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The Steeple

August 13,2026

Ordinary Time

The Weekly Newsletter of St. Luke's Episcopal Church

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Hello St. Luke's Sisters and Brothers!

As I sit here taking in the beauty of Boise Idaho, I am giving thanks for all that God has provided for us. The beauty of the mountains, the joy and blessing of our children, grandchildren and…grand puppies! ☺ I give thanks also for the precious gift of friendship which we all share together. I pray that all is well at Luke's Place and you are surviving the heat. UGH!

I want to tell you that Dan Droege, Jeff Birk and I are working on changing up our website. We were advised by the Diocesan office to update that along with other areas. So, with the great help of Susanna LeMasters at their office we are off and running. We need to update our photos along with the content and design. As for the photos we will need new updated good quality photos preferably of lots of smiling people! That should NOT be too hard for this family. We will be starting to do exactly that starting in September. So, if you see someone holding up a camera and pointing it at you… SMILE! Haha! Be ready! We will also be very grateful for photos taken by anyone in any of our ministries. Just make sure there are happy faces in them.

On another note… we will be re-visiting Realm in September or October as well. Hopefully having a few sessions on how it works and we can get more of you in the directory. This system is so great and has everything you need right at your fingertips. You are already part of this system as it is how we send you The Steeple, the sermons…and on it you can personally create your own privacy settings, profile, etc. Get ready for some more info coming soon. If any of you ever have

any questions about Realm please feel free to call me. (Well…after September 1st when I will be re-entering Oklahoma!)
Take care my friends and know that I pray for God's Peace to surround you all… ALWAYS!!!
Nancy Woods…Your sister in Christ

At Luke's Place: Aug 14th – Aug 20th , 2026

Aug 16th	**Holy Eucharist, Rite I, 8:00am, Chapel**
	Faith Forum, 9:15am, Metcalf
	Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10:30am, Nave
Aug 17th	**Ladies Prayer Partners, 11:30am, Metcalf**
Aug 20th	**Men's Group, 7am, Metcalf**
	Bible Study, 9:15am, Metcalf
	Green Country Eucharist, 1pm, GCV
Aug 23rd	**Brunch Bunch, 11:30am, Metcalf**

Prayer List

Please pray for: Ben Baker, **Steve** McCraw, **Josh** Harris, **David** Swindell, **Connie** Finch, **Terry** Grogan, **Tyler** Roberson, **Jerry** Nezam**, Lynette** Beebe, **Danny** Clem, **David** McAtee, **Steve** Linn, **Jean** Mason, **Mary** Wallace, **Lynda** Stephens, **Marcie** Zervas, **Audrey** Harris, **Nan** Buhlinger, **Dionna** Cameron, **Betty** Rogers, **Dan** & **JoAnn** Gallery, **Kathleen** Turner, **Steve** Clark, **Dea**n Zervas, **Frank** Molina, **Diane** Mitchell, **Frank** Traylor, **Steve** Hand, **Donna** Steward, **Penny** Johnson, **Kim** Shipman, **Shaina** Smith, **Ann** Morrow, **Carrie** Washington, **Miriam** Petrovich, **Jason** Elmore, **Teresa** Phares, **Jun**e Mosley, **Marsha** Tibbits, **Larry** Mueggenborg, **Sherry** Breitman, **Barbie** Hirst, **Jack** Stoecker, and **Dorothy** Buchanan.

Birthdays & Anniversaries for Aug 16th – Aug 22nd, 2026

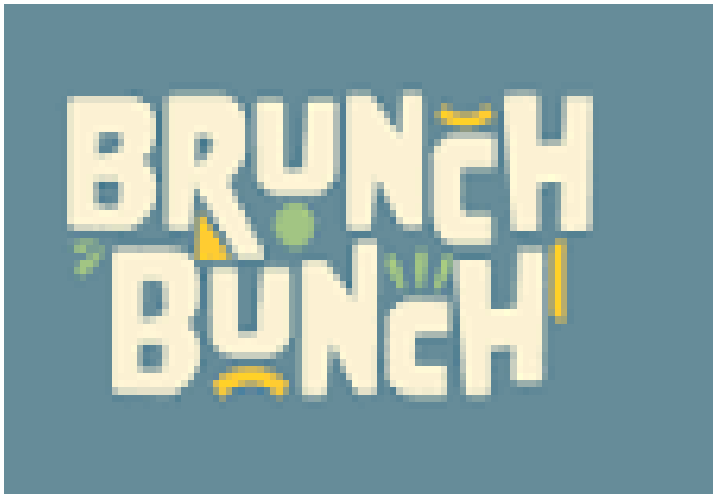
Birthdays		**Anniversaries**	
Juanita Green	(8/16)	Bill & Andrea Jones	(8/16)
Shannon McCraw	(8/22)		
Michelle Sheffield	(8/22)		
Bob Tedstrom	(8/22)		

If your or a love one's name doesn't appear on the list, please email or call the office, and we will add your birthday and/or wedding anniversary.

Concern

Concern's current needs are: canned corn, peas, 16oz peanut butter and unisex deodorant.

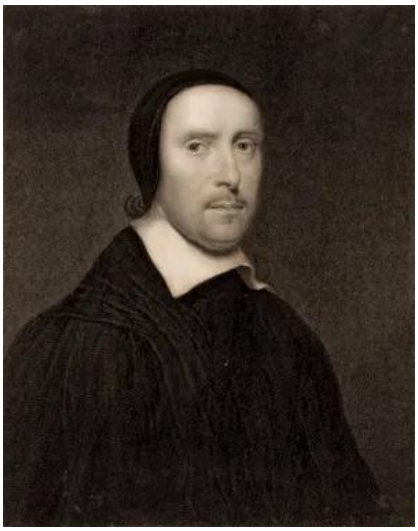
Our Christmas in July fundraiser is underway. Our hope is to collect $15,000 to provide a wonderful Christmas for 200 children (birth through age 15) in Washington County. If you would like to donate, please send a check to PO BOX 404, Bartlesville, OK 74005 or PayPal (notate Christmas in July) at concerncares.com.



Brunch Bunch Brunch

August 23rd

Yes, our favorite group will be serving up Brunch right after the 10:30am service. Save the Date!



Theologian's Corner:

Jeremy Taylor

Bishop and Theologian 1667

Feast Day Aug 13

(baptized Aug. 15, 1613, Cambridge, Cambridgeshire, Eng.—died Aug. 13, 1667, Lisburn, County Antrim, Ire.) was an Anglican clergyman and writer.

Taylor was educated at the University of Cambridge and was ordained in 1633. He never lacked for patrons: Archbishop Laud granted him a fellowship to All Souls College, Oxford, in 1635; William Juxon, bishop of London, presented him the living of Uppingham in 1638; and Charles I, whom he had joined at Oxford in the Civil War by 1642, made him doctor of divinity by royal decree in 1643. After his capture in Wales in 1645, Taylor set up a school with the grammarian William Nicholson in Carmarthenshire.

By 1655 he had written his enduring works: The Rule and Exercises of Holy Living (1650) and The Rule and Exercises of Holy Dying (1651). These devotional handbooks were written to help members of the Church of England who were deprived of a regular ministry during the disturbances of the Commonwealth. The books' beauty and spiritual insight made them popular with all denominations, however, and their influence extended to the 18th-century Methodist John Wesley.

Quick Facts
Baptized: Aug. 15, 1613, Cambridge, Cambridgeshire, Eng.
Died: Aug. 13, 1667, Lisburn, County Antrim, Ire.
A spiritual counselor to the diarist John Evelyn, Taylor was helped by him with gifts of money. He ministered to scattered congregations of Anglican royalists, and in 1658 became a chaplain of Edward, 3rd Viscount Conway, in Ulster. Made bishop of Down and Connor after the Restoration in 1660, he also served on the Irish privy council and helped reconstitute the University of Dublin. He repulsed Scottish efforts to fill Ulster livings with anti-episcopal ministers.

O God, whose days are without end, and whose mercies cannot be numbered: Make us, like your servant Jeremy Taylor, deeply aware of the shortness and uncertainty of human life; and let your Holy Spirit lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

August School Supply Item Needed

For July and August 2026, the featured item for Pack the Backpack will be 24-count Crayola Crayons. Please purchase the Crayola brand; for your reference, the current pricing at Walmart is $1.44. .

Last year, we distributed over 2,600 boxes to students.

Parish Survey

By now everyone should have received the parish survey in the mail. If not please contact Penny. We would like everyone to take some time, prayerfully complete the survey and return it to the church by **August 16th**. The responses will help shape the parish profile which will be the first step in finding our new priest. Please call Steve Van Aken 918-914-9041 or Doug McIver 785-342-4328.

Peace

Your Search Committee

Every backpack was blessed by Fr Thom

Good morning good St. Luke's people! The fifth and final Battle in Bartlesville Concern fundraiser will be Saturday 9/12/26 at 6pm at the Hilton Garden Inn. In the past, St. Luke's has shown up in force to cheer on the local performers, raise money for a great cause, and just laugh and enjoy each other's company. It's more fun to sit together and cheaper too if we buy tables. Tickets are $75 each, which includes a catered taco meal, 2 drinks and of course the entertainment! We get a free spot at each table if 8. I can get us tickets, and since Tim and I don't want to sit all alone, please join us! Let me know if you have questions-hope you are all enjoying the winding down of summer,
Pam

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