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July 31, 2025



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



### Support

Dear friends,

I want to just take a minute and remind you all of a few wonderful opportunities for us to come together as a community and live out our call to love and serve the Lord.

#### **Pack the Backpacks at St. Luke's! (You know!!!)**

Each year, St. Luke's hosts the Washington County School Supply Drive's - Pack the Backpacks. This wonderful organization makes sure every child starts the year with the supplies they need. WCSSD's mission is to provide backpacks filled with notebooks, pencils, and all the tools to help kids thrive. They would love for you to come lend a hand in packing the backpacks and to engage with our neighbors!

When to Help:

- Friday 8/1: Packing the backpacks begins at 9:00am till noon then 1:30pm till 3:30pm.
- Saturday 8/2: Packing 9:00am till noon or finish.

Bring a friend, bring the kids, and let's fill these backpacks with love!

**Remember the Empty Bowls Fundraiser at the End of the Month!**

Mark your calendars for Bartlesville's Empty Bowls fundraiser, coming up at the end of the month. This event, you'll recall, raises awareness and support for those in our community who are food insecure. You'll enjoy great food served in a handmade bowl - yours to keep as a reminder of the work all are called to do in loving our neighbor.

Tickets for 25 dollars are available now! See Steve Clark to grab yours and invite a neighbor to join you.

### **State of the Schools is Next Week (August 6, 2025 from 11:30-1pm)**

This event provides a great opportunity to hear from Bartlesville Public Schools Superintendent Chuck McCauley as he reviews the past school year and highlights the District's priorities for the coming year. It's a great way to kickoff the school year as a community AND support our public schools. Tickets are 35 dollars and you can read more about the event online at:

<https://bpsfoundation.org/state-of-the-schools/>

### **Sponsor a Night for Y.D.**

Finally, don't forget to sign up for a night to sponsor Y.D. (Young Disciples). This is one of the simplest and most meaningful ways to support our youth as they grow in faith and fellowship. You can sign up to bring a meal or partner with a friend to do it together. Stay for the evening and enjoy time our kiddos.

Each of these opportunities is a chance to be the hands and feet of Christ: to feed, to equip, to nurture, and to support. Thank you for saying "yes" in so many ways.

Faithfully,  
Nick+

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### **At Luke's Place: Aug 1<sup>st</sup>– Aug 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

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| <b>Aug 3<sup>rd</sup></b> | <b>Holy Eucharist, Rite I, 8:00am, Chapel</b>                 |
|                           | <b>Faith Forum, 9:15am, Vestry Room</b>                       |
|                           | <b>Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10:30am, Nave</b>                 |
|                           | <b>Pack the Backpacks- distribution</b>                       |
| <b>Aug 6<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Transfiguration of Our Lord Eucharist, 12:15pm, chapel</b> |
| <b>Aug 7<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Men's Fellowship, 7am, Metcalf Hall</b>                    |
|                           | <b>Bible Study, 9:15am, Metcalf Hall</b>                      |
|                           | <b>Green Country Eucharist, 1pm, GCV</b>                      |



## Theologian's Corner: Ignatius of Loyola 31 July

Saint Ignatius of Loyola (born Íñigo López de Oñaz y Loyola in 1491 at the castle of Loyola, Azpeitia, in the Basque region of northern Spain) was the youngest of thirteen children in a noble Catholic family.

Initially a courtier and soldier, Ignatius sought glory and distinction. In May 1521, during the defense of Pamplona, he was gravely wounded by a cannonball. Although the French spared him and returned him to his home, his leg was broken so severely it had to be

reset several times resulting in a lifelong limp

During the long recovery, bored and restless, he asked for romance novels—but instead was given *The Life of Christ* and the lives of the saints. These works sparked a profound spiritual conversion: Ignatius realized that the saints' lives brought deeper peace and meaning than his former dreams of worldly ambition.

After his convalescence, he journeyed to Montserrat and Manresa, where he spent nearly a year in prayer and discernment, developing the foundations of what would become the Spiritual Exercises, a structured program of meditations, contemplations, and prayers designed to deepen one's relationship with Christ.

Ignatius studied in Barcelona, Alcalá, Salamanca, and Paris, where he gathered six companions (including Francis Xavier and Peter Faber). On 15 August 1534, they took vows of poverty, chastity, and mission on Montmartre - marks of the future Society of Jesus.

In 1539–1540 Ignatius received papal approval for the founding of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits), and was elected as its first Superior General. He remained its leader until his death, guiding the order in educational, missionary, and spiritual renewal efforts across Europe.

Although plagued by periods of deep spiritual struggle, experiencing anxiety, scruples, and even suicidal thoughts Ignatius persevered in prayer and devotion. His inner perseverance became a model for his followers. He later wrote of inviting others to discern God's will through the Spiritual Exercises, a transformative tool still central to Jesuit formation today.

Saint Ignatius died in Rome on 31 July 1556, likely from what was called "Roman fever" possibly malaria combined with kidney and gallstones. He was beatified in 1609 by Pope Paul V and

canonized on 12 March 1622 by Pope Gregory XV. His feast is celebrated on his day of death, 31 July.

Together we pray: "Almighty God, who didst call Ignatius of Loyola to the service of thy Divine Majesty and to seek thee in all things; Give us also the grace to labor without counting the cost and to seek no reward other than knowing that we do thy will through Jesus Christ our Savior, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever. Amen."

### *Prayer List*

**Please pray for:** Ben Baker, Steve McCraw, Josh Harris, David Swindell, Connie Finch, Terry Grogan, Tyler Roberson, Jerry Nezam, Miriam Petrovich, Lynette Beebe, Jack Smith, Danny Clem, David McAtee, Shawn, Stephanie Gallegos, Pat Sare, Steve Linn, Jean Mason, Adam Thomas, Tom Oakes, Bill Pendley, Mary Wallace, Lynda Stephens, Marcie Zervas, Audrey Harris, Peggy Rockey, Ken Harvey, Nan Buhlinger, Bill Birk, Carol McSpadden, Dionna Cameron, Betty Rogers, David Anderson, Dan & JoAnn Gallery, Freda Bretz, Kathleen Turner, Susan Dick, Steve Clark, Lauren Gandy, and Betty Hardin.

**Please add the following to your prayers for the Seventh Week of Pentecost**  
**Good Shepherd, Sapulpa    The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea**

#### **Birthdays and Anniversaries Aug 3<sup>rd</sup> – Aug 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

##### **Birthdays**



**Bill Bridendolph (8/4)**



##### **Anniversaries**

**Tom & Judy Chamberlain (8/5)**

**Jim & Kate Carroll (8/6)**

**Steve & Susie Clark (8/9)**

**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!**



## STEWARDSHIP CORNER

*Did you know?*

Fourteen volunteers from St Luke's work a total of 25 hours per month at Agape Mission feeding the hungry, hurting and homeless in Washington County.



Spiritual Discovery Group will start back August 19<sup>th</sup>, 9:30am , in the Library. We will share and refresh and then discuss studying chapter 13 of The Good Book by Peter Gomes. Everyone is welcome to join us



To Katherine & Ben Powell for the loss of their son, Michael Davis Bartosh. Dave's service will be at First Wesleyan Church, Aug 16<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 pm. If you would like to drop the Powells a card, their address is: 2616 Camelot Ct 74006

4th ANNUAL  
LIP SYNC  
**BATTLE IN  
BARTLESVILLE**

September 27 | 2025  
Hilton Garden Inn | 6 pm

Such a fun time that  
kept the toes a tapping  
and some good hardy  
laughs. A wonderfully  
fun family event!

*Ronda Riden-Wilson*

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CELEBRITIES BATTLE  
HUNGER**

Admission of \$75 includes  
the Battle, a festival style  
buffet and 2 adult drinks.

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From the Chaplain at JPMC:

## Clothes Closet Donations needed

Our clothes closet is in need of restocking our supplies which we give to our patients as needed, Here is the list if you would consider donating.

We are in need of:

**Men's sweats/ pajama pants** size Med., Large, XL, XXL, XXXL

**Women's pants** (prefer sweats, or stretchy loose material) size Small, Medium, Large & XL,  
\*\*I have plenty of women's jeans, but they are too hard for our staff to size and also tougher on our patients, due to many with mobility or surgical issues.

**Women's underwear-** all sizes

You may bring them to Karen Brown in the staffing Office, or call her and she will pick them up from your unit.



Thank you all for being there and caring for our patients in times of need. You all are the best!!!

**\*\*NOTE:** The clothing closet has been reset on access. You will now need to go through Karen Brown (918-331-6529 Mon-Fri.) or Case Management or a manager to get access. House Supervisors will have access for the weekend and overnight coverage.

**\*\* Please be sure these are clean and ready to go for our patients.**

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