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The Steeple



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The Weekly Newsletter of St. Luke's Episcopal Church

Growing in Grace

As I write to you this week Margaret is busy in the courtyard, the fountain is running, the birds are singing, the sun is shining, and it's Easter. Wow. The Farmers' Market returns this Saturday, as well as Eucharistic visits to Green Country Village. Somehow these things make the work on Hillcrest Road not so bad! And, while I continue to feel the pangs of grief as a result of the bittersweet departure of Ada and Jim Grillot, I trust that God is doing better things for those we love than we can desire to pray for, or so the prayer tells us. (BCP, 831.) A friend once told me that love travels and I believe it. Ada and Jim, may angels lead you in. You will always have a home here.

As April wanes May brings with it some events of note. I'd like to remind everyone that Mother's Day is May 9th, and Senior Sunday is May 16th. Graduation is on May 21st this year. The Feast of Pentecost is on May 23rd. On May 22nd Kris and Glenn Bonner celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. With a host of birthdays, the promise of warmer weather, potlucks and pool parties May will be a month of celebration and I look forward to spending that time with you.

As our faith forum continues to grow, I am already thinking about our next series. A core series on the Episcopal Church, which centers on our history, sacraments, theology, canon, creeds, and liturgy would, I think, make for some lively discussion. Nevertheless, I'd love to hear from you all about what topics you think we should explore together. I get excited thinking about how collaboration leads to connection. In addition to our faith forum series on Sundays, we are looking at adding Pub Theology to the mix, as well as a contemporary Cursillo service in the next few months. Be sure to follow us on Facebook and ensure that you are subscribed to The Steeple for more information as these programs develop.

I cannot tell you how happy it makes me to think about all the ways we are dreaming, planning, celebrating, and growing with each other. I hope that along with this excitement, you will feel inspired to continue to gather in both new and familiar ways and continue to grow in Grace with one another. My friends, the way we gather matters and I hope that you take every advantage of our digital offerings as well as our in-person gatherings. As one of our prayers for mission reminds me, companionship with one another is one way our love for one another is actualized. I'll see you soon.

O God, you manifest in your servants the signs of your presence: Send forth upon us the spirit of love, that in companionship with one another your abounding grace may increase among us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Every Blessing,
Fr. Nick+

2021 Bishop's Cup Golf Tournament May 15

The Episcopal Diocese of Oklahoma's mission is to transform lives in the love of Jesus Christ. One impactful way we do this is through the vital work we do with our youth. The Bishop's Cup (TBC) utilizes the funds raised during the golf tournament to assist St. Crispin's Conference Center and Camp. St. Crispin's is an inclusive camp where we strive to meet all physical, emotional, and spiritual needs. Campers leave St. Crispin's forever changed by the beauty, joy, and friendships found at camp.



This year, on Saturday, May 15, we will be holding the 6th Annual The Bishop's Cup at **Buffalo Rock Golf in Cushing, OK**. TBC allows us the opportunity to gather as a community in support of our beloved St. Crispin's Summer Camp. Whether you're a pro or a novice, all skill levels are welcome in this friendly tournament. Registration closes May 5th. All participants will receive a swag bag and the top 3 teams will receive top-notch golf gear. Lunch IS included!

The Episcopal Diocese of Oklahoma understands the importance of investing in and empowering the youth of our region. Your participation is vital to making this event a success. We are thrilled about this event and ask you to sink a winning putt by joining us as a sponsor. Enclosed is a sponsorship form detailing the 2021 levels and benefits. Please register below or send in a check by mail to 924 N. Robinson, Oklahoma City, OK 73102. Please put "The Bishop's Cup" or "TBC" in the memo line.

A foursome is \$360; tee box sponsor \$250; hole sponsor \$1,000; driving range and putting green sponsor \$1,500; cart sponsor \$2,500; birdie sponsor \$5,000; mulligans \$5. For additional sponsorships and to register, visit the Diocese website at <https://www.epiok.org/eventcalendar.aspx> and scroll down to 2021 Bishop's Cup Golf Tournament or call the diocese at 405-232-4820.

Veterans Connection Organization Golf Tournament
Title Sponsor - JO ALLYN LOWE FAMILY



Friday, May 14, 2021
Adams Municipal Golf Club
5801 Tuxedo Blvd. Bartlesville, Ok

Proceeds benefit: Veterans Connection Organizations
LTJG Jo Allyn Lowe Scholarship Fund

Registration 10:00 am
Lunch and Ceremony 11:30 am
Shot-Gun Start 1:00 pm

\$100 - person or \$400 - team
(includes green fee, cart, range balls, lunch, and prizes)
Mulligans are 4 for \$20 (Limited to 4 per person)



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For more information and/or Sponsorship Opportunities Please call the Tournament Chair
Charlie Pilkington at (918) 688-4002 or cpilkington@bankregent.com

Diocesan Congregation COVID-19

GUIDELINES

On Pentecost, May 23rd, we will remove all mandatory COVID protocols for congregations in the Episcopal Diocese of Oklahoma, except for

- 1 Mask wearing 
- 2 Sanitizing hands 
- 3 No common cup 
- 4 No indoor eating 

Everything else is permitted including outdoor meals, nursery care, singing, use of books, in person meetings, and removing the social distancing requirements.

These protocols expire July 17th.

Churches may use discretion for their own guidelines

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Emily Update: April 19 Emily was awarded \$1,000 in attorney's fees, which will be used to cover ongoing legal fees. The next hearing is 9 a.m. May 24, when the judge will decide on a motion to remove the ex-husband's attorney due to a conflict of interest. **There will be a yard sale this Sat., May 1, 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.,** at 1328 S. Cherokee Ave. Items for the sale can be left on the screened-in porch. Emily thanks everyone for their prayers and donations at the table at St. Luke's where Emily's sewn items are.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

After a year of serving take-out meals, Agape Mission has reopened its dining room for inside dining. This reopening is a tremendous blessing to its clients since they once again can eat in a restaurant like setting with a sense of dignity. For the past year, we have been able to get along with a skeleton crew to make the take-out meals. Now it is time for us to "reopen" our commitment to serving those individuals who struggle in their daily lives and volunteer to give the diners a warm welcome and fill their plates with delicious food. We need volunteers to work serving meals and help with clean-up on the fourth Thursday of each month. Specifically, we need three volunteers for the 12:45 to approximately 2:00 shift. If you are interested, please email Becky Liehr at jblihr@gmail.com <mailto:jblihr@gmail.com> or call her at 918-327-5987. The blessings abound in this ministry as you become the hands of Christ to those individuals who otherwise may not have a well-balanced meal that day. Their smiles and gratitude for this service will warm your heart. Please prayerfully consider joining the St. Luke's team in this wonderful ministry.



Easter Faith Forum Series

Resurrecting Wounds

Faith Forum 9:15 – 10:15 in Metcalf Hall

- Session Three: May 2nd Touching Wounds.
Session Four: May 9th Surfacing Wounds.
Session Five: May 16th Discovering Wounds.
Session Six: May 23rd Communal Afterliving.

Flower Donations: The Altar Guild Team and Flower Fund Chairmen would like to give our sincere appreciation and thanks to all who made contributions for the gorgeous Easter Lilies that adorned St. Luke's, not only on Easter but the following Sunday. We also thank you for the additional money that allowed us to place the bowl of fresh spring flowers on the Chapel Altar. Hopefully, most of you saw these in person or were able to see the beautiful sanctuary on Facebook or your iPhones.

Now it's time to select a date that has special meaning for you to honor or remember loved ones on the remaining Sundays this spring. We always place fresh flowers on the High Altar except during Lent and Advent. (COVID did cancel flowers during the early pandemic when there were no services in the church). This is a great opportunity to make your remembrance known to God and also our Parish Family.

Please select a Sunday from now through the end of June, and notify either Jo Baughman via email at jybokla@aol.com or Cheryl Fregin via email at cherylfregin@yahoo.com; and then send a check to the office or place it in the offering basket, **noting the exact wording you choose for the Sunday bulletin**. The suggested amount is \$45 but we are happy with any extra that you might donate. If it's easier, just give it to Roseanne in person in the office at your convenience or drop your check in the north locked mailbox by the parking lot doors. Or simply mail to St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 210 East Ninth, Bartlesville, OK 74003. Please don't forget to note Flower Fund on the bottom corner of your check.

Many thanks for keeping fresh flowers on our High Altar.

Cheryl and Jo
Flower Fund Co-Chairmen.

Regular Office Hours

Monday – Thursday 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

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 in the Sunday bulletin and on the St. Luke's website.

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

Agape Mission Volunteer Schedule

Thursday, May 13

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

12:45 pm – 2 pm: Jeanne & Peter Julstrom, Wendy Hall

Thursday, May 27

10:45 am – 1 pm: Jeff Birk, Darian Kedy, Becky Olsen, Dan Droege, Jo Baughman

12:45 pm – 2 p.m.: Steve Clark (two additional volunteers needed)

Bereavement Team 1

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

Planning to attend the upcoming 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.



Birthdays and Anniversaries, April 28 – May 8

Birthdays

Sue Glass, 28th
Bob Baughman, 2nd
Roseanne McKee, 2nd
Luke Olsen, 3rd
Max Mitchell, 5th
Jennifer McIver, 6th
Keeli Droege, 8th

Anniversaries

Jim & Sheila Taylor, 29th

If your or a loved one's name doesn't appear on the list, please email or call the office, and we will add your birthday or anniversary!



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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/>