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The Steeple



August
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The Weekly Newsletter of St. Luke's Episcopal Church



Circuit Breakers

When I was a full-time carpenter, I found myself doing a lot of projects that didn't involve wood. Go figure! I always thought that this was a bit odd. And you can be sure that I learned really fast what I was good at, what I was just dangerous enough at that I could get by, and why you should never trust a framer to do any sort of plumbing. There are jacks of all trades and I learned the hard way that I wasn't one of them.

Of all the trades that tempted me the most however, electrical work had to top the list. Before working for the church my dad used to run the signal shop in Battle Creek and I guess you could say that my fascination with electronics started there. Sometimes on the weekends he'd let me come with him to the shop where he would have traffic signals opened up to work on. His colleagues, Keith and Mike, were always kind enough to let me tag along. That was until I snuck into the bucket truck and decided to try the air brakes out while they were having a meeting. But that is another story.

If my dad would have had his way, I would have gotten an electrical engineering degree instead of two degrees in religion. As the son of Battle Creek's traffic engineer, I certainly would have had an "in" with the sparkies but it was another road for me – or an ocean if you really think about it. And though the days of the signal shop are long gone, I've never forgotten seeing the skills of a master electrician at work - whether it was troubleshooting relays and switches or installing circuit breaker panels in the shop.

This past week I read an essay written by Nadia Bolz-Weber that talked about our emotional circuit breakers and why they keep tripping. It was a perceptive essay and I commend it to you. The bottom line is that if you find yourself overwhelmed (your breakers keep tripping) there is a reason for that and it may be due to some things you might not suspect. After I finished the article I thought of a quote that has been attributed to the Talmud that I love. It says, "Do not be daunted by the enormity of the world's grief. Do justly now, love mercy now, walk humbly now. You are not obligated to complete the work, but neither are you free to abandon it." Know that you are enough my friends, just the way you are.

With Arms Wide Open,

Fr. Nick+

<https://thecorners.substack.com/p/if-you-cant-take-in-anymore-theres>

YD Kick-off



On Wednesday, August 18th 2021 our Young Disciples began their year with pizza and some pool time at Fr. Nick's house. The evening was just right as fellowship, re-connection, and prayer were at the heart of the programming. The evening began in earnest at 6:00 p.m. with folks getting reacquainted with one another after the summer holiday. Then it was in the pool time until dinner. After dinner, we settled back into the rhythm of prayer ending the night with Compline. A big thank-you goes to Jennifer McIver, Tom Droege, and Brad Borg for all the ways that you minister to our kids! Thank-you.

Fr. Nick+

This week, YD will meet at Sooner Park by the mini golf area and pick up there too. We are meeting outside in order to avoid cramming into the church van while covid numbers are high. Please let us know if transportation is a problem and we'll make sure your kiddo gets there.

Peace,
Jennifer, Tom, and Brad.

Agape Mission Volunteer Schedule

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

Thursday, September 9

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

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

Summer Faith Forum Series



Sundays 0915– 1015 in Metcalf Hall

Rector's Bible Study



Coming September 2021

Pub Theology

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

The next meeting will be at **7 p.m. Thursday, August 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 the church office and let us 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!



VIRTUAL DIOCESAN BUDGET CALL

EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF OKLAHOMA

August 28th

9AM VIA ZOOM



Attention Delegates.

Virtual Budget Call this Saturday.

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJltdeygpz8qHdSK4WY3LZT4g3v6-PljDAYR>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

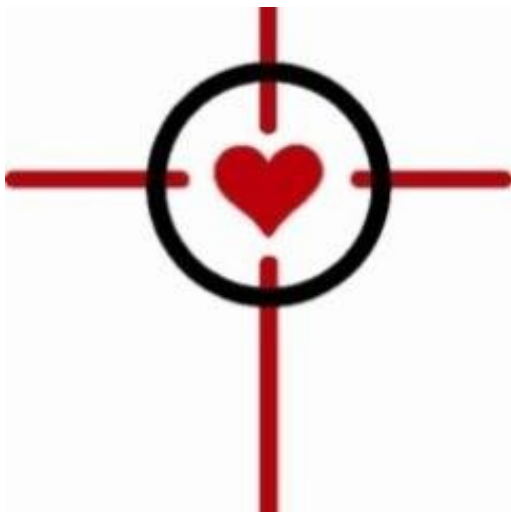


Karen Lynne Emmott

April 11, 1945 – June 27, 2021

A private memorial service will be held in Karen's memory and honor at St. Luke's this Saturday, August 28th. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Arnold Moore & Neekamp Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Online condolences can be left at www.honoringmemories.com.

Father of all, we pray to you for those we love, but see no longer: Grant them your peace; let light perpetual shine upon them; and, in your loving wisdom and almighty power, work in them the good purpose of your perfect will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*



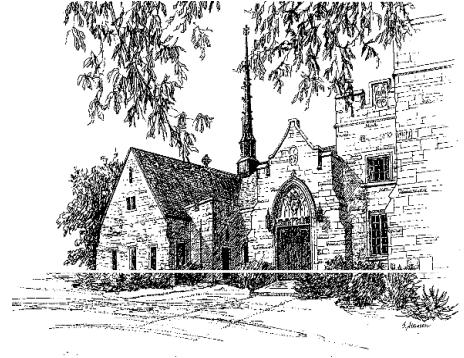
CONCERN Needs

CONCERN is in need of the following items: Ramen Noodles, Sugar, Tea Bags, Complete Pancake Mix, Jiffy Mix, Toothbrush Kits, and Deodorant.

Also, believe it or not, Thanksgiving is just around the corner. Please consider offering a contribution towards our annual fundraiser for Thanksgiving Pies. Please make your check out to St. Luke's and in the memo write Thanksgiving Baskets.

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, August 19th – 26th

Birthdays

Dennis Mueggenborg, 26th
Camden Campbell, 29th
Jim Warring, 31st
Heidi Droege, 31st

Anniversaries

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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Sunday’s altar flowers are given by Nancy Woods:
“In thanksgiving for the gift of God’s love and His many blessings”