



# The Steeple

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**PENTECOST IS THIS SUNDAY, MAY 11.**  
**All are encouraged to wear red**  
**on this special feast day!**

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## Important Dates To Remember...

**Monthly Happy Hour**, Thurs., May 8, 6-7pm, Sterling's Grille Bar (see article this pg.)

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

**Senior Recognition Sunday**, May 18, both services, with reception in Metcalf Hall after 10:30 service (see pg. 3)

**Memorial Day**, Monday, May 25, church office closed.

The Day of Pentecost is a day of Christian celebration as we remember an event that occurred to the disciples 50 days after the Passover during which Jesus was crucified and 10 days after they watched Jesus literally ascend into the clouds. The disciples and followers had gathered in Jerusalem to celebrate the Jewish feast of Shavuot. While they were gathered there was a sound like a violent wind, then something that looked like tongues of flame came down and rested on each person's head. Christians consider the Day of Pentecost the birthday of the church because, from that moment on, the disciples carried the message of Christ everywhere they went all over the world. At St. Luke's it is a Pentecost tradition is to wear red to symbolize the tongues of flame and the Holy Spirit. Decorations on the Day of Pentecost are red to symbolize tongues of flame and the Holy Spirit; during the season of Pentecost they are green to symbolize the growth and life of the church. (Incense will be used at the 10:30 service.)

## MONTHLY HAPPY HOUR

Thursday, May 8, 2008, 6-7pm  
Sterling's Grille Bar

Join fellow parishioners for a time of appetizers and fellowship!  
Bring a friend!

(Happy Hour is always on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month.)



Mother's Day is Sunday, May 11

## From the Curate...

I am honored with the gift of this space to share with you. First, I am eager to use this opportunity to remind all of us of how blessed we are to have Fr. Lee and Lynda here at St. Luke's Episcopal Church. Each one of us can relate reasons and shared life incidents that endear Fr. Lee and Lynda to us. From the curate's view, I continue to be amazed at the tremendous advantage it is to work with Fr. Lee, a priest who has polished and mastered his professional talents AND has the heart and will to teach a new priest. By providing the curate's position, all of you are giving me a "jump start" that allows me to begin my priesthood with the lessons from Fr. Lee's past experience and to enter my priesthood "jumping ahead" to learn still other lessons from my own service. This is good stewardship of resources and effective strategy for enhancing the longevity and scope of benefits from quality clergy skills. Thank you, Fr. Lee. Thank you, Church.

Also, my heart is still full of appreciation for all that you have done to help me get settled here and to ease my relocation. When my children visited around Easter-time, I appreciated anew all that you have provided. I do believe we used everything you gave – "801" indeed offered a homey environment to share – the delight nurtured body, mind, and spirit. I just must use this space to say Thank You, once again. You provided a transition time full of thoughtfulness and caring that lingers still. Even though Bartlesville still holds much for me to discover, Bartlesville does feel like home. Thank you, Church.

Next, I mention something I want for you: I pray each one of you is in church somewhere this coming Sunday, Pentecost Sunday (even if it has to be TV church). Pentecost is often referred to as the "Birthday of the Church." It is a very special time in our liturgical calendar and there is a gift offered there for you that is part of our Lord's immeasurable love for each one of you. Don't miss it.

Now I know that many of you have received this gift before. I see evidence of this as I learn of your work with Concern, Agape Mission, Kane Tutoring, Martha's Task, Mary and Martha's, Samaritan Counseling, Habitat for Humanity, the Heifer Project, MDGs, Show of Hands, Kiva, Bartlesville Symphony and Choral Society, governmental structures, medical facilities, service arenas, business enterprises, public and private education, EFM, Circle of Friends and the many ministries internal and external to St. Luke's - and many other entities that assist others in our community and around the world toward wholeness of body, mind and spirit. You are out there, and in here, serving and helping and making a difference. AND, like the bud that needs water to fully bloom, you and I need worship along with our serving to fully be Christ's Body in the world. John 16 and 17, and Acts 2, in addition to the lectionary scriptures for the day, tell about the gift we will recognize in worship next Sunday. It is such an important gift. Calendar in worship for Sunday; receive this amazing gift again.

St. Benedict teaches us the wisdom of moderation and keeping life in balance. Midst everything, somehow, be in worship Sunday. Your gift will be named - it is a gift of utmost prestige, utilization and honored responsibility. I know that you are very busy people so I include this prayer to help you with your decisions from Sr. Margaret Brackett, O.S.M. about trusting God:

"I leave the past with you.  
I live the present for you.  
I entrust the future to you."  
Blessings,  
Mthr Mary Lou



## Calendar of Events

**Sunday, May 11, 2008**

*Pentecost & Mother's Day*

8:00am Rite I

9:15am Church School

10:30am Rite II

**Monday, May 12, 2008**

8:45am Morning Prayer

9:15am Church Staff Mtg.

5:30pm Holy Eucharist

7:15pm Vestry Mtg.

**Tuesday, May 13, 2008**

8:45am Morning Prayer

7:00pm Spiritual Disciplines Class, library

**Wednesday, May 14, 2008**

8:45am Morning Prayer

6-8pm Young Disciples, RH

7:00pm Choir

**Thursday, May 15, 2008**

6:45am Men's Fellowship

8:45am Morning Prayer

12:00pm Holy Eucharist

**Friday, May 16, 2008**

**Saturday, May 17, 2008**

**Sunday, May 18, 2008**

*Youth/Senior Recognition Sunday*

8:00am Rite I

9:15am Church School

10:30am Rite II

12:00pm Reception honoring Graduates, MH

**Monday, May 19, 2008**

8:45am Morning Prayer

9:15am Church Staff Mtg.

5:30pm Holy Eucharist

## CONCERN

### Volunteers Needed

This coming Saturday, May 10, is the Mail Carrier's Food Drive in the Bartlesville Area. If you can help any time between 10:45am and 5:30pm sorting food at the CONCERN Center, 333 S. Penn, it would be much appreciated.

Questions? Call Susan at CONCERN at 336-4693.



**REMINDER:  
Monthly Vestry Meeting is  
Monday, May 12, 7:15pm.**

## 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.)

Cathy, Mikayla, Kyle, Bryan, Jacob, Doug, 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))

## DISCIPLESHIP FORUM

Sunday, 9:15am, Metcalf Hall

This Sunday, May 11 we will continue with the topic of the study of illegal immigrants crossing our southern border. We will view portions of the DVD "Endless Exodus." Fr. Lee has challenged us to view the people and issues it presents through "Christ's eyes" and from "Christ's perspective" explore possible responses. We are collecting a lot of information and sharing opinions and perspectives. It is still hard from a "Christian" perspective to frame all of this into a response that will reflect Christ in the world.



## LET'S SAVE ENERGY!

When you are the last to leave a room or the church building, please be a good steward and turn out the lights, turn up the A/C or turn down the heat! This will keep the church's utility costs down and also help conserve our earth's precious resources!! Thank you!

*The Church Staff*

## SENIOR RECOGNITION SUNDAY is May 18

On Sunday, May 18, our graduating seniors will speak and be recognized at both the 8am and 10:30am services. The Young Disciples youth group will also be helping with lay leadership responsibilities during both services.



Following the 10:30 service, everyone is invited to a reception in honor of our 2008 Graduates in Metcalf Hall. Everyone is invited to join us in congratulating them on their special day.

## UNITED THANK OFFERING

Many thanks to those who brought their offerings of thanks this past Sunday for the United Thank Offering. If you were unable to be in church this last week, you may still bring your "Thank Offering" to the church office or place your contribution in the collection for the next several weeks. Your contribution will be combined with those of other Episcopal Parishes nationwide and be used to further the mission and ministry of the church here in the U.S. and the world. *Many Thanks!!*



## New Hope Sunday, May 18

It is estimated that at least 25,000 children in Oklahoma have one or both parents in prison. Children who have a parent in prison are seven times more likely to become incarcerated themselves. Oklahoma incarcerates more women per capita than any other state. But there is Hope! New Hope! Our mission: Through hope and opportunities for children of prisoners, New Hope creates positive, productive, contributing members of society. New Hope accomplishes its mission through its summer camping programs, year round activities, retreats and case management for the families. In all of its activities, New Hope emphasizes the Good News of God in Christ proclaiming Christ's unconditional love through word and example. New Hope seeks to serve Christ in all persons, especially those who have no voice in our society. These children who have a parent in prison are voiceless.

New Hope provides five "promises" that all children need to become successful adults: Effective education, caring adults, healthy development, safe places with constructive use of time and an opportunity to help others. But we can't do this without your help. It will cost \$50,000 to put on five weeks of quality programming for over 100 children this summer. Episcopal Churches around the state will be celebrating New Hope Sunday, May 18. Please pray for our children and consider making a generous donation to end the cycle of generational incarceration and give these children a chance at a productive life. If you would like to provide transportation or volunteer a week of your time at one of these camps, contact Judy Gann, 918-361-3903 or Angela Helt, 405-366-7606. To learn more about our programs, visit our website, [www.newhopeoklahoma.org](http://www.newhopeoklahoma.org). If you would like to make a contribution, make your check out to St. Luke's, with "New Hope" in the memo.

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## LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE 5/11/08 through 5/18/08

**Acolytes**  
**Sunday, May 11, 2008**  
**10:30 a.m.**

Server

Jennifer Simmons  
Shawn Clem

Crucifer

Nicole Simmons

**Sunday, May 18, 2008**  
**10:30 a.m.**

Servers

Kyle Beeman

Crucifer

Deanna Boone

**Layreaders**  
**Sunday, May 11, 2008**  
**8:00am**

Beeman, Birk  
10:30am

Watkins, Grillot

P. Williams, Wesneski

**Sunday, May 18, 2008**  
**8:00am**

Currey, S. Williams

10:30am

Grillot, Wesneski

Grillot, Kedy

**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, May 11, 2007**  
Malone

**Sunday, May 18, 2007**  
Thomas, Ramzel  
*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, May 11, 2008**  
**8:00 a.m.**

Kemp, Gardner  
10:30am

Blackburn, Ferguson

**Sunday, May 18, 2007**  
**8:00am**

Zervas, Kemp

10:30am

Bonner, Clark

**Children's Chapel**  
**May 11** – Megan Burnett  
**May 18** – Tracy Harlow  
**May 25** – Zella & Tim Simmons

**2008 ECW  
Bereavement Committee**  
**May**  
Martin, Thomas, Winn  
**June**  
Foote, Megee

**Sunday Nursery Volunteers**  
**May 11** – Barbara Todd  
**May 18** – Megan Burnett  
**May 25** – Cordy Liggett  
*Volunteers: Please make your  
own substitutions.*

**Lessons for Sunday,**  
**May 11, 2008**

Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34,  
35b; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13;  
John 20:19-23

**Hymns for Sun., May 11**

#225 – "Hail Tee, Festival Day"

#507 – "Praise the Spirit in  
Creation"

#508 – "Breathe on Me, Breath  
of God"

GATHER #190 – *Spirit of God  
Within Me*"

#473 – "Lift High the Cross"

**Greeters**  
**Sunday, May 11, 2008**  
**8:00am**

Don & Cheri Doty

Judy Currey

10:30am

*Volunteers needed. Call  
church office, 336-1212.*

**Sunday, May 18, 2008**  
**8:00am**

Marybelle Thomas

Sue Glass

10:30am

Betty Hardin

Debbie & Dennis

Mueggenborg



