

# Weekly News

St. Luke's Episcopal Church  
210 SE Ninth St., Bartlesville, Oklahoma 74003

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## **RESULTS OF THE STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN**

Thank you to the many members who responded so positively to our stewardship campaign to fund the work of St. Luke's for 2019! Here are the results:

- 42 individual members or families increased their giving for 2019 – many substantially.
- Another 10 individuals or families began pledging.
- The combination of increased giving by already-pledging members plus the additional giving by those who had not previously pledged totaled \$43,000. This exceeded the campaign goal of \$42,000 in increased giving.
- With more members increasing their pledges, we made progress in better balancing the responsibilities for stewardship among all members, rather than relying on a small number of members to carry a large part of the funding.

This success was tempered somewhat, however, because of the changing life circumstances of some consistently supportive members who found it necessary to reduce their prior year pledges. These circumstances were not anticipated at the time we set our goal, so as of this week, our projected income for the year is several thousand dollars short of expected expenses.



With this situation in mind, the stewardship committee will continue to carefully monitor income in the months ahead and may return to the congregation at some point during the year with a request for supplemental giving if absolutely necessary. In the meantime, the finance committee is

working closely with Fr. Steve to monitor all controllable expenses such as utilities and church maintenance to see if additional savings can be achieved.

It's important to remember that more than 90 percent of our church's income is derived from this program of regular giving. Nearly three-quarters of our congregation now support the work of the church through pledging. Your support validates the vital role of "The St. Luke's Way" in the lives of our members, our community, and beyond. Thank you!

The Stewardship Committee

Dan Droege, Scott Peterson, Steve Clark, Karl Franks, Nancy Warring, Doug McIver

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## **STARS!**



So how are your star words appearing in your daily life? Remember those stars? You received one on Epiphany. For those of you starting to feel left out, there are still stars available in the office. Just pick one out of the bag and NOTICE. Be mindful of how that word pops up, what does it mean to you, how often are you noticing your word?

My word is "praise." I wasn't too thrilled with it, thinking it was kind of an ordinary star word. I have certainly noticed it so many places. Mostly, what I have been struck by is a growing personal conviction that I need to praise in place of fixing, suggesting, teaching, clarifying, criticizing, or questioning. I'm still on a steep learning and awareness curve, but I'm trying. When I see someone doing something that isn't quite what I think it should be, I stop myself from fixing it right. Instead, I say a quiet prayer of gratitude for that person, and turn to do something else. I'm trying to watch my eternal need to suggest an improvement. Instead, I'm trying to give honest praise and recognition to the people who are doing so much around me. And I'm trying not to ask God for so much, turning my prayer time to praise time and finding myself more grateful for what is right in my life. I have a long way to go. I am surprised at how hard this "ordinary" word is. I'm embarrassed, actually, at my stress over giving praise instead of criticism. This star has certainly lit up a few dusty corners in my soul.

I wonder how you are doing? Maybe if you have put your star word aside, you might want to bring it out and see how it leads you into Lent. I'd love to hear about your experiences. In Christ's love--your deacon Lauri. Lauri-watkins@sbcglobal.net 918-766-2473

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## **LITERCY**

The homily on Sunday (Feb 10) mentioned the high percentage of adults in Oklahoma that do not have functional literacy. 23% of adults over 18 cannot read well enough to fill out a job application, do necessary paperwork on the job, read prescription labels accurately, or understand community signage. Such a high illiteracy rate has ramifications in all areas of life, including employment, poverty, incarceration, drug use, child rearing, health decisions, and feeling successful.

The library provides free, confidential, personalized, one-to-one learning opportunities to adults who inquire about reading. Tutors are always needed! The library provides the training and asks you to make a one-year commitment. Please pick up a brochure from the bulletin board next to Metcalf and/or go to the library to volunteer your services. This is one very concrete way to make a huge difference in someone's life. Questions? Contact Lauri Watkins (918-766-2473) or Jeff Birk.

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## **FAMILY PROMISE – URGENT NEED FOR VOLUNTEERS!**

As you know, St. Luke's is set to host Family Promise beginning this Sunday, February 17th through 24th. We will be hosting 2 families comprised of 3 adults and 3 teens.

We still have these critical volunteer positions left to fill. Please check your calendars and availability, and contact me asap if you are able to serve in one of these roles.

### **Evening Hosts 7-9pm**

Mon Feb 18th - need 2 volunteers

Tue Feb 19 - need 1 volunteer

Fri Feb 22 - need 2 volunteers

Sat Feb 23 - need 2 volunteers

**Overnight Host 9pm-6am**  
Fri Feb 22nd - need 1 volunteer

New to St. Luke's? Interested in learning more about how you can make a difference in the lives of homeless families in Bartlesville? Contact Jen Peterson for more info. [918-397-7779](tel:918-397-7779) [jenrpet1971@gmail.com](mailto:jenrpet1971@gmail.com)

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**WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP GROUP**

Women's Fellowship Group will meet on Thursday, February 21<sup>st</sup> from 5:30 to 7:00 in Metcalf Hall. Kathy Zervas will bring beverages and Rachel Gurule and Nancy Megee will bring appetizers. Hope to see you then!

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**ST. LUKE'S PRAYER LIST** Please keep the following persons in your prayers:

*Elizabeth, Jenny, Thelma, Georgia, Diana, Millie, Bryson, John, Samantha, Sydney, Ed, Evelyn, Toni, Milton, Joyce, Joseph, Lyndee, Alan, Virginia, Pris, Bill, Karen, Lee, Bonnie, Linda, Madelyn, Annette, Ethan, Elaine, Marjean, Tonya, Helen, Sandy, Mark, Darian, Alice, Tom, Cynthia, Ellen, Steve, Issac, Sally, Don, Barbara, Brent, Katie, Ruth 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](mailto:TPBGEN@aol.com) or the church office at 918-336-1212 or [office@episcopalbartlesville.org](mailto:office@episcopalbartlesville.org).  
(Names on the Prayer List are rotated off every 4 weeks. If there is need for continued prayers, please let us know.)

**Scriptures Sunday, February 17:**

- [Jeremiah \(17:5-10\)](#)
- [Psalm 1](#)
- [1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians \(15:12-20\)](#)
- [Luke \(6:17-26\)](#)

**Scriptures Sunday, February 24:**

- [Genesis \(45:3-11, 15\)](#)
- [Psalm \(37:1-12, 41-42\)](#)
- [1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians \(15:35-38, 42-50\)](#)
- [Luke \(6:27-38\)](#)

**Sunday Coffee**

**Fellowship Hour:**

February 17 – Becky Olsen  
February 24 – Nancy Megee  
March 3 – 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](mailto:puvey45@gmail.com)

**Greeters:**

February 17:

8:00am: Monica Martin

10:30am: Carol Murphy

February 24:

8:00am: Sally Canfield

10:30am: D. J. & Jerry Nezam, Jim &

Nancy Warring

March 3:

8:00am: Don Davidson

10:30am: Glenn & Thelma Blackburn

**Nursery Volunteers:**

February 17: Barbara Todd

February 24: Blair Ellis

March 3: Ruth Todd

**Bereavement Committee**

**Team 4:**

Ada Grillot, Jo Baughman,

Kris Bonner, Jen Peterson

**Sunday Plate Counter:**

February 17: Glenn Bonner

February 24: Jim Grillot

March 3: Amy Borg

**Agape Mission**

**Thursday, February 14:**

9-11am: Jeanne Julstrom, John McCollum  
10:45am – 1pm: Kris Bonner, Rita Childers,  
Becky Liehr, Kathy Zervas  
1:00 – 2:45pm: Peter Julstrom, Miriam  
Petrovich

**Thursday, February 28:**

9-11am: Jim Liehr  
10:45am – 1pm: Jeff Birk, Molly Ferguson,  
Glenda Garrison, Darian Kedy, Jen Peterson  
1:00 – 2:45pm: Carol Murphy, Radomir  
Petrovich, Becky Olsen

**Thursday, March 14:**

9-11am: Jeanne Julstrom, John McCollum  
10:45am – 1pm: Kris Bonner, Rita Childers,  
Becky Liehr, Kathy Zervas  
1:00 – 2:45pm: Peter Julstrom, Miriam  
Petrovich

**Ushers:**

February 17:

8:00am: Dean Zervas  
10:30am: Glenn Bonner, Jim  
Warring

February 24:

8:00am: Dean Zervas  
10:30am: Jim Grillot, Nancy Megee

March 3:

8:00am: Dean Zervas  
10:30am: Jim Liehr, Travis Perry

**Layreaders:**

February 17:

8:00am: Scott Williams, Jeff Birk  
10:30am: Judy Currey, Penny  
Williams

February 24:

8:00am: Jeff Birk, Judy Currey  
10:30am: Juanita Green, Jim  
Warring

March 3:

8:00am: Jim Grillot, Jeff Birk  
10:30am: Penny Williams, Judy  
Currey

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Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 9:00am-4:00pm, Fridays 9:00am-12:30pm

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

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