



# The Steeple

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## “The Parish Survey Is Coming!” The Parish Survey Is Coming!” Sunday, June 26

St. Luke’s Search Committee announces that the Parish Survey will be kicked off on Sunday, June 26.

We don’t need you to gather at Lexington or Concord. But we do want you to gather in Metcalf Hall!!

If you are aged 16 and older, plan to join us on June 26<sup>th</sup> for the St. Luke’s Survey Kickoff~“Fill-It-Out” Fellowship between each service.



It is easy to complete the survey and we promise that you will have a fun time. More importantly, being a part of the **St. Luke’s Survey Kickoff “Fill It Out” Fellowship** will make sure that your survey is completed plus we save on time and postage. And you will avoid all of our annoying follow ups!

If you can’t join us at the **St. Luke’s Survey Kickoff “Fill It Out” Fellowship**, we will mail surveys to your home address during the week of June 27.

The success of our work depends upon the willing and active involvement of each and every member of St. Luke’s family. Your ideas, perspectives and opinions will be the foundation for who we are as a parish and what we want or need in the future.

**Our goal is to have a 70% response rate for this survey.** We’ve been told that St. Andrews of Grove had a 60% response rate. *The Search Committee knows that the St. Luke’s Family can do much better so that we will easily beat that number!*

So please help us reach that significant goal. We want as much participation and input as we can gather. Your ideas, perspectives and opinions are critical in determining who we are as a parish and what we want or need in the future.

**And please continue to pray for the St. Luke’s Search Committee and Vestry during our discernment process for St. Luke’s next rector.**

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### Important Dates To Remember

Family Promise Families at St. Luke’s,  
June 12-19 (see pg. 3)

Wonderful Wacky Wednesdays Summer  
Program for our children begins Wed., June  
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Well, have you finished the sermon from Sunday? I handed it over to you to complete. Actually that is true for every sermon no matter who is preaching. Your clergy work hard at creating sermons that reflect something of God’s message for our time and make it relevant.

However, that is really just the middle part of the process. In the first phase we prayerfully work with the Holy Scripture and prayers for the day. This often includes using commentaries and other resources for understanding and helpful material. There are also our faith experiences and those of other people to enlighten what we are to say. Then prayerfully as we know how we put the sermon together. Sometimes it takes more than a week and on some occasions it seems to happen very quickly – though fermentation is most often part of the process.

Even so, the first phase isn’t really over until the “proclamation” is presented. The middle phase is what everyone gets in the sermon/homily during the celebration of the Holy Eucharist. With five clergy, three deacons and two priests, there is a variety of voices and perspectives – and that is a good thing. Actually some of the best sermons are when lay persons share. I need to keep that in mind.

But back to my theme – the third phase is what you do with the sermon experience – agree or disagree or question or dismiss – what is God’s word for you that matters – transforms – guides – inspires – challenges – applies? Then blessed by experiencing the Holy Sacrament we go forth in the Name of Christ – as Prisms of Christ – as Sacramental People – as a Word from God for others.

I hope you get what I am trying to say. All of this applies to me as well. Whether I am preaching or someone else, I have a life of faith to live just like everyone else. And if I don’t, then I am a “noisy gong or clanging cymbal.”

I thought about that this evening as I dashed off a prayer for the City Council tonight with Sunday’s sermon still rattling around in my soul. Do I really believe this and willing to live it”

*Gracious Creator – Giver and Lover of All Life: You have given us to each other in Bartlesville, including the City Council, and in our public schools including the school board. Help us to recognize daily the giftedness of life in each of us:*

*The wealthy and the poor*

*The powerful and the voiceless*

*The goal-setters and the struggling survivors*

*The professionals and the working poor*

*We acknowledge before you tonight our awareness, at least for a moment, that we are all your children and related and responsible for each other. That being so, we ask for your blessing and guidance for the members of the City Council and staff – and the school board and supporters – and each of us seeking a path forward. Give us your vision, your wisdom, your compassion and your courage so that the discussions and decisions tonight and the days to come will reflect your purposes and desires for all of us – for all of us – no one excluded. For we pray in your Holy Name. Amen.*

Blessings,

Fr. Lee+

## Weekly Activity Calendar

*Family Promise Families  
at St. Luke’s June 12-19*

### Sunday, June 12, 2016

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

### Monday, June 13, 2016

10:00am Church Staff Mtg.  
5:30pm Holy Eucharist  
7:15pm Vestry Mtg.

### Tuesday, June 14, 2016

10:00am Spiritual Discipline Group,  
Library

### Wednesday, June 15, 2016

2:30-5:30pm Wonderful Wacky  
Wednesdays

### Thursday, June 16, 2016

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

### Friday, June 17, 2016

### Saturday, June 18, 2016

### Sunday, June 19, 2016

*Father’s Day*

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

### Monday, June 20, 2016

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

## FAVORITE HYMNS



We are approaching that not-quite-traditional, kind of eagerly anticipated, sort-of-sacred season called “Favorite

Hymns Time”. For newcomers to St. Luke’s, or for old-timers who need reminding, everyone is encouraged to submit favorite hymns or other songs appropriate for worship service.

Music for the 10:30 Eucharists in July and August will be selected from your suggestions. It’s easy. Either give your list to Dolores McCreary or turn it in to the office. It really helps if you indicate the source of music/text.

Example: the name of the hymnal (we use 3 different ones) and the number of the hymn/song. Selections not found in The Hymnal 1982, GATHER, or WLP (Wonder, Love, and Praise) will be used if we have permission to copy and if we know where to find the music/text.

### 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.)*

Scott, Katherine, Jim, Geir, Hugh, Cheri, Carolyn, Mary, Georgia, Bob, Glenn, Mark, Becky, Steve, Jeff, Camilla, Natalie, Shelly, Helen, Max, Emma, Sue, 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](mailto:annbell@episcopalbartlesville.org).



**Sincere Sympathy** and prayers to Tom Cabbage (2325 Windsor Way, Bartlesville, OK 74006) and family on the death of his wife, *Linda E. Cabbage*, on Saturday, June 4. Funeral services for Mrs. Cabbage will be at St. Luke's on Saturday, July 2 at 1:00pm.

## FAMILY PROMISE

***A FEW VOLUNTEERS ARE STILL NEEDED!***

As you know, we will be hosting our families starting this Sunday, June 12 through next Sunday, June 19.

We are in need of volunteers for a few remaining positions. If you are able to serve, please contact Jen Peterson at [jenrpet1971@gmail.com](mailto:jenrpet1971@gmail.com) or [918-397-7779](tel:918-397-7779).

**Evening/Activity Host 7-9pm**  
Saturday June 18<sup>th</sup>

**Overnight hosts 9pm-6:30am**  
Saturday June 18<sup>th</sup>

Thank you again for your generous support of the Family Promise program, You are so appreciated!

## NEW VICAR AT ST. ANDREW'S, GROVE

The Rev. Dr. David L. Bridges will begin serving as the Vicar of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Grove, Oklahoma on June 15th. David and Marla are excited about being a part of the Grand Lake community. Dr. Bridges is a graduate of the School of Theology at the University of the South, Sewanee, Tennessee with Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry degrees. Dr. Bridges is the author of two books and a published songwriter, and has been serving as Associate Priest at St. Clement's Episcopal Church in Rancho Cordova, California. Please join us in welcoming the Rev. Dr. David L. Bridges to Oklahoma!

## S.S.S. (Summer Sunday School)...

We have decided to cancel Summer Sunday School since the need isn't there. This will allow time for our awesome volunteers to rest and vacation! We look forward to the fall when we kick off another year of Sunday School with some exciting changes. Thanks to all who signed up to help...we appreciate you.

### WANTED....2-liter clear bottles!

W.W.W. needs these to kick off our VBS next Wednesday, June 15! Please give these to Erin Perry or drop off in the church office by Monday, June 13. Drink up! ☺





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## LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE 6/12/16 through 6/19/16

*Volunteers: Please make your own substitutions.*

**Acolytes**  
**June 12**  
Servers  
 David Wiseman, Grace Mitchell  
Torchbearers  
 Keaton Mitchell, Evan Mitchell  
**June 19**  
Servers  
 Nick Olsen, Greta Olsen  
Torchbearers  
 Kyle Peterson, Charlie Olsen

**Layreaders**  
**Sunday, June 12**  
8:00am  
 Nick Conner, Jeff Birk  
10:30am  
 Lauren Green, Kate Carroll  
 Judy Currey, Juanita Green  
**Sunday, June 19**  
8:00am  
 Darian Kedy, Judy Currey  
10:30am  
 Nick Conner, Carol Murphy  
 Kate Carroll, Penny Williams

**Nursery Volunteers**  
**June 12**  
 Natalie Conner  
**June 19**  
 Barbara Todd  
**June 26**  
 Anneke Borg

**Scripture Lessons for**  
**Sunday, June 12**  
 1 Kings 21:1-10; Psalm 5:1-8;  
 2 Samuel 11:26-12:10, 13-15;  
 Galatians 2:15-21;  
 Luke 7:36-8:3  
**Music for Sunday, June 12**  
 WLP #782 - "Gracious Spirit, Give Your Servants Joy"  
 WLP #734 - "You Laid Aside Your Rightful Reputation"  
 #332 (text) - "O God Unseen, Yet Ever Near"  
 WLP #763 - "As We Gather at Your Table"  
 #347 (text) - "Go Forth for God"

**Coffee Fellowship Hour**  
**June 12**  
 Jim & Becky Liehr  
**June 19**  
 Wendy Hall  
**June 26**  
 The Deacons

**Bereavement Committee**  
**Team 4**  
 Ada Grillot, Jo Baughman,  
 Kris Bonner, Jen Peterson,  
 Melinda Wesneski

**Sunday Plate Counters**  
**June 12**  
 Jim Malone  
**June 19**  
 Steve Clark  
**June 26**  
 Jim Grillot, Jim Malone

**Greeters**  
**Sunday, June 12**  
8:00am  
 Don Doty  
10:30am  
 Debbie & Dennis Mueggenborg  
**Sunday, June 19**  
8:00am  
 Monica Martin  
10:30am  
 Carol Murphy  
 Maureen & Steve Forsythe

**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).**

**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, June 12**  
8:00am  
 Ace Gardner, Michael Kemp  
10:30am  
 Brian Ferguson  
*Volunteer needed*  
**Sunday, June 19**  
8:00am  
 Michael Kemp, Dean Zervas  
10:30am  
 Glenn Bonner, Steve Clark

**Children's Chapel**  
**June 12**  
 Erin & Travis Perry  
**June 19**  
 Becky & Brian Olsen  
**June 26**  
 Jeanne Julstrom, Travis Sutton

**Agape Mission**  
**2nd Thursday, June 9, 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