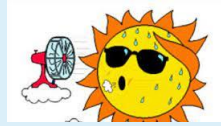


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The Steeple



July 6, 2022

The Weekly Newsletter of St. Luke's Episcopal Church



Thresholds

There are two days in our lives with less than twenty-four hours in them; the day we are born and the day we die. These days are hallowed by those we love and are often marked by the gathering of friends and those who are closest to us. Birth and death are the great thresholds of life and in between them there are many, many more.

We mark these lesser fasts and feasts each in our own way, some choosing to observe them with great fanfare others happy to retreat to silent places. Either way, is a step along the path that sanctifies the time that has been given to us. This process of hallowing the moments of our life is greatly enriched when we choose to share it with others and when those we share those moments with remember what brought us together in the first place was love.

In his book, *To Bless the Space Between Us*, John O' Donahue writes that "A threshold is not a simple boundary." If thresholds were, change wouldn't require the emotional commitment it often does. Some of the most tender conversations I have are around thresholds that mark great changes in our lives as they are more than just dates but the quickest routes into the most meaningful memories at the heart of all of our stories.

I hope that as you approach the anniversaries of these great movements in your life that you'll take some time, at the very least, to ensure that they are recorded in the church register. As we are a community at prayer nothing remains more fundamental to supporting each other in our life in Christ than knowing the thresholds of your life that hold the greatest meaning for you.

Please join me on July 17th in Metcalf Hall to ensure our records are up to date.

Every Blessing,

Nick+



Our newly formed Luke's Brunch Bunch invites you to stay after the 10:30am service on **July 10th**, (THIS SUNDAY!) for brunch which will include:

Sausage and Egg Casserole

Fruit Salad

Coffee Cake and Banana Bread

Coffee, Orange Juice, and Mimosas

We hope you can join us for fellowship, food and laughter: we plan to do this quarterly.

Blessings and hugs,

Luke's Brunch Bunch (AKA Margo, Kelley, Judy, Cathy, and Sandy)

Giving Thanks For Summer

Father, Creator of all, thank You for summer!

Thank you for the warmth of the sun
and the increased daylight.

Thank You for the beauty I see all around me
and for the opportunity to be outside and enjoy Your creation.

Thank You for the increased time I have to be with my friends and family,
and for the more casual pace of the summer season.

Draw me closer to You this summer.

Teach me how I can pray
no matter where I am or what I am doing.
Warm my soul with the awareness of Your presence
and light my path with Your Word and Counsel.

As I enjoy Your creation, create in me
a pure heart and a hunger and a thirst for You.

- *Author Unknown*

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



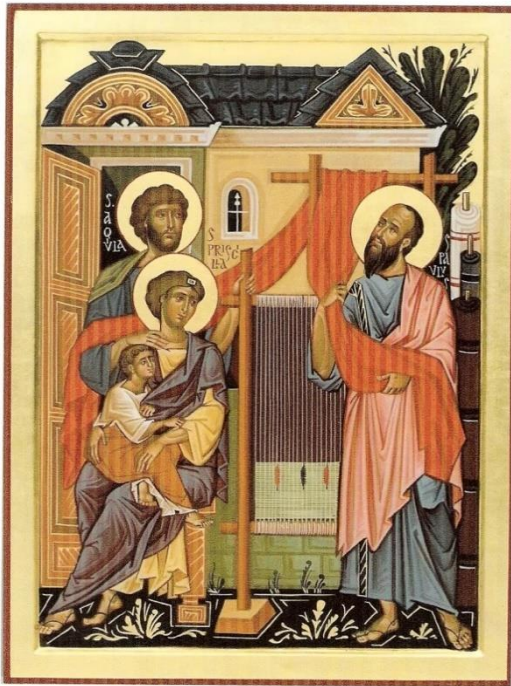
Realm Connect

**Training Coming
Soon!**

Theologian's Corner

Lesser Fasts and Feasts

Priscilla and Aquilla (July 8th)



When Paul came to Corinth (probably in the year 50), he met Priscilla and her husband Aquila. Like Paul, they were tentmakers by trade, and had just arrived from Rome, from which the Emperor Claudius had recently expelled the Jewish community. It is not clear whether Aquila and Priscilla were already Christians before meeting Paul, or were converted by his preaching. After eighteen months, the three of them went together to Ephesus, where Priscilla and Aquila remained while Paul continued to Antioch.

Soon after, a man named Apollos came to Ephesus, who had heard and believed a portion of the Christian message, and was promoting that belief with eloquent preaching, based on a thorough knowledge of the Hebrew Scriptures. Aquila and Priscilla befriended him and explained the Gospel to him more fully, after which he continued to preach with even greater effectiveness.

Priscilla and Aquila were apparently in Rome when Paul wrote to that congregation, and in Ephesus with Timothy when Paul wrote his last letter to Timothy. When Paul wrote to the Corinthians from Ephesus, he joined their greetings with his own. Clearly they were dear to Paul, and were earnest and effective in spreading the Good News of Christ and His saving work.

Altogether, Aquila and Priscilla are mentioned six times in the New Testament (Acts 18:2; Acts 18:18–19; Acts 18:26; Romans 16:3; 1 Corinthians 16:19; 2 Timothy 4:19), and the observant reader may note that in half of these Aquila's name comes first, while in the other half, Priscilla's comes first, as if to emphasize that they are being mentioned on equal terms.

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



Luke's Place July 7th -July 13th , 2022

- July 7th - Men's Breakfast, 7-8:30am Metcalf Hall
Rector's Bible Study, 9:15am Metcalf Hall
Green Country Eucharist, 1pm GC Village
- July 10th - Eucharist Rite I, 8:00am Chapel
Faith Forum, 9:15am-10:15am, Metcalf Hall
Eucharist Rite II, 10:30am
Coffee Hour Brunch after 10:30am service

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



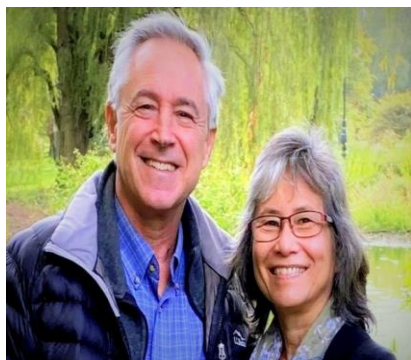
We are approaching that not-quite-traditional, kind of eagerly anticipated, sort-of-sacred season called "Favorite Hymns Time". For newcomers to St Luke's, or for old-timers who need reminding, everyone is encouraged to submit favorite hymns or other songs appropriate for worship service. Music for the 10:30 Eucharists in July and August will be selected from your suggestions.

Its easy. Either give your list to Dolores McCreary or turn it in to the office. It really helps if you indicate the source of music/text. Example: the name of the hymnal (we use 3 different ones) and the number of the hymn/song. Selections not found in The Hymnal 1982, GATHER, or WLP (Wonder, Love, and Praise) will be used only if we have permission to copy and if we know where to find the music/text.

It will also help if you tell us the Sundays you know you will NOT be at the 10:30 Eucharist. We'd like to select your favorite hymns on Sundays you will be here to join in singing.

Send your information to: stlukesbartlesville@outlook.com, a note in Dolores' box in the office, or give your written list to her at church on Sunday.

From Joanne Green



One of the concerns of my 60-year-old Thai tutor, who is single and runs an outreach to local children, was that she might one day become a burden to her family in her old age. After we read the first part of Genesis 3 together, she was struck by how Adam looked first at all the animals before realizing that none of them were a suitable companion to him. He had to wait

until God gave him a companion who was just right for him. She said she wanted to do well in waiting for God to provide for her everything that was just right for her. I wanted to encourage her that she would always be a blessing to her family (who are not Christians) because she is God's child. We looked at Isaiah 56 together in Thai. She had not previously understood the significance of it. When she came to understand that an everlasting name (Isaiah 56:5) was better than sons and daughters (or any other advantage in this life), she felt so encouraged. When I left her yesterday morning, she felt confident that even if she was old and needed care from her family that she would always be a blessing, because she bears God's name.

This is very different from how Thai Buddhists think about well-being for the future. Their idea of well-being is to have money, health, family, friends and a good reputation. People who don't have these things assume they are reaping bad consequences from a previous life. Their main hopes are to suffer well, appease spirits, and hope for a streak of luck or a supernatural event. There is nothing that compares to being in our Savior's family and all that He provides for His own.

We thank all of you who prayed for Roger's ear during our international travel. He did not have pain. On arrival he was able to get hints about what might help his ear. Currently, his right ear is better, but his left ear is worse. He is hopeful that mucus will eventually drain out of both ears.

I was happy to receive responses from people about how we can pray for them! Please keep updating us on how to pray for you. We really appreciate knowing how to pray.

We're very grateful for each of you. It's good to be family together.

Feel free to look at

[Roger and Joanne Ministry-at-a-Glance](#) for our ministry details.

Hilary Clark
Chair

The Atkins' Family in honor of Donald B. Atkins
Honorary Chairs

Ross Swimmer
Patron Chair

Beth Brown and Melissa Stallcup
Silent and Live Auction Chairs

Amy Dodson
Advisor

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★ HOME ON THE RANGE ★

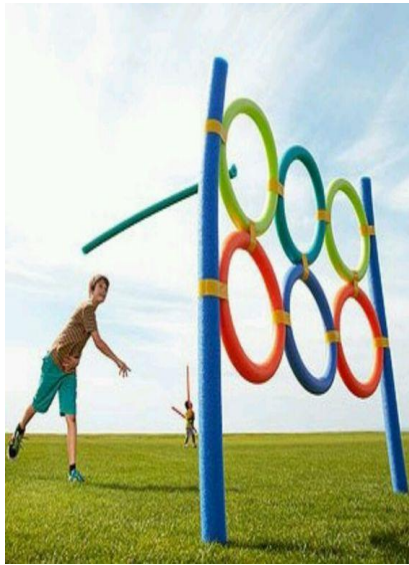
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Children's Musical Theatre presents: The SpongeBob Musical
July 15th-17th at the Bartlesville Community Center



Pool Noodle javelin toss



Pool Noodle croquet



Pool Noodle Hockey

Fun, Easy backyard games with pool noodles and beach balls.



Pool Noodle obstacle course



Pool Noodle Ring Toss

Birthdays and Anniversaries, -July 7th – July 13th , 2022

Birthdays

Dolores McCreary 7/8
Lyndsey Stuart 7/11
Monica Martin 7/11

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 Vestry Members

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



On a beach somewhere....



Here in Oklahoma!

