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Important Dates To Remember...

Church School Classes for Pre-K thru 5th grade begin, Sunday, August 24, 9:15am, 2nd floor

Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 1, church office closed

Young Disciples Lock-In Fri., Sept. 19 (see pg. 3)

ECW Luncheon & Program, Monday, Sept. 15, 11:30am, Metcalf Hall

ECW Semi-Annual Rummage Sale, Fri.-Sat., Oct. 3-4

CHURCH SCHOOL CLASSES FOR PRE-K THRU GRADE 5 BEGIN THIS COMING SUNDAY, AUGUST 24! WE'LL BE MEETING UPSTAIRS ON THE SECOND FLOOR - CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU!

CONVENTION 2009 OPPORTUNITIES

November 19-21, 2009

Committees Chairs/Members

Fr. Lee Stephens, Rector

Tri-Chairs: Jo Baughman, Kris Bonner, Scot Harlow

Treasurers: Debbie & Dennis Mueggenborg

Scot Harlow's Group

Thursday Dinner
Cindy Brumley, Chair

Friday Lunch
Ada & Jim Grillot, Chairs

Friday Banquet
Karole Cozby, Chair

Hospitality Rooms
Wendy Hall, Chair

Jo Baughman's Group

Saturday Wrap-Up Luncheon
Cheryl Babcock, Chair

Exhibits & Vendors
Melinda Wesneski, Chair

Friday Eucharist, St. Luke's
Fr. Lee Stephens, Chair

Morning Prayer, BCC
Fr. Jose McLaughlin, Chair

Clergy Spouse Event
Debbie Konieczny,
Honorary Chair

Kris Bonner's Group

Registration
Kathy Zervas, Chair

Pages/Tellers
Steve Clark, Chair

Greeters/Guides
Connie/Doug Freebern,
Chairs

*Convention Office/
Parish Operations*
Linda Cabbage, Chair

This is the organizational chart for the 2009 Diocesan Convention which will be held in Bartlesville November 19-21 next year. The planning has already begun as we prepare to "watch" the convention committee at All Soul's in Oklahoma City who is host of the convention this year. Then we will be on our own in getting ready for 2009. This chart is on a bulletin board in the hallway at church. You may volunteer to help by signing up at the church or calling a committee chairperson. Some committees will need more help than others and people may want to sign up for two responsibilities. This is early in the process and plans can change, but express your interest and support now. We are going to have a great convention.

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP FORUM

Sunday Mornings, 9:15am, Metcalf Hall

For the past several months, we have been reflecting and discussing the lives of the "greater and lesser" saints of the Christian tradition. We are considering their lives, prayers and favorite scriptures and reflecting on how they inform our journey in Christ. This Sunday, August 24, Fr. Lee Stephens will lead the study and discussion on St. Bartholomew and St. Athanasius.

FROM THE



RECTOR

St. Luke's Daily Devotions is a new feature on the opening page of St. Luke's website (www.episcopalbartlesville.org). The prayers and Gospel lesson come from Morning Prayer in the Daily Office. These are followed by a brief devotional thought for day. Initially, these are being written by members of St. Luke's staff. However, if anyone in the parish would enjoy writing reflections for the day, please get in touch with me. This portion of the Daily Devotions may be a quote, a story, an interpretation, a reflection, a prayer – anything that will provide a bit of encouragement and inspiration for the day.

Morning Prayer has been my primary spiritual discipline for many years. My consistency has varied at times but I have always understood the importance of daily readings, prayer and meditation. So, if you use this spiritual tool or any other on a daily basis, know that I am also seeking to "know and be known by God" – to live into Christ and allow Christ to live in me more and more – to grow in the image of Christ on my journey. How wonderful it is to journey together – even by way of the internet!

Grace Notes, a pastoral blog, may also be found on the opening page of St. Luke's website. I started talking about this about two years ago. How do I know? Well, at that time I asked for stories I could use in the Grace Notes and several people sent me their personal stories. I had saved them in my email and they were dated 2006!

So, at last here it is and I am still open to personal stories – stories of experiencing grace in your life – experiencing Christ in and around you. I will also use this space to answer questions people ask along the way – or you can enter a comment and ask your question. At times I may share quotes and observations which I hope will be helpful.

Suggestions, questions and stories are certainly welcome.

(Several people have asked me about the HMR Diet which has been very helpful for Lynda and me. I have posted the information on the Grace Notes for last Sunday.)

Retreat in Daily Life is a seven-month spiritual journey of transformation using the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius. Participants must spend an hour of prayer and reflection each day for the thirty-week journey. They will meet weekly with others who are on the same journey. Twice a month they will meet with a spiritual director who will provide support, insight and direction in making the journey.

Currently we have six persons who are prepared to make the commitment to participate in the Retreat in Daily Life at St. Luke's. If you are interested in the experience or have questions, please give me a call. The first step toward participation is an interview to determine whether this is right for you at his point in your spiritual journey. The Retreat will begin in October. The interviews are now being scheduled. Give me a call (336-1212) or email (leestephens@episcopalbartlesville.org) to start the process.

Blessings,

Fr. Lee +



Calendar of Events

Sunday, August 24, 2008

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

Monday, August 25, 2008

8:45am Morning Prayer
9:15am Church Staff Mtg.
5:30pm Holy Eucharist

Tuesday, August 26, 2008

8:45am Morning Prayer

Wednesday, August 27, 2008

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

Thursday, August 28, 2008

6:45am Men's Fellowship
8:45am Morning Prayer
12:00pm Holy Eucharist

Friday, August 29, 2008

Saturday, August 30, 2008

Sunday, August 31, 2008

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

Monday, September 1, 2008

Labor Day, church office closed
5:30pm Holy Eucharist

Tuesday, September 2, 2008

8:45am Morning Prayer
9:15am Church Staff mtg.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN'S SEMI-ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE

Friday – Saturday,
October 3 & 4 in Rodgers Hall

If you have clothes, furniture, household items, books, etc. to donate, you may bring your tax deductible donations to the church any time M-F, 8am-4pm. All proceeds go to ECW Outreach Projects. We do ask that all items that you donate be clean, in good condition and working order. Questions? Call Kate Carroll, 336-5445 or Sharon Schilling, 337-2107.

NURSERY WORKER POSITION OPEN

Help wanted: An individual who loves and cherishes babies and toddlers! The church nursery is in need of someone who can work every Sunday for 3-4 hrs. (and very occasional evenings) in our nursery. This is a paid position. Please contact our nursery supervisor – e-mail burnettmk@yahoo.com, or call 876-4116, or 815-2815, or the church office, 336-1212.



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.)

Patty, Leah, Bob, Tracy, Stoney, Mark, Melissa, David, Mary Martha, Phillip, Elisabeth, Bishop Robert M. Moody, Warren, Jennifer, Joyce, Ralph, Annie, Brenda, Bob, Cathy, Lois, Katherine, Steve, Ally, Gene, Tim, Terri, Patti, Sperry, Marty, Jeremy

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

Thank You, St. Luke's, from All 1,699+ Students

Dear St. Luke's Members,

Fr. Lee devoted quite a bit of space last week detailing the activities of the Washington County School Supply Drive. Now that the 4-day sprint is behind us, all of us at the WCSSD want to thank everyone at St. Luke's for the huge amount of support you again provided this year. From the hundreds of dollars in donations to letting the project virtually take over the downstairs for 3 days straight, there is no way we can thank you enough.

This year, we provided 1,699 full backpacks and provided as many supplies as possible for an additional 140 students. The "organized chaos", as some call it, was a joy to be a part of, especially on Sunday when over 200 people showed up to pack the backpacks in record time. The project raised about \$20,000 this year. While this is short of our goal, we should be able to take advantage of most of the back-to-school sales. For that, we are most grateful. We are seeing more and more people wanting to be a part of the project each year but the commitment from St. Luke's year after year cannot be matched. To borrow Susie Clark's quote from last year: "Well done, good and faithful servants."

To see details on this year's drive, including photos, go to:
www.packthebackpacks.org.

Melinda Wesneski

FAVORITE HYMNS FOR SUNDAY

Have you enjoyed singing favorite hymns of your fellow parishioners? It is a special privilege to be allowed to "peek" into another person's soul through their choices of hymns, texts and tunes. St. Luke's is indeed blessed with people of deep and abiding spiritual conviction and the hymns of our faith and heritage are gifts for the expression of that faith. Thanks be to God for the gift of music, musicians, and hymn text writers! Sunday, Aug. 24th, "favorite hymns" include: "How Great Thou Art", specifically requested by Amy and Brad Borg and probably a favorite of many others; "One Bread, One Body", requested by Penny Williams and also a favorite of the YD.



You are invited to continue sharing your favorite hymns for consideration in the planning of music for our Sunday Eucharist. Dolores keeps a record of all suggestions! So, if your favorite hymn(s) selection has changed a lot in the past few years, you need to get it updated! Sing and rejoice!

Choir rehearsals have begun! And what a wonderful choir we have! We are preparing to begin singing as "the choir" on Sunday, August 31st. When is the "right time" to begin singing in the choir? Now! Rehearsals: Wednesday evenings – 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. in the Choir Room.

It's EFM Time!

If you are already in Education For Ministry, it's time to re-enroll for the next year!
7:00 PM, Thursday, September 4th
Metcalf Hall

Join Us for Dessert

If you have been thinking about expanding your ability to approach more life situations from a theological perspective, or you have been wanting to dig deeper into the Bible and its application to your life, it's time to take the next step and expose yourself to the possibilities and opportunities EFM provides. This may be your year!

If you have or have not heard of EFM and have no idea what it is, but would like to know more about it, you're in luck!

EFM (Education for Ministry) is a course of study that opens the Bible to you, that teaches a method of theological inquiry that enables you to better apply the teachings of scripture to everyday situations and immerses you in a fun, loving community of seekers who are committed to taking their faith journey to the next level.

Come to an introductory coffee, tea and dessert gathering Thursday, Sept. 4, Metcalf Hall to learn more. Meet the mentors who aid you in your explorations, present students, other inquirers and past graduates who will gladly tell you of their own experiences.

Present students will be able to enroll and others who wish to enroll will be helped to do so. See you there!



**YOUNG DISCIPLES YOUTH GROUP MEETS ON
WEDNESDAYS, 6-8PM, RODGERS HALL BEGINNING 8/27!!
SUPPER & ACTIVITIES EVERY WEEK!!
COMING SOON: OVERNIGHT LOCK-IN AT THE CHURCH
FRI. SEPT. 19 6PM – SAT., SEPT. 20, 8AM. CALL BOB, 333-7758.**

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LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE 8/24/08 through 8/31/08

Acolytes
Sunday, Aug. 24, 2008
10:30 a.m.
Servers
 Lauren Bradshaw
Crucifer
 Lauren Heald
Torchbearers
 Spencer Heald
 Katie Todd
Sunday, Aug. 31, 2008
10:30 a.m.
Server
 Spencer Bridendolph
Crucifer
 Nicole Simmons

Lessons for Sunday,
Aug. 24, 2008
 Exodus 1:8—2:10; Psalm 124;
 Romans 12:1-8;
 Matthew 16:13-20.
Hymns for Sun., Aug. 24
 #581 (text) – "Where Charity
 and Love Prevail"
 #513 – "Like the Murmur of the
 Dove's Song"
 "How Great Thou Art"
 GATHER #346 – "One Bread,
 One Body"
 #525 – "The Church's One
 Foundation"

Layreaders
Sunday, Aug. 24, 2008
8:00am
 Watkins, Doty
10:30am
 Green, Currey
 Grillot, Beeman
Sunday, Aug. 31, 2008
8:00am
 Birk, P. Williams
10:30am
 Watkins, Grillot
 Currey, S. Williams

Greeters
Sunday, Aug. 24, 2008
8:00am
 Elaine Ryan
10:30am
Volunteers needed,
call 336-1212
Sunday, Aug. 31, 2008
8:00am
 Bob Baughman
 Gretchen Hoyt
10:30am
Volunteers needed,
call 336-1212

St. Luke's Bookstore
*The Bookstore is open on
 Sundays between the two
 services and after the
 10:30 service.*
Sunday, Aug. 24, 2008
9:15-10:15am
 Barbara Martin
11:30am-12:30pm
 Barbara Martin
Sunday, Aug. 31, 2008
9:15-10:15am
Volunteer needed
11:30am-12:30pm
Volunteer needed
 To volunteer, please call
 Cindy Brumley, 914-2144.

Plate Counters
Sunday, Aug. 24, 2008
 Grillot, Malone
Sunday, Aug. 31, 2008
 Grillot
*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, Aug. 24, 2008
8:00 a.m.
 Zervas, Babcock
10:30am
 McCreary, Grillot
Sunday, Aug. 31, 2007
8:00am
 Zervas, Gardner
10:30am
 Mueggenborg, Birk

Children's Chapel
*Children's Chapel starts again
 on Sunday, August 24*
Aug. 31 – Volunteer needed!!
*Call Megan, 876-4116 or 815-
 2815*
Sept. 7 – Ellen Heald
Sept. 14 – Tracy Harlow

**2008 ECW
 Bereavement Committee**
August
 Ferguson, Schilling, Sparks
September
 Blackburn, Liehr
October
 Hall, B. Martin

Sunday Nursery Volunteers
Aug. 24 – Cordy Liggett
Aug. 31 – Tracy Harlow
Sept. 7 – Zella Simmons
*Volunteers: Please make your
 own substitutions.*