:00am: Dean Zervas
10:30am: Jim Grillot, Nancy Megee

Layreaders:
July 14:
8:00am: Jeff Birk, Darian Kedy
10:30am: Katherine Powell, Jim Warring
July 21:
8:00am: Jim Grillot, Scott Williams
10:30am: Juanita Green, Kyle Peterson
July 28:
8:00am: Darian Kedy
10:30am: Jim Warring, Katherine Powell

Nursery Volunteers:
July 14: Heather Boyle
July 21: Joshua Wolfe
July 28: Blair Ellis

Sunday Plate Counter:
July14: Steve Clark
July 21: Glenn Bonner
July 28: Jim Grillot

Bereavement Committee
Team 2:
Laura Birk, Thelma Blackburn, Sally Canfield, Rita Childers, Debbie Mueggenborg

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