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The Steeple



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The Weekly Newsletter of St. Luke's Episcopal Church

Casseroles



Have y'all ever read anything by Sean Dietrich? I have come to love his blog. In a post from about a year ago entitled *An American Woman*, he wrote about how he could live and die in a good kitchen. I couldn't agree more. Among the memorable last lines that he penned: "I hope God likes cornflakes!"

He was speaking about a casserole the woman he was interviewing was making. "I don't even know what the casserole is called," he said. "I'm not sure it even has a proper name. It has little diced potatoes, mountains of cheese, and—this is the crucial part—Kellogg's Corn Flakes on top." That delightful dish is known in my house as cheesy potatoes and I have it on good authority that it's served in heaven, right alongside chicken bog and pimento cheese. Why so much cheese you ask? Well, that's a question for God.

Speaking of casseroles, our Young Disciples will be joining me after church on February 14th from about 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in order to put together some good eats for you in place of our Shrove Tuesday pancake supper this year. Rogers Hall and Metcalf Hall will serve as our assembly stations for making either your choice of egg casserole or French toast casserole.

There is a suggested donation of 10 dollars for each casserole which should serve five folks easily. At two bucks a person, there isn't a better deal in town! Please reserve a casserole by contacting the church office at (918) 336-1212 or (office@episcopalbartlesville.org).

On **Monday, February 15th** your casseroles will be available for pick-up utilizing the alleyway as a drive through option from **4 p.m. to 6 p.m.** But watch out friends, I hear there is a gorilla on the loose! Just kidding. Proceeds from our Shrove Tuesday event will go directly to paying back our grocery bill and then what is left over will go directly into the YD budget – and we are going to need it.

On tap this weekend for YD is the first of what I hope are many gatherings. We are kicking things off by gathering to stream a new movie in Metcalf Hall this Saturday from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Be assured that we will all practice social distancing and keep everyone safe! That is a must.

Finally, after two weeks of being with y'all, I'll be leading our annual meeting this Sunday. Please take a moment to sign-up for the service or plan to tune into Zoom this weekend. While this meeting ultimately serves as year in review it also gives witness to the mighty strides that y'all made last year.

I don't think I need to tell anyone about the hardships of 2020. Nevertheless, I do hope we take the time as a community to recognize what we just went through as a Church. I think when folks look back at what all did last year they will be proud of your accomplishments. They'll be grateful, as am I, to serve you.



Fr. Nick+

Feb. 7 Annual Meeting Specifics

The meeting will start immediately after the close of this Sunday's 10 am service, with the congregation remaining in the nave and members attending virtually staying on Zoom. Allow about 30-45 minutes for comments from Fr. Nick, the presentation of the 2021 budget and the voting for members of the vestry, Diocesan Annual Convention and 2021 nominating committee. The candidates for these positions are listed on page 4 of this Steeple.

**LOCATION CHANGED DUE TO
PREDICTED CHILLY WEATHER!**

Phares Phamily Pounding

Saturday, Feb. 6 from 12noon to 1pm

METCALF HALL

The time is the same but the place is different. Instead of being at the new Phares' home, the pounding will be in Metcalf Hall. Park in the lot, enter through the automatic double doors and exit through the single door in the northwest corner.

The Phares will greet you inside, where you can drop off a useful household item and give Fr. Nick, Teresa, Lexi and Pax a warm, socially distanced St. Luke's welcome!

Pounding Suggestions

Paper products - towels, plates, TP, napkins, etc.

Cleaning needs - sprays, dishwashing detergent, etc.

Kitchen essentials - plastic wrap & bags, foil, etc.

Cooking staples - flour, sugar, cooking spices, etc.

Canned goods - soups, beans, veggies, etc.

Fun food - chips, dip, crackers, etc. (Super Bowl the next day)

Adult beverages - beer (stouts, IPAs) or wine (giver's choice)

Report from the Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee, chaired by Jim Liehr with members Ada Grillot, Glenda Garrison and Chad Ellis, has completed its work and will be presenting at the Feb. 7 annual meeting the following candidates for various leadership positions. All the candidates have agreed to serve if confirmed at the meeting, which will immediately follow the 10 am service, in-person in the nave and via Zoom (with secret balloting provided).

Many thanks go to the nominating committee for providing this key contribution to the vitality of St. Luke's. Well done!

Vestry

Karole Cozby – 1-year term
Chad Ellis – 2-year term
Nancy Megee – 2-year term

Diocesan Annual Convention

Jeff Birk Dan Droege
Kris Bonner Becky Liehr

Nominating Committee For 2022

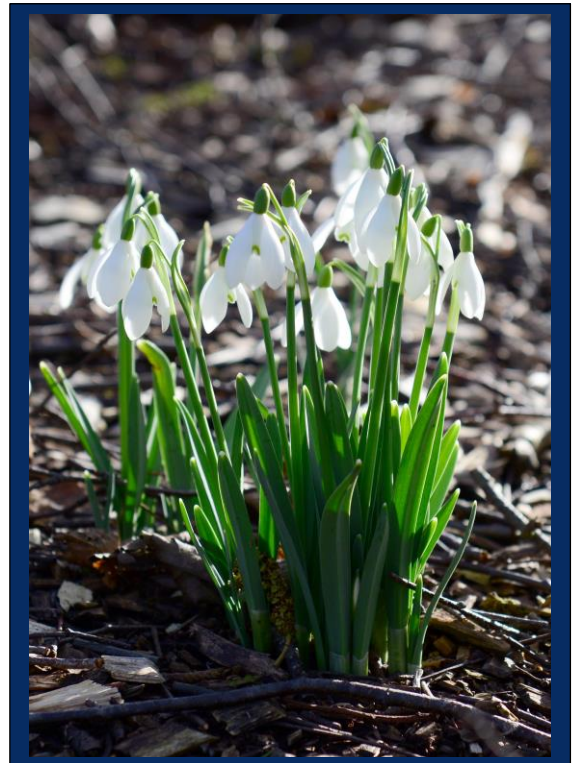
(Vote for 5 at the Feb. 7 annual meeting)

Glenn Bonner	Jennifer McIver
Brad Borg	Becky Olsen
Susie Clark	Mary Jo Peterson
Keeli Droege	Cheryl VanAken
Nicky Ingram	Kathy Zervas

COVID PRECAUTION REMINDERS

When in the St. Luke's Building...

- 1) Wear your face mask**
- 2) Exercise the 6-foot social distance rule.**
- 3) Follow the pew seating guidelines.**
- 4) Wash/sanitize your hands frequently.**
- 5) Avoid coming if you feel ill or "not quite right."**



Office Hours

9:30 am – 1:30 pm Monday - Thursday

Please note that 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.



St. Luke's Prayer List

The prayer list can be found on page 6 of the bulletin, which follows this newsletter.

Call or email our office with prayer requests at 918-336-1212 or office@episcopalbartlesville.org.

Agape Mission Volunteer Schedule

Thursday, Feb . 11

10:45 am – 1 pm: Becky Liehr,
Kris Bonner, Kathy Zervas, Dolores McCreary

Thursday, Feb. 25

10:45 am – 1 pm: Darian Kedy, Becky Olsen,
Jeff Birk

Bereavement Team 1

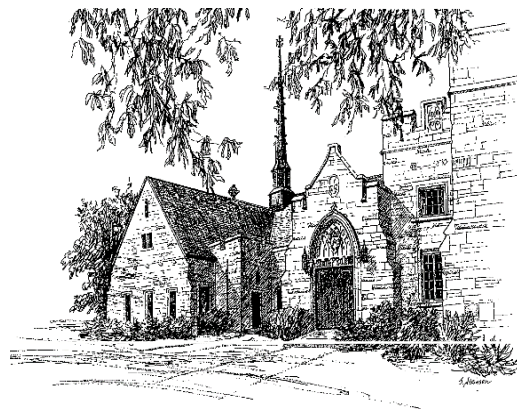
Susie Clark, Nancy Woods, Sally Lindsey, Georgia Gates, Jeanne Julstrom.

Planning to attend the upcoming 10 a.m. Sunday service?

If you have a standing reservation, there's no need to call. However, if you've not been attending regularly in-person – Reserve your spot by emailing to office@episcopalbartlesville.org or by calling 918-336-1212.

Alert on solicitations...

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.



Feb. 4-13 Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

Maxwell Stuart, Feb. 5
Marcia Zervas, Feb. 5
Patricia Vail, Feb. 8
Fred Pierce, Jr., Feb. 12
Nancy Woods, Feb. 12
Stephen Conner, Feb. 13

Anniversaries



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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/>

