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The Steeple



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The Weekly Newsletter of St. Luke's Episcopal Church



Pack the Backpacks 2022

It's hard to believe that the new school year is just around the corner. Take one look inside the nave, however, and you'll get a pretty good idea of just how close it really is. Volunteers from the Washington County School Supply Drive have been working night and day to prepare for over 2,300 people who will be picking up a backpack next week. The scope of this project never fails to amaze me and I hope that if you are able you'll come down and volunteer packing a backpack or two. Packing the backpacks begins this Thursday!

Along with the school supply drive, our own Blair Ellis has been working hard to plan and execute Bartlesville's State of the School event happening on August 3rd. This event provides a great opportunity to hear from our Superintendent, Chuck McCauley as he reviews the past school year and highlights the District's priorities for the coming year. Proceeds from the event benefit the BPS Foundation's programs. For more information visit: <https://bpsfoundation.org/state-of-the-schools/> Thank-you for all your hard work, Blair. St. Luke's is proud of the work you do!

This Sunday as part of our worship time together we will offer special prayers on behalf of all of our students and teachers, school administration and support staff as they prepare for another year. Be assured that these prayers will continue every day during the evening office throughout the year. Anyone wishing to bring a backpack or a small object for their desk to be blessed this weekend, please feel free to do so as we will pray over them right before the offertory.

Next Thursday I will join Y.D. on their trip to D.C. I hope that you will keep us in your prayers as we are on pilgrimage to our Nation's capital. We will not return to Tulsa until 10 p.m. Sunday night, however. Therefore, Jeff Birk, fresh from his mission trip to Honduras, will preach and lead the congregation in Morning Prayer on Sunday August 7th. Both Rite I and Rite II will be observed. My heartfelt thanks to Jeff as he prepares to lead us in worship the Sunday right before school starts.

Bless, we pray thee, O Father, the children and youth of this nation, returning to their schools and colleges. May thy Holy Spirit enlighten their minds purify their vision and strengthen their wills; that being taught of your creation they may learn to follow in the steps of him who grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and all humanity, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Deep peace,

Nick+



The Washington County School Supply Drive (AKA Pack the Backpacks) is a non-profit organization that provides backpacks filled with school supplies for students in need from headstart through 12th grade in Washington county. We fill each backpack based on the specific school and grade the student is in so they can start the school year on a level playing field with their peers, with all the tools needed to participate. This also helps our teachers, so they don't feel the need to provide supplies out of their own pocket for their students. We typically fill around 2,500 backpacks each year! We will be filling backpacks and distributing them July 28th through August 1st at St. Luke's Episcopal Church. We would love for you to consider volunteering

with us! We have a signup for dates and times here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f054ba8a92caaff2-pack1> If you'd like to help but can't volunteer, you can make a monetary donation

here: https://www.paypal.com/donate/?cmd=s-xclick&hosted_button_id=CGSEPV5RR3ET6 or we are taking school

supply donations. We truly appreciate all the help that St. Luke's Episcopal Church gives our organization each year-we truly couldn't do this without you!

Sprint Weekend: 7/28-8/3

- Thursday: packing 9:00-Noon, 6:00-8:00PM
- Friday: packing 1:00-4:00PM
- Saturday: packing 9:00-Noon; 1:30-5:00PM
- Sunday: pick-up 2:00 – 6:00
- Monday: pick-up 8:30-6:00 (w/ lunch break)



Let's send them on their way!

Hey! Can you get up (or stay up) at 2:45am and give our kids a 'Send Off' to DC? The Young Disciples and Adult Sponsors will be leaving St Luke's parking lot at 3:15am, August 4th on a shuttle to the airport for their trip to DC. Let's support our youth and sponsors by meeting at St. Luke's lot at the latest 3:00am 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 August 4th! (then afterward you can go back to bed 😊).



Concern current food needs are: canned green beans, Vienna sausage, canned pinto beans and tomato sauce and complete pancake mix. Homeless items needed are: toothbrush kits, men's deodorant and individual fruit cups. . And Milk. Always Milk.

A Prayer for the Homeless

Dear God,

Watch over your children, especially those with no homes to return to at the end of long and weary days. Protect them from all harm and keep them from despair. Open the hearts and eyes of those of us with blessings to share. Unite our voices in a call for justice: So that no man need ever lay down for the night on a wooden park bench because he has no home; So that no woman need ever tuck her children into the backseat of her car because she has no home; So that no child need ever wonder, "Where will I feel safe?" because he has no home; So that all those who wander and all who are in need, find the shelter and the peace they seek. Remind us, O God, that we cannot rest fully secure in our homes each night until all your children are, at last, home.

Amen.



Thursday , July 28th, 6:30pm, at Tumbleweed's. Join us!



Theologians Corner: July 29

First Ordination of Women to the Priesthood in The Episcopal Church

On July 29, 1974, the feast of Martha and Mary of Bethany, eleven women deacons were ordained to the priesthood at the Church of the Advocate, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. “We are certain that the Church needs women in priesthood to be true to the

gospel understanding of human unity in Christ,” explained the eleven ordinands in a public statement.

One year earlier, the General Convention of The Episcopal Church had defeated a resolution to amend the canons on ordination to state that they “shall be equally applicable to men and women.” A similar resolution in 1970 had also been narrowly defeated. After the 1973 convention, a group began exploring the possibility of ordaining women without General Convention action.

After months of planning, Merrill Bittner, Alla Bozarth-Campbell, Allison Cheek, Emily Hewitt, Carter Heyward, Suzanne Hiatt, Marie Moorefield, Jeannette Piccard, Betty Bone Schiess, Katrina Welles Swanson, and Nancy Hatch Wittig were ordained

by three retired or resigned bishops—Daniel Corrigan, Robert DeWitt, and Edward Welles—in the presence of one active bishop, Antonio Ramos of Costa Rica, and a congregation of about 2000.

Following the ordination, a special session of the House of Bishops, convened on August 14, 1974, determined that the ordinations were not only canonically irregular but also invalid. At their regularly scheduled meeting in October 1974, the bishops affirmed the principle of ordaining women but condemned the bishops who had acted without the church's authorization.

A year later, on September 7, 1975, E. Lee McGee, Alison Palmer, Elizabeth Rosenberg, and Diane Tickell were ordained to the priesthood by retired Bishop George Barrett at the Church of St. Stephen and the Incarnation in Washington, DC. Two weeks later, the House of Bishops decried this action as well.

On September 16, 1976, the General Convention voted to amend the canons to stipulate that both women and men are eligible for ordination. The House of Bishops determined that each woman ordained before 1977 could function as a priest after a “completion of the ritual acts” performed in Philadelphia or Washington.

O God, who didst pour thy Spirit from on high to bless and summon these women, who heard the strength of thy call: We beseech thee to equip, guide, and inspire us with wisdom, boldness, and faith to put our trust in thee always, hear thee preach new life to thy Church and stretch out our hands to serve thee, as thou didst create and redeem us in the name of Jesus Christ, who liveth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God everlasting. Amen.

FAITH FORUM on Sunday 9:15 a.m.- 10:15 a.m. Vestry Room on 7/31



Luke's Place July 27st-Aug 3rd , 2022

- July 28th** - **Men's Breakfast, 7-8:30am**
Rector's Bible Study, 9:15am Vestry Room
Green Country Eucharist, 1pm GC Village
- July 31st** - **Eucharist Rite I, 8:00am Chapel**
Faith Forum, 9:15am-10:15am, Vestry Room
Eucharist Rite II, 10:30am

Aug 4th - YD LEAVE FOR DC!! Come to the parking lot and see them off,
2:45am

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

SCHOOL STARTS AUGUST 11TH!

August 5-7- Tax Free Holiday

Oklahoma's annual sales tax holiday is a three-day event in August. In 2022 it is **August 5-7**. What is this? Retailers are required to participate in the three-day sales tax holiday and may not collect sales and use tax on sales on qualified footwear and clothing items priced less than \$100 dollars.



**CHURCH
AUDIO VIDEO**

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!



Bake Sale to benefit A/F Fund

Josie McIver is baking and donating 20% of her proceeds to the St. Luke's A-V fund on Aug 13/14. She will need all orders in by Aug 11, will bake Aug 13th and items will be ready to **pick up the eve of Aug 13 or morning on Aug 14 at St. Luke's**. You can text your orders directly to her at 918-214-6680. Just make sure you include your name in the text.

Josie McIver

MENU

**Gluten Free options available for additional \$3 per Item Ordered*

COOKIES

\$15 per dozen

*Chocolate Chip
Coffee Toffee Chocolate Chip
Peanut Butter
Molasses Spice*

SCONES

\$15 per half dozen scones

*Blueberry
Orange Cranberry*

BISCOTTI

\$15 per dozen

*Traditional Almond Chocolate Dipped
Lemon White Chocolate Dipped*

Josie McIver

MENU

QUICK BREADS AND CAKE

\$18 per loaf or cake

*Pumpkin Bread
Banana Nut Bread
Lemon Cake with Lemon Glaze*

MOM'S SOURDOUGH

\$7.50 per loaf

*(With or Without Caraway Seeds)
No Gluten Free options available

Get your orders in!



Penny & Nancy will be available after services this Sunday, July 31st & Sunday, August 7th to help you connect!

What is Realm?

Realm is a real ministry tool.

Realm is an online ministry tool designed for real time connection. It helps our church connect with you and you connect with us. If you consider yourself part of this church family, you'll love it. Realm allows you to manage your personal information and who is allowed to see it, keep up to date on your giving, and keep in touch with the groups that matter to you.

What about my privacy?

Realm is safe, private, and secure.

Your privacy is one of our greatest concerns. Realm is only made up of the people in your church, it's not like a social network that's open to everyone. Realm keeps your data safe and gives you control over what information you share and who can see it.

How do I start?

Follow a few simple steps.

If you haven't received an invitation to join Realm yet:

1. Call **Penny Williams** in the church office at **918-336-1212** or email her at **StLukesBartlesville@outlook.com**. Or call or text **Nancy Woods** at **918-914-3263**. Email Nancy at **nancywoods120@gmail.com**
2. Watch your email for an invitation from Realm, then follow the easy instructions!
3. Your Realm login works on your home computer and on your mobile devices, so when you sign into Realm, use the login you created in step 1 for the computer or app. Check to make sure that we have your address and other personal information entered correctly under "My Profile". If anything is incorrect, you can edit it.
4. Questions? Contact Nancy!

Let's get connected.



After a 2-year hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the St. Luke's Women's Fellowship Group is starting up again! The plan is to meet monthly on the 2nd Thursday of the month from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. As a special treat to kick us off, the *August 11* gathering will be a paint and pour outing at *Boots & Brushes Paintbar* in downtown Bartlesville. All women of St. Luke's are invited! The painting activity will be \$20 per person. There will be step by step painting instructions and is geared toward those who have never painted and easy for those who have. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres and wine will be provided. Please RSVP (so we know how many to plan for) to Penny Williams at StLukesBartlesville@outlook.com. Last minute deciders are welcome, too! Any questions, call or text Nancy Warring at (918) 766-2580. Boots and Brushes is located at 322 S Johnstone.

Birthdays and Anniversaries, July 31st– Aug 6th, 2022

Birthdays

Donna Allison 8/4
Bill Bridendolph 8/4

Anniversaries

Judy & Tom Chamberlain 8/5
Kate & Jim Carroll 8/6

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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Prayers for Students, Teachers, and Schools

God the source of all our inspiration, help us to understand ourselves, our world and you; and grant those who teach us and our children respect for others' inventiveness and questioning, and for themselves commitment to truth. *A New Zealand Prayer Book*, p. 140 (1989: W. Collins Publishers)

O Eternal God, bless all schools, colleges and universities (especially in Bartlesville and our surrounding communities), that they may be lively centers for sound learning, new discovery and the pursuit of wisdom; grant that those who teach and those who learn may find you to be the source of all truth. *The New Zealand Prayer Book*, p. 140 (1994: W. Collins Publishers)

Blessing of the Backpacks:

God of wisdom and knowledge, enlighten by your Holy Spirit those who teach and those who learn. Make the schools of our community lively centers for sound learning, new discovery, and the pursuit of wisdom.

We thank you for teachers and administrators. Continually renew and affirm in them a sense of calling to the sacred vocation of teaching. Give them loving hearts, wise minds, strong spirits, and a passion for their students. Fill them with joy, sustain and strengthen them, and give them rest when they are weary. Let them trust the seeds they plant even when they do not see the harvest. Let them hear deep within themselves your words, "Well done, good and trustworthy servant."

We thank you for each student, their life among us, and the future before them. Lead them in your way, your truth, and your life. Let each classroom they enter be a place of life and light, warmth and welcome, discovery and growth. Give them good friends and let them be good friends for others. Set them at tasks which demand their best efforts, and lead them to accomplishments which satisfy and delight. Let them not take failures and disappointments as a measure of their worth but as opportunities for new learning and new beginnings. Open their hearts to life and their minds to learning. Let Holy Wisdom be their companion.

Send your holy angels to stand guard and keep watch over all students and teachers. Let their names be always on the lips of your saints in prayer. Bless and keep them. Let your face shine upon them. Be gracious to them. Lift up your countenance upon them, and give them peace. Accept and bless these backpacks to be for those who carry them a sign of your and our love, support, and presence.

All this we ask in the name of your Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever. **Amen**

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Days Til YD Leave for DC!
Got your bags packed yet?

