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The Steeple



July 21,
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The Weekly Newsletter of St. Luke's Episcopal Church

Constant Contact



My friends as we move into this new space of learning REALM, updating contact information, and scrubbing the books, we will do so without a parish administrator for a while. As you may know, Roseanne retired last week in order to spend more time with her family, especially her son Nicholas. And so, for the next few weeks, we will all strive to be as present and patient as we can in learning this new rhythm at the office. As we do so, please be assured that we are working to ensure that we maintain timely communication. You know, Dan often reminds me that we cannot really overcommunicate. So, if you notice an increase in email traffic, please be assured that it is to better serve you. Communication is a vital component to healthy and sustainable ministry.

With that, I am thankful for Jeff, Nancy, Dennis, and Dan who have been so present during this transition and for a host of folks who have called in - willing to volunteer their time. Should you call the office and not reach anyone, please leave a message and it will be returned within the next twenty-four hours. If time is of the essence, however, please know that you can call me anytime. If I don't pick right up, I'll get back to you as soon as I can.

Speaking of our friend Jeff, this Saturday he departs for mission work in Honduras. Jeff will join a team of folks who have been called to serve, learn, and love our neighbors to the South. Please keep Jeff, his team, and Laura in your prayers for the next few weeks as Laura holds down the fort and Jeff practices some Godly Play en espanol! *Ámalos con las armas hermano abierto*. As much as this mission is yours my friend, you show the best of what St. Luke's offers the world. *Hermano de paz profunda*.

This weekend not only marks Jeff's departure, but also time for us to gather and celebrate the life of Evelyn Tibbits. Evelyn's funeral service will be this Saturday at 11:00 a.m. There will be a small reception afterwards and Evelyn's interment will occur at Fort Gibson on the 30th of July. Please keep Marsha and her family in your prayers.

Just as soon as we gather to celebrate Evelyn's life, we will have the opportunity to gather with each other on Sunday, and after our service the Pack the Backpack program will begin in earnest. If you are able, please consider spending some time this weekend assisting in whatever way you can. Blessings abound in service to those we love and with those we are called to love in Christ.

Of blessings – certainly our life together is one of the richest of my life. Thank you for all the wonderful birthday messages and texts, the balloons, the cards, the libations, and of course love – with arms wide open. Home certainly is where the heart is and you all have mine.

Deep Peace,
Fr. Nick+

WITH A VOICE OF SINGING



Remember our wonderful CHOIR? Yes, your voices have continued to be lifted up in praise and thanksgiving these past many months. And for this we are thankful.

Now it is time for our CHOIR to come together again to rehearse and prepare once again and sit in the chancel and lead our wonderful St. Luke's family in singing the hymns and Psalms and anthems we so dearly love.

Who can sing in the St. Luke's Choir? Anyone who loves to sing and is willing to devote time for regular Wednesday evening rehearsals – 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Do you have to audition? No audition is required. It is helpful if you read musical notes and have a vocal range of more than just a few notes! Singing with our choir will help improve your ability to read music and to improve your singing voice.

REHEARSALS BEGINS WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17th at 7:00 p.m. in the Choir Room. We hope to be ready to begin singing for the 10:30 Sunday Eucharist on August 29th. Questions? Contact Dolores McCreary any Sunday morning or by phone at 918-397-4828.

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.



Volunteer Opportunities for 2021
Go to <http://www.packthebackpacks.org>

Where:
St. Luke's Episcopal Church
8th & Dewey
Bartlesville, OK



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

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

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

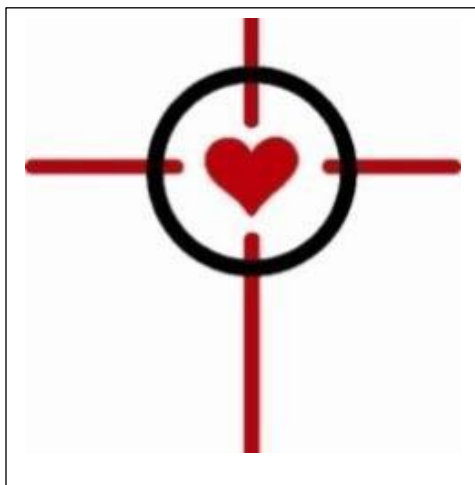
The prayer list can be found in
the Sunday bulletin and on
the St. Luke's website.

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

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

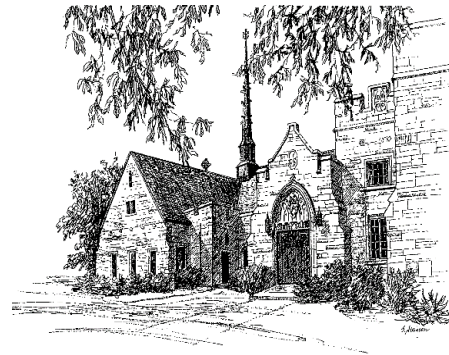
Susie Clark, Nancy Woods, Sally Lindsey, Jeanne Julstrom.

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 22 - 30

Birthdays

Paxton Phares, July 21st
Logan Martin, July 21st
Story Martin, July 22nd
Jason Carroll, July 23rd
Barbara Todd, July 24th
Patricia Legatski, July 25th
Henry Tedstrom, July 25th
Max Legatski, July 29th
Diana Farris, July 30th

Anniversaries

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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

- Dan Droege, Sr. Warden – dbdcomm.2@gmail.com 918-331-7936
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Sunday’s Altar Flowers are given by Robert Lonski:
“In loving memory of all departed souls.”