



# The Steeple

St. Luke's Episcopal Church  
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## PERSPECTIVES ON (Illegal) IMMIGRATION

### Seeking the Way of Christ

(HB 1804 and more)

Discipleship Forum, Sundays, 9:15am, Metcalf Hall

The Discipleship Forum for Sundays in April has addressed the issues of immigration from Christian perspectives. Resource persons have provided information to help us explore options concerning illegal immigration in general, HB 1804 and more in particular, implications for the people involved and possible Christian responses. This involves some of the most difficult issues of our time and people of Hispanic descent, legal and illegal.

This next Sunday, April 27, Susan Murphy will be our resource person during the Discipleship Forum time.



A resolution on immigration adopted at the last Diocesan Convention encourages discussion on the parish level in seeking Christian ways to respond. What is the way of Christ in light of the law, human need and our Baptismal Covenant? Our parish is providing a test model for such dialogue for the diocese. Come and join in the dialogue on Sunday at 9:15 in Metcalf Hall. The text of the bill/law may be found at [www.hb1804.org/HB1804.doc](http://www.hb1804.org/HB1804.doc).

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### Important Dates To Remember...

**United Thank Offering Ingathering,**  
Sun., May 4 (see pg. 2)

**Pentecost Sunday,** May 11 – everyone  
encouraged to wear RED this day!

**Mother's Day,** Sunday, May 11

**Senior Recognition Sunday,** May 18  
(both services, with reception in Metcalf  
Hall after 10:30 service)

### NEW "CIRCLE OF FRIENDS" FORMING

If you would be interested in **6 to 12 month** participation as a member of a new "Circle of Friends", **please contact** Mthr. Mary Lou. We have a single mom and her young teenage son to help with a new start in life, the reestablishment of their lives, and becoming independent again.

Just as we did when helping our Katrina friends, we will make a covenant of agreement with the family. This family has come to Bartlesville with few belongings and will benefit from similar help that we gave our Hurricane Katrina friends such as assistance acquiring employment, and providing food, clothing, shelter, furnishings, transportation, and medical services, etc. Of course, encouragement and prayers are welcome, and are actually necessary for all of us.

I hope some of you will find serving in their "Circle of Friends" is the new expression of ministry for you. **If you are interested in participating call ASAP to Mthr Mary Lou at 336-1212 or [marylou@episcopalbartlesville.org](mailto:marylou@episcopalbartlesville.org).**

Blessings,  
Mthr Mary Lou



# FROM THE RECTOR

1. The “cleaning lady” barged into the office as she had done many times before and said “Got any trash lady?” This interruption with the disrespectful entrance and question was always

irritating to Mary. She usually fumed inside and simply answered the question while wishing woman would go away or at least get better manners. Last week something different happened. When interrupted in the usual abrupt way, Mary returned the greeting with “You may call me Mary. What is your name?” The “cleaning lady” stopped, smiled for the first time and introduced herself. Something happened for both of them.

2. He might be described as a “spiritual drifter.” Over the years he has gone through many cycles of belief – Roman Catholic to Fundamentalism to Agnosticism and back again. In his journey he has learned not to trust people around him when it comes to talking about religion. People have been all too ready to judge and condemn instead of listening and sharing. Recently a co-worker said something about her faith. It was a brief reference, but there was spirit of openness and kindness that intrigued him. For the first time in a long while he felt it was “safe” to talk about his journey and explore the possibilities with someone who accepted him and cared. He took the risk and the friendship went to another level.

3. He had been to the Discipleship Forum on (Illegal) Immigration. The presentations had been informative and in some ways challenging. He had believed this was really a matter of the laws of our nation which everyone seems to agree are necessary. Hearing stories of “legal” immigrants who ran into multiple barriers and forms of discrimination were disturbing. Yet, he believed something had to be done to correct the problem of millions of “illegals” in our country. Then on Sunday when he heard Mili, a Latino and director of Casa Hispania of Bartlesville, talk about helping people in need, including illegals to become legal, he saw something he had not seen before. He experienced something that began to soften him from the inside.

4. Mthr. Mary Lou has met a single mother and her teenage son who are in a really difficult situation. While we help a lot of people in need every day in our community, she saw something in them that compelled her to get connected and help beyond a simple donation. And so, a new Circle of Friends is being formed to help love, heal and nurture this family to health and independence. One can anticipate in advance, life will be changed for the recipients and the givers.

5. In another setting, a priest friend took on a church that was full of conflict, but they had learned to hide it. Within months he not only discovered the conflict that swirled beneath the surface, but became subject to the division as people soon lined up for and against him. With each passing month the conflict became increasingly challenging as some people withdrew, everyone whispered/e-mailed rumors, some lashed out and others sought reconciliation. The priest had dramatic ups and downs in the beginning which became only “downs.” Then one day, in a moment of reflection, decided he wasn’t ready to leave and move on. Before doing that, he would commit to loving each of his parishioners as “Christ” regardless of the response.

**Note:** These are very real experiences of “seeking and serving Christ in others.” I could list others, but these get at the notion explored on Sunday that Jesus’ ministry has been entrusted to us – calls us to be in the world Jesus’ way. In each case described above, that required getting outside of our comforts zone. Why? Because we have let our “world” teach us the acceptable “way” of being in the world with each other. Jesus Christ calls us to something more.

Blessings,  
Fr. Lee+



## Calendar of Events

### Sunday, April 27, 2008

8:00am Rite I  
9:15am Church School  
10:30am Rite II

### Monday, April 28, 2008

8:45am Morning Prayer  
9:15am Church Staff Mtg.  
5:30pm Holy Eucharist  
6:30pm EFM, Rm. 203

### Tuesday, April 29, 2008

8:45am Morning Prayer  
9:30am Spiritual Disciplines Class, library  
7:00pm Spiritual Disciplines Class, library

### Wednesday, April 30, 2008

8:45am Morning Prayer  
6-8pm Young Disciples, RH  
7:00pm Choir

### Thursday, May 1, 2008

6:45am Men’s Fellowship  
8:45am Morning Prayer  
12:00pm Holy Eucharist  
6:30pm EFM, Rm. 203

### Friday, May 2, 2008

### Saturday, May 3, 2008

### Sunday, May 4, 2008

8:00am Rite I  
9:15am Church School  
10:30am Rite II

### Monday, May 5, 2008

8:45am Morning Prayer  
9:15am Church Staff Mtg.  
5:30pm Holy Eucharist  
6:30pm EFM, Rm. 203

## United Thank Offering Ingathering Sunday, May 4

The United Thank Offering Spring Ingathering is Sunday, May 4 and every man, woman and child is encouraged to remember the blessings they have received and enjoy through prayers and offerings. Please remember to put a few coins aside every day as you give thanks for the gifts of grace that God extends to you in your daily lives. Bring your gifts of thanks to church on Sunday, May 4. Your offerings will be combined with those of other Episcopal parishes nationwide and be used in the form of grants which support and strengthen the mission and ministry of the Church on the state, national and world level. Each year the gifts from these offerings total nearly \$3 million.

## With Sympathy

### Sincere sympathy and prayers to

Dr. Bill Hiatt, Sr. (1025 Swan Dr., Apt. 214, 74006) on the death of his wife, *Marie*, on Sunday, April 20 in Bartlesville. A reception for family & friends will be held in the chapel at Green Country Village on Thursday, April 24, 1-3pm.

## ST. LUKE'S PRAYER LIST

Please keep the following persons in your prayers...

(Names on the Prayer List will be rotated off every 4 weeks. If there is a need for continued prayers, please let us know.)

Bettie, Isaac, Tom, Patricia, Lynna, Gene, Sue, Judith, Dennis, Sally, Jean, Sperry, Alexa, Tony, Patti, Doris, Shirley, Henry, Kylee, John, Marty, Adam, Linda, Mike, Ed, Steve, Emma, Pieter, Elizabeth, Pam, Fred, Max, Lyn, Mort, Laura, George, Scott, Randy, Jeremy

If you have a prayer request, please call or e-mail our Prayer Ministry Coordinators: *Thelma Blackburn* (333-7902, [TPBGEN@aol.com](mailto:TPBGEN@aol.com)) or *Richard Chamberlain* (333-5591, [Deaconrc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Deaconrc@sbcglobal.net))

## ASCENSION DAY SUPPER & SERVICE

An Episcopal and Lutheran "Call to Common Mission" Event

Thursday, May 1, 2008

Christ Church Episcopal, 10901 S. Yale Ave., Tulsa

You are invited to participate in a unique Ascension Day Celebration as Lutherans and Episcopalians gather together for worship. This is an opportunity to vision for our future work together as a part of our "Call to Common Mission" (CCM) that began over 10 years ago.

**6:00pm Dinner in Great Hall at Christ Church Episcopal**

**6:30pm Reflections from the Bishops**

**7:10pm Q&A Response to reflections**

**7:20pm Adjourn reflections**

**7:30pm Worship**

**8:30pm Coffee and cookies available after worship**



## HONORING

### THE CLASS OF 2008

Do you have a graduating Senior this year? If so, please notify the church office as soon as possible.

On Sunday, May 18, our graduating seniors will be recognized at both

services, with a reception in their honor following the 10:30 service.

Please call 336-1212, or e-mail [stlukes@episcopalbartlesville.org](mailto:stlukes@episcopalbartlesville.org).



Attention Parents of Juniors: If you can help with the reception following the 10:30 service, please contact the church office also.

Thank you!

## CONCERN CENTER & FEINSTEIN FOUNDATION

CONCERN is continuing to collect food and monetary donations until the end of April. All donations will be counted toward the Feinstein \$1 Million Giveaway. Every item of food or money collected stays with CONCERN. The total amount collected is reported to the Feinstein foundation and CONCERN then receives a portion of the \$1 million based on that and the number of organizations applying. Monetary donations may be made at CONCERN located at 333 S. Penn or mailed to P. O. Box 404, Bartlesville, OK 74005. CONCERN is also able to accept donations via Visa or MasterCard by calling 336-4693.

### TO THE PARISHIONERS OF ST. LUKE'S, BARTLESVILLE:

The support and prayers offered by each of you on behalf of Cursillo #116 were and are greatly appreciated. The weekend was an unqualified success, with the presence and active participation of the Holy Spirit among all 27 candidates and 17 team members. Thank you and God Bless!

*The Cursillistas of Cursillo #116*

## ST. LUKE'S LABYRINTH

St. Luke's Labyrinth, which is located across the alley behind the church in the vacant grassy lot, is newly mowed and ready for use. The Labyrinth is found in many religious traditions in various forms around the world which date back thousands of years. St. Luke's labyrinth is available to anyone at any time. There is no one right way to walk the Labyrinth, just do so with an open heart and mind ready to receive whatever the Spirit has for you. Walking the path in silence, prayer and mediation can lead to a variety of experiences such as peace, healing, insight, courage, forgiveness, affirmation. Etc. Everyone's experience is personal and different. Guidelines for walking the labyrinth are available in the parish office. If you have questions about the labyrinth, please talk with Fr. Lee, 336-1212 or [leestephens@episcopalbartlesville.org](mailto:leestephens@episcopalbartlesville.org).



## YOUNG DISCIPLES ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

*The Young Disciples Youth Group  
meets every Wed., 6-8pm in  
Rodgers Hall*

**Wed., April 30:** Worship led by Youth. Game – "Would You Rather?" Other games as time permits.  
Dinner: Clark

**Wed., May 7:** Worship. Go-carts or Monopoly night if rained out.  
Dinner: Clem

**Sat., May 10:** Help move school supplies for Annual School Supply Distribution to Rodgers Hall.

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**LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE 4/27/08 through 5/4/08**

**Acolytes**  
**Sunday, April 27, 2008**  
**10:30 a.m.**

Server  
Dacus Doornbos  
Lauren Bradshaw

Crucifer  
Lauren Heald  
Torchbearers

Spencer Heald  
A. J. Clem

**Sunday, May 4, 2008**  
**10:30 a.m.**

Servers  
Audra Bridendolph  
Spencer Bridendolph

Crucifer  
Jack Wiseman  
Torchbearers  
Tom Wiseman  
David Wiseman

**Lessons for Sunday,**  
**April 27, 2008**

Acts 17:22-31; Psalm 66:8-20; 1  
Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21

**Hymns for Sun., April 27**

#179 – "Welcome, Happy  
Morning"  
#513 – "Like the Murmur of the  
Dove's Song"  
#516 – "Come down, O Love  
Divine"  
#455 – "O Love of God, How  
Strong and True"  
#423 – "Immortal, Invisible, God  
Only Wise"

**Layreaders**  
**Sunday, April 27, 2008**

**8:00am**

Kedy, P. Williams  
**10:30am**

Green, Watkins  
Currey, Beeman

**Sunday, May 4, 2008**

**8:00am**

Doty, Watkins  
**10:30am**

Stephens, Currey  
Boone, Grillot

**Greeters**

**Sunday, April 27, 2008**

**8:00am**

Elaine Ryan  
Volunteers needed, call  
336-1212

**10:30am**

Volunteers needed, call  
336-1212

**Sunday, May 4, 2008**

**8:00am**

Molly Ferguson  
Volunteers needed, call  
336-1212

**10:30am**

Glenn & Thelma Blackburn  
Jo Oertle  
Joe Robertson

**St. Luke's Bookstore**

*The Bookstore is open on  
Sundays between the two  
services and after the  
10:30 service.*

To volunteer, please call  
Cindy Brumley, 914-2144.

**Plate Counters**

**Sunday, April 27, 2007**

Grillot, Malone

**Sunday, May 4, 2007**

Mueggenborg

*Volunteers: Please make  
your own substitutions.*

**NEWSLETTER**

**DEADLINE**

Please have any  
information that you would  
like printed in *The Steeple*  
to the church office no later  
than Tuesdays, 12 noon.  
*Thank you!*

**Ushers**

**Sunday, April 27, 2008**

**8:00 a.m.**

Zervas, Babcock  
**10:30am**

McCreary, Grillot

**Sunday, May 4, 2007**

**8:00am**

Zervas, Gardner  
**10:30am**

Malone, Simmons

**Children's Chapel**

**April 27 – Zella & Tim Simmons**

**May 4 – Ellen Heald**

**May 11 – Megan Burnett**

**2008 ECW**

**Bereavement Committee**

**April**

Bonner, Harrison, Hoyt

**May**

Martin, Thomas, Winn

**June**

Foote, Megee

**Sunday Nursery Volunteers**

**April 27 – Cordy Liggett**

**May 4 – Zella Simmons**

**May 11 – Megan Burnett**

*Volunteers: Please make your  
own substitutions.*

