

Weekly News

St. Luke's Episcopal Church
210 SE Ninth St., Bartlesville, Oklahoma 74003
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August 28, 2019

Prayer Book for Mike & Lauri – Please sign!

Please stop by the church office to sign the Book of Common Prayer to be given to Mike & Lauri Watkins as a warm reminder of their time with us!

Fall Christian Formation for Children and Youth

The Fall Kick-off for Christian Formation at St. Luke's will begin on Sunday, September 8, with a breakfast hosted by the Men's Club from 9:15-10-15am. Wear your favorite sports team shirt and join the fun! The fall children's rotation schedule will begin September 8th at 10:30am service. Children ages 4+ will enter the sanctuary after the choir with the cross and banner and leave with the Sunday School teachers right after opening hymns and the children's homily.

Transition in Leadership

This fall, Keeli Droege will be transitioning into the position of Christian Formation Director. Rachel Gurule will assist with Godly Play training for those who are new to the program or would like to have a refresher course. Keeli Droege will be coordinating the volunteer/teacher sign ups. You can reach Keeli at 918-697-8509 or keelidroege@gmail.com.

Volunteers Needed!

In order to be successful and offer a full schedule of Sunday School classes, we need more volunteers. All adults are welcome to help (not just parents of Sunday School kids). We will offer Godly Play and Safe Guarding God's Children training for those willing to serve (it's fun, we promise). Not sure about teaching? That's ok, we need doorkeepers/assistants too.

Confirmation

Bishop Ed will be at St. Luke's on December 8 at the 10:30am service. Confirmation classes for youth and adults will be held in October and November for those ready to explore what it means to make a mature affirmation of faith. Adults from other Christian traditions that want to be received into the Episcopal Church can also attend Confirmation (Inquirer) classes. Others can attend the classes for a "refresher" or to make a choice to reaffirm their baptismal promises.

Both adults and youth (parents) need to contact Father Steve at fathersdhood@gmail.com and let him know if you are interested in Confirmation, Reception, or Inquirers classes. The class schedule will be determined once it is known who is planning to participate.

The nursery will be unstaffed on Sunday, September 1st, due to the Labor Day Weekend Holiday. The nursery reopens on Sunday, September 8.

THANK YOU!!!

A HUGE thank you goes out to all those that made the Parish Picnic & Watkins send off a great success! From all the help getting set up, the master grillers, kitchen crew, photographer, kids activity crew, bartenders & their *secret* assistants, to our clean up crew...we could NOT have done it without each and everyone of you!!! It was so much fun! Let's plan to do this again real soon....but this time, no one moves away!



Kris Bonner, Glenda Garrison, & Nancy Woods

Choir Q&A



Some Questions

1. Wonder where the choir is?
2. Wonder when/if the choir is coming back?
3. Wonder if you might be welcomed in the choir?

Some Answers

1. You've seen and heard them singing with the congregation all summer. Now they are (at least some of them) traveling to the NW in a travel trailer; leaving for another trip to Europe; getting ready to visit family in Wisconsin; enjoying family visits either here or there; etc. etc. You see, the folks who sing in our choir are pretty much like the rest of you – busy, involved and yet making time, devoting time, to enrich our worship with the gift of music.
2. Yes, they certainly are, or at least I hope so! The choir (or those who are in town) will be back in the chancel on Sunday, Sept. 8th. Our rehearsal for the morning's music will be at 9:30 a.m. Regular Wednesday rehearsals will begin on Sept. 11th at 7:00 p.m. in the Choir Room.
3. Of course! And for those who would like to sing the special anthems but also want to sit with your family for the worship service you are welcome to simply come up during the *passing of the peace* and return to your family following the offertory music. You should, of course, plan to attend Wednesday rehearsals often enough to learn the music! We usually are working on anthems for the next 5 or 6 weeks.

Vestry Votes to Sell Rental Home

The Vestry voted on Aug 18 to sell the rental home owned by the church at 821 S. Osage. The three-story house at the northwest corner of 9th St. and Osage Ave. has been unoccupied for nearly three months and has undergone a multitude of needed interior and landscape improvements in preparation for sale. The pending sale must be approved the Diocesan Council and Bishop, which meets on September 12, after which the home can be listed.

Unless a potential buyer directly approaches the church in the meantime, the home will be listed with Chinowith and Cowen Realtors with Keeli Droege of St. Luke's acting as broker. Keeli, who has 20 years' experience in real estate, has volunteered her services and has already conducted a market analysis of the property to help the vestry establish a selling price. Proceeds from the sale will go into the St. Luke's Vanguard investment fund to strengthen the church's financial reserves.

The home, purchased in 2004, is being sold because it has become a financial burden to the church. Its rental income has been helpful to the church's finances in past years, but when the house was vacated earlier this year, it was immediately apparent that multiple repairs (floors, walls, basement fixes) were required. Most of these repairs were made in July and August, with the goal of either re-renting the property or selling it. However, after all the expenditures were made, it became obvious that it would take at least two years of rental occupancy in order to recover the costs, assuming optimistically that no additional repairs would be needed in the interim.

Today the house is in a much better position to sell than prior to refurbishment. The walls of all rooms have been repaired and repainted, and the woodwork has been repainted or refinished. The basement is dry and major landscaping problems have been fixed. The Vestry will be considering bids to repaint the exterior with the expectation that the expense could be recovered in the sale price. That decision will be made after further discussion.

Meanwhile, if you and someone you know might be interested in the home, please contact Church Secretary Robyn Crow at 918-336-1212 or by email at office@episcopalbartlesville.org.

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, Ethan, Elaine, Marjean, Helen, Mark, Cynthia, Steve, Don, Barbara, Brent, Katie, Ruth, Lu, Suzanne, Glenn, Marsha, Jerry, D.J., 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.)

Layreaders:

September 1:

8:00am: Jeff Birk, Darian Kedy

10:30am: Katherine Powell,

Kyle Peterson

September 8:

8:00am: Darian Kedy, Jim Grillot

10:30am: Jim Warring,

Katherine Powell

Greeters:

September 1:

8:00am: Don Davidson

10:30am: Glenn & Thelma Blackburn

September 8:

8:00am: Don Doty

10:30am: Debbie & Dennis

Mueggenborg

Agape Mission

Thursday, September 12:

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, September 26:

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:

September 1:

8:00am: Dean Zervas

10:30am: Jim Liehr, Travis Perry

September 8:

8:00am: Don Davidson

10:30am: Brian Ferguson,

Mark Fregin

Bereavement

Committee

Team 2:

Laura Birk, Thelma

Blackburn, Sally

Canfield, Rita

Childers, Debbie

Mueggenborg

Scriptures, September 1:

Jeremiah (2:4-13)

Psalms (81:1, 10-16)

Hebrews (13:1-8, 15-16)

Luke (14:1, 7-14)

Sunday Plate

Counter:

September 1:

Amy Borg

September 8:

Steve Clark

Nursery Volunteers:

September 1:

Erin Perry

September 8:

Heather Boyle

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