



The Steeple

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Ann Bell's Farewell Reception Sunday, July 30, 12:00pm, Metcalf Hall



The rest of us are crying but Ann and Merle are smiling in anticipation of Ann's retirement from St. Luke's on August 1. We can't thank our friend Ann enough for all the time and effort she's spent helping to shepherd "the flock" but we want to send her on her way with a warm reception from all of the people she's learned to love and serve at St. Luke's. Come join us this **Sunday after the 10:30 service** to raise a glass (of punch) and wish Ann all the best as she leaves St. Luke's. See you then!

WORDS FROM THE WARDEN

This Sunday will be a bittersweet one for all of us at St. Luke's as we will be celebrating Ann's last day with us after 20+ years. She has been the face, the voice and smile that represents all that we are at St. Luke's and we are truly grateful. Her knowledge and understanding of all of the quirks of the building and its parishioners is amazing. We will miss her very much but wish her all good days ahead as a retiree! Please help us send her on that path this Sunday after the 10:30 service in Metcalf Hall as she and her husband Merle will be worshipping with us.

Faithfully yours,
Kathy

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Important Dates To Remember

Farewell Reception for Ann Bell, Sun.,
July 30, Noon, Metcalf Hall (see article this
page)

Annual Pack the Backpacks Weekend of
Aug. 5-6 (see article on page 3)

Coming Up: Farewell Reception for Fr.
Sean & Nicole Aug. 13

A Few Parting Words from Ann



As many of you know, I am retiring at the end of this month after 21 years as your Parish Secretary. I have been blessed to meet and know so many St. Luke's parishioners over these past two decades! I have many fond memories of those precious ones who are now in heaven, and I cherish all of the friends I have made. And, if you don't realize it, let me remind you that St. Luke's is an

amazing parish! This is reflected in your active and joyful service and compassion to one another and to the community. You set a wonderful example of what it is to truly be the hands and feet of Christ to each other and to those around you.

It has been quite a journey for me here at St. Luke's. My time here has included working on staff with seven parish administrators, six curates, four sextons, numerous Christian Education Directors, an interim Rector, one Rector and one Choir Director!! I have experienced 35+ "Rummage-Twice Blessed" Sales, several Treasure Sales, and 14 School Supply Distributions, just to name a few of the activities that go on here at the church. I have formatted and edited, printed and folded bulletins for nearly 1,100 Sundays (plus 21 Christmases and Easters...). I have printed at least 1,050 weekly newsletters and have attended over 1,000 staff meetings! I have taken many, many phone calls, and hopefully did so in a constructive and helpful way!

Personally during this time, my three children have graduated from high school, college, married and had children of their own (I have 5 wonderful grandchildren ☺). And now I look forward to spending more time with them! Where do the years go? I am blessed!

I leave you in the capable hands of my interim replacement, Bob Wesneski. Bob has been shadowing me and learning lots of new things this past week. Thank you, Bob, for stepping in and meeting this need for the parish until a permanent Parish Secretary is hired.

There are many changes in your future here at St. Luke's. Soon you will have a new Rector, too. Whoever that may be, I am confident that he/she will be welcomed with your eager, open arms and servants' hearts that are ready to welcome this person to Bartlesville and St. Luke's.

May God richly bless you and yours, today and always! See you around town!

In Christ's Love,
Ann Bell

WEEKLY

ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Sunday, July 30, 2017

8:00am Rite I
10:30am Rite II
12:00pm Farewell Reception
for Ann Bell, MH

Monday, July 31, 2017

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

Tuesday, Aug. 1, 2017

10:00am Spiritual Discipline
Group, library

Wednesday, Aug. 2, 2017

Thursday, Aug. 3, 2017

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

Friday, Aug. 4, 2017

9 am - 5 pm Pack the
Backpacks Setup, RH & MH
7 pm - 10pm Pack the
Backpacks Paper Move-in, RH
& MH

Saturday, Aug. 5, 2017

9 am - 1 pm Pack the
Backpacks, RH & MH
2 pm - 5pm Pack the
Backpacks Product Setup, RH

Sunday, Aug. 6, 2017

8:00am Rite I
10:30am Rite II
1:30pm-5pm Pack the
Backpacks, RH & MH

Monday, Aug. 7, 2017

8 am - 6 pm Pack the
Backpacks Distribution, RH &
MH

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

Tuesday, Aug. 8, 2017

9 am - 3 pm Pack the
Backpacks Distribution, RH &
MH

10:00am Spiritual Discipline
Group, library

ST. LUKE'S PRAYER LIST

Please keep the following persons
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.)*

Robert, Hugh, Lee, John, Samantha, Bev,
Kris, Max, Jim, Sue, Pam, Jack, Jenny,
Elizabeth, 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
office@episcopalbartlesville.org.*

Favorite Hymns 🎵🎵🎵

Have we sung your favorite hymn(s)
yet this summer? Have you heard your
favorite(s) played for prelude or
communion music? Have you shared
your favorites with Dolores? Not too
late to do so!

Sunday's hymns are chosen from the
"Favorite Hymns" list covering 2000 –
2016 and include hymns suggested by
Kris Bonner, Diana Farris, Dolores
McCreary, Carol Murphy, Debbie
Mueggenborg and Lauri Watkins.
There's still time to request your
favorite hymns! Let Dolores McCreary
know soon!

PRAYER FOR THE NEW RECTOR SEARCH PROCESS

*We ask you to pray for the rector
candidates, Search Committee, and
Vestry during our mutual discernment
process for our next rector.*

Father,
It is time to find a new spiritual leader to
guide us. We pray individually and
together to further this search process.
We know that you have already chosen a
path for St Luke's. We pray earnestly for
your guidance in seeking out Your plan
for us. We ask You to send the Holy
Spirit to fill each of our hearts and
minds, keep our arms wide open, and
guide us to find the new Rector who will
lead us on this path. We ask that You
bless the hearts of our Rector candidates
and each member of our parish family to
ease this transition for them. All this we
ask through our savior, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Can you bake Goodies for "PACK THE BACKPACKS"?

From August 5 – 7, there will be hundreds of volunteers at St. Luke's
packing backpacks and handing them out. Those folks need some
extra fuel to get them through. You can help fuel those folks by
providing some items such as:

- Cookies
- Brownies
- Marshmallow treats
- Small fruit such as grapes

Please bring your items to the church on August 4th if possible. If the
item can be frozen, just label it with "WCSSD" and put it in the freezer
in Metcalf Hall anytime. We'll take them anytime, of course.

"PACK THE BACKPACKS" Volunteer Opportunities

All activities take place here at St. Luke's:

Aug. 4, 7 pm	Move in Paper
Aug. 5, 9-1	Pack Elementary Backpacks
Aug. 5, 2 pm	Reset Packing Tables for High School Packing
Aug. 6, 1:30–5pm	Pack High School Backpacks
Aug. 7, 8:30–6:00	Distribute Backpacks
Aug. 8, 9-3	Pack up Supplies

"The Door" (aka St. Luke's Bookstore) News

The 75% off table in the hallway will end August 6.
If you haven't checked it out, you had better hurry.

Bookstore will be open Saturday, August 5, from 11-2.
This is to accommodate both morning and afternoon
workers who are filling backpacks.

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The Rev. Sean Ekberg, Priest in Charge (seanekberg@gmail.com)

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The Rev. Mike Watkins, Deacon (mike.watkins@sbcglobal.net)

The Rev. Bob Gates, Retired Priest

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

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LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE July 30, 2017 through August 6, 2017

Volunteers: Please make your own substitutions.

Acolytes

July 30

No Acolytes Scheduled

August 6

*Harald Borg, Makayla Lein,
Kimaya Kindred, Emma Perry*

August 13

*Ruth Todd, Grace Mitchell,
Keaton Mitchell, Evan Mitchell*

Layreaders

July 30

8:00am

Darian Kedy, Judy Currey

10:30am

Penny Williams, Katherine Powell

August 6

8:00am

Scott Williams, Jim Grillot

10:30am

Bob Wesneski, Judy Currey

Nursery Volunteers

July 30

Volunteer Needed

August 6

Erin Perry

August 13

Natalie Connor

Scripture Lessons for

July 30

*Genesis 29:15-28; Psalm 105:1-11, 45b; Romans 8:26-39;
Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52*

Music for July 30

*#304 "I Come With Joy to Meet
My Lord"*

#383 "Fairest Lord Jesus"

*#204 "Now the Green Blade
Riseth"*

"My Jesus, I Love Thee"

*#493 "O For a Thousand Tongues
to Sing"*

Sunday Coffee Fellowship Hour

July 30

Becky & Jim Liehr

August 6

Karen Lewey

August 13

John Hood

*To Volunteer see the sign-up
sheet in the Metcalf Hall kitchen
or contact Rita Childers, 918-519-
8470 or puvey45@gmail.com*

Sunday Plate Counter

July 30

Jim Grillot

August 6

Amy Borg

August 13

Bruce Ramzel

Greeters

July 30

8:00am

Gretchen Hoyt

10:30am

Becky & Jim Liehr, Carol

Murphy

August 6

8:00am

Don Davidson

10:30am

Glenn & Thelma Blackburn

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**

Connie Freebern

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918-914-1155

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

July 30

8:00am

Dean Zervas, Don Davidson

10:30am

Jeff Birk, Travis Perry

August 6

8:00am

Dean Zervas

10:30am

Tim Simmons, Hugh Harrison

Children's Chapel

July 30

Erin and Travis Perry

August 6

Robert Tedstrom, Heather Boyle

August 13

Nicki Ingram, Jeanne Julstrom

Agape Mission

Thursday, August 10

9-11am

Jeanne Julstrom, John McCollum

10:45am-1pm

Kris Bonner, Rita Childers, Becky

Liehr, Kathy Zervas, Marcia Zervas

1:00-2:45pm

Melinda Droege, Miriam Petrovich

Bereavement Committee

Team 3

Wendy Hall, Connie Freebern,

Glenda Garrison, Gretchen Hoyt,

Becky Liehr, Carol Murphy