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# The Steeple



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The Weekly Newsletter of St. Luke's Episcopal Church

## Tour de B'Ville Weekend

One of the many things that drew Teresa and I to St. Luke's was the community of Bartlesville. It seemed as though everyone we spoke to on our visitation (which if you can believe it happened a year ago this November) was connected to an organization or to another ministry in town. I learned quickly that this was part of being a member of St. Luke's and that one was expected to have a ministry within the parish and a ministry outside the parish. Sometimes these ministries would converge in time and place, however, in most instances there remained a balance - that ensured a connection to the community in addition to life together here. Both practices serve our mission to love with arms wide open and live into the reality that "the church exists primarily for the sake of those who are still outside it."<sup>1</sup>

Of the many ministries that members of St. Luke's have been involved in, Family Promise is one that has changed considerably over the past couple of years. In an effort to remain sustainable, Family Promise is changing its game plan from housing folks in churches to housing members of the program in residential areas throughout town. St. Luke's is uniquely suited to assist in this effort as we own a few properties that we in turn rent out at a reduced rate. Of these, 805.5 is already being used in conjunction with Family Promise to house a graduate of the program. As the program continues to evolve, it is my prayer that St. Luke's will remain a partner who continues to be of value in thinking outside the box. Adaptability remains crucial in the changing environment, and we are always in need of compassionate and well thought ideas in service to our neighbors.

This weekend is a big fundraiser for Family Promise. No doubt you've seen the flyers the past few weeks in the Steeple. Consider this one more endorsement to support an organization that assists helping homeless families achieve independence. For more information, please visit their website at: <https://familypromisewc-ok.org/> or take a minute to talk to Dan Droege and hear about the new ways we are seeking to remain connected to an in support of the mission of Family Promise.

Every Blessing,

Fr. Nick+

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<sup>1</sup> Temple, William. recalled as a personal dictum in 'Letter from the Archbishop of the West Indies' in *Theology* (1956), vol. 59

## *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.





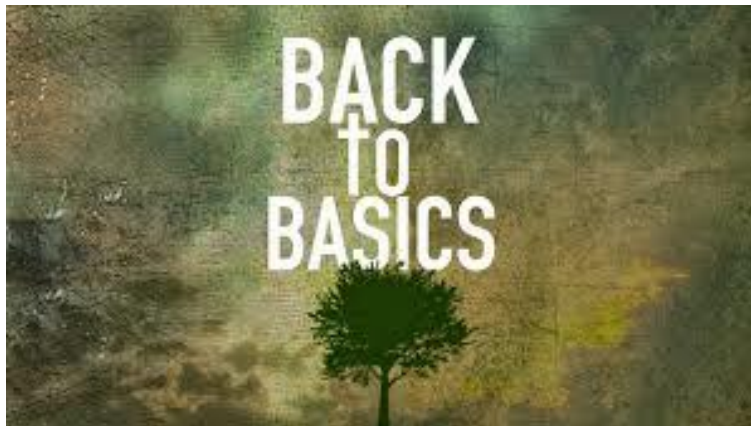
### CONCERN Needs

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

**Faith Forum resumes this Sunday. -- Please join us!!!**



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

## Rector's Bible Study



**Thursday September 30<sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m.**

This Sunday's altar flowers are given by Susie and Steve Clark:  
"In loving memory of Cordy Liggett."

### Birthdays and Anniversaries, September 30 – October 7

#### Birthdays

Greta Olsen 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Oliver Ellis 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Chery Van Aken 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Elizabeth Boyle 4<sup>th</sup>  
Madelyn Stuart 6<sup>th</sup>  
John Hood 7<sup>th</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!

### *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)

## Agape Mission Volunteer Schedule

### 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

### Thursday, October 28

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

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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

**Please join us on October 28<sup>th</sup> !!!**

Pub Theology is scheduled for the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month.

The next meeting will be at **7 p.m. Thursday, October 28<sup>th</sup> 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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