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The Steeple



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The Weekly Newsletter of St. Luke's Episcopal Church

Summer



Along with rest and play, the summer months ahead of us hold some very important milestones for our congregation. Outreach, you will recall, has always been part of the fabric of St. Luke's. In fact, I've heard on several occasions that it has been the practice of many here to have a ministry within the church and a ministry outside the church. Having such practices in place certainly strengthens the Body of Christ and, as an added benefit, contributes to the wholeness of our identity which seeks to love with arms wide open. Moreover, ministry that is both intentional and focused, wherever it may be, is also quite inspirational and carries with it the very wonderful possibility of encountering Christ. These encounters often add a special vibrancy and meaning to our walk in faith. And these encounters can happen anywhere - while volunteering at Agape, reading at Kane Elementary, or assisting with Pack the Backpacks. Hearing the stories of your ministry is something I treasure.

Looking ahead then, you may have already noticed that Rodgers Hall has been transformed to accommodate the Pack the Backpack program. Please see next week's Steeple for a detailed calendar of events which will include times for set-up, execution, and clean-up, along with points of contact and suggestions for ways to get involved in this wonderful ministry to the community. I've been looking forward to seeing this team in action since January and would hope that you would join me in continuing to pray for Ms. Lou Ann Mitchell and Ms. Shelley Davidson as the event gets closer. Every blessing to you both.

St. Luke's was honored to host the Board of Directors for Concern last evening for their monthly meeting. With Ms. Peggy Crowder at the helm, Concern is breaking new ground in their efforts to assist those in need in our community. Peggy and her staff have been working overtime with the City of Bartlesville to launch a new assistance program that will no doubt offer some substantial relief to those who have been hit the hardest by COVID-19. It isn't all work and no play with Peggy, however. Clear some time on your calendar next fall as Truity Credit Union and Concern team up with the Bartlesville Community Center to offer an evening out with Chonda Pierce in late November. Ms. Pierce has been dubbed the "Queen of Clean," and is a Christian comedian and author. Tickets for the event will range from \$75 to \$45 dollars and all profits will go directly to supporting the ministry of Concern.

While COVID-19 put the brakes on much of our outreach, the program that has most adapted to the change is Family Promise. While we were not able to house folks at the church last year, I was so grateful for the group of volunteers who continued to make meals for the families at Anchor House. In the meantime, folks were not idle. Mr. Dan Droege has been working closely with the Director of Family Promise, Ms. Ashley Sikes, to identify more ways that St. Luke's could broaden its support of the program. I'm very excited about what has been identified as a result of their collaboration, and how the parish can continue to contribute in a sustainable way to such a powerful ministry.

It is my hope that the rhythm of summer finds you enjoying yourself – taking time to center, to travel or to stay, to have fun, recharge, and to live into God's dream. I hope that it also offers you the space to minister, to worship, to serve, and to enter more deeply into the calling that God has placed on your heart. For everything there is a season and whatever season it is for you, know that you are surrounded by a church family that holds you deeply.

Deep Peace,
Nick+



On the Move

Mark your calendars for Sat., June 26, 9-11 a.m. Let's all meet at the Pathfinder for an easy hike or stroll on one of Bartlesville's gems. Everyone is invited! Let's spend a portion of Saturday morning together out in God's front yard. We'll hike for a bit and meet back at the entrance for refresh-ments and fellowship. Trailhead entry to be announced. Feel free to invite others.



Father Nick and Teresa are going to St. Crispin's!

Father Nick and Teresa have been asked to help lead formation and worship for the Rookie and ABC sessions at St. Crispin's. They will be there June 27-July 3 helping the K – 3rd graders learn about the gifts that God have given us to help us bring about justice and righteousness. They loved their time serving at Camp Beckwith in the Central Gulf Coast, and they are really excited for their first opportunity to serve at St. Crispin's!

FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our sister Evelyn Tibbits' funeral will be on Saturday, July 24th at 11:00 a.m. We will celebrate the life of our sister Evelyn using Burial Office, Rite I with Holy Eucharist. There will be a reception to follow.



Our sister Georgia Gates' funeral will be on Friday, August 6th at 1 p.m. We will celebrate the life of our sister Georgia using Burial Office, Rite II with Holy Eucharist. There will be a reception to follow. The Rt. Rev. Poulson Reed, Bishop of Oklahoma, will officiate.



FLOWER DONATIONS

Realizing how much everyone enjoys seeing the beautiful flowers on the Altar each Sunday, it is also important to understand that they do cost money.

Please consider choosing a Sunday that is special to you as a memorial tribute or honoring an important event and contribute to the Altar Guild Flower Fund. The suggested amount is \$45 total for both vases, but any extra donation is appreciated.

You may then have the exact wording you wish in the Sunday bulletin for that specific day. Checks may be dropped in the Sunday offering basket or left in the church office or locked mailbox beside the North door of the church.

Many thanks,
Jo Baughman
Flower Chair

Agape Mission Volunteer Schedule

Thursday, June 24

10:45 am – 1 pm: Jeff Birk, Darian Kedy,
Becky Olsen, Dan Droege, Jo Baughman

12:45 pm – 2 p.m.: Steve Clark, Steve VanAken, Carol Murphy

Thursday, July 8

10:45 am – 1 pm: Fr. Nick Phares, Becky Liehr, Kris Bonner,
Dolores McCreary, Kathy Zervas

12:45 pm – 2 pm: Jeanne Julstrom, Peter Julstrom, Wendy Hall

St. Luke's Prayer List

The prayer list can be found in the Sunday bulletin and on the St. Luke's website.

Call or email our office with prayer requests at 918-336-1212 or StLukesBartlesville@outlook.com

Follow us on Facebook at St. Luke's Episcopal Church. Join Father Nick for live prayer most weekdays at 5 p.m.

The Story of "The Door" Bookstore of St. Luke's



Ann Woodin and Gail DePlois, daughters of the late Mickey Harrison, in front of the door their mother chose to mark the entrance to the St. Luke's bookstore she founded, later named "The Door."

In 1967 St. Luke's parishoner, Mickey Harrison, with the help of Gay Morris, established a parish bookstore to carry Episcopal books not available elsewhere in Bartlesville, as well as James Avery jewelry with religious themes.

Dolores McCreary recounted how while on a girls' trip to Arkansas, Mickey found a weathered stained glass door that she and the other ladies thought would be perfect for the new bookstore.

The door was initially refinished by parishoner Jim Brooks, John Vaughn and Max McCreary, according to Barbara Todd, daughter of Jim Brooks.

"It has had subsequent restorations since then," she added. "My dad had some pictures of the transformation. ... I remember him showing me dozens of small picture frame-like lovingly handmade wooden pieces that they were staining and using to re-seat the glass panes."

Harrison named the bookstore "The Door," in honor of the beautiful find, Dolores explained.

Mickey's daughter, Ann Woodin, said the bookstore had been first located in a small room off the entry area of Rodgers Hall.

Later, when the new addition to St. Luke's was built, the bookstore and the door were moved to their current location across from the Metcalf Hall kitchen.

Daughter of Mickey Harrison, Gail DePlois, recalled the fun she had one year she went on a buying trip with her mother to the James Avery factory in Kerrville, Texas, to chose jewelry for the bookstore.

“I fell in love with James Avery jewelry when I was in junior high school attending camp at Beaver’s Bend State Park, which was where the Episcopal summer camp was located before St. Crispins,” Gail said.

Gail’s love of the jewelry, and the brand’s religious themes, may well have influenced her mother to have chosen James Avery jewelry for the bookstore at St. Luke’s.

Connie Freeburn managed the bookstore for many years with the help of a dedicated staff of volunteers. Over the years gifts and cards were added. Following Connie’s retirement as manager, a decision was made to suspend regular operations of the bookstore.

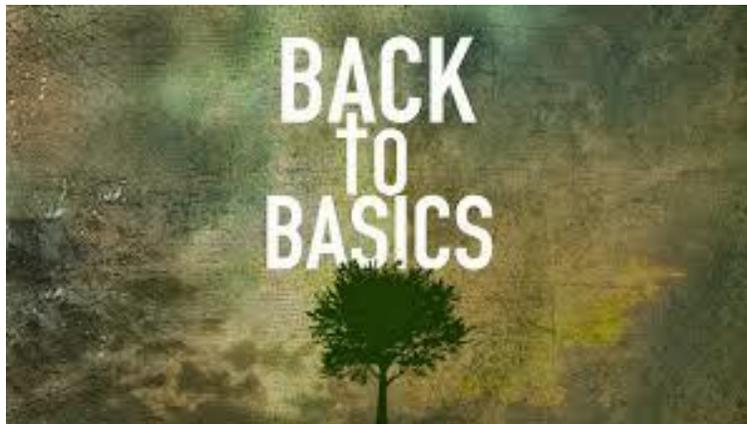
Currently, the bookstore is open Monday through Thursday, 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. when Parish Secretary Roseanne McKee is available to total and bag items.

The current bookstore inventory is 75% off with the exception of those having the Episcopal logo, so stop by and shop at this 54-year-old treasure of St. Luke’s!

Vestry Appointments

At the Vestry’s regular scheduled meeting on June 14th, Ms. Jo Baughman and Ms. Karen Lewey were appointed to the vestry to fill the vacancies left by Mr. Karl Franks and Ms. Heather Boyle. St. Luke’s wishes to thank both Karl and Heather for their faithful service and to offer our deep appreciation and thanks to Jo and Karen as they take up this important ministry.

Summer Faith Forum Series



**This Week - The Story of the Church: Part One
Walk in Love: Chapter 17**

Pub Theology

Pub Theology is scheduled for the 4th Thursday of each month.

The next meeting will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, June 24 at Painted Horse.

What is 'Pub Theology'? It's a time to gather informally and talk about different subjects around our core values of faith. What feeds your faith? Where did you see Jesus this week?

What literature are you reading that has had some inspiration for you?

A host of topics are brought up and discussed over drinks and appetizers.

(We pay our own tabs). There is usually a facilitator to throw out topics for discussion.

No politics, no gossip, and what is discussed in Pub Theology that is personal stays in the group. Respect the dignity of every person. It's a fun and relaxed time to get to know each other. Call Roseanne in the church office and let her know if you will be joining us so we can have enough tables set up at Painted Horse.

If you have any questions, contact Fr. Nick, Penny Williams, or Nancy Megee.

We will be happy to share. Let's share some theology!



Regular Office Hours

Monday – Thursday 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Please note that even during office hours, the doors are locked per COVID-19 protocol. If you need to come in, just ring the north entrance bell or call the office at 918-336-1212.

Bereavement Team 1

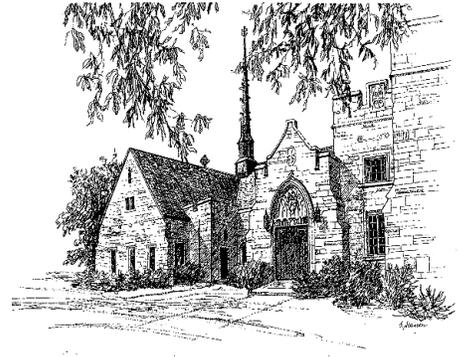
Susie Clark, Nancy Woods, Sally Lindsey, Jeanne Julstrom.

Connecting with St. Luke's

To learn various ways to connect at St. Luke's, visit our website at: <http://episcopalbartlesville.org/>

Alert on solicitations...

Be aware – No one from St. Luke’s will request gift cards or other monetary support through email. If you receive such a message in your email, it is spam. All financial requests/special appeals at St. Luke’s go through normal channels and any special requests will be made by phone or in person.



Birthdays and Anniversaries, June 16 – 23

Birthdays

The Rev. Mike Watkins, 16th
Dan Droege, 19th
Brad Borg, 20th
Kelli Bradshaw, 20th
Milt Enderlin, 21st

Anniversaries

Jim & Nancy Warring, 29th

If your or a loved one’s name doesn’t appear on the list, please email or call the office, and we will add your birthday or anniversary!

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The power washer that belongs to the church has gone missing. If you know where it is or have borrowed it, please call the church office. Margaret needs it to power wash the outdoor furniture. Thank you!

St. Luke’s Vestry Members

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Sunday’s altar flowers are given: In Honor and Remembrance of all of the Fathers, Step-Fathers, Grandfathers, Godfathers, Uncles and “Special Dads” of the St. Luke’s Family