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The Steeple



November 6,
2024



The Weekly Newsletter of St. Luke's Episcopal Church



Dear friends in Christ,

This Sunday, we have the joy of welcoming Bishop Poulson Reed for his bi-annual visitation. As the Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Oklahoma, Bishop Reed brings a deep commitment to congregational vitality, outreach, and spiritual leadership. He has led our diocese since 2020 and oversees 68 congregations, Episcopal schools, chaplaincies, senior care centers, and the beloved St. Crispin's Conference Center and Camp. With a background that includes service in Colorado and Arizona and an M.F.A. from the University of Utah, Bishop Reed brings both pastoral and creative insights to his ministry.

The Bishop's visit is an opportunity for St. Luke's to connect with the broader Church and to reaffirm our place within the Episcopal Diocese of Oklahoma. Bishop Poulson's presence with us is a reminder of our shared mission to serve Christ and each other. He will lead us in worship, offer reflections on faith, and meet with members of our congregation. This Sunday's service also holds special meaning for those among us who will be confirmed, received, or who will reaffirm their faith. Your support and prayers for them will bless and strengthen their commitment.

Those to be confirmed: **Calvin Cutts.**

Those to be received: **Chase Almy, Alan Hadden, Jeff Hall, Nancy Hix, Doug & Greta Parks, John Povenmire, Martha Reyburn.**

Those who will reaffirm their faith: **Beth Flowers, Kathy Hadden, Tom Reyburn.**

As a part of worship this weekend our offering (those funds that remain undesignated in the plate and not a part of regular pledges) will be directed to the Bishop's Discretionary Fund. This fund is significant and supports vital ministries and outreach throughout Oklahoma. By contributing, we participate in the compassionate work of the Bishop that uplifts not only people but communities and brings God's love to those in need.

After the service, please join us for a potluck lunch. If you are able, please bring a side dish to share as the meat will be provided. Again, please keep in your prayers those stepping forward in faith through confirmation, reception, or reaffirmation. May our community be enriched by this time together and by the presence of our Bishop.

In Christ,
Nick+



**Fellowship
POTLUCK** With the Bishop! November 10th , after the 10:30am Confirmation service. Please bring a dish to share and join in a meal with our Bishop Poulson Reed and the Confirmands.

Halloween- YD Style





Although our Spook Walk at the Olsens was rained out, we enjoyed a delicious dinner from the Olsens and carved pumpkins. Then we all collected in the church library and shared spooky stories in the midst of the dark and stormy night.

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 Fourth Week after Pentecost
All Saints', Miami**

At Luke's Place : Nov 7th – Nov 13th , 2024

Nov 7th Men's Breakfast, 7am, Metcalf
Green Country Service, 1pm, GCV
Nov 10th Eucharist, Rite I, 8:00am, Chapel
Faith Forum, 9:15am, Metcalf
Eucharist, Rite II, 10:30am, Nave
Pot Luck with the Bishop after 10:30am service
Nov 12th Spiritual Discovery Study, 9:30am, Library
Nov 13th Choir, 5:00pm, Choir Room
YD, 6pm, Rodgers

Birthdays and Anniversaries, Nov 10th – Nov 16th, 2024

Birthdays



Nancy Van Duker	(11/11)
Steve Clark	(11/13)
Wendy Hall	(11/13)
Marilyn Taylor	(11/14)
Josie McIver	(11/15)
Penny Williams	(11/15)

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!

Foster Children Christmas



The Christmas Wish Tree will be 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



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

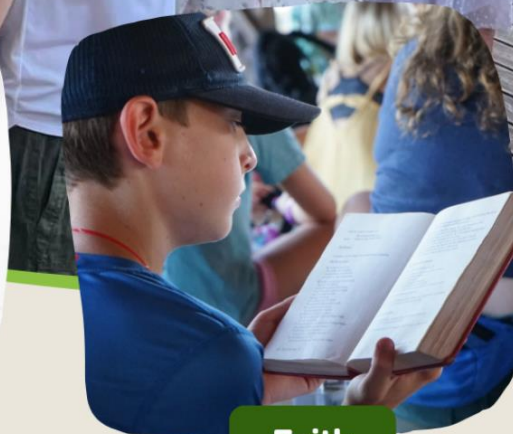


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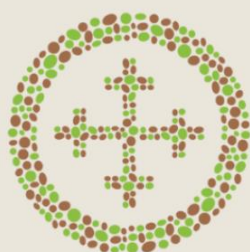
Fun



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)

Last Sunday's Stewardship Luncheon



If you did not get a chance to turn in your pledge card last Sunday, you may do so in the collection plate this Sunday or mail it with the stamped envelope that was provided in your Stewardship letter. When everyone is involved, we do beautiful work together for the Glory of God!

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!

Hedge maze

Dog park

Skate Park

Vegetables

Labyrinth

Benches (not used)

Pickle ball

Tennis

Volleyball

Gaga ball

Outdoor service area

Basketball court

Diamond

Trees on side open middle

Garden

Swing set. (Playground for older people)

Stadium seating

Colosseum

Soccer field, kickball, football.

Octagon

Enough contact with water.

Chess table

Skydiving tower.

Senior adults patio off garage with smoker.

Fire-pit

Slip and slide

Train track

Windmill

Ball Pit

Giant trampoline

Helicopter pad with radio tower

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.

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, “Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:” Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever.



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