

# The Steeple

St. Luke's Episcopal Church

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## You Want It? You Got It! All-Parish Potluck Dinner! Sunday, August 21, 5:30pm

In the initial review of the responses to the Parish Survey, one theme was very clear. "We need more parish potluck dinners." Well, ask and it shall be given!!

**Mark your calendars for Sunday, August 21st starting at 5:30PM. Plan to join the St. Luke's Search Committee for a potluck dinner.**

We know that there will be food, fun, and fellowship. After all, we are St. Luke's and would expect nothing less!

Following our meal, the Search Committee will share an overview of the Parish Survey results. We will also engage you in a deeper discussion of key issues, ideas and concerns.

We know that there will be full and active participation in those discussions. After all, we are St. Luke's and would expect nothing less!

And we hope that you will plan to join us on August 21<sup>st</sup>. After all, we are St. Luke's and would expect nothing less!

Look for more details about the potluck dinner and parish meeting in the coming weeks.

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### Important Dates To Remember

**Setting Up, Packing & Distribution of Backpacks**, Fri. 8/5 thru Tues. 8/9 (see article this pg.)

**Co-Ed Cursillo Weekend at St. Crispin's**, Fri. - Sun. 8/12-14

**Rally Day, Sunday School Classes begin**, Sunday, August 21 (see pg. 3)

**All-Parish Potluck**, Sun., Aug. 21, 5:30pm (see article this pg.)

**Church Pictorial Directory** photo appointments, Tues.-Thurs., Sept. 13-15. (see pg. 3)

### WASHINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE Coming Soon: 2,400 Kids!

School will be starting soon for area schools. On Mon. & Tues. August 8 & 9, we will hand out school supplies to over 2,400 kids. Can you help? To make a monetary donation, make your check out to St. Luke's and note on it "Pack the Backpacks", or you may donate directly to the WCSSD by giving your donation to Tim Simmons or Bob Wesneski.

Another big way to help is by volunteering on one of the following dates.

- **Friday, August 5**, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm Set up supplies & backpacks for packing
- **Friday, August 5**, 7:00 pm – 10:00 pm Move school supplies from storage
- **Saturday, August 6**, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm Pack the elementary backpacks
- **Saturday, August 6**, 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm Set up for high school packing
- **Sunday, August 7**, 1:30 pm – 5:00 pm Pack high school supplies
- **Monday, August 8**, 8:00 am – 11:30 am Hand out the backpacks
- **Monday, August 8**, 1:00 pm – 6:00 pm Hand out the backpacks
- **Tuesday, August 9**, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm Hand out the backpacks
- **Tuesday, August 9**, 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm Pack up supplies & cleaning up



We can also use help feeding our volunteers. If you can help with snacks, please let Melinda Wesneski know or place it in the Rodgers Hall kitchen and label it for the WCSSD. Thank you so much for all you do for the "Pack the Backpacks".

## From the Rector...



So...when have you been aware of God's Presence recently? Was the awareness in the moment or in looking back? I have come to believe that God is always as near as my next breath – that does not mean I am necessarily aware. Reflect on your life experiences in July. What happened and what could you tell someone else?

For starters, I only have to go back to yesterday, the July 31.

Surely God was present in the fifty-three “pillowcase” dresses draped across the Altar Rail. The dresses were made by nine women in the parish for little girls in Uganda. As one person said, “Touching the dresses as we took Holy Communion was a thin place.” I could see it in his face.

I saw Christ in my Youngest Friends when they helped me bless the pillowcase dresses. They lined up just like I asked them to and were eager to help. They took the aspergillum (AS.per.JILL.um) saturated with blessed water and gave it three good shakes – four in the case of one. We had some serious joy going at the Altar Rail – holy joy!

The same could be said with the Rawlins-Ramzel Family when they came up to bless the linen on the Reredos in memory of Anne Rawlins. Everyone helped by standing behind the Altar and touching the linen. Anne served on the Altar Guild for many years. Saying the blessing, I was aware of the connections happening in that moment as well past and future. What a sacred time.

Awareness is certainly not limited to time in church. Sometimes it is even in the form of my “daily humiliation.” I got an email from Sandy Lee reminding me she taught computers at Rogers State University for fifteen years and not at Tri-County Tech. I am sorry – the old priest has done it again! But, that does not diminish her faithfulness as our webmaster for almost ten years.

Meanwhile, I had a need to see a doctor last week. The nurse seemed familiar. I was pretty sure she had visited St. Luke's, but we stayed with the medical need of the moment. When the doctor had finished, the nurse came back in the room. This time we connected on a more personal level and she began to talk about the pain and challenges she had been facing – she needed to talk. I cannot say that God set this up, but the Presence was there.

That was also true last Saturday in our final meeting of the Cursillo Team getting ready for the Cursillo weekend which starts a week from Friday (Aug. 12). This was the third Saturday in three months that we have met. You could sense the presence of Christ in everyone who spoke. This was beyond commitment to knowing Christ preparing us. I can hardly wait.

I heard a delightful story from a Grandmother about her grandson. He had gotten confused about a Bible story and thought God was bad. How many times have we thought that but didn't have the nerve to say it? He said it out loud. His Mother and Grandmother explained the rest of the story – and he was happy again with God. Blessed is this family that talks about faith.

Finally, to close out July for me, Lynda and I met with a group of friends Sunday evening who talked freely about their experiences of God in the last two weeks. Reflecting on the evening, I realized that as each person shared his or her experience it happened again. What a way to start August.

Blessings,  
Fr. Lee+

## Weekly Activity Calendar

### Sunday, August 7, 2016

8:00am Rite I  
9:15am Discipleship Forum, MH  
10:30am Rite II  
1-5pm Packing & Setup of Backpacks

### Monday, August 8, 2016

8:30am-12pm & 1-6pm Distribution of Backpacks  
9:30am Church Staff Mtg.  
5:30pm Holy Eucharist  
7:15pm Vestry Mtg.

### Tuesday, August 9, 2016

9am-12p & 1-3pm Distribution of Backpacks  
10:00am Spiritual Discipline Group, library

### Wednesday, August 10, 2016

### Thursday, August 11, 2016

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

### Friday, August 12, 2016

Co-Ed Cursillo Weekend, 8/12-14, St. Crispin's Conference Ctr.

### Saturday, August 13, 2016

### Sunday, August 14, 2016

8:00am Rite I  
9:15am Discipleship Forum, MH  
10:30am Rite II

### Monday, August 15, 2016

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

## WE'VE LAUNCHED OUR NEW WEBSITE!

The St. Luke's website has a new look! It's been completely remodeled with more visuals, more news and more information about how prospective members can become part of the St. Luke's family. With the help of Sandy Lee, our hardworking webmaster for nearly a decade, the site has now become the responsibility of Dan Droege of the vestry communications committee. The web address remains the same: [episcopalbartlesville.org](http://episcopalbartlesville.org).



## ST. LUKE'S PRAYER LIST

Please keep the following 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.)

Elizabeth, Emma, Alvin, Jeremiah, Jeanne, Lida, Robert, Bid, Susie, Jim, Geir, Scott, Georgia, Glenn, Shelly, Max, Dortha, Helen, Cory, Jean, 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](mailto:TPBGEN@aol.com) or the church office at 918-336-1212 or [annbell@episcopalbartlesville.org](http://annbell@episcopalbartlesville.org).

## FAVORITE HYMNS

Have we sung any of your favorite hymns yet this summer? It's not too late to suggest hymns you would like to include in music for our 10:30 Sunday Eucharists. Let Dolores McCreary know soon!

From the compiled list of "Favorite Hymns", hymns for Aug. 7 include: "How Great Thou Art" (prelude music) – Amy Borg & Brad Borg; "Surely It Is God Who Saves Me" – Lauri Watkins; "Spirit of the Living God" and "Weave Us Together" (offertory music) – Susie Clark, Becky Liehr, Fr. Lee Stephens; "Life-Giving Bread, Saving Cup" – Debbie Mueggenborg, Lauri Watkins; "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" – Fr. Lee Stephens.



## A WORD FROM FR. SEAN



There's a great song by Five for Fighting called "100 Years". In it, the songsters wax melodically about varying ages in their lifetimes from 15 to 99 and all the goings-on for each age. The last age, 99, the singer croons, "I'm 99 for a moment and dying for just another moment, and I'm just dreaming—counting the ways to where you are." Well, I'm 36 for a moment and I have just finished the first year of what I hope turns into a long and joyful ministry. There have been learning moments, teaching moments, sorrowful, joyful, curious, intense, gratifying, and humbling moments. But all of these were grace moments.

You see, as I look back on this first year, I realize that I've been counting the ways to where you all are. Some of you have needed an ear, some a voice; some have been teachers and others have been students; but all have been part of the foundation of this new ministry. Throughout our time together this last twelve months, you've helped mold me into the priest I will be to others and changed me from the seminarian I was into the clergy I am. Thank you for that. To say that I've enjoyed our time together so far is an understatement; you mean more to me than you'll ever know and I'll never forget any of you. I'm grateful in the knowledge that we have a little more time together to grow and experience one another. I have solid faith that this next year will be equally—if not more—fulfilling than the last, and I will continue to count the ways you give me to meet you where you are.

Love, love -  
Fr. Sean,

## Coming Soon – Christmas Carols in August!



A St. Luke's "tradition"! Christmas Carols will be sung as the music for the 10:30 Eucharist on Sun., August 21. Enjoy singing the beloved music of Christmas in the middle of August. A wonderful reminder that the true reason for the celebration of Christmas is a year-round, every day of our life gift of love and promise! Want to have a voice in which carols we will sing? Let you-know-who (D. McCreary) know soon!

## Coming Soon to St. Luke's...!

Watch For More Details in the Coming Weeks!

- Information on how you can make your portrait appointment for our new **Church Pictorial Directory** will be in next week's "Steeple". We want everyone to participate! Photos will be taken Tuesday through Thursday, September 13 – 15 in Metcalf Hall.
- **Rally Day** is Sunday, August 21. This is when all Sunday School classes start up for the Fall and the children & parents will have the opportunity to meet the teachers. We hope that children and parents are excited for the coming school year and the new Sunday School year.



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## LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE 8/7/16 through 8/14/16

*Volunteers: Please make your own substitutions.*

**Acolytes**  
**August 7**  
*Servers*  
 Anneke Borg, Harald Borg  
*Torchbearers*  
 Kimaya Kindred, Emma Boyle  
**August 14**  
*Servers*  
 David Wiseman, Grace Mitchell  
*Torchbearers*  
 Keaton Mitchell, Evan Mitchell

**Scripture Lessons for**  
**Sunday, August 7**  
 Isaiah 1:1, 10-20; Psalm 50:1-8,  
 22-23; Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16;  
 Luke 12:32-40  
**Music for Sunday, August 7**  
 #636 – "How Firm a Foundation"  
 #686 – "Come Thou Fount of  
 Every Blessing"  
 GATHER #339 – "Life-Giving  
 Bread, Saving Cup"  
 #376 – "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore  
 Thee"

**Greeters**  
**Sunday, August 7**  
*8:00am*  
 Don Davidson  
*10:30am*  
 Thelma Blackburn, Jo Oertle  
**Sunday, August 14**  
*8:00am*  
 Don Doty  
*10:30am*  
 Debbie & Dennis  
 Mueggenborg

**Ushers**  
**Sunday, August 7**  
*8:00am*  
 Ace Gardner, Dean Zervas  
*10:30am*  
 Jim Malone, Tim Simmons  
**Sunday, August 14**  
*8:00am*  
 Ace Gardner, Michael Kemp  
*10:30am*  
 Brian Ferguson, *sub needed*

**Layreaders**  
**Sunday, August 7**  
*8:00am*  
 Kate Carroll, Judy Currey  
*10:30am*  
 Bob Wesneski, Lauren Green  
 Juanita Green, Nick Conner  
**Sunday, August 14**  
*8:00am*  
 Jim Grillot, Nick Conner  
*10:30am*  
 Penny Williams, Lynda  
 Stephens  
 Judy Currey, Kate Carroll

**Coffee Fellowship Hour**  
**August 7**  
 Heather Boyle  
**August 14**  
 D. J. & Jerry Nezam  
*To volunteer, contact Rita  
 Childers, 918-519-8470 or  
[puvey45@gmail.com](mailto:puvey45@gmail.com)*

**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, you may  
 contact Melinda Wesneski,  
 918-333-7758 or  
[mcwesne@gmail.com](mailto:mcwesne@gmail.com).

**Children's Chapel**  
**August 7**  
 Heather Boyle, Bob Tedstrom  
**August 14**  
 Erin & Travis Perry  
**August 21**  
 Becky & Brian Olsen

**Nursery Volunteers**  
**August 7**  
 Elizabeth Boyle  
**August 14**  
 Natalie Conner  
**August 21**  
 Barbara Todd

**Bereavement Committee**  
**Team 2**  
 Barbara Martin, Laura Birk,  
 Thelma Blackburn, Sally  
 Canfield, Debbie Mueggenborg

**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!*

**Agape Mission**  
**2nd Thursday,**  
**August 11, 2016**  
*9-11am*  
 Jeanne Julstrom,  
 John McCollum  
*10:45am-1pm*  
 Kris Bonner, Rita Childers,  
 Becky Liehr, Kathy Zervas,  
 Marcia Zervas  
*1-2:45pm*  
 Melinda Droege,  
 Miriam Petrovich

**Sunday Plate Counters**  
**August 7**  
 Amy Borg  
**August 14**  
 Bruce Ramzel  
**August 21**  
 Steve Clark