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The Steeple



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The Weekly Newsletter of St. Luke's Episcopal Church

Dog Days of Summer



Do you ever wonder what started the bizarre holiday movement? I'm thinking of the fact that July has somehow been dubbed National Hot Dog Month or that the second Friday in July is always National Motorcycle Day. It seems that every day we are celebrating something and for the most part such celebration is reflected in the Church's calendar as well. For instance, Thursday July 8th is the day when the Church bears witness to the life and ministry of Pricilla and Aquila – the faithful friends of the Apostle Paul. And whether such celebrations involve hot dogs or the hosts of heaven there is a deep hope that each day is meaningful and full.

I think most of us have varying ideas of what it means for days to be meaningful and full. For instance, is family present during those days? Are checklists involved, or is a tall glass of lemonade on the deck the key? I imagine that there are several factors that work together to give you that feeling but one that I have been thinking a lot about lately is where play fits into the equation? After having just spent a week at St. Crispin's where "godly play," not just Godly Play was the focus, I asked myself what happened to the part of me that used to love kickball and popsicles at the end of the day. When I looked at those kids full and sleepy when saying their nighttime prayers, I knew that their day had been full. What changed, I think, was where my fullness came from and that was seeing them content.

We change, that is certain. The Apostle Paul reminds us of that in his 1st letter to the Corinthians when he says, "When I was a child, my speech, my outlook..." well you get the point - he grew up. It strikes me, however, that he says that as part of his great ode to love in chapter thirteen and if there is one component of love that I love, it has to be play. As we mature our taste changes and so it is easy for me to explain away the fact that I have traded the taste of a lime popsicle for that of a slice of tiramisu, but I wonder if it's the same for each aspect of what we deem recreative or what makes us full.

We figure out what brings us joy pretty quickly. Most of us develop hobbies around that feeling and activities such as quilting, biking, or swimming are ways that we concentrate some of that energy. And so, we recognize that recreation is a powerful force in our lives. It helps us maintain balance and balance is essential in every spiritual practice that I know of. It strikes me, however, that sometimes we wait until summer to really play. It makes sense, work sometimes makes it hard

for us to prioritize recreation and as such, “play” seems to be one of the things we sacrifice first. And although the work barrier may not be present in retirement, the nature of what is play just might?

George Bernard Shaw once wrote, “We don’t stop playing because we grow old. We grow old because we stop playing.” So, how do you play? It’s an important question. If you think about it, play is a part of the way you love.

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.

<p>Volunteer Opportunities for 2021 Go to http://www.packthebackpacks.org</p>
<p>Where: St. Luke’s Episcopal Church 8th & Dewey Bartlesville, OK</p>



<p>Sunday, July 25 2 to 4 p.m. Move supplies</p>	<p>Monday, July 26 9:00 to 3 p.m. & 6:30 to 8 p.m. Move supplies & set up</p>	<p>Tuesday, July 27 9 to Noon & 6 to 8 p.m. Pack Elementary Schools</p>
<p>Wednesday, July 28 9 to Noon Pack Elementary Schools</p>	<p>Friday, July 30 1 to 4 p.m. Pack MS/HS Schools</p>	<p>Saturday, July 31 9 to Noon Pack High School</p>

Pickup Days: August 1st from 2 to 6 pm August 2nd from 8 to 1 pm and 2 to 6 pm

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.



Agape Mission Volunteer Schedule

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

Thursday, August 12

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

St. Luke's Prayer List

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

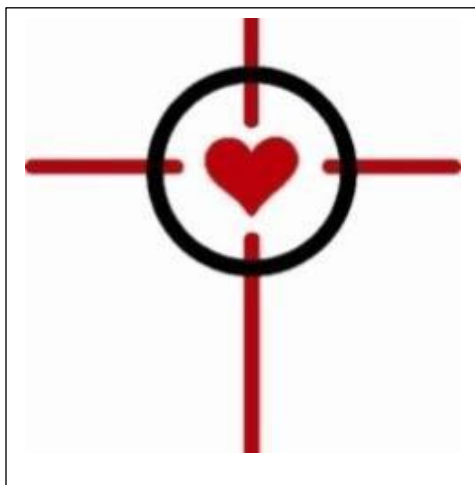
Call or email our office with
prayer requests at
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Follow us on Facebook at St.
Luke's Episcopal Church.
Join Father Nick for live
prayer most weekdays at 5
p.m.

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

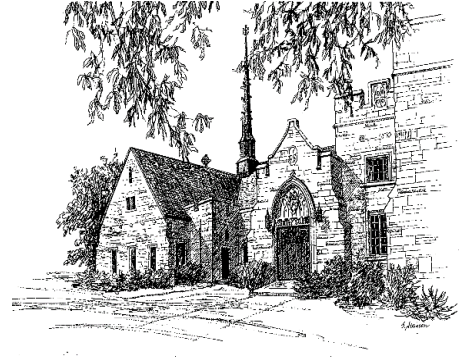
Susie Clark, Nancy Woods, Sally Lindsey, Jeanne Julstrom.

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, July 7 - July 14

Birthdays

Dolores McCreary, July 8th
Lyndsey Stuart, July 11th
Monica Martin, 11th
Hailee Clem, 12th
Kendall Martin, 12th

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!

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!

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Sunday's Altar Flowers are given by Sarah (Sally) Finch in loving memory of those who have passed away this year.