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The Steeple



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The Weekly Newsletter of St. Luke's Episcopal Church

Serenade



So I'm standing in the middle of a prayer circle this evening and it's impossible not to hear the stars whisper to one another, "goodnight." Yes, St. Crispin's is quite a place. After just having the chance to accompany the counselors as they serenaded each cabin goodnight, the chords of "Sanctuary" ring even truer in my mind. Or maybe it was the fact that they called "SECONDS" at supper! Whatever it is, I love this place.

The more I think about it, I know it has something to do with seeing all the people here in their element. I wish I could lend you my eyes because you would see young ones running around with grilled hot dogs and sodas, chalk dust covering their shorts, and popsicle stains on their cheeks. Bliss. You'd see Teresa in her element teaching again – teaching these precious souls that wonder is a doorway to God and that the enchantment of camp is finding a love that bonds friendship with faith. It's seeing the day lilies that line the pathways here and wondering if Georgia planted them. It's loving all of this and missing you.

In one of the stories Teresa shared this week she spoke about how sometimes God comes so close to us and we come so close to God that we know, in that moment, what God wants us to do. Some say that happens in prayer, but I believe that moment can happen anywhere. As such, these moments were different for everybody this week. For me, it was thinking about our road ahead together and smiling. For the Bishop, it was being able to play - calling ships and sailors - instead of officiating Eucharist. Deacon Ann found her laugh again. And for one camper, that moment was when he realized that he wants to be a cabin counselor when he grows up because he found God here. Yes, this is a holy place.

But then again, so is Luke's place, our place. And I wonder, if amidst what is turbulent and what is constant in your life that our house of worship offers you a place where you can and do encounter the closeness of God. In many ways community is what we make it and each step that draws us closer together in love has to be part of God's dream. At times when such a dream comes into focus it's important for us to pause and recall that we have been entrusted with a great charge: that no matter what, we are to show each other what it means to love. That's really it. They'll know us

by our love, right?

In the short time that I have been with you all, I've encountered a love that does not puff up, but builds up; a love that is buoyant, enduring, durable, and knows how to travel. This love knows how to bear witness and recently has had to endure the poignancy of many goodbyes. This weekend holds for us another goodbye, even as we celebrate the birth of our Nation. As I struggle to write this, I know that our love for Miriam and Radomir will travel well surrounding our friends as they head North. There is no doubt that our community has been richly blessed by these our friends. And, when our lives have been so wonderfully transformed by such a presence it's often hard to know what to say, save "we love you."

And so Radomir, Miriam, WE love you. You've blessed us with friendship and faithfulness, witness and humor, laughter and love and there are no words to express how deeply we will miss you. The truth is the hour is getting late and it is now here when we must say goodbye. And if we were all together this night, I know we'd be singing of our love for you. And so,

May the road rise up to meet you.

May the wind be always at your back.

May the sun shine warm upon your face,

the rains fall soft upon your fields,

and until we meet again,

may God hold you in the palm of his hand.

Every Blessing,
Fr. Nick+

Our Pathfinder hike/walk that got rained out June 26th will be rescheduled soon!

Pack the Backpacks Update:

June 7th-July 10th, we'll be taking applications at Mary Martha and Agape, and from June 5th to July 25th, we'll continue to work on getting our supplies setup and ready for filling the backpacks. We typically get a temporary extra key or two so our board members can work on the supplies as needed or bring in new orders as they come in, and not have the bug the church office about it.

FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.



Our sister Georgia Gates' funeral will be on Friday, August 6th at 1 p.m. We will celebrate the life of our sister Georgia using Burial Office, Rite II with Holy Eucharist. There will be a reception to follow. The Rt. Rev. Poulson Reed, Bishop of Oklahoma, will officiate.



A Note from Roseanne McKee, Parish Secretary:

I have decided to retire to spend more time with my family. My last day will be July 15. As many of you know, I've been assisting a divorced mother, Emily DeGraffenried with fundraising for her custody case. Emily resides in Bartlesville but her case is in Noble County. The case is ongoing, but so far she has had visitation restored, was awarded \$1,000 in attorney's fees, had the other party's attorney dismissed for a conflict of interest and has been awarded extra time with her children. Roseanne will continue to accept donations to her screened-in porch (1328 S. Cherokee Ave). Yard sales are planned at Roseanne's house for July 10 from 7-11 a.m.; Sept. 11 and Sept. 25.

To raise funds for the legal fees, Emily entered the Martha's Task sewing program. In June she received her own sewing machine and sewing tools. She makes table runners and bags which are available from Roseanne for donations to Murray Law firm in Stillwater. Feel free to stay in touch with me via my cell phone at 918-287-8784 or via email at mckeepr@outlook.com. Thank you for this opportunity to have served you! Roseanne McKee

Agape Mission Volunteer Schedule

Thursday, July 8

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

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

Thursday, July 22

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

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

St. Luke's Prayer List

The prayer list can be found in the Sunday bulletin and on the St. Luke's website.

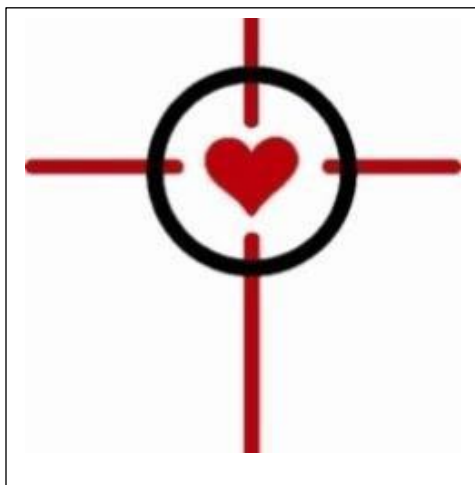
Call or email our office with prayer requests at 918-336-1212 or StLukesBartlesville@outlook.com

Follow us on Facebook at St. Luke's Episcopal Church. Join Father Nick for live prayer most weekdays at 5 p.m.

Summer Faith Forum Series



Sundays from 9:15 – 10:15 a.m. in Metcalf Hall



CONCERN of Bartlesville
Sundry Needs:

Cans of Rotel Tomatoes

Ramen Noodles

Snack Tuna

Crackers

Tooth Brush and Toothpaste sets

Pub Theology Moves to Crossing 2nd

Pub Theology is scheduled for the 4th Thursday of each month.

The next meeting will be at **7 p.m. Thursday, July 22 at Crossing 2nd.**

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 **Crossing 2nd.**

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

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

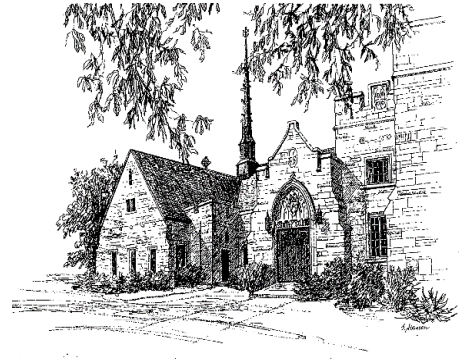
Susie Clark, Nancy Woods, Sally Lindsey, Jeanne Julstrom.

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, June 30 – July 8

Birthdays

Don Doty, June 30th
Chad Ellis, July 1st
Margaret Holden, July 3rd
Dolores McCreary, July 8th

Anniversaries

Tom & Keeli Droege, July 7th

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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The power washer that belongs to the church has gone missing. If you know where it is or have borrowed it, please call the church office. Margaret needs it to power wash the outdoor furniture. Thank you!

St. Luke’s Vestry Members

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Sunday’s Altar Flowers are given by Wendy Hall “in loving memory of my sister, Elizabeth Harvey Johnson.”