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# The Steeple



Aug 10, 2022



## The Weekly Newsletter of St. Luke's Episcopal Church



### Back in the Saddle

First and foremost, the trip to D.C. with Y.D. was amazing. I know folks are keen to see some photos, watch videos, and hear about the trip. On August 21<sup>st</sup> we've scheduled an ice cream social after our second service to give everyone an opportunity to offer reflections and of course, thanksgivings for Chip Friley's life and for his family's generosity in support of Y.D. Mary, Chuck, and Stephanie thank-you so very much. We look forward to sharing our trip with everyone.

As you are aware, there has been a wave of emails going out in my name asking for help. First of all my friends, if I ever need your help you will hear my voice. I encourage you to delete and report all communications from me that ask for help in such a manner, bear a false email address such as [rector37@gmail.com](mailto:rector37@gmail.com), or that contain sensitive information. Our policy at the office is never to pass on sensitive information electronically. Delete and report those emails. It will save other folks, I promise.

Speaking of policies, our Vestry meeting this week was a productive one. Over the past three months Doug McIver and Jo Baughman have been working hard to update our bylaws to reflect the changes necessary to support online meetings post pandemic. These decisive actions were taken to ensure that our bylaws reflect the best practices of the diocese while remaining contextual to the needs of St. Luke's. Our new bylaws are headed to the diocese for approval. Thank-you Doug and Jo!

Along with our Bylaws, we also revisited the need to expand our employee handbook. Several years ago, a draft employee handbook was in the process of being developed by members of St. Luke's that was more comprehensive than our current one. Employment law is complicated however, and while the one we have is based off Phillips 66 we needed one more tailored to our context. Since the diocese is in the process of updating their own, Canon Will suggested that we submit ours to the same consulting firm they are using. We did. And thankfully, the diocese offered to pay for

our subscription to the service. A new draft will be available for study in five to six weeks.

If you see Dan Droege around St. Luke's give him a hearty thanks. The house on 801 Osage is nearing completion. It is so close in fact, that Family Promise has already started housing folks there. This week, there are a total of ten folks in residence – the house already fulfilling its mission. My friends, we have some skin in the game now. Not counting renovation costs, over 14K a year will go back into the community through outreach to Family Promise. Thank-you. That is putting our money where our mouth is. That is using our currency of space for the betterment of community. That is loving with Arms wide open. Thanks Dan!

In the next few weeks, we will be re-keying the church as a result of the new safeguarding measures and insurance controls necessary to protect our liability as an institution. Everyone with a new key to the church will need to have completed Praesidium's Safeguarding God's Children training. Penny will be overseeing setting everybody up with links to the training. A considerable amount of thought has gone into rekeying the church - from being able to isolate certain areas to confronting the fact that just about everybody in Bartlesville probably has a key to Metcalf Hall. Please pay attention to communications from the office about when rekeying will commence and what folks will be responsible for prior to being issued their new keys.

Also, in the next coming weeks I hope you'll take advantage of the Last Chance Sale that is going on in our bookstore. Please be aware of that merchandise **is 75% off** in order for us to make room for new merchandise. The dates of the sale are August 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, and the 28<sup>th</sup>.

While the sales are Sunday's after church, I am reminded that school begins tomorrow August 11<sup>th</sup>. Our children's programming will commence after Labor Day this year on September 11<sup>th</sup> with a picnic and a memorial after the second service. Furthermore, St. Luke's will be looking to fill two nursery worker vacancies as well as hiring a children's minister this Fall. If you would like to be a part of building up our children's community, please reach out to me - especially if you know of anyone that might be a good fit for either position.

As always, our ministry partner in Concern, would appreciate you considering participating in their fundraiser next month. But more importantly, St. Luke's is in need of identifying a potential board member. If you are passionate about the mission and ministry of CONCERN please let me know. CONCERN is always in need of good folks and as one of the founding churches we owe it to CONCERN to offer up a solid candidate for consideration.

Finally, Jeff Birk and I filed for a 10K grant through Google yesterday. If selected this should boost our capability to advertise more efficiently on the web. I am hopeful.

But more than that, I remain truly thankful for the passion exuded by your staff here at Luke's Place. They make each day great!

Deep Peace,

Nick+

The present food needs for Concern are: canned green beans, oatmeal, SPAM, cereal, mashed potatoes, and complete pancake mix. Homeless needs are: pudding cups, peanut butter, squeezable jelly and pop-top canned meats.



## Theologian Corner: Jeremy Taylor

Bishop of Down, Connor, and Dromore, 1667

Jeremy Taylor, one of the most influential of the “Caroline Divines,” was educated at Cambridge and, through the influence of William Laud, became a Fellow of All Souls at Oxford. He was still quite young when he became chaplain to Charles I and, later, during the Civil War, a chaplain in the Royalist army.

The successes of Cromwell's forces brought about Taylor's imprisonment and, after Cromwell's victory, Taylor spent several years in forced retirement as chaplain to the family of Lord Carberry in Wales. It was during this time that his most influential works were written, especially *Holy Living* and *Holy Dying* (1651).

Among his other works, *Liberty of Prophesying* proved to be a seminal work in encouraging the development of religious toleration in the seventeenth century. The principles set forth in that book rank with those of Milton's *Areopagitica* in its plea for freedom of thought.

Despite Taylor's unquestioned literary genius, he was, unfortunately, not asked to have a part in the Prayer Book revision of 1662. The first American Prayer Book, however, incorporated one of his prayers, part of which has been adapted to serve as the Collect of his commemoration; and another has been added in the present Prayer Book.

Taylor's theology has sometimes been criticized, most bitingly by Samuel Taylor Coleridge, who claimed that Taylor seems to “present our own holy life as the grounds of our religious hope, rather than as the fruit of that hope, whose ground is

the mercies of Christ.” No such complaint, however, was ever made about his prayers, which exemplify the best of Caroline divinity, blended with great literary genius.

In later life, Taylor and his family moved to the northeastern part of Ireland where, after the restoration of the monarchy, he became Bishop of Down and Connor. To this was later added the small adjacent diocese of Dromore. As Bishop, he labored tirelessly to rebuild churches, restore the use of the Prayer Book, and overcome continuing Puritan opposition. As Vice-chancellor of Trinity College, Dublin, he took a leading part in reviving the intellectual life of the Church of Ireland. He remained to the end a man of prayer and a pastor.

Together we pray: O God, whose days are without end, and whose mercies cannot be numbered: Make us, we beseech thee, like thy servant Jeremy Taylor, deeply sensible of the shortness and uncertainty of human life; and let thy Holy Spirit lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## FAITH FORUM

August 14<sup>th</sup> will be the story of Ruth through the Godly Play Program with Teresa Phares, 9:15am, Metcalf Hall



**Luke's Place Aug 11<sup>th</sup> – Aug 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

- Aug 11<sup>th</sup> - Men's Breakfast, 7-8:30am**  
**Sydney Beasley's Celebration of Life, 11am**  
**Women's Paint & Pour, Boots & Brushes, 5:30pm**
- Aug 14<sup>th</sup> - Holy Eucharist, Rite I, 8:00am Chapel**  
**Faith Forum, 9:15am-10:15am, Metcalf**  
**Holy Eucharist Rite II, 10:30am**

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

## UpComing Events & Meetings.....

- Aug 11<sup>th</sup> – Men’s Worship & Breakfast, 7:00am  
Sydney Beasley’s Celebration of Life, 11am  
Women’s Fellowship, Boots & Brushes 5:30pm
- Aug 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> – Josie McIver’s Bake Sale
- Aug 19 - Sizzlin Summer Series, Unity Square, Back to School  
Bash at Tower Center 6pm-9pm
- Aug 20<sup>th</sup> - Kiddie Park 70’s Night, Johnstone Park 6pm-9pm  
Casa Hispana Bingo- St Luke’s, 5:30pm
- Aug 21<sup>st</sup> - After 10:30am service, YD DC presentation with ice  
cream social for coffee hour.  
Spirit Night Fundraiser at Monterey’s for the Pack the  
Backpacks
- Aug 23<sup>rd</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Agape Empty Bowls Fundraiser,  
Bartlesville Community Center, 11am-1pm
- Aug 27<sup>th</sup> – Godly Play Training, Christ Church, Tulsa
- Sept 11<sup>th</sup> – Children’s Ministry Kick off, cookout & picnic



### **— SPIRIT NIGHT FUNDRAISER FOR**

**Washington County School Supply Drive**

**“Pack the Back Packs”**

**Sunday August 21, 2022  
11:00 am-9:00 pm**

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Come support Pack the Back Packs at Monterey’s  
Little Mexico and 15% of the proceeds from the event  
will help fund our county school supply drive. Bring this  
flyer in during the fundraiser event to show your  
support.

**Monterey’s Little Mexico  
3815 SE Adams Rd Bartlesville**

# BINGO

BY  
CASA HISPANA

## night

Join us for an evening of Bingo, Raffles, Family Fun, and Hispanic Food  
For tickets, call 918.907.1584

Saturday, Aug 20<sup>th</sup>

5:30 PM

St Luke's  
Episcopal Church

CasaHispana.Bartlesville@gmail.com



**\$12**  
Ticket

Include:

 Admission Price &  
 10 cards

Games start at 6:00 PM



All proceeds benefit Casa Hispana, a Bartlesville non-profit organization that provides support to local individuals and families by enabling connections to community resources, offering translation services, English and citizenship classes, and providing highly subsidized dental care to under-served communities



Join the YD and Sponsors in Metcalf Hall on August 21 after the 10:30am service for an Ice Cream Social and program on our recent trip to DC. Let us show you our great summer adventure!

## ABOUT AGAPÉ MISSION

### who are we?

Agapé Mission is a non-profit and non-denominational organization located in Bartlesville, Oklahoma. By the daily grace of God and with the help of dedicated volunteers, we minister to the physical and spiritual needs of those in our community who are unable to meet those needs on their own. Agapé provides over 4,000 nutritious meals a month for people in need. The mission also gives out over 2,700 sacks a month of nutritious snack items to local school children who are at risk of going hungry over the weekends while attending school. Food for Kids Program was started during the 2005-2006 school year and now reaches every school in Washington county that is interested, totaling thirteen schools and one in Osage County.

### our programs

The mission's programs include:

- » Prepared meals served 5 days a week for all ages of no-income to low-income families.
- » Meals prepared and delivered 5 days a week by authorized volunteers for elderly and shut-ins.
- » Party treats for an area school where the neediest children attend.
- » Applications for School Supply Give-Away each year for children of Washington County through the Washington County School Supply Organization.
- » Food-For-Kids program which provides over 2,700 sack lunches for kids in thirteen area schools and one in Osage County.

### empty bowls committee

Sherri Smith  
Steve Clark  
Julie Mauntel  
Delisa Swanson

Brenda Williamson  
Tonita Gomez de Moran  
Amanda Benefiel

Lisa King  
Cheryl Clinkenbeard  
Nancy Gibson

Jennifer Kitterman  
Don Jennings  
Rori Roark

***We can always use volunteers.  
Please let us know if you're interested in helping.***

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**Sherri K. Smith, Executive Director**

Empty Bowls will be Tuesday August 23rd at the Community Center from 11am to 1pm. Tickets are \$25 apiece. Steve Clark will have tickets for sale Sunday the 14th and 21st or they will be available at the door for the same price.



## Bake Sale to benefit A/V 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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!



# 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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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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 for all art supplies. 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](mailto: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.



ST. LUKE'S BOOKSTORE

St Luke's Bookstore will be open during 'Coffee Hour' (11:30am-12:30pm) the four Sundays in August for the FINAL 75% off sale (Cookbooks are \$5 each). New merchandise will be arriving soon and new hours will be in place. Until we can update the credit card machine and get our account back on line, we will only be accepting cash or checks for payment. If you have questions or would like to volunteer in the Bookstore, contact Cathy Perrier, 918-336-7974, 918-520-9927. Watch the Steeple for upcoming events!

### Birthdays and Anniversaries, Aug 7<sup>th</sup> – Aug 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022

#### Birthdays

David Hall

Juanita Green

8/14

8/16

#### 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!



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**YD<sub>2</sub>DC**



**See You Around the Church!**