



The Steeple

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"HOPLUCK" DINNER SCHEDULED Wednesday, July 19, 6:30pm, Metcalf Hall



With everyone's busy summer schedule, it seems hard to find the time to get together with good friends. However, on Wednesday, July 19 from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. we are having a "hopluck" dinner to reconnect with each other and especially be able to visit with Nicole and Fr. Sean before their departure. In order to do that, they will be table "hopping" during the meal so that they get a chance to visit with everyone. So, bring your favorite dish and the rest of your family (children included) and enjoy a festive dinner with your church friends! Drinks will be provided. See you then!

WORDS FROM THE WARDEN

Lately, Fr. Sean constantly reminds me that I will be in charge for all things administrative when he leaves until we get a new rector! I blanche every time he says that, my stomach clenches and I worry about what that may mean. He reassures me when he sees my reaction that "all will be well." (Where have we heard that before?) But, as I look around the office, he's right. Everything and everyone is in place, some not permanently, but nevertheless VERY capable. How wonderful our church family is that when there's a need, everyone steps up and takes charge. I guess, that must include me. When I agreed to be Senior Warden, I wasn't exactly sure what all that entailed or what my job description was. But so much has been done in preparation for our new priest that I am reassured and excited about the prospects of a new era beginning at St. Luke's. So, with our fabulous "team" in place, and with your help and guidance, this Senior Warden will not suffer a nervous breakdown when Fr. Sean leaves and "all will be well."

Faithfully yours,
Kathy

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✓ Important Dates To Remember

- All-Parish "Hopluck" Dinner for Fr. Sean & Nicole, Wed., July 19, 6:30pm, Metcalf Hall (see article this pg.)
- Coming Up: Annual Pack the Backpacks Weekend of Aug. 5-6 (see article on page 3)
- Coming Up: Farewell Reception and Catered Lunch for Fr. Sean & Nicole Aug. 13)

Thoughts from Fr. Sean



Friends,

With all of the recent changes taking place, I've received multiple questions regarding various issues. I wanted to reach out to all of you with the information that I have, in order to alleviate some of the confusion.

The secretary that I hired a few months ago has since been injured and will not be able to work for St. Luke's.

While this is tragic for both her and her family, we have been blessed by Bob Wesneski in terms of a temporary replacement. Bob will serve as the interim secretary until the arrival of the new Rector. At that time, the Rector will begin interviewing possible permanent secretary applicants. Bob will serve in his capacity and train the new person, once hired. Thank you, Bob (and Melinda), for stepping in and filling this role.

As many of you now know, Karl Franks has been operating as the Parish Administrator and Children's Ed Director for a few months. In that time, Karl has been offered a job in his field—he's a luthier—that was unexpected but 'too good' to pass up. Because of this, he is stepping down as the Children's Ed Director—but remaining the Parish Administrator—prior to the open of the school year. With a new Rector arriving, the Church needs to have as many strong people in positions of leadership, as possible. As such, Deacon Lauri has offered to step back into the role of Christian Ed Director for one year, until June 2018. Given her experience, Lauri's offering comes at a time of most need. In this next year, I encourage the people of this parish to consider taking up her role, as she is serving in a temporary capacity in order to facilitate the transition in a smooth fashion. Thank you, Lauri (and Mike), for everything you have, do, and will continue to do in this parish.

Fr. Bob Gates will be serving St. Luke's in terms of Liturgy and some Pastoral Care in the space between my departure and the arrival of the new Rector. Fr. Bob comes equipped with much experience, a servant's heart and a love of Church. Thank you, Fr. Bob (and Georgia) for taking care of this parish in the liminal era.

I hope that this clears up any confusion and answers a majority of the questions you may have concerning the transition period of St. Luke's. Rest assured, the Diocese, staff, and clergy are all working diligently to maintain the vital life and ministry of St. Luke's, as the work done in and around this place is felt by many people in our community. Remember, "Do not look forward in fear to the changes of life, rather with full hope as they arise." The future is bright, and it starts, now.

Faithfully,
Fr. Sean.

**WEEKLY
ACTIVITY CALENDAR**

Sunday, July 24, 2017
8:00am Rite I
10:30am Rite II

Monday, July 25, 2017
9:30am Church Staff Mtg.
5:30pm Holy Eucharist

Tuesday, July 26, 2017
10:00am Spiritual Discipline
Group, library

Wednesday, July 27, 2017

Thursday, July 28, 2017
6:45am Men's Fellowship, MH
12:00pm Holy Eucharist

Friday, July 29, 2017

Saturday, July 22, 2017

Sunday, July 30, 2017
8:00am Rite I
10:30am Rite II

Monday, July 31, 2017
9:30am Church Staff Mtg.
5:30pm Holy Eucharist

Tuesday, August 1, 2017
10:00am Spiritual Discipline
Group, library



**SUNDAY MORNING
CLERGY FORUM
TAKING A SUMMER BREAK**

Vacations and golfing are in interfering!! The 9:15 Forum is taking a break. We will resume on August 20. More details about the topics of the program will be published. Until Sunday, August 20, the tables will be open for casual conversation.

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, Steve, Rita, Ed, Sydney, Jaycee, Evelyn, Justin, John, Samantha, Bev, Don, Kris, Max, Carl, Jamie, 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 annbell@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, Steve & Maureen Forsythe, Juanita Green, Wendy Hall, Patricia Legatski, Becky Liehr, Debbie Mueggenborg, Erin Perry, Bryson Read, the Simmons family, Fr. Lee Stephens, Ruth Todd, Lauri Watkins and Penny Williams.

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.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL SUMMARY

	June			June Year to Date		
	MTD Actual	MTD Budget	Variance (unfav.)	YTD Actual	MTD Budget	Variance (unfav.)
Income						
Pledge Payments	30,513	33,333	(2,821)	205,727	200,000	5,727
Non-Pledge Payments	1,395	1,750	(355)	16,120	10,500	5,620
Other Income	313	317	(4)	8,609	6,700	1,909
Total Income	33,220	35,400	(3,180)	230,455	217,200	13,255
Expenses	29,618	33,749	4,131	187,134	192,022	4,888
NET INCOME/LOSS	2,602	1,651	951	43,322	25,179	18,143

WHEN DO WE "PACK THE BACKPACKS"?

The annual school supply drive for Washington County culminates on the weekend of August 5-6. Check out when we'll be doing what. 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, 8:30am-6:00 pm** Distribute Backpacks
- Aug. 8, 9-3** Pack up Supplies

If possible, let us know you're coming by accessing: <http://packthebackpacks.org> and clicking on the "Volunteer/Contact Us" link. Not necessary, but it helps.



RESERVE YOUR SEAT NOW!!!

Be sure to have a front row seat on August 13th for "Sending Forth Sunday". Come sing in the choir and have a "right-up-in-front" reserved seat as we send Sean and Nicole forth into the world in the power of the Spirit and with our great love and appreciation for the time we have lived, ministered and rejoiced together!

All you have to do is: (1) come to choir rehearsal at 9:30 the morning of Aug. 13; (2) be able to hold a hymnal and any other music we might need without dropping everything during the procession; (3) sing with great joy and enthusiasm – or lip sync if you're not too sure of the music but can still read the words; (4) follow simple directions, or be sure to sit/stand next to someone who does follow simple directions!

Just kidding about having to have a "reserved seat ticket"! Never kidding about wanting/needng more people to sing in the choir. And, yes, teens are welcome to come sing with the choir!

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LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE 7/23/17 through 7/30/17

Volunteers: Please make your own substitutions.

Acolytes
July 23 & 30

No Acolytes Scheduled

Layreaders
July 23

8:00am

Scott Williams, Darian Kedy
10:30am

Juanita Green, Kyle Peterson
July 30

8:00am

Darian Kedy, Judy Currey
10:30am

Penny Williams, Katherine Powell

Nursery Volunteers
July 23

Diana Crawford

July 30

TBA

August 6

Erin Perry

Scripture Lessons for
Sunday, July 23

Genesis 28:10-19a; Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24; Romans 8:12-25;
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Music for Sunday, July 23

#178 – "Alleluia! Give Thanks to the Risen Lord"

#453 – "Jacob's Ladder"

GATHER #261 – "On Eagle's Wings"

#711 – "Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God"

473 – "Life High the Cross"

Sunday Coffee Fellowship Hour
July 23

Jeanne Julstrom

July 30

Becky & Jim Liehr

August 6

Karen Lewey

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 23

Jim Grillot

July 30

Jim Grillot

August 6

Amy Borg

Greeters

Sunday, July 23

8:00am

Sally Canfield

10:30am

D. J. & Jerry Nezam
Jim & Nancy Warring

Sunday, July 30

8:00am

Gretchen Hoyt
10:30am

Becky & Jim Liehr
Carol Murphy

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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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, July 23

8:00am

Robert Babcock, Dean Zervas

10:30am

Jim Grillot, Max McCreary

Sunday, July 30

8:00am

Don Davidson, Dean Zervas

10:30am

Jeff Birk, Travis Perry

Children's Chapel
July 23

Erin & Travis Perry

July 30

Erin & Travis Perry

August 6

Erin Perry

Agape Mission
4th Thursday, July 27

9-11am

Jim Liehr

10:45am-1pm

Jeff Birk, Molly Ferguson,
Glenda Garrison, Darian Kedy,
Jen Peterson

1:00-2:45pm

Melinda Droegge, Miriam Petrovich

Bereavement Committee
Team 3

Wendy Hall, Connie Freebern,
Glenda Garrison, Gretchen Hoyt,
Becky Liehr, Carol Murphy