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## *The Steeple*



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### The Weekly Newsletter of St. Luke's Episcopal Church

#### Currency of Space

One of the things that I love about Luke's place is that there are a variety of groups meeting on campus all the time. Why just this week I spoke with Linda from "Give Back America," who will begin using Rodgers Hall as a venue where she can tutor and feed kids one night a week. I am reminded also that OSU's Women's Group will begin hosting classes in Metcalf again. And in addition to all of that, PEOs from around the community will gather soon for an all-chapter luncheon! Casa Hispana will be using our kitchen to make tamales this week and next and the list goes on.

In his book [Holy Currencies: Six Blessings for Sustainable Ministries](#), Rev. Eric Law introduces his readers to the six blessings of time and place, gracious leadership, relationship, truth, wellness, money and how they flow through successful missional ministries. Truth be told, I see the currency of space already generously at work here where outreach includes having some skin in the game. I love that. As someone who is at church every day – the energy these groups bring is life giving. And in my experience, folks who come to Luke's place know that it's not just a nice venue to gather at but a space where hospitality is genuine. St. Luke's is a place where folks come home.

I want you all to hear that. Deep down I know that most of you have had a hand in building up and living into your ministries here with arms wide open - long before my arrival. Nevertheless, after a year and a half of battling COVID and transition perhaps that awareness is not as strong as it once was for some of you. I am here to tell you that the lamps are still lit my friends. Groups are returning and while changed, as we all are, folks have found St. Luke's just as they left it – welcoming.

Author Christine Pohl in her book [Making Room: Recovering Hospitality as a Christian Tradition](#), reminds us all that hospitality far extends beyond just offering space to those who need it or ask for it – it is part of the fabric of being a Christian and carries with it both mystery and possibility even in the face risk. Hospitality is central to the meaning of the Gospel and as such Krister Stendahl writes that "wherever, whenever, however, the kingdom manifests itself, it is welcome. And while Luke's place is beautiful, accessible, and serene – her blessings ultimately rest with the community's ability and willingness to welcome all. With God's help and yours we will continue to love –

With Arms Wide Open,

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.

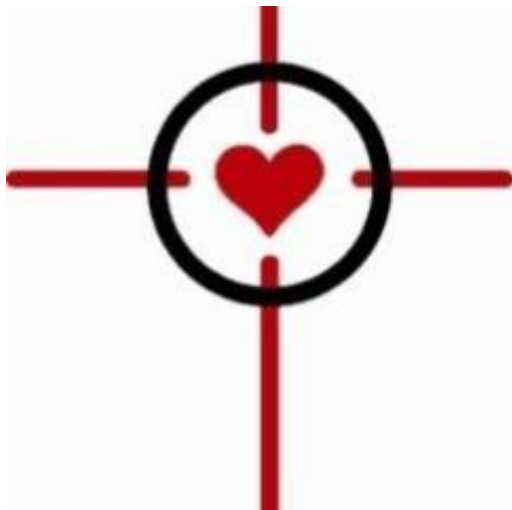
Since early 2020, families benefiting from the program have been staying overnight at the limited living accommodations are Anchor House, with supporting churches providing evening meals and household necessities. While at Anchor House, the adult members of the family are counseled in goal-setting, finding 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.



## YD In Action!!!

On September 8, our Young Disciples stuffed boxes full of candy, snacks and notes of encouragement for former YD'ers now away at college. St. Luke's has nine young adults scattered across the country studying at the following universities: Oklahoma State University, Kansas State University, Pittsburg State University, University of Kansas, University of Nebraska Omaha, St. Olaf College, St. Andrew's Sewanee and the University of the South.



### 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.**



## **Agape Mission Volunteer Schedule**

**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

**Thursday, October 14**

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

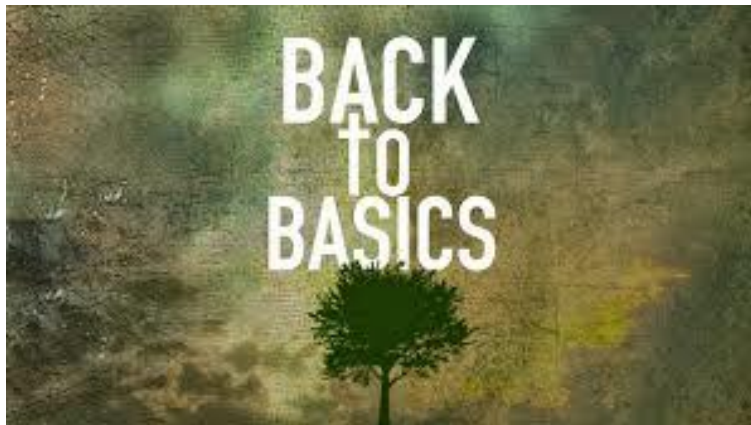
12:45 pm – 2 pm: Jeanne Julstrom, Peter Julstrom, Wendy Hall

## ***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](mailto:StLukesBartlesville@outlook.com)

## **Summer Faith Forum Series**



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

## **Rector's Bible Study**



**Thursday September 16<sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m.**

# Pub Theology

Pub Theology is scheduled for the 4<sup>th</sup> 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!



# 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 16 - 23

### Birthdays

**Karole Cozby 16<sup>th</sup>**  
**Michael McElyea 20<sup>th</sup>**  
**Stephanie Tedstrom 20<sup>th</sup>**  
**Nick Olsen 21<sup>st</sup>**  
**D. J. Nezam 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
**Anna Oliphant 22<sup>nd</sup>**

### 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 Rita Childers:  
"In loving memory of Emily Childers and Bill Ragusin."