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The Steeple



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The Weekly Newsletter of St. Luke's Episcopal Church



Morning Prayer This Week at St. Luke's

"In many times and places, daybreak has been a time of prayer. Jews prayed in their synagogues at sunrise as well as at other times each day. This Jewish pattern of prayer formed the basis of the Christian monastic Daily Office, with its prayers or "hours" at seven times in each day. Thomas Cranmer's revision of the Daily Office for the first English Prayer Book (1549) reduced the number of services to two—one for morning (Matins) and one for evening (Evensong or vespers). In the Second English Prayer Book (1552), the morning service was given its present name, Morning Prayer.

Many elements of Morning Prayer come from the monastic hours of matins (e.g., Venite and Te Deum), lauds (e.g., Benedicite, omnia opera Domini, a "chapter" of scripture, Benedictus Dominus Deus, collect of the day), and Prime (e.g., a second "chapter" of scripture and the Apostles' Creed). Psalms were recited at every one of the offices, with the whole Psalter recited once a week. In the 1549 BCP, psalms were read at both Morning and Evening Prayer, with the whole Psalter read "in course" once each month.

In subsequent Prayer Book revisions, psalms have come to be used more selectively, although a monthly cycle of psalms read "in course" is still provided as an option. In the 1549 Prayer Book, the very short monastic "chapters" were lengthened to full chapters of both the OT and NT at both Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer. In the 1979 BCP, only one lesson must be read, and the appointed lessons are not so long.

Morning Prayer once was the chief Sunday service in most Anglican churches on three out of four Sundays, the First Sunday usually being a celebration of Holy Communion. This practice has not continued because the eucharist has been recognized as the "principal act of Christian worship on the Lord's Day" in most parishes (see BCP, p. 13). However, Morning Prayer is clearly designated as a daily service for the worship of the church. This usage reflects the ancient tradition of the Daily Office."

My friends, as I travel with Y.D. to D.C. you will be in the capable hands of a seasoned officiant in our brother Jeff Birk this weekend. Since restarting Morning and Evening Prayer at St. Luke's, Jeff has remained a faithful practitioner. This week he will be adding

another dimension to his practice by preaching the Gospel. We are blessed by this and as much as I will be enjoying my time with Y.D., I will be missing hearing from Jeff and will miss being with you all in worship. Please hold us in prayer as we travel. See you on the other side.

Your brother in Christ,

Nick



Tonight's the night! (Early AM)! YOU CAN DO IT!

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, Aug 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 alarms NOW for morning! (then to bed 😊).



brave of heart. Set your EARLY tomorrow afterward you can go back



**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!**

Concern current food needs are: bars of soap, canned green beans, Vienna sausage, canned pinto beans and complete pancake mix. Homeless items needed: toothbrush kits, men's deodorant and fruit cups. Milk



Theologians Corner: Claire of Assisi Abbess at Assisi, 1253

In the latter part of the twelfth century, the Church had fallen on evil days and was weak and spiritually impoverished. It was then that Francis of Assisi renounced his wealth and established the mendicant order of Franciscans. At the first gathering of the order in 1212, Francis preached a sermon that was to make a radical change in the life of an eighteen-year-old young woman named Clare Offreduccio.

The daughter of a wealthy family and a noted beauty, Clare was inspired by Francis' words with the desire to serve God and to give her life to the following of Christ's teaching. She sought out Francis and begged that she might become a member of his order, placing her jewelry and rich outer garments on the altar as an offering. Francis could not refuse her pleas. He placed her temporarily in a nearby Benedictine convent.

When this action became known, friends and relatives tried to take Clare from her retreat. She was adamant. She would be the bride of Christ alone. She prevailed, and soon after was taken by Francis to a poor dwelling beside the Church of St. Damian at Assisi. Several other women joined her. She became Mother Superior of the order, which was called the "Poor Ladies of St. Damian," and, after her death, the "Poor Clares" in tribute to her.

The order's practices were austere. They embraced the Franciscan rule of absolute poverty. Their days were given over to begging and to works of mercy for the poor and the neglected. Clare herself was servant, not only to the poor, but to her nuns.

Clare governed the convent for forty years, caring for the sisters, ready to do whatever Francis directed. She said to him, "I am yours by having given my will to God." Her biographer says that she "radiated a spirit of fervor so strong that it kindled those who but heard her voice."

In 1253, her last illness began. Daily she weakened, and daily she was visited by devoted people, by priests, and even by the Pope. On her last day, as she saw many weeping by her bedside, she exhorted them to love "holy poverty" and to share their possessions. She was heard to say: "Go forth in peace, for you have followed the good road. Go forth without fear, for he that created you has sanctified you, has always protected you, and loves you as a mother. Blessed be God, for having created me."

Together we pray: O God, whose blessed Son became poor that we, through his poverty, might be rich: Deliver us, we pray thee, from an inordinate love of this world, that, inspired by the devotion of thy servant Clare, we may serve thee with singleness of heart and attain to the riches of the age to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

NO FAITH FORUM on Sunday Aug 7th August 14th will be the story of Ruth through the Godly Play Program with Teresa Phares



Luke's Place Aug 4th -Aug 10th , 2022

Aug 4th - YD Leave for DC! See them off! 3:00am!

Men's Breakfast, 7-8:30am

Aug 7th - Morning Prayer Rite I, 8:00am Chapel

Morning Prayer Rite II, 10:30am

Aug 8th - Vestry Meeting 5:30pm

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.

UpComing Events & Meetings.....

Aug 7th – YD and Sponsors Return from DC

Aug 8th- Vestry Meeting , 5:30pm

Aug 11th – Men's Worship & Breakfast, 7:00am

Bible Study, 9:15am

Green Country Eucharist 1:00pm

Women's Fellowship, Boots & Brushes 5:30pm

Aug 13th & 14th – Josie McIver's Bake Sale

Aug 19 - Sizzlin Summer Series, Unity Square, Back to School

Bash at Tower Center 6pm-9pm

Aug 20th - Kiddie Park 70's Night, Johnstone Park 6pm-9pm

Aug 21st - After 10:30am service, YD DC presentation with ice cream social for coffee hour.

Aug 23rd – 14th Annual Agape Empty Bowls Fundraiser,

Bartlesville Community Center, 11am-1pm

Aug 27th – Godly Play Training, Christ Church, Tulsa

Sept 11th – Children's Ministry Kick off, cookout picnic

2022 AUGUST						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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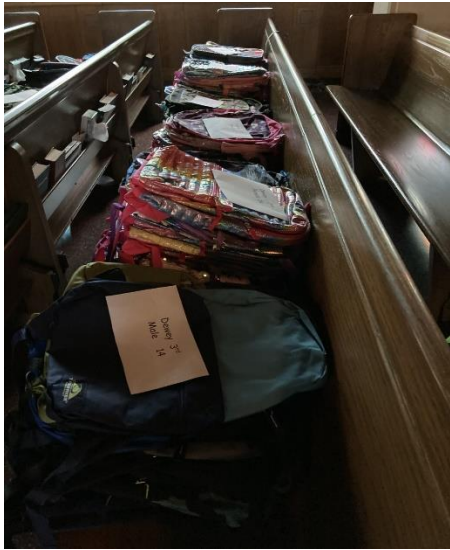
Bake Sale to benefit A/F Fund

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.



Get your orders in!

Pack the Backpacks 2022- Scenes from the past week



And poof! Just like that, they were gone.....





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 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. 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 acceptng 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 7th – Aug 13th, 2022

Birthdays

Lillie Franks 8/11
Evan Tedstrom 8/11
Tim Hanson 8/11
Gretchen Matthews 8/12
Walter Allison 8/13

Anniversaries

Rick & Debbie Gordon 8/8
Steve & Susie Clark 8/9
Gretchen & Robert Matthews 8/11

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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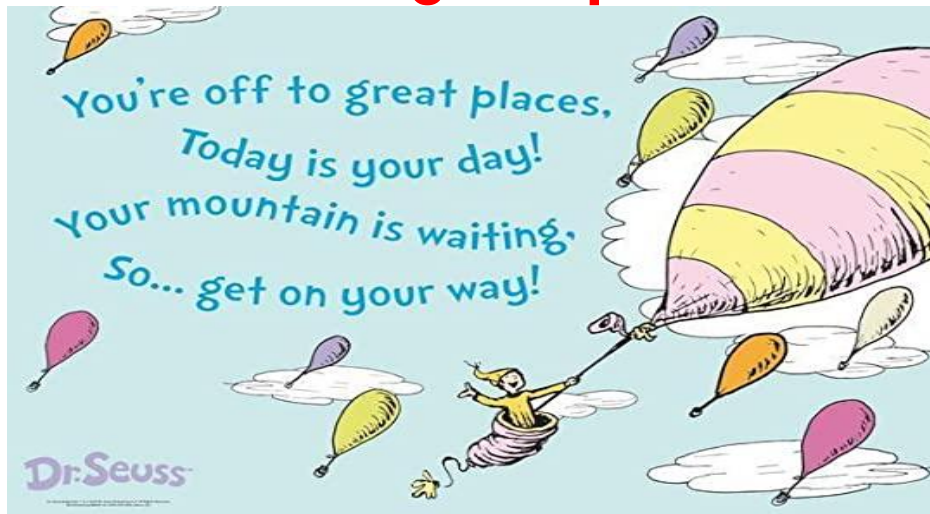
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Young Disciples





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Days Til YD Leave for DC!
Better have your bags packed



Bye bye!

