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June 18, 2026



Ordinary Time

The Weekly Newsletter of St. Luke's Episcopal Church



From the Church Office:

Dear St Luke's Family,

Another busy week has passed, and we have managed to hold it altogether. Well, functionally, anyway.

Pack the Backpacks have officially moved in and are sorting, counting, and piling their supplies for the coming school year. This is where we become aware of how much those monthly supplies we put in the basket means. I know many get tired of seeing the request for supplies in the Steeple every week, but this time of year brings all that into focus. Our donations do mean something. So this week as you scan this newsletter, pause on the Pack the Backpack request of 12 count-colored pencils, and pick up a pack while you are out shopping. Your donation does mean something.

For the next 5 weeks, we have the pleasure of welcoming Fr Thom Crowe as Celebrant on Sundays. Fr Thom is the Family and Youth Priest and Associate at St. John's in Tulsa. He is excited to be joining us and worshipping with us. And we are blessed to have him. Welcome him warmly when you meet him on Sunday.

Well, they are gone. Yes, Nick and Teresa have the moving van packed with all their belongings and are now headed to Tennessee. I know we all wish them well and safe travel. The void is large, but we have each other to fill the gap. The girls are still here, and we will see Morgan and Lexi around which is some comfort.

The Search Committee will begin meeting to start the Search process next week. There are several steps to take before they actually meet with any candidates. And those steps are being taken. One of those steps is to ask the parish what you would want in a new rector. So be thinking in that direction because you will be asked. Please know that the committee will be praying together and seeking the Holy Spirit to guide them in their task.

There is one person in the middle of all this change and chaos who has navigated these waters with grace and compassion. She has tackled every problem and concern with wisdom and strength. Your Senior Warden, Karole Cozby, has had her plate full since Fr Nick announced his departure. Yet, she has risen above the waters and is driving this ship with precision. She is in constant contact with Canon Betsy, she has organized the Search Committee, and she has shared of herself abundantly. She has been my rock when I have felt overwhelmed, which has been often. She is a problem solver, and we need someone like her as leader. We are blessed to have her.

One last thing, we have had a very generous donor offer to pay for new carpet in the library. This room has needed some TLC for a while. The carpet has been ordered and will be installed very soon. The next thing will be new furniture. Obviously, there is nothing in the budget for that, so if anyone feels moved to donate to a new couch, new chairs, or maybe a table, that would be wonderful. I know we have hit you with a lot of monetary requests, but that room has housed many a bible study, discussion group and meeting in a very comfortable setting. But now needs new life in its furnishings.

Enjoy your weekend, travels, recreation, and whatever the summer has in store for you. We are in a season of anticipation, prayers for our future, and the hope of a growing spiritual life in Christ.

Happy Juneteenth tomorrow and know that your church is still humming.

In Christ,

Penny

At Luke's Place: June 19th – June 25th, 2026

- June 20th Dortha Dunlap Memorial Service, 2pm**
- June 21st Holy Eucharist, Rite I, 8:00am, Chapel**
 - Faith Forum, 9:15am, Rodgers**
 - Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10:30am, Nave**
- June 22nd Ladies Prayer Partners, 11:30am, Metcalf**
 - Vestry, 5:30pm, Vestry Room**
 - Back to Basics, 6:30pm, Metcalf**
- June 23rd Spiritual Discovery, 9:30am, Library**
- June 25th Men's Group, 7am, Metcalf**
 - Bible Study, 9:15am, Metcalf**
 - Green Country Eucharist, 1pm, GCV**

Office Closed for Federal Holiday- Friday June 19th

Prayer List

Please pray for: Ben Baker, Steve McCraw, Josh Harris, David Swindell, Connie Finch, Terry Grogan, Tyler Roberson, Jerry Nezam, Lynette Beebe, Danny Clem, David McAtee, Steve Linn, Jean Mason, Adam, Mary Wallace, Lynda Stephens, Marcie Zervas, Audrey Harris, Nan Buhlinger, Dionna Cameron, Betty Rogers, Dan & JoAnn Gallery, Kathleen Turner, Steve Clark, Dean Zervas, Frank Molina, Diane Mitchell, Frank Traylor, Steve Hand, Donna Steward, Clay Smith, Penny Johnson, Kim Shipman, Shaina Smith, Ann Morrow, Carrie Washington, Miriam Petrovich, Jason Elmore, Teresa Phares, June Mosley, Marsha Tibbits, Larry Mueggenborg, and Sherry Breitman.

Please add the following to your prayers for this week:

St Peter's, Colgate St. Barnabas, Poteau Church of the Province of SE Asia

Birthdays & Anniversaries for June 21st - June 27th, 2026

Birthdays

Tom Reyburn (6/21)
Sally Sheridan (6/27)

Anniversaries

Jim & Sally Lindsey (6/24)
Dan & Melinda Droege (6/25)

If your or a love one's name doesn't appear on the list, please email or call the office, and we will add your birthday and/or wedding anniversary.

Concern

Concern's current needs are: canned green beans and tuna; and homeless needs are: single-serve fruit cups, Ensure and electrolyte drinks.



Theologian's Corner:

MARINA THE MONK,

Monastic, 5th century

Marina was born in present day Lebanon, in the fifth century. She was the only child of her parents, and her mother died when she was still a young girl. Her father refused to remarry, and instead raised her himself until she was a teenager. At that point, he hoped to find her a husband and then retire to live the life of a monk.

Marina, however, rejected this plan, saying: “Why would you save your own soul at the cost of destroying mine?” Instead, she shaved off her hair and exchanged her clothing for men’s clothes. When her father saw her determination, he relented. Selling all of their possessions, they went together to the monastic settlement in the Qadisha Valley, where he introduced her as his son “Marinos”.

After ten years of living the monastic life together, the father died. Marinos continued to live at the monastery without revealing his identity to anyone. In time, however, a local girl who had become pregnant accused Marinos of fathering her child. Rather than respond to this accusation with the obvious denial, Marinos accepted responsibility rather than reveal his secret or subject the girl to further reproach. When the child was born, the infant was given to Marinos to raise at the monastery, and he accepted the boy as though he were truly his own son, and bore patiently all of the scorn and abuse that the other monks heaped upon him for his alleged violation of his monastic vows.

After many years Marinos also died, and it was only when the monks went to prepare the body for burial that they discovered it was actually the body of a woman, who had obviously been innocent of the accusation of having fathered a child. The monks and villagers lamented their false accusation and judgment, and after their repentance many miracles were performed at Marina’s tomb.

While some aspects of this story may be legendary, there are numerous accounts in early Christianity of women disguising themselves as men and entering male monasteries, and this is one of the examples that is considered to be the most historically reliable.

Marina/Marinos is particularly venerated today in Lebanon, Cyprus, and Italy, usually under the name of “Marina the Monk”.

GIVE us grace, Lord God, to refrain from judgments about the sins of others; that, like your servant Marina the Monk, we may hold fast to the path of discipleship in the midst of unjust judgments; through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

June School Supply Item Needed

12 Count Box -Colored Pencils



Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

BINGO

BY
CASA HISPANA *night*

Join us for an evening of Bingo, Raffles, Family Fun, and Hispanic Food

Saturday, June 27th, 2026

5:30 PM

St Luke's Episcopal Church

CasaHispana.Bartlesville@gmail.com



Games start at 6:00 PM

For tickets call 918.907.1584

\$12
Ticket

Include:

-  Admission Price &
-  10 cards




All proceeds benefit Casa Hispana a Bartlesville non-profit organization that provides support to local individuals and families by enabling connections to community resources, offering translation services, English and citizenship classes, and connecting under-served communities with local resources

Deacon Jeff's Graduation June 13th, St Crispin's







To Deacon Jeff and Laura and their family on the death of Jeff's dad, Bill. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.



Pack the Backpacks

Need help with school supplies?



Applications Open

June 15 to July 15



Scan the QR code
to start your application
or learn more!

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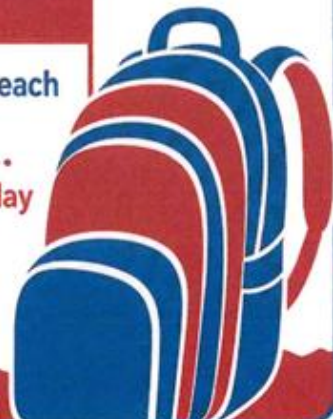
IN PERSON APPLICATIONS

 **Agape Mission**
555 S Cass Ave

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Fridays
11am-1:30pm

 **Mary Martha Outreach**
1845 SW 4th St.

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Monday-Wednesday
9am-11am
Thursday
12pm-2pm





HEAVENLY FATHER, YOU ENTRUSTED YOUR SON JESUS, THE CHILD OF MARY, TO THE CARE OF JOSEPH, AN EARTHLY FATHER. BLESS ALL FATHERS AS THEY CARE FOR THEIR FAMILIES. GIVE THEM STRENGTH AND WISDOM, TENDERNESS AND PATIENCE; SUPPORT THEM IN THE WORK THEY HAVE TO DO, PROTECTING THOSE WHO LOOK TO THEM, AS WE LOOK TO YOU FOR LOVE AND SALVATION, THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR ROCK AND DEFENDER.

~ from prayers of The Church of England

THE *Episcopal* CHURCH 

**HAPPY
FATHER'S
DAY**

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