

Weekly News

St. Luke's Episcopal Church
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Over the years I have heard church folk talking about a priest or minister as being “gifted”. “He has so many gifts for ministry” or “she is a gifted speaker, or musician, or counselor” or “he has the gift of leadership.” From 2005-2007, I worked on a staff of five priests (and two retired bishops) at St. James Church in Baton Rouge, and I was always impressed with the professionalism and various strengths and weaknesses of the clergy on full display. Thankfully, our diocese is filled with many gifted and talented clergy, and it is a blast to serve among so many wonderful people.

So, it's important to remember why pastors and priests have been given gifts for ministry. We have received these gifts not for ourselves, not for our own enjoyment and not so that we can be praised and lauded for having these gifts or to be used to further our careers. We have received these gifts for the benefit of the church, for serving God by serving the world, for preaching and teaching, for spreading the Good News of Christ to the world in the places where God has called us.

The same is true for the laity of the church. You have received your gifts not for yourselves, not for your own enjoyment and not so that you can be praised and lauded for your gifts. You have received these gifts for the benefit of the church and the world, for serving God by serving others, for sharing and spreading the Good News of Christ to the world.

I hope you will take some time this week to think about your gifts. What gift has God given you that you can give away to further the work of God's kingdom? Is there something you have been holding back or “hiding under a bushel” that can help others to experience and know the love of God? If you aren't sure what your gifts are and would like to go a little deeper, I'm available to share some tools with you to help you discover your gifts for ministry.

Christ's Peace,

Steve Hood+

Noche de Fiesta for Casa Hispana

This year's Noche de Fiesta fundraiser for Casa Hispana will be Saturday, October 26th, 6-10 p.m., in Metcalf Hall.

For more information or tickets, contact Jeff Birk at 918-327-1101 or jpbirk54@gmail.com, or email CasaHispana.Bartlesville@gmail.com or call Mili Cappelletti at 918-907-1584.

Please note!

Sunday 8 am services will be held in the Chapel during October.



New Rector at St. Andrew's, Lawton

The Wardens, Vestry and people of St. Andrews Episcopal Church, Lawton, Oklahoma, are proud and excited to announce that the Reverend Stephanie Jenkins has accepted the call to become our next rector. Bishop Konieczny has consented to the call and Reverend Stephanie will begin her ministry at St. Andrew's on November 1, 2019.

Reverend Stephanie's roots in southwest Oklahoma grow deep. A native of Duncan, Oklahoma, she was an All-State Basketball player at Duncan High School and later attended college at the University of Oklahoma, where she majored in sociology and from which she received her Bachelor of Arts degree in 1999. Following graduation from OU, Reverend Stephanie served as a Peace Corps

volunteer in Zambia before returning to her hometown as Executive Director of the Chisholm Trail Art Council. In 2007 she began studies at the Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge, Massachusetts from which she was awarded her Masters of Divinity in 2010. She was ordained to the priesthood in July of 2010.

Following her ordination, Reverend Stephanie accepted a position as curate at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Bartlesville, Oklahoma, eventually serving as Priest-in-Charge during the regular priest's extended absence due to illness. Since her time at St. Luke's, she has served as Assistant Priest at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Weston, Massachusetts, Campus Missioner for the Diocese of Kansas to colleges and universities across the diocese, and as Chaplain and Teacher at Bishop Seabury Academy in Lawrence, Kansas.

Reverend Stephanie is married to Richard Jenkins, a cartoonist, educator, and author. They are proud parents of two children, Henry (7) and Cora (5).

To learn more about St. Andrews, please visit <https://www.saintandrewslawton.org> or visit us on Facebook at SaintAndrewsEpiscopalChurchLawtonOklahoma.

Joining St. Luke's: Adult Inquirer's Classes and Confirmation

If you are new to St. Luke's or have been around awhile but haven't joined the church, I plan to offer Inquirer's Classes in November. The classes will be informal and structured to give an overview of how we live out the Christian faith as Episcopalians. If you are interested, these classes will prepare you for confirmation when Bishop Ed visits St. Luke's on December 8th.

If you'd like more information, please attend the Newcomer's Reception on Sunday, October 20, at 4:00pm at St. Luke's or call me at 918.330.6108. - Father Steve

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, Bill, Karen, Ethan, Elaine, Marjean, Helen, Mark, Cynthia, Steve, Don, Barbara, Brent, Katie, Ruth, Lu, Suzanne, Glenn, Marsha, Jerry, D.J., Sarah, Mary, Emily, Whitney, Lloyd 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.)

This Saturday!!

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Benefits
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Washington
County (FPWC),
a non-profit organization
helping homeless
children & their
families achieve
independence.

**Saturday,
October 19, 2019**
Lookin Sharp Laundry & Dry
Cleaners Parking Lot • 2nd & Osage
Registration 9am • Bike Ride 10am
(Registration is available online at
www.familypromisewc-ok.org)

**\$15
Adult**
**\$10 Child
(17 & under)**

A FAMILY BIKE RIDE around downtown
Bartlesville with various stops along the way.
Participants will receive a card to be
punched at each designated stop. At
the end of the ride, completed
cards may be turned in
for a drawing.

Maximum cost of \$40 per family.
Children under 16 years of age must be
accompanied by an adult on the ride. The first
150 to register will receive a free T-shirt and each
child will receive free ride tickets for the Kiddie Park.

Opportunities to Volunteer for Jane Phillips Santa Shop

- **December 10, 2019**- Help us wrap the GingerKid's presents. Where: Jane Phillips Elementary Gym at 4:30-7:00. Pizza will be provided!
- **December 13, 2019**- Help us set up for the wonderful event from 2:15-8:30 pm at Jane Phillips School.
- **December 14, 2019**- The Day of Santa Shop! The Best Day of the Season! Shifts are from 8:30-11:00 and 10:30-1:00.



Layreaders:

October 20:

8:00am: Jeff Birk

10:30am: Penny Williams, Katherine
Powell

October 27:

8:00am: Darian Kedy

10:30am: Katherine Powell, Jim
Warring**Greeters:**

October 20:

8:00am: Monica Martin

10:30am: Carol Murphy

October 27:

8:00am: Sally Canfield

10:30am: D.J. & Jerry Nezam and Jim &
Nancy Warring**Agape Mission****Thursday, October 10:**

9-11am: Jeanne Julstrom, Becky Liehr

10:45am – 1pm: Kris Bonner, Rita Childers, Becky Liehr,
Kathy Zervas, Dolores McCreary1:00 – 2:45pm: Peter Julstrom, Miriam Petrovich,
Wendy Hall**Thursday, October 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,
Becky Olsen**Ushers:**

October 20:

8:00am: Dean Zervas

10:30am: Glenn Bonner, Jim
Warring

October 27:

8:00am: Dean Zervas

10:30am: Jim Grillot, Nancy Megee

Nursery Volunteers:

October 20:

Joshua Wolfe

October 27:

Blair Ellis

Scriptures,**October 20:**Jeremiah (31:27-
34)Psalm 119:97-
1042 Timothy
(3:14-4:5)

Luke (18:1-8)

Sunday Plate Counter:

October 20:

Glenn Bonner

October 27:

Jim Grillot

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

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