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# *The Steeple*



Aug 17, 2022

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

### **Catching Up**



As the new school year begins, we continue to raise up in prayer our friends who are teachers, school administrators, and support personnel. We continue to pray for all of our children as they return to school, hoping that the year before them is full of wonder. With the beginning of the school year, I know that our calendars are filling up fast with commitments, games, events, and getaways. But I hope that amongst all of that, you are penciling in some time here at Luke's Place – your spiritual home.

As you may know, we are seeking to hire a children's minister to work alongside our intrepid youth ministers this Fall as well as two nursery attendants. My friends, if you know anyone who might be considering these positions, I would be most grateful if you could put me in touch with them. Please like and share our social media posts as well. This will get the word out well beyond our reach, ensuring that we are casting our nets wide. Of course, if you are considering either position, please don't hesitate to reach out to me at your earliest convenience. I'd love to talk with you.

As Y.D. prepares to meet tonight, plans are being set in motion to kick off our children's programming on Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup> with a picnic after the second service. We will have some dates for parents to consider holding for church events as well as an opportunity to connect and see if there are ways we can support our growing community.

Speaking of communities – the Cursillo community is holding a reorganizational meeting next month at St. Crispin's. If there are any members of the 4<sup>th</sup> day that would like to reorganize here at St. Luke's please reach out to Penny, so that we can get a date and time on the church calendar for y'all to meet. After having gone through Cursillo myself, I know how life-giving reunion groups can be. I hope that any member of the 4<sup>th</sup> day wishing to re-form a reunion group here at St. Luke's has my full support.

Looking ahead, I'd like to let folks know that our regional gathering of clergy (dubbed "clericus") will be meeting at St. Luke's on September 8<sup>th</sup>. The bishop will be attending our gathering next month fresh from his vacation. September 8<sup>th</sup> will also be

the first day that Jeff Birk's parish discernment committee will meet, beginning a five-month process of discerning Jeff's call to holy orders. I humbly ask for your prayers over Jeff and Laura as they enter this phase of shared ministry together as well as for the parish discernment committee itself consisting of: Deacon Kay Bowman Harvey, Nancy Woods, Pam Hanson, Steve Van Aken, and Steve Clark.

To God be the Glory,  
Nick+



## IS HAPPENING SOON!

Hello all,

Rekeying the church will commence in early September. If you need a key to any part of the building, we are required by the Diocese to ensure you take 10 online

'classes' in order to be a key holder. Please email the office and request an 'invite' to start the registration process. I will send you a link to the Praesidium Academy Site to begin your training. Each session is a 'Safe Church, Safe Communities' video. There are 8 Safe Church videos and 2 policy videos. After the completion of each video, you will be awarded a certificate of completion. I will also receive a notification of your progress and a transcript of the videos you have seen/taken. After all ten have been completed you will be issued a key. As part of the new policy, you cannot 'loan' your key out to anyone who has not completed these classes and who is not listed in our records. This comes directly from the Canons of the Diocese and is a requirement of our insurance in safeguarding our liability. If you have any questions – don't hesitate to call me - I'm here for you!

Penny 918-336-1212

# Cursillistas!



Are you interested in Episcopal  
Cursillo continuing in Oklahoma?  
Weekends, Reunions, Ultreya, Team?

A re-organizational meeting is scheduled

September 10, 2022 10:30 am  
St. Crispin's Conference Center

All Cursillistas are invited

Agenda information: Karen Askew 918-329-0605

More information: Allen Mann 918-916-1793





## 2022 SENIORS CONNECT



*“Living a balanced life” - Marilou Bork, LCSW*

Wednesday, September 7

3:00pm – 4:00pm

Are you interested in self-care? Do you want to improve your mental outlook and enjoy your life? Marilou shares important strategies for making the most out of every day. Open all seniors aged 65 and older.

RSVP to Elder Care by 9/1/22. Call 918-336-8500.





## Theologians Corner

### BERNARD OF CLAIRVAUX,

Bernard was the son of a knight and landowner who lived near Dijon, France. He was born in 1090 and given a secular education, but in 1113 he entered the Benedictine Abbey of Citeaux. His family was not pleased with his choice of a monastic life, but he nevertheless persuaded four of his brothers and about twenty-six of his friends to join him. After only three years, the abbot of Citeaux deployed Bernard and a small company of monks to establish a monastery at Clairvaux in 1115.

The work at Clairvaux, and the extreme rigors of the Benedictine rule practiced by the Cistercian community, were taxing. Tasked with much, Bernard denied himself sleep to the detriment of his health that he might have time to write letters and sermons. He preached so persuasively that sixty new abbeys were founded, all affiliated with Clairvaux. Famed for the ardor with which he preached love for God “without measure,” he fulfilled his own definition of a holy man: “seen to be good and charitable, holding back nothing for himself, but using his every gift for the common good.”

By 1140, his writings had made him one of the most influential figures in Christendom. His guidance was sought by prelates and princes, drawing him into active participation in all manner of controversy involving the church, from settling disputes among secular rulers to sorting contentious theological debates. An ardent opponent of a growing movement of his time to reconcile inconsistencies of doctrine by reason, he felt that such an approach was a downgrading of the mysteries. This conflict took particular expression in his fierce opposition to the formidable theologian, Abelard.

Among Bernard’s writings are treatises on humility and pride, on love, on the veneration of Mary, and a commentary on the Song of Songs. Among well known hymns, he is credited with having written “O sacred head sore wounded” (The

Hymnal 1982, #168; #169), “Jesus, the very thought of thee” (#642) and “O Jesus, joy of loving hearts” (#649; #650). He died on August 20th, 1153.

Together we pray: O God, by whose grace thy servant Bernard of Clairvaux, kindled with the flame of thy love, became a burning and a shining light in thy Church: Grant that we also may be aflame with the spirit of love and discipline and walk before thee as children of light; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## FAITH FORUM

### Sundays 9:15am-10:15am, Metcalf Hall



**Luke's Place Aug 18<sup>th</sup> – Aug 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

- Aug 18<sup>th</sup> - Men's Breakfast, 7-8:30am**  
**Bible Study, 9:15am, Metcalf**  
**Green Country Eucharist, 1:00pm, GC Village**
- Aug 20<sup>th</sup> - Casa Hispana Bingo**
- Aug 21<sup>st</sup> - Holy Eucharist, Rite I, 8:00am Chapel**  
**Faith Forum, 9:15am-10:15am, Metcalf**  
**Holy Eucharist Rite II, 10:30am**  
**YD DC presentation & Ice Cream Social, 11:30am, Metcalf**
- Aug 24<sup>th</sup> – Saint Bartholomew the Apostle, Eucharist, 12:15pm**  
**YD, Rodgers Hall**
- Aug 25<sup>th</sup> – Pub Theology**

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

**More.....**

- Aug 30<sup>th</sup> – Spiritual Discovery Group**
- Aug 31<sup>st</sup> – YD**
- Sept 11<sup>th</sup> – cookout/ picnic Children's Programming**

## Olsen Maintenance Team Heading to College

Nick and Charlie Olsen, who have been indispensable helpers this summer in maintaining the church properties, are “retiring” to head to college. Nick is returning to Pittsburg State as a junior and Charlie will be a freshman at OSU.

Throughout the summer, these young men handled yard and inside maintenance tasks at the church as well as at the church-owned home at 801 S. Osage, which is now providing transition housing to two Family Promise families. Nick spent a great deal of time at the refurbished house, painting nearly every room and assisting with cleanup and carpentry projects.

Charlie was a part of multiple projects inside and outside the church, including “honey do’s” for Margaret, often teaming up with his older brother. On occasion, younger brother Luke was recruited to assist. Charlie also helped with the installation of a second bath at 801 plus washing every window in the house and hanging about a dozen new blinds.

Nick, for the second summer in a row, took on the I’m-not-afraid-of-heights task of cleaning the rooftop “chiller” that is an essential part of the air-conditioning system that cools Metcalf, the office areas and the classrooms. The cleanup helps avert breakdowns and improves operating efficiency.

Thank you, Olsen team, for keeping Luke’s Place looking good and running smoothly!



*Charlie and Nick Olsen prepare to attack the grass.*



*Nick cleans up the chiller.*





## — SPIRIT NIGHT FUNDRAISER FOR

**Washington County School Supply Drive**

**"Pack the Back Packs"**

**Sunday August 21, 2022**

**11:00 am-9:00 pm**

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!



### Spiritual Discovery Forum

*'God is forming us into a new people. And the place of that formation is in the small moments of today.'*

You are invited to come and discover your spiritual path with a group of humble seekers. We will begin our exploration with a study of the book, Liturgy of the Ordinary by Tish Harrison Warren. We will meet on Tuesday, August 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am in the Tom Beard Library upstairs. The book can be purchased on Amazon or through your favorite bookstore. Contact Mother Andrea Jones if you have questions.

### **CONCERN Pantry --**

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. Milk....Always Milk

# ***We're HIRING!***

## **• CHILDREN'S MINISTER**

We are seeking a part-time Children's Minister to work alongside our Youth Ministers.



*St. Luke's*  
Episcopal Church

### **DO YOU HAVE...**

Christian faith and integrity?  
Contagious love of God and neighbor?  
Good communication skills?  
Passion for teaching kids?  
A strong grasp of the details?  
A love of the story of scripture?

Knowledge of the liturgical calendar is a plus. Candidates are required to pass a thorough background check & once hired complete safeguarding training.

**WE ARE ALSO** seeking two part-time nursery workers to love and safeguard our children, 0-4, during our second service on Sunday morning and Wednesday night programming.

***INTERESTED?*** Contact: [RevPhares@outlook.com](mailto:RevPhares@outlook.com)

## 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.



# 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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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!



Pub Theology will be Thursday, Aug 25<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm, at Tumbleweed's. Come join us and talk about our own beliefs in the world around us.

### Agape Needs Volunteers!



We need a volunteer to work at Agape from 12:45pm to 2:00pm on the fourth Thursday of each month. If interested, please contact Becky Liehr at 918-327-5987 or [jbliehr@gmail.com](mailto:jbliehr@gmail.com). Thank you!

### Birthdays and Anniversaries, Aug 21<sup>st</sup> – Aug 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022

#### Birthdays

Michelle Sheffield 8/22  
Shannon McCraw 8/22  
Darian Kedy 8/25  
David Kedy 8/25  
Dennis Mueggenborg 8/26

#### Anniversaries

Barbara & Brent Todd 8/21

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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# YD<sub>2</sub>DC

The Early Risers...those traveling and those seeing us off!

