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The Steeple



The Weekly Newsletter of St. Luke's Episcopal Church

Off and Running!

The vestry met via zoom with Canon Eric on Monday evening and had an informative, hour-long discussion about the next steps in the priest in charge search process. As you know, four candidates have been presented by the Diocese for consideration by the vestry, serving as the search committee.

As you also know, the vestry can't share any details about the candidates, but I can tell you that the vestry has begun the process of evaluating each candidate in earnest. We will be meeting weekly to discuss the candidates toward "narrowing the field." In addition, Doug McIver as junior warden and I will be meeting via zoom with Canon Eric every Thursday afternoon, and the entire vestry will meet in person with the canon after the September 27 worship service.

Canon Eric also will be officiating at the service on the 27th, which will be treat. Thing about it...in the space of three months, both the new Bishop and the new Canon to the Ordinary will have made visits to St. Luke's. We should feel good about that!

Speaking of good things, it's encouraging to see that the Young Disciples have figured out a way to begin meeting in person again. They've been gathering virtually since the COVID outbreak, but last night they got together outdoors in what I like to call "St. Luke's Park" (versus the "vacant lot"). There's a photo of their get-together elsewhere in this Steeple. Thanks to Jennifer McIver, Brad Borg and Tom Droege for helping the kids rekindle the YD spirit.

This coming Sunday, Fr. Noel will be leading us in Rite II Holy Communion. This will be change from the order of worship we started in the spring with Morning Prayer plus Communion amended to the end of the service. We plan to stick with Rite II from this point forward, so watch for a bit of a change-up in all future service booklets.

Keep your vestry in your prayers as we move into the most exciting part of the search process. They'll be working hard to ensure we find the best possible clerical leadership for St. Luke's. In that spirit and beginning this Sunday, we'll be concluding the Prayers of the People with this prayer, provided by Nancy Woods:

We pray also for the candidates who have been presented for consideration as our Priest in Charge. We pray that through your grace and by seeking your wisdom and discernment, our Vestry, keeping their eyes upon you, will be directed to the priest you have chosen for St. Luke's. May your word give a lamp to their feet, and a light to their path.

Dan Droege, Sr. Warden, on behalf of the Vestry



Young Disciples Meet... at a Distance

St. Luke's Young Disciples met in person for the first time in months on Wednesday evening. Appropriately distanced and wearing face masks when necessary, they met in the church's open space just east of the alley. It was a challenge, but they all agreed it was nice to gather together versus meeting from home by virtual means. YD members plan to make "St. Luke's Park" their weekly gathering spot as long as the weather permits.



Young Disciples, also known as YD. is a ministry for youth 6th grade and up at St. Luke's. YD meets on Wednesdays from 7-8 p.m. on the grounds of St. Luke's to play games and have fellowship in a Christian environment. Call the church office with any questions.

Information from Roseanne, Office Manager:

Roseanne's Office Hours 9:30 – 2:30 Roseanne's fall schedule is to work 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. with an hour lunch break somewhere Even during office hours, the doors are locked per COVID-19 protocol. If you need to come in, just ring the north entrance bell or call the office at 918-336-1212 or Roseanne's cell 918-287-8784.

Chapel Schedule: Closed until the new lock has been installed. The Chapel lock is worn out. A new one is on back order from Indian Lock & Key. Roseanne checks order status regularly.

Agape Mission Volunteer Schedule

Thursday, Sept. 24:

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

Thursday, Oct. 8:

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



St. Luke's Prayer List

Please keep the following persons in your prayers: Jenny, Georgia, Millie, Bryson, Suzanne, Evelyn, Toni, Milton, Joseph, Alan, Bill, Karen, Elaine, Marjean, Cynthia, Steve, Barbara, Brent, Katie, Ruth, Glenn, Marsha, Jerry, D.J., Mary, Emily, Whitney, Lloyd, Milt, Belinda, Wendy, David, Linda, Terry, Leaona, Connie, Tracy, Mark, Diana, Jim, Lisa, Helen, Michelle, Patricia, Elizebeth, Thelma, Sydney Ed, Rhonda, Catherine, Cheri, Emily, Liz, Rita, and all members of our armed forces and their families. If you have a prayer request, contact the church office at 918-336-1212 or office@episcopalbartlesville.org.

Bereavement Team 1

Susie Clark, Nancy Woods, Sally Lindsey, Georgia Gates, Jeanne Julstrom.

Online & Mobile Giving Available

Online giving application is now available to St. Luke's members through the Tithe.ly mobile application or directly online from your home device. You can utilize either method of giving by going to this <u>Tithe.ly web page</u> (https://get.tithe.ly/download-tithely-app). Complete instructions for using this convenience are provided on the home page of the <u>St. Luke's website</u>

(http://episcopalbartlesville.org) or by picking Online Giving in the right-side menu.

Regardless of whether you can manage all or some of your normal giving, please continue to support our community of faith. And if you're not comfortable with virtual giving, you can always mail a check to the church office: St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 210 E 9th St, Bartlesville, OK 74003 *or* drop a check into our locked mail slot near north entrance.

Other thoughts...

• Be aware – No one from St. Luke's will request gift cards or other monetary support through email. If you receive such a message in your email, it is spam. All financial requests/special appeals at St. Luke's go through normal channels and any special requests will be made by phone or in person.

Birthdays and Anniversaries September 17 - 30

Birthdays

Michael McElyea, Sept. 20 Stefanie Tedstrom, Sept. 20 Penny Blankinship, Sept. 20 Nick Olsen, Sept. 21 Doris D.J. Nezam, Sept. 22 Anna Oliphant, Sept. 22 Steve VanAken, Sept. 24 Shari Eslick, Sept. 24 Mary Jo Peterson, Sept. 25 Melinda Droege, Sept. 26 Pam Pierce, Sept. 27 Brian Megee, Sept. 28

Anniversaries - none





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Connecting with St. Luke's

To learn various ways to connect at St. Luke's, visit our website at: http://episcopalbartlesville.org/

ARMS WIDE OPEN TO THOSE IN NEED

Middleton Family Update HOUSING NEEDED!

Our GoFundMe is now almost a third of the way to its goal! Thank you to all who have given money or shared this fundraiser. It's been inspiring to see who has contributed—people who have known the Middletons for years, and people who have never met them but still want to lend a helping hand.

Tim and Julie continue to keep busy with deep cleaning, home repairs, and sorting, packing, and throwing out belongings. Now, they are also searching for a new place to live so that the major mold remediation work can begin. Once the professionals start taking out walls, the house will be uninhabitable and the Middletons will need alternate housing. This is a real challenge, as it means that Tim and Julie will have to juggle both their current mortgage and rent on a new place. Despite cutting every possible expense, Julie estimates that this will cost at least \$600 more per month than what they make.

This GoFundMe has been a crucial lifeline for the Middletons in this challenging time, but there's still a long way to go. Thank you for giving what you can, and please share widely, as every little bit helps!

https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-the-middletons-rebuild-after-toxicmold/update/25605336/gallery/0?viewupdates=1&rcid=r01-159967140173-3ce20798372e48a3&utm_medium=email&utm_source=customer&utm_campaign=p_email%2B1137-update-supportersv5b





Churches United for Community CONCERN, Inc. ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

In lieu of an in-person group fundraiser, Concern's annual fundraiser will be conducted via meal deliver with a chance to win a prize from a local vendor. Harvest of Hope – TO GO – A delicious meal from Luigi's delivered to your door on Sunday, October 4th starting at 5:00 pm – Luigi's famous dinner rolls, salad, tiramisu and your choice of lasagna, chicken alfredo or cheese tortellini.

The cost of the dinner is \$40 per dinner. Please order tickets by September 27, 2020 at <u>www.concerncares.com</u> or call Marie Cubbage at 918-397-3665.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST – RITE II The Rev. Noel Doherty, Celebrant

Organ Prelude

Opening Hymn: "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" #690 See page 17

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

Glory to God

Glory to God in the highest, And peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, Almighty God and Father, We worship you, we give you thanks, We praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world: Have mercy on us; You are seated at the right hand of the Father: Receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, With the Holy Spirit, In the glory of God the Father. Amen. Celebrant The Lord be with you. And also with you. People

Celebrant Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

A Reading from the Book of Exodus 16:2-15

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

Then the LORD said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days." So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your complaining against the LORD. For what are we, that you complain against us?" And Moses said, "When the LORD gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the LORD has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the LORD."

Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining." And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. The LORD spoke to Moses and said, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God."

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.

ReaderThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD and call upon his Name; * make known his deeds among the peoples.
- 2 Sing to him, sing praises to him, * and speak of all his marvelous works.
- 3 Glory in his holy Name; * let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.
- 4 Search for the LORD and his strength; * continually seek his face.
- 5 Remember the marvels he has done, * his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,
- 6 O offspring of Abraham his servant, * O children of Jacob his chosen.
- 37 He led out his people with silver and gold; * in all their tribes there was not one that stumbled.
- 38 Egypt was glad of their going, * because they were afraid of them.
- 39 He spread out a cloud for a covering * and a fire to give light in the night season.
- 40 They asked, and quails appeared, * and he satisfied them with bread from heaven.
- 41 He opened the rock, and water flowed, * so the river ran in the dry places.
- 42. For God remembered his holy word * and Abraham his servant.
- 43 So he led forth his people with gladness, * his chosen with shouts of joy.
- 44 He gave his people the lands of the nations, * and they took the fruit of others' toil,
- 45 That they might keep his statutes * and observe his laws. Hallelujah!

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians 1:21-30

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well-- since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

ReaderThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

Hymn: "Thou Art the Way" #457

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The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew 20:1-16

CelebrantThe Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to MatthewPeopleGlory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to

you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord. People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Homily

The Rev. Noel Doherty

The Nicene Creed

(Please stand as you are able)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. One the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead. and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People Form III

Lay Reader and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church; That we all may be one. Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you; That your Name may be glorified by all people. We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments. We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; That there may be justice and peace on the earth. Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake; That our works may find favor in your sight. Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; That they may be delivered from their distress. Give to the departed eternal rest; Let light perpetual shine upon them. We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy; May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom. Let us pray for our own needs and those of others especially: Milton, Elizabeth, Georgia, Millie, Bryson, Suzanne, Linda, Terry, Leaona, Connie, Tracy, Michelle, Catherine, Thelma, Sydney, Ed, Cheri, Rhonda, Liz, Evan, Joseph, Belinda, Mary, Emily, Madelyn and Maxwell. We pray also for the candidates who have been presented for consideration as our

Priest in Charge. We pray that through your grace and by seeking your wisdom and discernment, our Vestry, keeping their eyes upon you, will be directed to the priest you have chosen for St. Luke's.

May your word give a lamp to their feet, and a light to their path.

Confession of Sin

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept

Celebrant and People

Most Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

The Peace

CelebrantThe peace of the Lord be always with you.PeopleAnd also with you.

Announcements

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

Hymn: "I Am the Bread of Life" #335

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The Great Thanksgiving (Prayer A)

- Celebrant The Lord be with you.
- *People* And also with you.
- Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
- *People* We lift them to the Lord.
- Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- *People* It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel.

Celebrant

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive his holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *Amen.*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Celebrant and People

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant	[Alleluia.] Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People	Therefore let us keep the feast. [Alleluia.]

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for You, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, With thanksgiving.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the people will receive the bread only.

Post Communion Prayer

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Blessing

Dismissal Hymn: "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" #423

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Dismissal

Ushers: Glenn Bonner **Layreader:** Darian Kedy

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Jesus Christ our Lord



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Praise to God

