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The Steeple



Sept 7, 2022

The Weekly Newsletter of St. Luke's Episcopal Church

Children's Ministry Kickoff



A while ago I began using the Full Focus Planner to help organize my schedule and put some attention on our community's priorities. Every quarter I get a new planner. I look forward to the days that I have to transfer information from one planner to the next because it provides me an opportunity to reflect on the blessings of living in community at St. Luke's. Cracking the spine, I begin by transferring the projects we are focusing on to the new one - making sure to note progress as I do so. I am happy to report that as we prepare to enter the final quarter of the year next month, we are gaining traction in each of the areas we chose to focus on in last year's annual report.

The domains we chose to focus on this year range from Pastoral Care to Church Administration. Worship, formation categories for each age group, outreach, stewardship, and fellowship also remain central to the core of our life together. Out of all of those domains that are healthy, I would like to see some growth in our Children's ministry and formation.

If you think about it, we have some super solid formation opportunities for adults and youth here at St. Luke's. Following that lead, children's formation is prime area for growth and concentration. With a solid foundation in Godly Play, we have all the makings of building a quality and deeply formative experience for the children amongst us. And I would see that done – and done well my friends.

As you may have guessed we are still looking to fill the vacancies in our nursery program and that of the children's ministry coordinator. If you feel called to serve in either capacity, please let me know, but in case you do not – you can still help! Each of us has a community here and a wider one that surrounds us. Of those ever-widening circles, I wonder if you might know someone who would be perfect in these vocations. I wonder still, if you might ask them to consider offering their talents here in service to our kiddos and then connect me with them. If we all work on this together, I know we can find the one God is calling to come join us. Any help in casting the nets wide would be so appreciated!

Together we pray: Almighty God, heavenly Father, you have blessed us with the joy and care of children: Give us calm strength and patient wisdom as we bring them up, that we may teach them to love whatever is just and true and good, following the example of our Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Every Blessing,

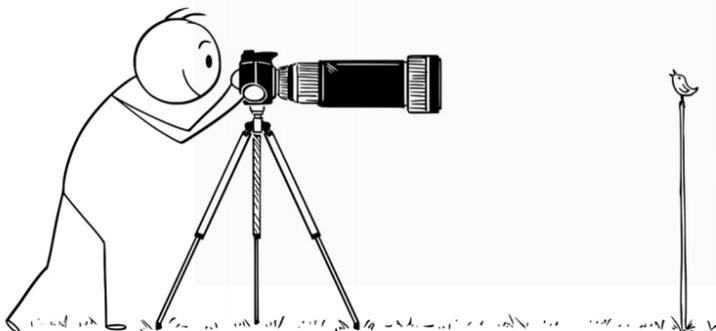
Nick+



Voices Needed!

Choir rehearsals are every Wednesday 7:00pm, in the Choir room upstairs. Robes and hymnals will be provided! We just need voices who love the Hymns. Join St Luke's Choir!

SMILE!



SEPTEMBER
11TH & 18TH
(AFTER SERVICES)

We will be taking pictures in Metcalf Hall to add to or update our photo wall!



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



**Children's
Programming
begins September
11th at 10:15am
upstairs. K-5th
graders welcome!**

St Luke's! Let's Gather This Sunday!

To kickstart the new Children's Programming and ministry, after the 10:30 service we will have a luncheon/picnic with sandwiches, pasta salad and dessert from Bambino's. If the weather is nice, bring your lawn chairs, blankets, and favorite yard games. **ALL ARE WELCOME!** St Luke's, lets fellowship and enjoy the end of Summer!

She is at it again! Josie is taking orders for baked goods to be picked up on Sept 11th. 20% of proceeds will support brother Ryan's Eagle Scout project! Call or text your order to Josie at 918-214-6680 by the end of this week. (Sept 9th)

Josie McIver

MENU

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

COOKIES

\$15 per dozen

*Chocolate Chip
Coffee Toffee Chocolate Chip
Molasses Spice*

SCONES

\$15 per half dozen scones

*Blueberry
Orange Cranberry*

BISCOTTI

\$15 per dozen

*Traditional Almond Chocolate Dipped
Lemon White Chocolate Dipped*

MOM'S SOURDOUGH

\$7.50 per loaf

**Only 2 loaves available for 1st two to order*

***No Gluten Free options available*

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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Come and join in on the FUN! St Luke's has a few contestants performing and they need YOUR support plus you will be helping our ministry partner, **CONCERN**, raise money to help those in our community!

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



Theologians Corner



John Chrysostom
Bishop of Constantinople, 407

John Chrysostom, Patriarch of Constantinople, is one of the great saints of the Eastern Church. He was born about 354 in Antioch, Syria. As a young man, he responded to the call of desert monasticism until his health was impaired. He returned to Antioch after six years, and was ordained a priest. In 397, he became Patriarch of Constantinople. His episcopate was short and tumultuous. Many criticized his ascetical life in the episcopal residence, and he incurred the wrath of the Empress Eudoxia, who believed that he had called her a “Jezebel.” He was twice exiled, and he died during the second period of banishment, on September 14, 407. Thirty-one years later, his remains were brought back to Constantinople, and buried on January 27.

John, called “Chrysostom,” which means “the golden-mouthed,” was one of the greatest preachers in the history of the Church. People flocked to hear him. His eloquence was accompanied by an acute sensitivity to the needs of people. He saw preaching as an integral part of pastoral care, and as a medium of teaching. He warned that if a priest had no talent for preaching the Word, the souls of those in his charge “will fare no better than ships tossed in the storm.”

His sermons provide insights into the liturgy of the Church, and especially into eucharistic practices. He describes the liturgy as a glorious experience, in which all of heaven and earth join. His sermons emphasize the importance of lay participation in the Eucharist. “Why do you marvel,” he wrote, “that the people anywhere utter anything with the priest at the altar, when in fact they join with the Cherubim themselves, and the heavenly powers, in offering up sacred hymns?”

His treatise, *Six Books on the Priesthood*, is a classic manual on the priestly office and its awesome demands. The priest, he wrote, must be “dignified, but not haughty; awe-inspiring, but kind; affable in his authority; impartial, but courteous; humble, but not servile, strong but gentle ...”

O God, who didst give thy servant John Chrysostom grace eloquently to proclaim thy righteousness in the great congregation, and fearlessly to bear reproach for the honor of thy Name: mercifully grant to all bishops and pastors such excellence in preaching, and fidelity in ministering thy Word, that thy people may be partakers with them of the glory that shall be revealed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.
Amen.

FAITH FORUM resumes on Sept 11th Sundays 9:15am-10:15am, Metcalf Hall



Luke's Place Sept 8th – Sept 14th, 2022

- Sept 8th - Men's Breakfast, 7-8:30am
Bible Study, 9:15am, Metcalf
Clericus, 10am, Vestry room
Green Country Eucharist, 1:00pm, GC Village
Women's Fellowship, 5:30pm, Metcalf
- Sept 11th – Eucharist Rite I, 8:00am, chapel
Faith Forum, 9:15am, Metcalf
Children's Programming, 10:15am, upstairs
Eucharist Rite II, 10:30am, nave
Luncheon after 10:30am service, Metcalf
- Sept 12th – Finance Meeting, noon Vestry Room
Vestry Meeting, 5:30pm, Vestry Room
- Sept 13th - Spiritual Discovery Forum, 10am, Library
- Sept 14th - Holy Cross Day, Eucharist, 12:15pm
YD, Rodgers Hall, 6pm
Choir rehearsal, 7:00pm, Choir Room

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

Evening Prayer is held every Monday-Thursday at 4pm, Chapel, on Facebook

More.....

Sept 10th – Lip Sync Battle in Bartlesville for CONCERN, Hilton Garden Inn

Sept 17th – Community Fest- Unity Square, 4pm

Newsletter

Got something you want in “The Steeple”? Email me with pictures, articles, group information of church events by Tuesday afternoon!

stlukesbartlesville@outlook.com Thanks! Penny



Spiritual Discovery Forum

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

There’s Still Room!

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 are meeting on Tuesdays 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. Concern has received a GRANT to purchase 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



It's a **BLUE BAG** special this Sunday! Whatever will fit in a bluebag is \$20 per bag. Come shop in the Bookstore and find the best bargains!

Cookbooks are \$5.00.



Birthdays and Anniversaries, Sept 11th – Sept 17th, 2022

Birthdays

David Ingram 9/13
Cheryl Fregin 9/14
Karole Cozby 9/16

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!

St. Luke's Vestry Members

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