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The Steeple



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The Weekly Newsletter of St. Luke's Episcopal Church

Fall Planning

Whenever the seasons change it seems like my brain goes into project mode. There is certainly no shortage of projects happening in our community and I am happy to report that we are moving forward with two initiatives this fall with Family Promise and the Washington County School Supply Drive. As these collaborations continue to take shape, I hope we can take some time to celebrate them together.

Speaking of celebration, we are quickly approaching one of the most intense periods of the church year beginning the second week of October. Here is a quick snapshot of events so that are scheduled so far and a poem I'd love to share with you all:

- October 17th St. Luke's Day – Patronal Feast Day
- October 21-23 Diocesan Convention – Broken Arrow
- October 31st All Souls – Halloween
- November 4th St. Francis of Assisi – Pet Blessing in the Courtyard
- November 7th All Saints Sunday
- November 13th O' Bar Wedding
- November 14th Consecration Sunday
- November 21st Christ the King Sunday
- November 25th Thanksgiving Day
- November 28th Advent 1

For Celebration ~ John O' Donahue.

Now is the time to free the heart,
Let all intentions and worries stop,
Free the joy inside the self,
Awaken to the wonder of your life.

Open your eyes and see the friends
Whose hearts recognize your face as kin,
Those whose kindness watchful and near,
Encourages you to live everything here.

See the gifts the years have given,
Things your effort could never earn,
The health to enjoy who you want to be
And the mind to mirror the mystery.

Times of celebration hold for us the rich blessing of community. I hope to see you often this fall.

Every Blessing,

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-foot 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*

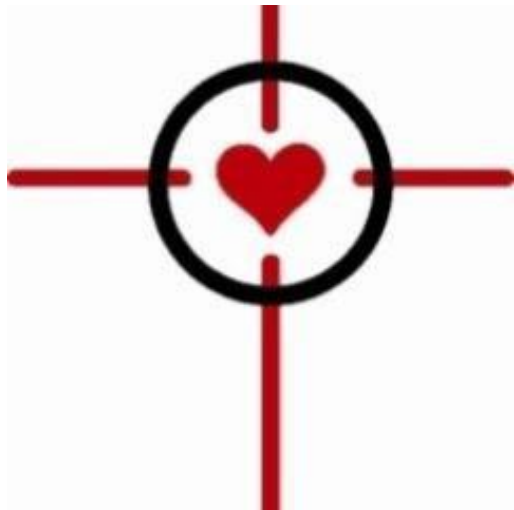
About Family Promise...

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.





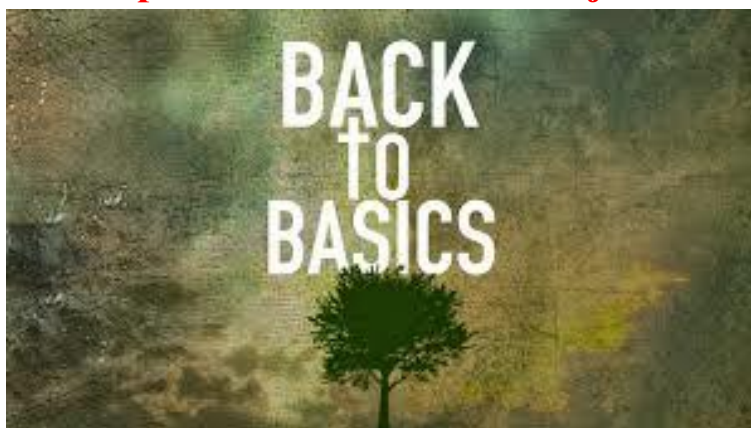
CONCERN Needs

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.

Summer Faith Forum Series

*** No Faith Forum on September 26th. *** Please join us on October 3rd !!! ***



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

Rector's Bible Study



Thursday September 23rd 9:00 a.m.

This Sunday's altar flowers are given by Sally Finch:
"In loving memory of Jack Finch."
And by Shelley Hopkins:
"In memory of the best Mother ever and Boomer Sooner."

Birthdays and Anniversaries, September 23 - 30

Birthdays

Shari Eslick 24th

Steve Van Aken 24th

Mary Jo Peterson 25th

Melinda Droege 26th

Pam Pierce 27th

Bryan Megee 28th

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!

Anniversaries

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

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

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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.

Pub Theology

*** No Pub Theology this month. *** Please join us on October 28th !!! ***

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

The next meeting will be at **7 p.m. Thursday, October 28th 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!



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