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The Steeple



July 29,
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The Weekly Newsletter of St. Luke's Episcopal Church

Serving Others



Dear ones the flurry of activity at St. Luke's has been a sight to see. The nave is literally full of backpacks. I've never seen anything like it anywhere! What a way to use our currency of space in support of teachers and students. I think I can speak for Pax, who has been volunteering some of his time packing backpacks, that this is awesome! Our most profound prayers of support and encouragement are offered to the Washington County School Supply Drive and their wonderful volunteers, you all are truly servant leaders.

I've met so many wonderful folks around from around the community this week and have been so thankful for the timely guidance and logistical acumen of Steve and Susie Clark. As you might suspect, these two have been working tirelessly to ensure that the volunteers have the information they need when they need it and have walked the line several times. Thank-you my friends from all of us!

As news of the new CDC guidelines¹ and the Bishop's COVID update¹ spreads, it has been so encouraging to see folks already adapting to the new measures that are being suggested. For instance, the policy of St. Luke's was that if you had been vaccinated you were not required to wear a mask indoors, however, most of the volunteers wore them anyways. This gives me hope.

We will have hundreds of folks in and out of Luke's place in the next couple of weeks and we will ensure that folks are being as safe as the can be. I urge each of you to become familiar with the new guidelines and prayerfully consider our Bishop's appeal to find ways that our community could possibly help encourage those who are unvaccinated to consider getting vaccinated.

In the meantime, while contextually I believe that 97% of our congregation is currently vaccinated, I encourage you to join me in wearing masks again. I will be in consultation with the Vestry this week and much of early next week as we prepare to update church protocols which will go into effect prior to the Bishop's arrival on the 6th of August for Georgia's funeral.

As these next couple of weeks unfold, I imagine that there will be a rise in antagonism and bitterness, that will be maddening at times. I beg of you, of your charity and Christ centeredness to remain hopeful, prayerful, and constructive in this time of transition. Our community, not just here at St. Luke's, needs doers of the Word just as much as it needs informed opinions. In my mind these are not mutually exclusive postures, rather as the Scripture says, such things work together to "promote the body's growth building itself up in love."

¹ <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated-guidance.html>

<https://www.epiok.org/newsDetails.aspx?subheadertext=Bishop%27s%20COVID%20Update%207.28.21&n=0dabdb00-f7b7-416a-86ca-3457a995caf9&fbclid=IwAR0CZB2d9HUPEjrn1Y3CMHu4cBBnmVxk9JqQCyGg1S10Nl2Tn7-VbfvObvI>

¹ Ephesians 4:16.



FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.



Volunteer Opportunities for 2021
Go to <http://www.packthebackpacks.org>

Where:
St. Luke's Episcopal Church
8th & Dewey
Bartlesville, OK



Sunday, July 25 2 to 4 p.m. Move supplies	Monday, July 26 9:00 to 3 p.m. & 6:30 to 8 p.m. Move supplies & set up	Tuesday, July 27 9 to Noon & 6 to 8 p.m. Pack Elementary Schools
Wednesday, July 28 9 to Noon Pack Elementary Schools	Friday, July 30 1 to 4 p.m. Pack MS/HS Schools	Saturday, July 31 9 to Noon Pack High School

Pickup Days: August 1st from 2 to 6 pm August 2nd from 8 to 1 pm and 2 to 6 pm

Agape Mission Volunteer Schedule

Thursday, August 12

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

Thursday, August 26

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

St. Luke's Prayer List

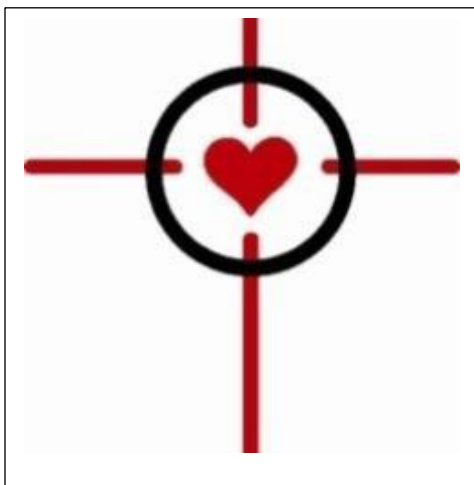
The prayer list can be found in
the Sunday bulletin and on
the St. Luke's website.

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

Summer Faith Forum Series



Sundays from 9:15 – 10:15 a.m. in Metcalf Hall



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, Aug. 26th 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

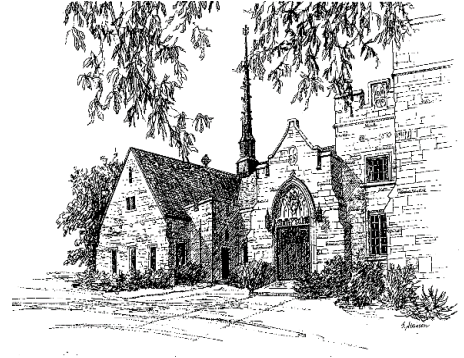
Susie Clark, Nancy Woods, Sally Lindsey, Jeanne Julstrom.

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, July 23 – Aug. 4

Birthdays

Jason Carroll, July 23rd
Barbara Todd, July 24th
Patricia Legatski, July 25th
Henry Tedstrom, July 25th
Max Legatski, July 29th
Diana Farris, July 30th
Donna Allison, Aug. 4th
Bill Bridendolph, Aug. 4th

Anniversaries

Thomas & Judy Chamberlain, Aug 5

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!

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!

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Sunday’s Altar Flowers are given by Jeanne Rowlett:
“In loving memory of Bob Rowlett.”