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# The Steeple



## current topics >>>

### Christmas Star Tree Giftgiving Opportunity

*Gifts accepted through Dec. 15.*

The Christmas Star Tree will be in the narthex on Nov. 24 for Bartlesville area foster children. Please take as many stars as you like and return the gifts to the church office by Sunday, Dec. 15. (Star colors identify caseworker assigned.) The gifts should be unwrapped with the stars firmly attached. If you have family or friends who would like to purchase gifts, please take stars for them. Thank you for continuing to support Christmas Wish!

**Have questions? Call Steve Van Aken at 918-914-9041 or Cheryl Van Aken, 918-914-0257.**



### *A word from Father Steve*

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## New Office Manager and Assistant to Rector

I want to introduce our new Office Manager and Assistant to the Rector, Roseanne McKee. Roseanne has an impressive résumé including working most recently as a copy editor for the Bartlesville Examiner Enterprise. Her education includes a BA in journalism from the University of North Carolina as well as a Juris Doctor from North Carolina Central University School of Law. In addition to law and journalism, Roseanne has worked in banking, tourism, and public relations. She is married and has a fifteen year old son who is a freshman at Bartlesville High School.

Roseanne's responsibilities at St. Luke will include managing parish properties including rentals; managing the office; preparing internal publications and administering social media; maintaining the parish calendar; and assisting the rector. Please welcome Roseanne to the St. Luke's parish staff.

Peace, Father Steve

### Adult Inquirers and Confirmation Class

The rector's class for newcomers and those interested in Confirmation begins Sunday morning at 9am in the parish library. Child care will be available in the nursery for the children of parents attending the class. You don't have to be interested in Confirmation to attend. The classes will meet Nov. 10, 17, 24. If you have any questions, please contact Father Steve. If you cannot attend the classes and are interested in Confirmation, please contact Father Steve for a reading alternative.

### Youth Confirmation

Youth Confirmation classes are currently being held during Young Disciples meetings on Wednesday nights. Father Steve's sessions usually being around 7 to 7:15 pm. All youth interested in Confirmation are encouraged to attend YD in November and early December.

**Also, there will a Confirmation retreat on Saturday, Dec. 8 from 10 am - 2 pm for youth wanting to be confirmed.** Please contact Father Steve if you want to be Confirmed but cannot attend YD meetings or the Confirmation retreat.

More news >>>

# Volunteer for 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Family Promise Hosting

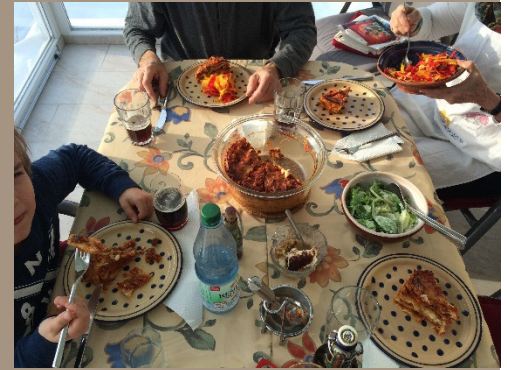
St. Luke's Family Promise hosting is Nov. 17-24. Signups are after the Sunday 10:30 a.m. service in Metcalf Hall.



If you know where and when you'd like to serve, don't wait -- contact Jen Peterson directly with your preferred role and time slot at [918-397-7779](tel:918-397-7779) [jenrpet1971@gmail.com](mailto:jenrpet1971@gmail.com).

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

- 1) prepare and share a meal with families;
- 2) spend two hours in the evening after dinner with the families and plan games/activities with the kids;
- 3) bring your sleeping bag, 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 information at 918-397-7779 or at [jenrpet1971@gmail.com](mailto:jenrpet1971@gmail.com).



## St. Luke's Fall Music and Godly Play Schedule

*Prior to church, parent(s) sign child(ren) into to Sunday School at table in narthex.*

10:30 am – Children enter sanctuary carrying the cross and banner after choir for opening hymns and children's homily.  
10:40 am – Children walk out after homily.  
10:45 am – Children walk upstairs with volunteers/teachers to music room for music time.

10:55 am – Godly Play I and II begins. (*separated by age*)

11:15 am – Children return to sanctuary after sermon during the peace to meet up with parent(s). (*Activity bags will be available in Narthex.*)

## More volunteer opportunities>>>



### Volunteer at Jane Phillips School Santa Shop

**December 10** – Help us wrap the Gingerkid's presents in Jane Phillips Elementary Gym at 4:30 p.m. – 7 p.m.. Pizza provided!

**December 13** – Help us set up for the wonderful event, from 2:30-8:30 p.m.

**December 14** – The Day of Santa Shop! The best day of the season!

**Shifts are 8:30 a.m. – 11 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. Call 918-336-9479.**

St. Luke's has been a welcome and consistent supporter of Bartlesville public schools for many years. Our involvement ranges from weekly reading tutoring at Kane Elementary and ongoing help at Jane Phillips Elementary to the church's highly visible role as the Hospitality & Communications Center for local educators during the school suspension. Several public school teachers are active members of the St. Luke's family, and two members are founders of Public Education Advocates for Kids (PEAK). With this tradition of supporting public education in mind, all St. Luke's members are invited to attend the panel discussion and Q&A with five school district superintendents coming up tomorrow evening (Nov. 7). All three Bartlesville-area state legislators will also be in attendance.

## Top 10 in Education What Would It Take?

**Thursday, Nov. 7  
7-8:30 pm**

**Panel Discussion and Audience Q&A  
Hear from School Leaders**

**NOWATA**  
Superintendent  
Chris Tanner

**CANEY VALLEY**  
Superintendent  
Rick Peters

**BOWRING**  
Superintendent  
Nicole Hinkle

**DEWEY**  
Superintendent  
Vince Vincent

**BARTLESVILLE**  
Superintendent  
Chuck McCauley

**Metcalf Hall – St. Luke's Church  
210 E. 9th St. – Bartlesville**



Organized by Public Education Advocates for Kids



# Reading Tutors sought at Kane Elementary

After St. Luke's adopted Kane Elementary School 20 years ago, we have had much success in the reading program for students that were falling behind in their skill level. Our team of tutors/mentors has meant much to so many Kane Kids over the years. Because of moving, poor health and other personal issues, we have seen a great drop in those St. Luke's members who can assist our Kane Kids this year.

The good news is that our tutoring times have become more flexible.



## St. Luke's Episcopal Church

Where Our Doors & Our Arms Are Wide  
Open To

### The Diversity of God's People

- Differing Points of View
- Those Searching for Community
- Caring for Our Neighbors and the Earth
- Thoughtful Questions about Faith, while drawing Strength from the Episcopal tradition.

Here are the possible times to help: Wednesday, Thursday or Friday at 9 a.m. (finished at 10 a.m. helping two students) and 9:30 a.m. (finished at 10 a.m. helping one student).

Tutors can volunteer during the lunch hour on any weekday (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday) from 11:50 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. (only 25 minutes as they go straight to lunch) or 12:50 - 1:30 p.m. (hopefully beginning almost on time from their lunch break). To volunteer, please email Jo Baughman [jybokla@aol.com](mailto:jybokla@aol.com) and Vanessa Wallace, Kane Specialist, [wallacevd@bps-ok.org](mailto:wallacevd@bps-ok.org) if you can help this year. Vanessa will have you sign the paperwork and go over what you need to know individually before you begin tutoring. New tutors do need to go to the Education Service Center to go through the vetting process.

Many thanks,  
Jo B., Kane Reading Chairman  
for St. Luke's



## St. Luke's Prayer List

Please keep the following persons in your prayers:

Elizabeth, Jenny, 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, Rex, Spence, 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](mailto:TPBGEN@aol.com) or the church office at 918-336-1212 or [office@episcopalbartlesville.org](mailto: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.)

## Nov. 10 volunteers

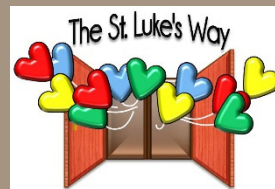
Lay readers: Jeff Birk, 8 a.m.; Juanita Green, 10:30 a.m.;  
intercessor Kyle Peterson

Greeters: TBD, 8 a.m.; Debbie & Dennis Mueggenborg, 10:30 a.m.

Ushers: TBD, 8 a.m.; Brian Ferguson and Mark Fregin, 10:30 a.m.

Nursery Volunteers: Heather Boyle

Sunday Plate Counter: Steve Clark



## Agape Mission

### Thursday, November 14:

9-11 am: 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, November 28:

\* Agape closed for Thanksgiving \*

### Thursday, December 12:

9-11 am: 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, December 26:

\* Agape closed for Christmas \*



# final thoughts...

- Sunday's 8 a.m. services will continue to be held in the chapel.
- Be aware -- Father Steve will not request gift cards or other monetary support through email. All financial requests/special appeals at St. Luke's go through normal channels and any special requests will be made by phone call or in person.
- Sunday verses: Haggai 1:15b-2:9; Psalm 145:1-5, 18-22 or Psalm 98; 2 Thossalonians 2:1-5, 13-17; Luke 20:27-38.

## **Bereavement Committee**

### **Team 2:**

Laura Birk, Thelma Blackburn, Sally Canfield,  
Rita Childers, Debbie Mueggenborg

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