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The Steeple



May 15, 2024



The Weekly Newsletter of St. Luke's Episcopal Church



Greetings friends,

As power was returning to most of Bartlesville last week, Teresa and I were journeying through north Mississippi and Alabama taking notice that even there - were communities recovering from the same storm system that affected us. While these communities were not devastated by tornados as we were, they were markedly shaken by the ferocity of the storms that touched down in their little hamlets.

As folks are still in the process of cleaning up around here; calling insurance adjusters and traveling back and forth to Lowe's more than they would like to, I remain thankful that most of you, if not all, made it through the storms last week with minimal damage. Our prayers continue for the community of Barnsdall and all those who are recovering here in Bartlesville, especially our friends at Casa Hispana.

When Teresa and I were in the midst of recovering from hurricane Sally the following prayer was one I prayed often. Perhaps it may be of use to you or someone you know who needs it in the wake of the winds. It goes, "God of the present moment, God who in Jesus stills the storm and soothes the frantic heart; bring hope and courage to all who wait or work in uncertainty. Bring hope that you will make them the equal of whatever lies ahead. Bring them courage to endure what cannot be avoided, for your will is health and wholeness; you are God, and we need you."

Adapted from the New Zealand Prayer Book.

I am sure that you are aware that so many wonderful churches and community nonprofits stepped up to help with recovery efforts when communal need was at its greatest last week. From meals, to shelters, to hotspots, these institutions modeled what it is to be both friend and neighbor. In a time when there is great skepticism as to the validity and relevance of certain institutions, last week's response showed the kind of vitality one expects from a concerned and involved community and I give thanks for that.

As we turn towards the celebration of Pentecost this weekend and honoring our seniors, it is my hope that as they prepare to take the next step on their journey, they will remember that they come from a “good” place – a place where people still strive to respond to need with love and compassion. And I hope, that wherever life takes them they will be true to the place that formed them. Because whether they know it by now or not, there is a place in America’s heartland that all roads lead to – and that place is their home.

Peace,

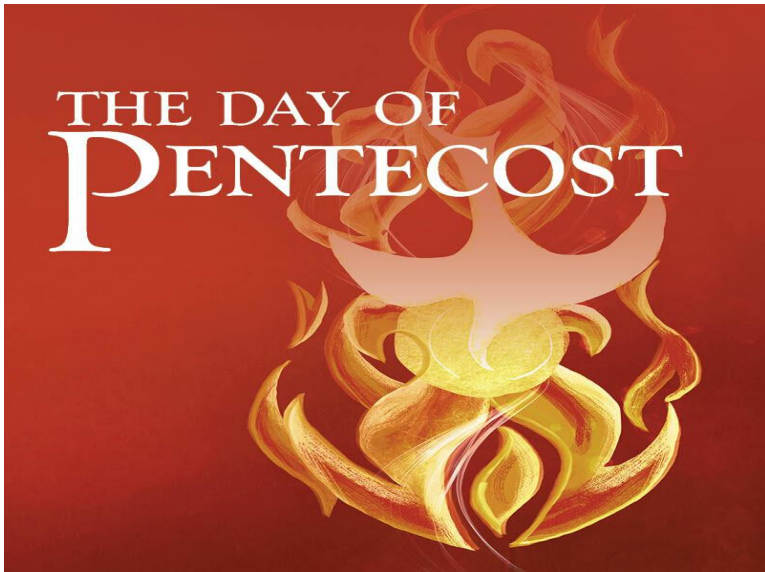
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Theologian’s Corner: Pentecost

The term means “the fiftieth day.” It is used in both the OT and the NT. In the OT it refers to a feast of seven weeks known as the Feast of Weeks. It was apparently an agricultural event that focused on the harvesting of first fruits. Josephus referred to Pentecost as the fiftieth day after the first day of Passover. The term is used in the NT to refer to the coming of the Spirit on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2:1), shortly after Jesus’ death, resurrection, and ascension. Christians came to understand the meaning of Pentecost in terms of the gift of the Spirit.

The Pentecost event was the fulfillment of a promise which Jesus gave concerning the return of the Holy Spirit. The speaking in tongues, which was a major effect of having received the Spirit, is interpreted by some to symbolize the church’s worldwide preaching. In the Christian tradition, Pentecost is now the seventh Sunday after Easter. It emphasizes that the church is understood as the body of Christ which is drawn together and given life by the Holy Spirit. Some understand Pentecost to be the origin and sending out of the church into the world. The Day of Pentecost is one of the seven principal feasts of the church year in the Episcopal Church (BCP, p. 15).



Pentecost is this Sunday

May 19th, 2024

WEAR RED!

Birthdays and Anniversaries, May 19th – May 25th, 2024

Birthdays



Steve Martin	(5/19)
Nancy Megee	(5/19)
Pam Hanson	(5/19)
Jim Brooks	(5/20)
Peter Julstrom	(5/20)
Boots Kelley	(5/21)
Ed Beasley	(5/24)
Susie Clark	(5/24)
Gretchen Hoyt	(5/25)

Anniversaries



David & Wendy Hall	(5/21)
Glenn & Kris Bonner	(5/22)
Sam & Judy DuVall	(5/23)

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!

Concern's current needs are: macaroni and cheese, canned pinto and black beans and flour.



Josie McIver



Josie will be attending the University of Arkansas for either food science or mechanical engineering.

Josie enjoys painting, reading, traveling, baking, and hiking. She received the Gold Award for Girl Scouts when she created a cookbook for low-income families at Mary Martha Outreach. Josie has also received several art awards and AP awards.

Josie participated in many clubs at the high school including Interact, National Honors Society, student council, and art club. She also interned at ABB while attending Bartlesville High School on the Research and Development team.

Josie's favorite YD memory was all the lock ins, as well as the summer trips – Washington D.C. and St. Crispin's - when YDers were able to spend lots of time together.

We're CELEBRATING

Everyone is invited to come celebrate Josie McIver's High School graduation!

Saturday May 18th from 6-8

2531 Westview Dr

Bartlesville, OK 74003

Hors D'oeuvres and drinks provided

Hope to see you there!

Cody Lay



Cody Lay signed a commitment to the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy where he will join the Division 3 swim team and pursue a degree in marine engineering.

The Bartlesville High School senior has earned multiple state-level accolades during his swim career.

Outside of competitive swimming, Cody's hobbies are rodeo and airsoft.

One of Cody's favorite YD memories is eating duck during YD's trip to Washington D.C..

Jackie Ambriz



Jackie plans to go to Oklahoma State University, where she will major in accounting. She hopes to study there for at least four years and get her CPA license, certified public accounting. Jackie has been accepted into OSU's Living Learning Program for their Spears School of Business. In Stillwater, Jackie also plans to do the work study in order to help pay off some debts and gradually work into something that follows her career path.

Jackie has been involved in National Honors Society (2021-2024), National Honor Society Sophomore Class Representative (2021-2022), BHS Green (2022 - 2024), BHS Green Social Media Manager (2022-2024), Student Council (2020-2024), Class Vice President (2020-2023), International Girls Club (2020-2022), Young Disciples (2021-2024), Interact (2020 - 2023), Honor Roll (2020-2024), and World Language Club (2020-2022). Jackie has been a part of the Young Scholars of Bartlesville and the recipient of the Blair Thompson Russell Memorial Scholarship. Jackie has also had the honor to work through high school at some amazing locations like Green Country Village, Jared's Frozen Custard, and Taco Maria's.

Jackie enjoys reading, watching movies or tv, and going out with friends. Her favorite YD memory was when YD went to St. Crispin's. Jackie remembers, "Not only was it a fun experience with the lake and all the trails, but we also got to help out other fellow churches with some yard work".

2024 Senior Reception

Everyone is invited to a reception for our graduates after the 10:30am service. Come and celebrate our graduates: Josie, Cody, and Jackie and their accomplishments plus their plans for the future.



**Rulers, Pencil Boxes, Notebooks, Paints,
Scissors, Wide Ruled Paper, Elmer's
Glue, Crayola Markers, Pocket Folders
May Pack the Backpack Items**

Your choice to Donate

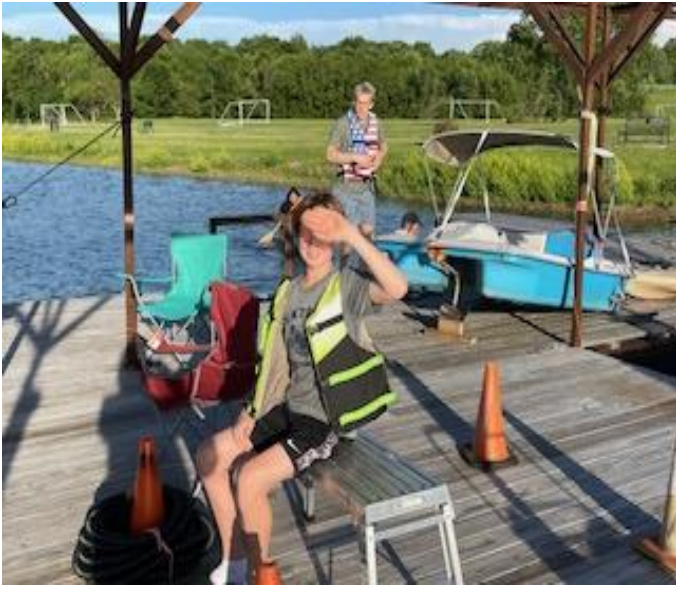
YD's Last outing for the school year





YD ended their year with fun at Lee Lake. They enjoyed paddling around the lake on paddle boats, canoes, and kayaks. Kids ate yummy grilled burgers, visited, and played croquet.





For our Young Disciples:
NEW YORK CITY
Here we come! July 4th -8th



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