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



### **BSO Brass Quintet Presents "United We Stand" This Sunday at St. Luke's**

This past Monday we paused to observe Veterans Day and I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the significance of that day and its place in our lives and worship. As most of you know, Veterans Day observed annually on November 11<sup>th</sup>, is a day to honor all men and women who have served in the United States Armed Forces. It originated as Armistice Day, marking the end of World War I on November 11, 1918. Unlike Memorial Day, which is dedicated to honoring those who died in military service, Veterans Day is meant to celebrate the contributions and sacrifices of all veterans, both living and deceased.

The distinction between Veterans Day and Memorial Day is important to understand, especially within our faith tradition. The 1979 Book of Common Prayer offers us ways to pray for peace and honor those who serve our country. Specifically, the prayers on pages 820-821 of the Book of Common Prayer are designed to give thanks for "Those Who Serve the Nation in the Armed Forces" and "Peace Among Nations." These prayers remind us of our call to seek peace and support those who risk their lives to preserve it. By praying for peace and unity, we echo the hope that military service one day may no longer require the ultimate sacrifice.

Veterans Day, in its essence, offers us an invitation to recognize the courage and selflessness embodied by service members. As the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs states, this day is a time to acknowledge and thank veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve for the common good. Veterans carry unique experiences, some filled with honor and some with hardship, and it is our responsibility to offer them our gratitude, understanding, and prayers for healing where needed.

With this reality in mind the Bartlesville Symphony Orchestra invites everyone to a free and special Veterans Concert at St. Luke's in Bartlesville this Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. The Concert entitled, "United We Stand!" will feature treasures of American nostalgia and patriotic works

performed by the brass and percussion players of the Bartlesville Symphony Orchestra. This concert offers an opportunity not only to celebrate but to reflect in community on the sacrifices made by our veterans.

May we remember them in our prayers, not just on Veterans Day but throughout the year. Blessings to all, and we look forward to seeing you on Sunday.

Nick+



## CONCERN NEEDS

Concern's current needs are canned green beans, tuna and chicken; and homeless - single serve canned proteins, reusable vinyl or canvas bags and toothpaste.

## Prayer List

**Please pray for:** Liz Green, Michelle Sheffield, Catherine Sheffield, Ben Baker, Steve McCraw, Josh Harris, David Swindell, Norma Perrier, Connie Finch, Tony Clapper, Terry Grogan, Tyler Roberson, Jerry Nezam, Miriam Petrovich, Lynette Beebe, Joe Norton, Jack Smith, Danny Clem, David McAtee, Shawn, Stephanie Gallegos, Pat Sare, Jim Carroll, Steve Linn, Chuck McCarty, Bob Baughman, Jean Mason, Estelle Sams, Ron Adams, Adam Thomas, Bob Lambert, Carla Curry, Jack Bridendolph, Tom Oakes, Bill Pendley, Mary Wallace, Connie Freebern, Lynda Stephens, Jim Perrier, Marcie Zervas, Margaret Holden, Don McCoy, Jean McCoy, and Audrey Harris

**Please add the following to your prayers this Twenty Fifth Week after Pentecost  
Grace, Ponca City**

**At Luke's Place : Nov 14<sup>th</sup> – Nov 21<sup>st</sup> , 2024**

Nov 14<sup>th</sup> Men's Breakfast, 7am, Metcalf  
Bible Study, 9:15am  
Green Country Service, 1pm, GCV  
Nov 16<sup>th</sup> Rita Childers' Service  
Nov 17<sup>th</sup> Eucharist, Rite I, 8:00am, Chapel  
Faith Forum, 9:15am, Metcalf  
Eucharist, Rite II, 10:30am, Nave  
BSO- Concert, 5pm, Nave  
Nov 19<sup>th</sup> Spiritual Discovery Study, 9:30am, Library  
Nov 20<sup>th</sup> Choir, 5:00pm, Choir Room  
YD, 6pm, Metcalf

**Birthdays and Anniversaries, Nov 17<sup>th</sup> – Nov 23<sup>rd</sup> , 2024**

**Birthdays**



Sandy Whitson (11/17)  
Tonya Thurman (11/18)

**Anniversaries**



Peter & Jeanne Julstrom (11/17)  
Ben & Katherine Powell (11/18)  
Dennis & Debbie Mueggenborg (11/22)

**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!**

# Foster Children Christmas



The Christmas Wish Tree is in the narthex starting November 10th. We have been asked to provide 40 baby dolls for little girls 1 to 3 years old that are in foster homes. There will not be any stars this year, just a sign up sheet by the tree. The DHS Christmas party, where the dolls will be distributed, is on December 6th so they need to be brought to the church no later than December 4th. Thanks, as always, to the Good People of St. Luke's for making this happen

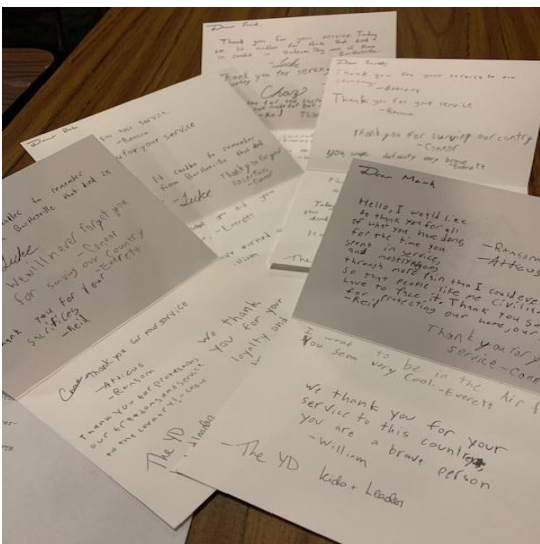
every year.

God's Peace,  
Steve & Cheryl Van Aken

## YD Honor Veterans Day



Last week we had a really meaningful YD. We enjoyed dinner from the Phares family and Father Nick led us in some thoughtful conversation about the election and Veterans' Day. We lit candles for fallen vets and wrote notes to Veterans in our congregation.





# IMPORTANT CHILDREN/YOUTH DATES

2024-25



## CAMP REGISTRATION OPENS

November 1, 2024



## IGNITE HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT

November 8-10, 2024 @ St. Crispin's



## NEW BEGINNINGS MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT

February 15-16, 2025 @ St. Crispin's



## ACOLYTE & CHOIR FESTIVAL

February 22-23, 2025 @ St. Paul's Cathedral, OKC



## SUMMER CAMP SEASON

June 1-July 2, 2025 @ St. Crispin's



For More Information

[www.epiok.org](http://www.epiok.org)



A Memorial Service for Rita Childers will be this Saturday at 1:30pm at St Luke's. (child care provided). A High Tea will follow after the service in Metcalf Hall.



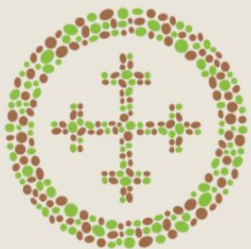
Fun



Faith



Friends



# ST. CRISPIN'S SUMMER CAMP



At St. Crispin's Summer Camp, our mission is to form our campers and encourage a passion for Jesus in a safe and inclusive environment with no barriers to experiencing God's love – because we are all God's children. We seek to accomplish this through prayer, study, daily worship, meaningful relationships, play, and an established rule of life.



**EARLY BIRD RATE ENDS APRIL 1ST! | [STCRISPINS.ORG/CAMP](https://stcrispins.org/camp)**



## Theologian's Corner:

### Consecration of Samuel Seabury (Bestowal of the American Episcopate)

A crucial date for members of the Episcopal Church in the United States of America is the consecration of the first Bishop of the Anglican Communion in the United States. During the colonial era, there had been no Anglican bishops in the New World; and persons seeking to be ordained as clergy had had to travel to England for the purpose. After the achievement of American independence, it was important for the Church in the United States to have its own bishops, and an assembly of Connecticut clergy chose Samuel Seabury to go to England and there seek to be consecrated as a bishop.

However, the English bishops were forbidden by law to consecrate anyone who would not take an oath of allegiance to the British Crown. He accordingly turned to the Episcopal Church of Scotland. When the Roman Catholic king James II was deposed in 1688, some of the Anglican clergy (including some who had been imprisoned by James for defying him on religious issues) said that, having sworn allegiance to James as King, they could not during his lifetime swear allegiance to the new monarchs William and Mary. Those who took this position were known as non-Jurors (non-swearers), and they included almost all the bishops and clergy of the Episcopal Church in Scotland. Accordingly, the monarchs and Parliament declared that thenceforth the official church in Scotland should be the Presbyterian Church. The Episcopal Church of Scotland thereafter had no recognition by the government, and for some time operated under serious legal disabilities. However, since it had no connection with the government, it was free to consecrate Seabury without government permission, and it did. This is why you see a Cross of St. Andrew on the Episcopal Church flag.

In Aberdeen, 14 November 1784, Samuel Seabury was consecrated to the Episcopate by the Bishop and the Bishop Coadjutor of Aberdeen and the Bishop of Ross and Caithness. He thus became part of the unbroken chain of bishops that links the Church today with the Church of the Apostles.

In return, he promised them that he would do his best to persuade the American Church to use as its Prayer of Consecration (blessing of the bread and wine at the Lord's Supper) the Scottish prayer, taken largely unchanged from the 1549 Prayer Book, rather than the much shorter one in use in England. The aforesaid prayer, adopted by the American Church with a few modifications, has been widely regarded as one of the greatest treasures of the Church in this country.

Together we pray: We give thanks to thee, O Lord our God, for thy goodness in bestowing upon this church the gift of the episcopate; and we pray that, joined together in unity with our bishops, and nourished by thy holy sacraments, we may proclaim the Gospel of redemption with apostolic zeal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.



## Bishop's Visit & Confirmation





# LOTS·4·YD

As some of you know, St. Luke's owns the two empty lots to the east of our building. There is an old garage there that is not big enough to house our church van. For some time now we have wanted to build a bigger garage that would not only keep our van secure but also provide space for our lawn equipment and storage for other items as well. The big question (along with following the requirements from the city) has been what to do with the lots... most importantly, how to provide a good space for our youth to use.

Fr. Nick and Laura Birk recently visited with our youth group to ask them what they would like! Below is a list of their ideas.

What we need from the congregation is your vote for the idea or ideas that you think would create a great use of the space!

Of course, this space would not be limited to youth group! If you would be so inclined to play pickleball on the court, skydive from a tower or show your skills on the basketball court...understand ALL are welcome! :-)

Please submit your votes/ideas in the suggestion box that you will find in the Narthex! You can add your name or not...we promise not to sign you up for helicopter rides without your consent!

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| Hedge maze                               | Stadium seating                             |
| Dog park                                 | Colosseum                                   |
| Skate Park                               | Soccer field, kickball, football.           |
| Vegetables                               | Octagon                                     |
| Labyrinth                                | Enough contact with water.                  |
| Benches (not used)                       | Chess table                                 |
| Pickle ball                              | Skydiving tower.                            |
| Tennis                                   | Senior adults patio off garage with smoker. |
| Volleyball                               | Fire-pit                                    |
| Gaga ball                                | Slip and slide                              |
| Outdoor service area                     | Train track                                 |
| Basketball court                         | Windmill                                    |
| Diamond                                  | Ball Pit                                    |
| Trees on side open middle                | Giant trampoline                            |
| Garden                                   | Helicopter pad with radio tower             |
| Swing set. (Playground for older people) |   |

With great thanks!

**YOUR VESTRY!**

## New Month- New Item for Pack the Backpacks!

For **November**: 0.7mm mechanical pencils



These prices are from Wal Mart. Over 1,000 of these pencils will be needed next year if trends continue. Both of these have 24 ct, but different brands. Any count will be welcome, as long as the size lead is 0.7mm.

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### Concern Pies



Thank you for the donations! We have reached our goal because of your generosity! Pam & Tim Hanson have delivered the pies to Concern for the Thanksgiving Baskets.

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**Bartlesville Symphony Orchestra presents:  
'United We Stand'**

**A Free concert Sunday, November 17, 5pm  
St Luke's Nave**

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