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The Steeple



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The Weekly Newsletter of St. Luke's Episcopal Church



The Sunday of Memorial Day weekend was always an event for my family. The day had quite the itinerary which included church, a visit to Fort Custer National Cemetery, and family dinner. Like clockwork, those of us who were “in-town” would gather in the afternoon to pay respect to the three generations of servicemen who had sailed the seven seas and now lay interred with their brothers and sisters in arms just outside of town.

Visiting that garden of stone was always special. Stories of the men whom I grew up revering were always told on the way- some new and some old. Finding a way back to where they were was always interesting as each of us had our own, proven landmark that would ensure we would be the first to “discover” them. In the years since, landmarks are no longer necessary. My heart knows the way and so do my children.

There is something that is grounding in seeing thousands of flags unfurled at gravesides of those who had fallen and those who lay at rest. There was something strangely wonderful in seeing the young children there those days carrying around the flag that was planted where their pop was, watching it flutter as they skipped through the spaces between the headstones. Sometimes I'd catch myself wishing that I'd see the ghost of my father sitting on the bench that was by his marker - watching his grandson touch the headstone of a man he never got the chance to meet.

There, we'd leave an offering of flowers, wash their stones, clip back the grass, and remember. We'd re-member them, channel them, and pray. I've often wondered if on those days the souls of those who love us wait for us. Memories of them would flood my mind as we said the words that were given to us. And then, as if in answer to those prayers, the laughter of children would call us back to the present and we knew that those we love and see no longer didn't have to wait - for they lived on in the hearts of their grandchildren who carried their own memories of them. They lived on in us who knew them. And they had so since the day they passed - walking every step of the way with us and remaining as close to us as prayer.

My friends, let us pray: O Judge of the nations, we remember before you with grateful hearts the men and women of our country who in the day of decision ventured much for the liberties we now enjoy. Grant that we may not rest until all the people of this land share the benefits of true freedom and gladly accept its disciplines. This we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Every Blessing,

Fr. Nick+



Summer Jobs at the YMCA



Lifeguard:

- **Department Contact:** Victoria Gammon - Victoriagammon@rkymca.org
- **Applicant Ages:** 15 and older
- **Job Qualifications:** Must be at least 15 years of age and Lifeguard certified. Lifeguard certification class offered the first weekend in May. (If they complete the FULL summer schedule the cost of class will be reimbursed).
- **Work Hour Availability:** YMCA pools are open 7 days a week. Indoor pool work hours 5:30am - 8:30pm. Outdoor Pool work hours: 11am-9pm; **Start Dates:** Immediately

Swim Lessons Instructor:

- **Department Contact:** Victoria Gammon - Victoriagammon@rkymca.org
- **Applicant Ages:** 15 and older
- **Job Qualifications:** Love working with youth and able to teach youth different skills. (We do have training for new swim instructors so no previous knowledge required.)
- **Work Hour Availability:** Tuesday & Thursday 5:15pm -6:15pm, and/or Monday through Thursday 9:45am - 12:15pm & 5:45pm - 8:15pm; **Start Dates:** Immediately

Summer Care Counselor:

- **Department Contact:** Lanette Kramer - lanettekramer@rkymca.org
- **Applicant Ages:** Preferred 18 and older but 16+ allowed in this department
- **Job Qualifications:** Must enjoy working with children in an interactive environment. Must be able to lift 50 lbs.
- **Work Hour Availability:** Monday through Friday 7am - 5:45pm (June 1 through Aug. 6); **Start Dates:** Immediately

Summer Pool Staff: (concessions and gate)

- **Department Contact:** Dalen Qualls - dqualls@rkymca.org
- **Applicant Ages:** 14 and older (14 & 15 year olds must get work permits)
- **Job Qualifications:** Hard worker, Some experience of handling money, Listening & Applying of what is asked.
- **Work Hour Availability:** 11:30am-6:30pm/Other occasions 11:30am-9:00pm; **Start Dates:** Immediately

FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our sister Millie Harrison's funeral will be on Thursday, June 10th at 10:00 a.m. We will celebrate the life of our sister Millie using Burial Office, Rite II with Holy Eucharist. There will be a cookie reception to follow.



Our sister Evelyn Tibbits' funeral will be on Saturday, July 24th at 11:00 a.m. We will celebrate the life of our sister Evelyn using Burial Office, Rite I with Holy Eucharist. There will be a reception to follow.



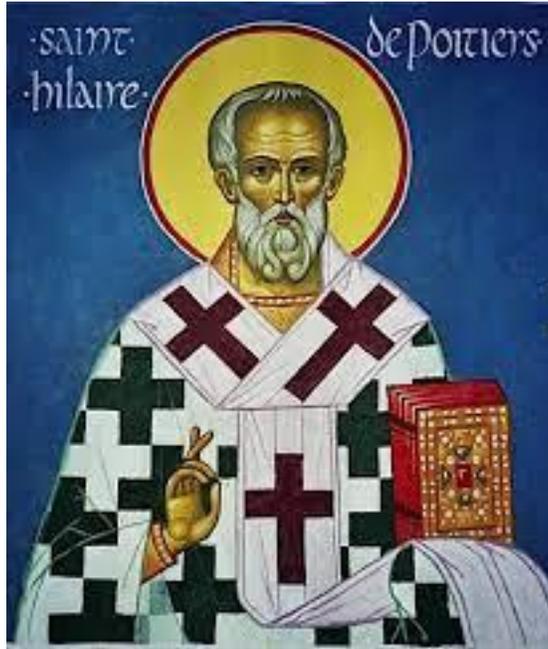
Open House at the Rectory



Saturday, June 12th from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Stop by the Phares Family Home to gather with Father Nick, his family, and other church friends! The pool will be open and the refreshments will be flowing. Kids are welcome! Our address is 2649 Regency Road. See you there!
Feel free to invite others.

This Sunday's Faith Forum



St. Hilary and the Trinity

Ever wonder why there is a depiction of a French Bishop in our Church? Come Sunday to find out and stay for a lively discussion on a doctor of the Church who has come to be known as, “Hammer of the Arians.”

Sunday, May 30th from 9:15 to 10:15



Let's all meet at the Pathfinder for an easy hike or stroll on one of Bartlesville's gems. Everyone is invited! Let's spend a portion of Saturday morning together out in God's front yard. We'll hike for a bit and meet back at the entrance for refreshments and fellowship. Trailhead entry to be announced.

Feel free to invite others.

Missionaries Joanne & Roger Green visiting June 9

Joanne (Garrett) and Roger Green will be in Bartlesville June 9th and would love to see friends from St Luke's. Those of you who know Joanne, remember she was a member here when she worked for Phillips Petroleum. She left Bartlesville and Phillips to become a missionary bible translator for Wycliffe Bible Translators, where she met and married Roger.

They went to work in the Philippines translating the Bible for the villagers there. Roger and Joanne have five grown children now: Nathan, Daniel, Juliet, Katie, and Esther.

St Luke's supported them in their mission work for years.

They will be at St Luke's on June 9th at 10:00 am and would love to see and meet everyone from the parish: old friends and new.

If you have time, drop by and say hello – Penny Williams

St. Luke's thanks Becky Liehr and Kathy Zervas for planning the reception sendoff for Ada and Jim Grillot, who are moving to Edmond. Thanks to all who helped with making the reception a success. The Grillots, who faithfully served St. Luke's in many capacities over the years, will certainly be missed.

Agape Mission Volunteer Schedule

Thursday, May 27

10:45 am – 1 pm: Fr. Nick Phares, Darian Kedy, Becky Olsen, Dan Droege, Jo Baughman

12:45 pm – 2 p.m.: Steve Clark, Steve VanAken

Thursday, June 10

Agape will be closed for the week.

FLOWER DONATIONS

Realizing how much everyone enjoys seeing the beautiful flowers on the Altar each Sunday, it is also important to understand that they do cost money.

Please consider choosing a Sunday that is special to you as a memorial tribute or honoring an important event and contribute to the Altar Guild Flower Fund. The suggested amount is \$45 total for both vases, but any extra donation is appreciated.

You may then have the exact wording you wish in the Sunday bulletin for that specific day. Checks may be dropped in the Sunday offering basket or left in the church office or locked mailbox beside the North door of the church.

Many thanks,
Cheryl Fregin and Jo Baughman
Flower Chairmen

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 StLukesBartlesville@outlook.com

Emily update: at the hearing on May 24, following a motion by Emily's attorney, the judge removed opposing counsel due to a conflict of interest. The judge also ordered that a guardian ad litem be appointed to represent her two children.

Pub Theology

Beginning May 27th at 7:00 p.m. at the Painted Horse.

What is 'Pub Theology'? It's a time to gather informally and talk about different subjects around our core values of faith. What feeds your faith? Where did you see Jesus this week?

What literature are you reading that has had some inspiration for you?

A host of topics are brought up and discussed over drinks and appetizers.

(We pay our own tabs). There is usually a facilitator to throw out topics for discussion.

No politics, no gossip, and what is discussed in Pub Theology that is personal stays in the group. Respect the dignity of every person. It's a fun and relaxed time to get to know each

other. Call Roseanne in the church office and let her know if you will be joining us

so we can have enough tables set up at Painted Horse.

If you have any questions, contact Fr. Nick, Penny Williams, or Nancy McGee.

We will be happy to share. Let's share some theology!



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.

Bereavement Team 1

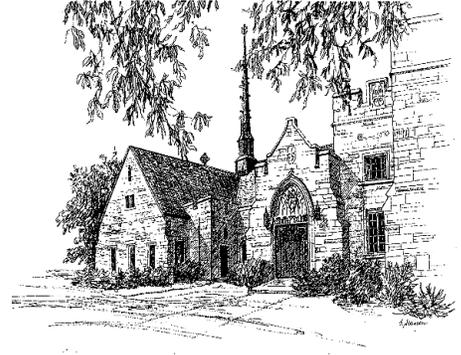
Susie Clark, Nancy Woods, Sally Lindsey, Jeanne Julstrom.

Connecting with St. Luke's

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

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, May 19 – June 2

Birthdays

Jim Brooks, 20th
Peter Julstrom, 20th
Linda Maloney, 22nd
Ed Beasley, 24th
Susie Clark, 24th
Gretchen Hoyt, 25th
Heather Boyle, 28th
Jim Liehr, 28th
Carol Murphy, 28th
Betty Hardin, 29th
Kevin Clem, 29th
Fr. Bob Gates, 31st

Anniversaries

Wendy & David Hall, 21st
Kris & Glenn Bonner, 22nd

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Sunday’s altar flowers are given: “In Honor and Remembrance of all who have served our country.”