



The Steeple

St. Luke's Episcopal Church
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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2017

Our 2017 graduating seniors will be recognized at both the 8am & 10:30am services this Sunday, May 21. The Young Disciples youth group will also be assisting with the lay leadership responsibilities during both services. Following the 10:30 service, there will be a reception in honor of our 2017 Graduates in Metcalf Hall. Join us in congratulating them at this special time in their lives.



Our 2017 Graduating Seniors are:

Makayla Lein, daughter of Angela Lein
Grace Mitchell, daughter of Lou Ann & Ian Mitchell

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Important Dates To Remember

2017 Senior Recognition Sunday, May 21.
Memorial Day, Monday, May 29, church office closed. Holy Eucharist, 5:30pm

THE CLERGY FORUM IS NOW IN SESSION Sundays, 9:15am, Metcalf Hall

Formerly known as the Rector's Forum, the class between the two Sunday services will be led by the Deacons for the next few months. We will be discussing the National Church for the next three weeks (May 21, 28, June 4). Please come at 9:15 in Metcalf Hall and enjoy a lively discussion.



FAMILY PROMISE

Mark your calendars! The second quarter of the year is here and our next dates to host are set. Families will be here at St. Luke's **June 18 - 25**. There are currently 3 families in the program.

Sign up for volunteers will commence this coming Sunday, May 21 after the 10:30 service at Metcalf Hall. There will be many opportunities to serve - by preparing meals, visiting with families in the evenings, or staying overnight. If you have questions, or would like to learn more about the program, or want to sign up early, please contact Jen Peterson at jenrpet1971@gmail.com or 918-397-7779.

Thoughts from Fr. Sean



The Deacons are on the move...

This line struck me like a hammer, yesterday. In Deacon Lauri's sermon, we heard about the nature of motherhood, the Jesus Movement, and evangelism—not your typical Episcopal lesson of the day. But the line, "The Deacons are on the move," was a powerful statement that should—if it didn't—have rekindled a fire in all of us, too. Recently, the Deacons have been doing more than ever in terms of preaching, teaching, visiting the sick, tending to our beloved community at Green Country,

marching in social justice arenas, attending spiritual retreats, giving personal spiritual direction, and of course, caring for a priest who is trying to find his way. I don't talk much about the Deacons of this church, but I want it to be read that they are a strong driving force within St. Luke's and a loving presence in our community. Lauri, Mike and Doug combine in a trio that seek out multiple opportunities for growth in themselves and others at an extraordinary rate. The main point: They are doing the work of their predecessor, the first Deacon, Stephen; a martyr to the cause, a lover of Christ, and a faithful person in the midst of turmoil.

Our Deacons are on the move. Will we join them? The opportunities for ministry in this town and in this church are more present than ever: CONCERN's shelves are constantly needing refilling; Agape Mission needs volunteers; the choir needs singers; Vacation Bible School needs planners; Family Promise needs all of you; and the list goes on and on. With summer approaching we often times turn our thoughts and actions to other things; this isn't a bad thing! I do ask that while your attentions shift that you allow some time for the Holy Spirit to work within you, and to call you to new ministries or revisit some of the ones from which you may have left behind. So, my friends, let's take a lesson from our Deacons, let's get moving! I want the statement to change from "The Deacons are on the move," to, "The Episcopalians are on the move...the Jesus Movement."

Faithfully,
Fr. Sean.

Weekly Activity Calendar

Sunday, May 21, 2017

Youth & Sr. Recognition Sunday
8:00am Rite I
9:15am Sunday School Classes
10:30am Rite II
12:00pm Senior Reception, MH

Monday, May 22, 2017

9:30am Church Staff Mtg.
5:30pm Holy Eucharist

Tuesday, May 23, 2017

10:00am Spiritual Discipline Group, library

Wednesday, May 24, 2017

7:00pm Choir

Thursday, May 25, 2017

6:45am Men's Fellowship, MH
12:00pm Holy Eucharist

Friday, May 26, 2017

Saturday, May 27, 2017

Sunday, May 28, 2017

8:00am Rite I
9:15 Sunday School Classes
10:30am Rite II

Monday May 29, 2017

Memorial Day, church office closed
5:30pm Holy Eucharist

Hello Saint Luke's family!

First let me express my gratitude to both our clergy, and our parish as a whole in allowing me the opportunity to serve you as Christian Education Director, and now also, as Parish Administrator. I look forward to my expanded role and hope to become an asset in both capacities. I would also like to thank individually both of my immediate predecessors, Erin Perry as our prior Christian Education Director, and Steve Forsythe as our departing Parish Administrator. Both have been invaluable, and I am grateful for the direction and assistance they have both given during this transition. I can only hope to continue, and build modestly, on the work they have done.

Thus far the role of Christian Education Director has involved the overseeing of the ending portion of the Sunday School year, which with the consistent and valued work of our volunteers we will have successfully concluded on May 21. After discussions with several of our volunteers it was decided that wrapping up our class schedule in line with the end of the Bartlesville school year would be the best choice and would allow us the time and resources to focus on our upcoming Vacation Bible School, which is scheduled to run for one week, starting on July 10. We are still in the planning phase and are looking for anyone who would care to take part in either the planning or execution of our VBS program.

Also in the works are changes in the nursery and Children's Chapel. Up until now the Children's Chapel has been located on the second floor in the older portion of the church. It's been decided to relocate it to the smaller of the two nursery rooms. This will serve various purposes. First, it's easier to access and, as importantly; it allows our smallest congregates to see what the "big kids" are doing. As always, anyone interested in volunteering during this transition will be more than welcome. The nursery is the most time consuming volunteer teaching position and thus, anyone interested in participating will be greatly appreciated.

My role as Parish Administrator has so far been one of observation. I'm happy to say Steve is leaving the position with his office in good order and all of our current projects are set to continue as laid out. I will keep the parish abreast of any and all future projects and look forward to working with all of you as we continue to move forward.

Thank you and God bless, Karl Franks, ktdfunks@gmail.com

ST. LUKE'S PRAYER LIST

Please keep them in your prayers
Names on the Prayer List are rotated off
every 4 weeks. If there is need for
continued prayers, please let us know.)

Kris, Carl, Kate, Rashad, Daniel,
Waylon, Billy, John, Jared, Daniel,
Tony, Derek, Andrew, Gene, Jamie,
Brody, Sally, Sherrilyn, Madelyn,
Jim, Mary, Sue, Tammy, Pam, Jack,
Ann, Rose, Becky, Peggy, Lynette,
Jenny, Diane, Kristen, Mary,
Elizabeth, Max, Emma, Cory and all
members of our armed forces and
their families.

If you have a prayer request, contact our
Prayer Ministry Coordinator Thelma
Blackburn 918-333-7902 or
TPBGEN@aol.com or the church office at
918-336-1212 or
annbell@episcopalbartlesville.org.

PRAYER LIST ON WEBSITE

St. Luke's Prayer List is now on our
website

(www.episcopalbartlesville.org)

listed on the side menu under
Steeple Newsletter and also a
selection under the top menu item
Growth and Fellowship. It will be
refreshed each week.

PRAYER FOR THE NEW RECTOR SEARCH PROCESS

Almighty God, giver
of every good gift:

Look graciously on your Church,
and so guide the minds of those
who shall choose a rector for this
parish, that we may receive a
faithful pastor, who will care for
your people and equip us for our
ministries. Through Jesus
Christ our Lord. Amen.

Thank You!

Many Thanks to Jim Hess at 5th &
Shawnee Discount Liquor for his
donation of our communion wine.
He has done this for St. Luke's for
many years and we are very thanks
for his generosity!

MONTHLY FINANCIAL SUMMARY

	April			April Year to Date		
	MTD Actual	MTD Budget	Variance (unfav.)	YTD Actual	MTD Budget	Variance (unfav.)
Income						
Pledge Payments	30,620	33,333	(2,713)	151,694	133,333	18,361
Non-Pledge Payments	2,260	1,750	510	13,520	7,000	6,520
Other Income	717	617	100	5,581	4,567	1,014
Total Income	33,597	35,700	(2,103)	170,795	144,900	25,895
Expenses	20,015	24,532	4,517	135,635	134,792	(843)
NET INCOME/LOSS	13,582	11,168	2,414	35,160	10,108	25,052



To the People of St. Luke's

As we prepare to depart for the Seattle area we wish to thank all of you for the wonderful thoughts, kindness, and prayers you have offered. Over the years—sixteen to be exact—we have been so enveloped by the wide open arms of St. Luke's that we cannot adequately express our love for all of you.

Peace, Steve and Maureen Forsythe



Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement which the Archbishop of Canterbury is inviting people around the world to join. The wave of prayer will start in May and run for 10 days between the Christian festivals of Ascension and Pentecost. It's not complicated – we're simply asking people to pray in whatever way they want and with whoever they want for others to come to know Jesus Christ. For more information go to <http://www.episcopalchurch.org/thy-kingdom-come>.

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Holy Eucharist: Sunday 8am & 10:30am; Monday 5:30pm, Thursday 12pm

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LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE 5/21/17 through 5/28/17

Volunteers: Please make your own substitutions.

Acolytes

May 21

Youth Sunday

Adult Volunteers Today

May 28

No Acolytes Scheduled Today

Layreaders

May 21

8:00am

Scott Williams, Jeff Birk

10:30am

Judy Currey, Kate Carroll

May 28

8:00am

Nick Conner, Jeff Birk

10:30am

Jim Warring, Penny Williams

Nursery Volunteers

May 21

Barbara Todd

May 28

Diana Crawford

June 4

Erin Perry

Scripture Lessons for

Sunday, May 21

Music for Sunday, May 21

"Shout to the Lord"

"Let My Light Shine"

GATHER #261 – "On Eagles' Wings"

"This Little Light of Mine"

GATHER #346 – "One Bread, One Body"

"Lord of the Dance"

Coffee Fellowship Hour

May 21

Senior Reception

May 28

Glenn & Thelma Blackburn

June 4

Volunteers needed

To volunteer, contact Rita Childers, 918-519-8470 or

puevey45@gmail.com

Sunday Plate Counter

May 21

Steve Clark

May 28

Jim Grillot, Jim Malone

June 4

Amy Borg

Greeters

Sunday, May 21

8:00am

Monica Martin

10:30am

Carol Murphy

Sunday, May 28

8:00am

Sally Canfield

10:30am

D. J. & Jerry Nezam

Jim & Nancy Warring

St. Luke's Bookstore

The Bookstore is open

Sundays between the two

services and after the

10:30 service. All proceeds

from sales go to St. Luke's

Outreach Projects.

*To volunteer, contact

Melinda Wesneski,

918-333-7758 or

mcwesne@gmail.com.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please have articles that you would like printed in

The Steeple to the church office no later than Tuesdays

at 10am.

Thank you!

Ushers

Sunday, May 21

8:00am

Dean Zervas

10:30am

Glenn Bonner, Jim Warring

Sunday, May 28

8:00am

Robert Babcock, Dean Zervas

10:30am

Jim Grillot, Max McCreary

Children's Chapel

May 21

Blair & Chad Ellis

May 28

Erin & Travis Perry

Agape Mission

4th Thursday, May 25

9-11am

Jim Liehr

10:45am-1pm

Jeff Birk, Molly Ferguson,

Glenda Garrison, Darian Kedy,

Jen Peterson

1:00-2:45pm

Carol Murphy, Radomir Petrovich

Bereavement Committee

Team 3

Wendy Hall, Connie Freebern,

Glenda Garrison, Gretchen Hoyt,

Becky Liehr, Carol Murphy