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The Steeple



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The Weekly Newsletter of St. Luke's Episcopal Church

September 11th 2021

This weekend marks the 20th anniversary of the September 11th attacks. Most of us, I think, remember exactly where we were that day. We remember what we were doing and then being glued to the television as the events of the day continued to unfold. I was sitting next to Teresa the other night and it hit me – the end of 2021 will be the first time in the lives of my children that they will know an America who to a degree, has ceased active combat operations in the Middle East.

As I prepare to meet with the Young Disciples this evening, I've been thinking about ways that I could engage them with this insight - offering both a bit of context and hope on the cusp of a new horizon. As time marches on however, the work of our memory will become more important and is critical to the thoughtful reflection that goes hand in hand with passing the torch on to future generations. How we do that prayerfully is what I hope to talk with them about tonight. Please keep us in your prayers.

One of the ways that continues to help me mark this day is through the work of StoryCorps. "StoryCorps' September 11th Initiative was launched in 2005 in partnership with the National September 11th Memorial & Museum to record at least one story to honor each of the lives lost during the attacks on September 11, 2001, and the February 26, 1993, World Trade Center bombing." As of September 11th, 2020 over 1,000 stories have been recorded, memorializing 600 victims. Listening to these stories often helps me connect emotion and memory with the prayers given to us to pray on the day that is before us. I commend the work of StoryCorps to you and even remember the first story I heard by Beverly Eckert. If you have time, perhaps you might listen to her before you pray:

O Almighty God, who brings good out of evil and turns even the wrath of your children towards your promised peace: Hear our prayers this day as we remember those of many nations and differing faiths whose lives were cut short by the fierce flames of anger and hatred. Hasten the time when the menace of war shall be removed. Cleanse both us and those perceived to be our enemies of all hatred and distrust. Pour out the spirit of peace on all the rulers of our world that we may be brought through strife to the lasting peace of the kingdom of your Son; Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

<https://storycorps.org/discover/september-11th/>

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<https://dioceseny.org/administration/for-clergy/liturgical-and-sacramental/resources-for-remembering-911/a-proper-for-september-11/>

Fr. Nick+

Annual Family Promise Fundraiser

Tour de Bville Saturday, Oct. 2

This casual, family fun bike ride (or walk!) provides stops at historic and well-known sites along the way. It's not a race, but an easy-going, two-wheel or two-feet experience of our community.



Support one of St. Luke's key outreach efforts:

- By being a **sponsor**. [Click HERE for support opportunities.](#)
- By **registering and participating** in the Tour de Bville. [Click HERE to register.](#)
- By donating directly to Family Promise at:
 - *Family Promise of Washington County – Anchor House*
 - *822 S. Johnstone Ave.*
 - *Bartlesville, OK 74003*

About Family Promise...

Family Promise is St. Luke's way to help local families transition from homelessness to self-sufficiency. We were one of the first churches in Bartlesville to participate in the program since its start several years ago. And we've continued to provide support despite the challenges of the Covid pandemic, which temporarily curtailed in-church housing of homeless families.

Since early 2020, families benefiting from the program have been staying overnight at the limited living accommodations are Anchor House, with supporting churches providing evening meals and household necessities. While at Anchor House, the adult members of the family are counseled in goal-setting, finding employment, furthering their education, budgeting, job retention and assistance with other issues that have contributed to their current situation. School-age children attend local schools.

Just recently, St. Luke's made its garage apartment rental property available to a graduate of Family Promise who otherwise would not have found suitable, affordable housing for herself and her young daughter.

Agape Mission Volunteer Schedule

Thursday, September 9

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

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

Thursday, September 23

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

Summer Faith Forum Series



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

Rector's Bible Study



Thursday September 16th 9:00 a.m.

Pub Theology

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

The next meeting will be at **7 p.m. Thursday, September 23rd 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.

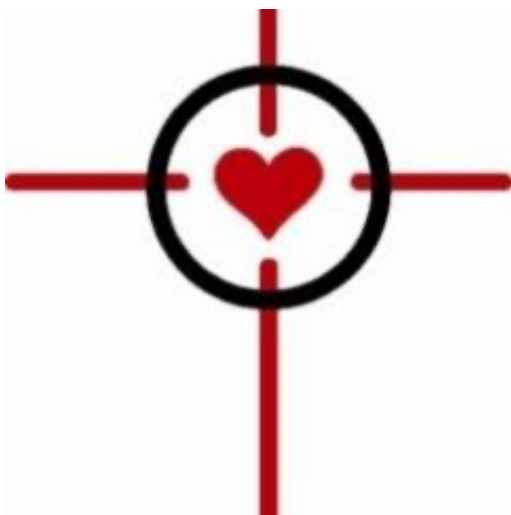
No politics, no gossip, and what is discussed in Pub Theology that is personal stays in the group. Respect the dignity of every person. It's a fun and relaxed time to get to know each

other. Call the church office and let us 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!



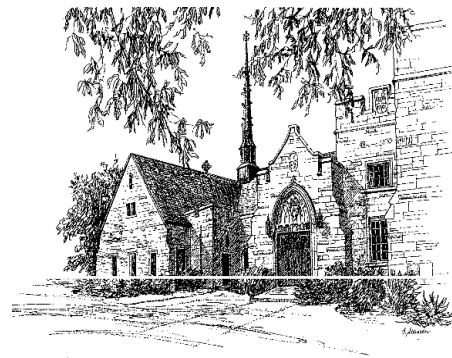
CONCERN Needs

CONCERN is in need of the following items: Ramen Noodles, Sugar, Tea Bags, Complete Pancake Mix, Jiffy Mix, Toothbrush Kits, and Deodorant.

Also, believe it or not, Thanksgiving is just around the corner. Please consider offering a contribution towards our annual fundraiser for Thanksgiving Pies. Please make your check out to St. Luke's and in the memo write Thanksgiving Baskets.

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, September 9 - 16

Birthdays

Katie Todd 9th
Robert Lonski 10th
David Ingram 13th
Cheryl Fregin 14th
Karole Cozby 16th

Anniversaries

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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This Sunday's altar flowers are given by Sandra Dale and Marcia Zervas:
"In loving memory of Al Dale. In Loving memory of Sperry Zervas."