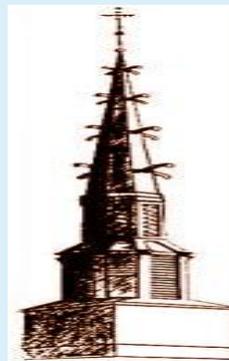
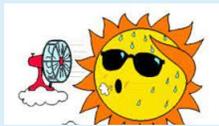


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The Steeple



July 13, 2022

The Weekly Newsletter of St. Luke's Episcopal Church



A Rule of Life

Over the past eight weeks I've spent several weekends on the road between Bartlesville and Wewoka. Taking multiple routes to camp has allowed me to see some beautiful country. Any way you take to get there will have you in the car for at least an hour and half, maybe two, but eventually you'll get there and as soon as you do God's front yard opens wide before you.

On my trips to and from camp I've been thinking a lot about St. Crispin's Rule of Life. If my memory serves me correctly, Georgia Gates brought the Rule of Life to St. Crispin's during her cure of souls there. Recently, the Rule has resurfaced in the camp community and seeing it taught to our kiddos is a bit of magic.

It reads:

1. We are a community of daily worship and prayer.
2. Out of our worship and communion with Christ, we strive to respect the uniqueness of each individual.
3. We do not put ourselves or each other down.
4. We are willing to level in love, honoring one another with honesty and respect.
5. We do everything out of love for God, self, and one another. We are in life together.
6. Therefore, we are willing to give all we are to one another, and with God's help, to offer more.
7. In everything we do, we seek to be open to the Holy Spirit.

In her letter to the diocese this past Spring, Teresa wrote that "A Rule of Life is an intentional plan that helps us to keep God at the center of everything we do. It sets our wider intentions so we can then work backward to organize and envision our daily walk and responsibilities, so they are in line with those commitments. A Rule of Life also gives us opportunities to thoughtfully and prayerfully discern how to order our daily roles and decisions in manners that

are most conducive to spiritual growth. And, an effective Rule of Life includes values that focus on our relationship with God and our relationships with others.”

All of that is true, down to last letter. St. Crispin’s Rule of Life, I’ve learned, is not just a guideline for a positive camp experience, but a way of being. I’ve heard story after story from Teresa’s staff about how the Rule has been a force for good in their lives, holding them together when they needed it the most. After having lived with the Rule for two months now, it has become part of my family and I that it will become prayerfully ... part of yours.

Deep Peace,

Nick+

Images of Last Sunday’s Brunch





Hey! Can you get up (or stay up) at 2:30am and give our kids a 'Send Off' to DC? The Young Disciples and Adult Sponsors will be leaving St Luke's parking lot at 3:00am, August 4th on a shuttle to the airport for their trip to DC. Lets support our youth and sponsors by meeting at St. Luke's lot at 2:30am that very early morning to send our kids off on their adventure. If the kids, sponsors, and parents can make it at that time, surely some of us can be there, too, to wave goodbye and bless them on their journey. Coffee, juice, and donuts will be available for the brave of heart. Set your alarms NOW for Aug 4th! (then afterward you can go back to bed 😊).

LIP SYNC BATTLE IN BARTLESVILLE

Saturday, September 10, 2022
Hilton Garden Inn
6 to 8 pm

PERFORM

Battle hunger alone or in a group! Register by July 25. \$20 entry fee, a small price for fame!

WATCH

Admission of \$75 includes the Battle, a festival style buffet and 2 adult drink tickets.

Buy before August 30



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Thank you to our corporate sponsors!

Concern current food needs are: 64oz of non-refrigerated apple or grape juice, canned tomatoes, canned tomato sauce, and toothbrush kits. And Milk. Always Milk.

LET'S CONNECT!

We will soon be calling to get you connected with our new church management software! With that you can:

- Update your personal information
- Communicate with groups & teams
- Follow church announcements
- Look up members
- Keep track of your giving
- Create and join events

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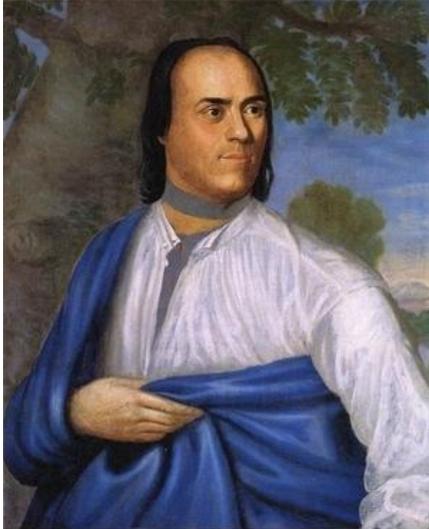
Training Coming this Sunday, July 17 right after 10:30am service in Metcalf Hall. Bring your phones, laptops, tablets, or chromebooks.

Come and see what you can do with Realm!

Theologian's Corner

Samson Occom

Witness to the Faith in New England, 1792



Samson Occom, one of the first ordained Native American ministers, was born a member of the Mohegan Nation near New London, Connecticut, in 1723. By the age of sixteen, Occom had been exposed to the evangelical preaching of the Great Awakening. In 1743, he began studying theology at the school of congregational minister Eleazar Wheelock, later founder of Dartmouth College.

Occom did mission work among the Native Americans in New England and Montauk, Long Island. In 1759, he was ordained a Presbyterian minister. In 1766, at the behest of Eleazar Wheelock, Occom went to England, where he was to raise money for Wheelock's Indian charity school. He preached extensively for over a year, traveling across England and raising over eleven thousand pounds from wealthy patrons, including King George III. When he returned from England, however, his family, supposedly under the care of Wheelock, was found destitute, and the school for which he had labored moved to Hanover, New Hampshire, where it became Dartmouth College. The funds he had raised had been put toward the education of Englishmen rather than of Native Americans.

Following a disagreement with the colonial government of Connecticut over a lack of compensation for lands they had sold, Occom and many other Mohegans moved to the Oneida territory in upstate New York. There, he and his companions founded the Brothertown Community. In his day, Occom was renowned for his eloquence and spiritual wisdom. He was the first Native American to publish his works in English. His work among the Mohegans of Connecticut, many of whom became Christians under his guidance, helped them to avoid later relocation.

Occom died in New Stockbridge, New York, in 1792.

Rite I:

God, the Great Spirit, whose breath dost give life to the world and whose voice dost thunder in the wind: We give thee thanks for thy servant Samson Occom, strong preacher and teacher among the Mohegan people; and pray that we, cherishing his

example, may love learning and by love build up the communities into which thou dost send us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

FAITH FORUM on Sundays 9:15 a.m.- 10:15 a.m. Metcalf Hall



Luke's Place July 14th -July 20th , 2022

- July 14th - Men's Breakfast, 7-8:30am Metcalf Hall
Rector's Bible Study, 9:15am Metcalf Hall
Green Country Eucharist, 1pm GC Village
- July 15th - Celebration of Life for Jamie Clapper, 2pm
- July 17th - Eucharist Rite I, 8:00am Chapel
Faith Forum, 9:15am-10:15am, Metcalf Hall
Eucharist Rite II, 10:30am
Realm Training, Metcalf Hall

Morning Prayer is held every Monday- Thursday at 9am, Chapel
Evening Prayer is held every Monday-Thursday at 4pm, Chapel



Got a favorite Hymn? Summer is the time to put in your requests! Tell Dolores, leave a note for Dolores, or email Dolores with your favorite hymn title. And if none of this works, call or email the church office! 918-336-1212, stlukesbartlesville@outlook.com. We all have that

one hymn that just makes our heart.....Sing! 

Estate Sale this weekend at Marsha Tibbits' home: 1143 Meadow Ln, Bartlesville.
Friday 15th 12noon-6pm, Sat 16th 8am-3pm, Sun 17th 1-4pm. Cash only.



Interested in helping with the A/V (audio/visual) Team? Contact Jeff Birk, Steve Clark, Tom Droege, or Nancy Woods for information. We'd love to have you on our Team!

Birthdays and Anniversaries, July 14th– July 23rd , 2022

Birthdays

Jeff Hall 7/14
Jeanne Julstrom 7/17
Susan Brooks 7/18
Fr Nick Phares 7/20
Pax Phares 7/21
Jason Carroll 7/23

Anniversaries

David & Kim Breedlove 7/18

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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