



The Steeple

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We Want You!!

June 26th - St. Luke's Survey Kickoff
"Fill it Out" Fellowship

**We Want You AND We Need You
after each service this Sunday, June 26.**

It will be a fun event and will serve a very important purpose. Being there and completing your survey means that your part is done. Plus, you help us save on time, postage *and annoying follow ups!!*

We want as much participation, input and opinions as we can gather. Your ideas, perspectives and opinions are critical in determining who we are as a parish and what we want and need in the future. **Our goal is to have a 70% response rate to this survey.**

If you can't join us at the "Fill it Out" Fellowship, we will mail surveys to your home address during the week of June 27th.

Anyone needing special assistance to complete the survey can contact any member of the Search Committee and we will help you.

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

The Search Committee

Kris Bonner, Steve Clark, Walt Gasior, Darian Kedy, Jim Liehr, Monica Martin

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Important Dates To Remember

Wonderful Wacky Wednesdays
Summer Program for our children
continues Wed., through July 27
(see pg. 3)



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on Facebook!**



Deacon Doug's Tenth Anniversary – The timing could not have been better to have Deacon Doug preaching last Sunday – it wasn't planned that way. It just happened and I am pleased. What a joy to share the journey at St. Luke's with Doug Freebern. I can't believe it has been ten years since his ordination – and that does not count the four or five years of discernment and training in preparation for that sacrament. He has always been eager to serve in any way I have asked – providing pastoral care for members, of course assisting at the Altar, reading the Gospel, helping with the Holy Eucharist at Green Country, supplying at St. Paul's in Claremore and St. Thomas in Pawhuska, nurturing curates, and much more. Deacon Doug is a Prism of Christ and Christ's ministry for our parish and the community.

The Ups and Downs of Family Promise – Quite honestly there are both ups and downs. That is the risk of doing ministry of any kind including helping homeless families. Applicants for the program go through a screening process to determine as best as possible if the family is ready for Family Promise. People who are not ready are referred to other programs for assistance – no one is simply turned away. Ashley Sikes, the director, is very good at steering families toward other resources.

This time we had three homeless families as our guests. In fact they were the same as the last time we were Family Promise hosts. Two of the families had made a lot of progress while one had not. As a result it was determined that the one family could no longer be in the program and had to be released. That was regrettable but necessary. Meanwhile, one family graduated from the program and is now in an apartment. The other will graduate this week when their apartment is ready. The parents are beaming and the children are excited. This is another big success for them. They will continue to receive support and encouragement from the Family Promise program for many months, but this a huge milestone in their journey. (We gave both families grocery gift cards as graduation presents from St. Luke's.)

As before, our people stepped up and filled every volunteer spot to make this another good week. Being hosts is not only a ministry to these families, but also a learning experience for us. Getting to know the parents and children gives us some insight to what life is like for them. As we learn from Bridges of Out of Poverty, these homeless families live with the "tyranny of every day" just trying to survive. And, they come in the program with stories of where they have been, but most often have no "future story." Our primary role is to host them "with arms wide open" – as friends in Christ.

Regarding the Fire Codes – Many people have asked what has happened with the fire codes and the legislative exemption. Everything has been approved and signed. Without going into the details, the exemption allows families to stay overnight in the church and as well as similar activities like youth lock-ins and mission teams. In addition, smoke detectors "hard-wired" into the electrical system are required in the areas were people are sleeping. The change is minimal, but makes everyone happy. The law will take effect in November and will require approval of the City Council, which is already supportive. Now more churches will be added and the rotation will not be as frequent.

Blessings,
Fr. Lee+

Weekly Activity Calendar

Sunday, June 26, 2016

"Fill It Out Fellowship" All-Parish
Survey Sunday after both services
8:00am Rite I
9:15am Discipleship Forum, MH
9:30am Choir Rehearsal
10:30am Rite II

Monday, June 27, 2016

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

Tuesday, June 28, 2016

10:00am Spiritual Discipline Group,
Library

Wednesday, June 29, 2016

3:00-5:30pm Wonderful Wacky
Wednesday

Thursday, June 30, 2016

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

Friday, July 1, 2016

Saturday, July 2, 2016

1:00pm Linda Cabbage funeral

Sunday, July 3, 2016

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

Monday, July 4, 2016

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

Family Promise Week Recap

What an incredible week of shared experiences between hosts and guests! From meals delivered and served with joy and care, to children happily building and playing puzzles in the nursery, the past week was full of activity here at the church. There were tears shed by exhausted and tired guests, met with loving words and comforting arms of our wonderful and devoted volunteers. And there were also moments of fun, storytelling, and laughter....

I am personally grateful to each and every volunteer who gave so selflessly of their time and talents to make a difference in the lives of our guest families. And what a remarkable end to the week! Two of our families graduated the program and are moving into their new accommodations. We ask for your continued love and prayers for Redina and Ali Barrs, and Tara, Neveah, and Lizzie Berry, as they embark on the next step of their journey. Thank you!!

Stay tuned and look for more information on our next host week in the coming weeks in *The Steeple*....

Jen Peterson

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.)

Evelyn, Spence, Mike, 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 or the church office at 918-336-1212 or annbell@episcopalbartlesville.org.



FAVORITE HYMNS

Those who know me well know that when it's time to "sing me to heaven" you'd better come prepared to stay awhile! Not, I hope, that I will have to stand in line too long to be admitted into heaven, but because I love and have so many favorite hymns! I am blessed to have the privilege of choosing the hymns week after week. These next 8 or 9 weeks it will be my pleasure to have YOU choose the music we sing in worship. I'll be selecting from "favorites-thru-the-years" until you let me know your favorites. It will also help, in selecting the Sundays for a particular hymn, to know when you WILL be here! I'm ready to hear from you! Email Dolores McCreary at dolores@episcopalbartlesville.org.



Looking Ahead.....A peek at W.W.W. (Wonderful/Wild Wacky Wednesdays)

Our theme for this summer's WWW is "A Community Close to God's Heart." We will become closer to God and this beautiful Earth he has given us. Each week we will have a new lesson, with a new "treasure" and a new activity to help remind us the beauty of life. We have 20 kids enrolled and we will become our own community! Follow our journey at St. Luke's Facebook page! I will be posting pictures! Below you will find our schedule and where we will be each week.

June 22	"Christ Has Many Faces"	St. Luke's
June 29	"Let Your Light Shine"	Sooner Park
July 5	"The Earth is Rich with Life"	Tents outside of St. Luke's
July 13	"Harmony-How We Live Together"	St. Luke's
July 20	"Peace Be with You"	St. Luke's
July 27	End of WWW Bash	Frontier Pool

(More details to come)

Soul of a Musician

Friday, June 24, 7:00pm, Metcalf Hall

This Friday evening, June 24 at 7:00pm, St. Luke's is proud to host B. Sterling in our first "Soul of a Musician" event. Soul of a Musician is an existing event in Austin, TX that seeks to draw local and national artists into churches and have them tell—or rather, sing—their stories.

B's music and banter are fantastic and I urge all of you to join us. We will have a few adult beverages as well as a few non-alcoholic beverages available and, if you so desire, you may bring your own wine or beer to share. There is no cost to attend the event but donations are always welcome. I hope to see you at 7:00pm in Metcalf Hall!



B. Sterling

Faithfully,
Sean+



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LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE 6/26/16 through 7/3/16

Volunteers: Please make your own substitutions.

Acolytes
June 26
Servers
 Spencer Heald, Ruth Todd
July 3
Servers
 Harald Borg, Robert Boyle
Torchbearers
 Kimaya Kindred, Emma Boyle

Scripture Lessons for
Sunday, June 26
 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14; Psalm 77:1-2,
 11-20; Galatians 5:1, 13-25; Luke
 9:51-62
Music for Sunday, June 26
 #550 – "Jesus Calls Us O'er the
 Tumult"
 "The Word of God"
 #314 – "Humbly I Adore Thee"
 #706 (text) – "In Your Mercy,
 Lord, You Called Me"
 #460 - "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

Greeters
Sunday, June 26
8:00am
 Sally Canfield
10:30am
 D. J. & Jerry Nezam
 Jim & Nancy Warring
Sunday, July 3
8:00am
 Don Davidson
10:30am
 Jo Oertle, Thelma Blackburn

Ushers
Sunday, June 26
8:00am
 Robert Babcock, Dean Zervas
10:30am
 Jim Grillot, Max McCreary
Sunday, July 3
8:00am
 Ace Gardner, Dean Zervas
10:30am
 Jim Malone, Tim Simmons

Layreaders
Sunday, June 26
8:00am
 Scott Williams, Jim Grillot
10:30am
 Juanita Green, Judy Currey
 Nick Conner, Bob Wesneski
Sunday, July 3
8:00am
 Scott Williams, Nick Conner
10:30am
 Lauren Green, Bob Wesneski

Coffee Fellowship Hour
June 26
 Search Committee
July 3 & 10
 Volunteers needed
 Please contact Rita Childers,
 918-519-8470 or
puvev45@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.

Children's Chapel
June 26
 Jeanne Julstrom, Travis Sutton
July 3
 Heather Boyle, Bob Tedstrom
July 10
 Erin & Travis Perry

Nursery Volunteers
June 26
 Anneke Borg
July 3
 Elizabeth Boyle
July 10
 Natalie Conner

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

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
4th Thursday,
June 23, 2016
9-11am
 Jim Liehr, Fr. Lee Stephens
10:45am-1pm
 Jeff Birk, Molly Ferguson,
 Glenda Garrison, Darian Kedy,
 Jen Peterson
1-2:45pm
 Carol Murphy,
 Radomir Petrovich

Sunday Plate Counters
June 26
 Jim Grillot, Jim Malone
July 3
 Amy Borg
July 10
 Jim Malone