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The Steeple



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The Weekly Newsletter of St. Luke's Episcopal Church

Off to St. Crispin's



As Teresa and I prepare to head to St. Crispin's Camp and Conference Center next week I came across a book I read a while ago entitled *Graceful Nurture: Using Godly Play with Adults*. I smiled as I thumbed through its pages anticipating all of the time that I will spend listening and telling stories to kids at camp next week with Teresa. At the heart of that anticipation is a feeling of enchantment. In the planning and executing of everything that is Church I often am not intentional in engaging this feeling. But upon thresholds such as this it is so important to remember to do just that - to spend time with the stories and let them work their magic!

Rebecca McClain, a founding member of the Godly Play Foundation and priest in the Diocese of Arizona begins her work, *Graceful Nurture*, by talking about our shared vocabulary as Christians. For ABC Camp and for the 1st through 3rd graders who will come to St. Crispin's next week this vocabulary is just beginning to take shape. Often times the beginning of things is charged with excitement, but so is learning how this shared vocabulary has shaped all of you. Perhaps that's why one of my favorite times of the week is our time together in the Faith Forum.

McClain once wrote:

The language of the Christian people is derived, expressive, embodied, and embedded, and it allows us to remember who we are, where we have been and where we are going. Without fluency, we are lost, we are unable to tell our story, and we cannot imagine our future. I believe this is the fundamental challenge we face in the church today – we are adept at talking about God, but we do not know the language of God. We cast about using the languages we know: marketplace, economics, business, law, science, psychology, philosophy, politics, technology, and every other language domain in which we are facile, desperately seeking to “save” the Church. What we have lost when we do that, is the pure joy and astonishment of the story itself.

I've been carrying this quote around with me for a few days, knowing full well that if I were to tell the story of the Great Pearl next week some child would realize for the first time that *they* are the pearl of great price. I can see it. I can almost feel the connection and it makes me wonder, that if by some chance you who are reading this have forgotten that you are the Pearl too.

Reconnecting with our stories, sharing what makes us who we are, recalling the times we've felt held and secure, along with times we've felt listless and alone, all go into shaping and coloring the world around us. I think that is why I love camp so much – because, for whatever reason, such things are allowed to be encountered there. I wonder, besides Luke's Place, where you might choose to go to reconnect with the enchantment that comes along with encountering Jesus. Think about it and tell me, won't you?

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!

Pack the Backpacks Update:

June 7th-July 10th, we'll be taking applications at Mary Martha and Agape, and from June 5th to July 25th, we'll continue to work on getting our supplies setup and ready for filling the backpacks. We typically get a temporary extra key or two so our board members can work on the supplies as needed or bring in new orders as they come in, and not have the bug the church office about it.

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

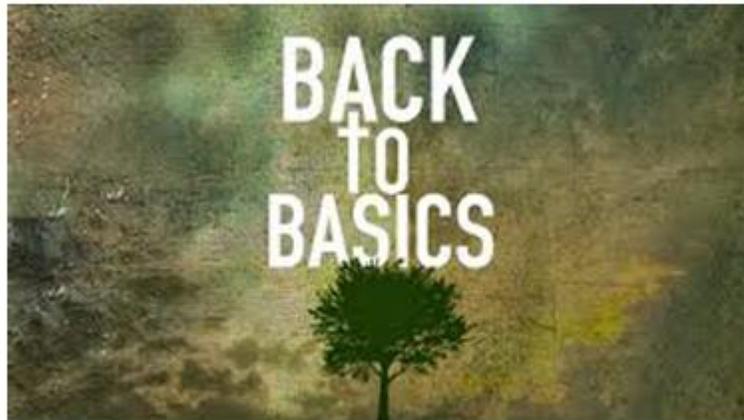
St. Luke's Prayer List

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

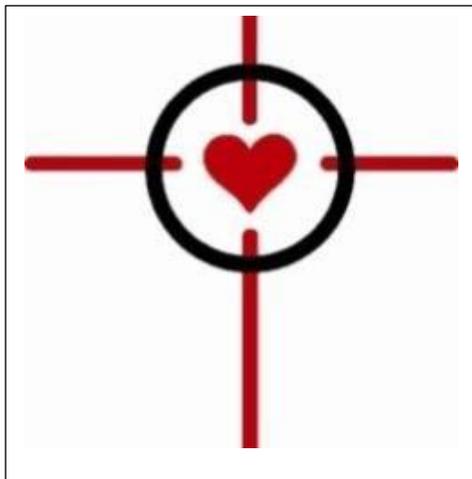
Call or email our office with
prayer requests at
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Follow us on Facebook at St.
Luke's Episcopal Church.
Join Father Nick for live
prayer most weekdays at 5
p.m.

Summer Faith Forum Series



This Week - The Story of the Church: Part Two



CONCERN of Bartlesville
Sundry Needs:

Cans of Rotel Tomatoes

Ramen Noodles

Snack Tuna

Crackers

Tooth Brush and Toothpaste sets

Pub Theology Moves to Crossing 2nd

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

The next meeting will be at **7 p.m. Thursday, June 24 at Crossing 2nd.**

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 **Crossing 2nd.**

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

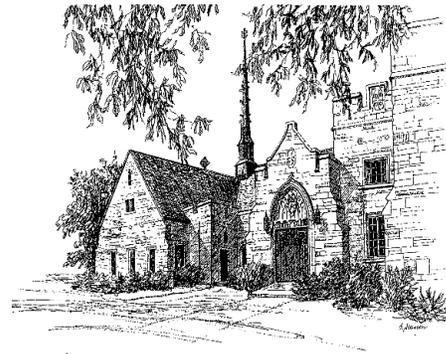
Susie Clark, Nancy Woods, Sally Lindsey, Jeanne Julstrom.

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 23 – 30

Birthdays

Bill Pendley, 26th
Sally Sheridan, 27th
Craig Bradshaw, 28th
Don Doty, 30th

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 by Betty Rheingans in memory of her wedding 70 years ago tomorrow, June 28, 1951”