



The Steeple

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MEXICO MISSION PRAYER CALENDAR

From July 4 – 11, twenty mission volunteers will be in Piedras Negras, Mexico for a spiritual retreat and to build a house with a family. We will be working with Constructores Para Cristo (Builders through Christ). **We ask you to pray for the team's travel and our time in Mexico.** Please pray for our team members: Steve, Susie & Robert Clark, Tim & Nicole Simmons, Jeff Birk, Bob Wesneski, Jim Grillot, Lisa Beeman, Nancy Megee, Shawn Clem, Scot & Hayden Harlow, Brad & Anneke Borg, Liz & Emma Cone, Fr. Lee Stephens, Mike & Lauri Watkins.



July 4, Saturday Volunteers will travel from Bartlesville to San Antonio. Pray for our travel and our time spent together. May God prepare each team member to grow, to be part of a team, to experience a foreign culture.

July 5, Sunday We will worship in San Antonio and then drive to Piedras Negras. Pray for our safe journey, a painless border crossing and that the team will be healthy and well rested. Pray for those at CPC who have prepared the work site for us.

July 6, Monday Start building the house. This is a heavy work day with much that needs to be done. Pray that our volunteers will be of one mind and work together as a unit. Pray that we see God at work today.

July 7, Tuesday Complete building the walls of the house. This day is a little lighter than Monday. The doors and windows are fitted. Pray for the Mexican family who will live in this house. They work with us and rejoice at what God is doing.

July 8, Wednesday The bond beam around the top of the house is poured in the morning. The afternoon is free for sightseeing, shopping and recuperating! Pray for rest for aching bodies. Pray also that our eyes would be opened to the life that is lived by our brothers and sisters in this community and that we will see the face of Jesus among them.

July 9, Thursday The roof panels are installed and the gaps around the roof are filled in. Pray that our health will continue to be good and that the building is on schedule.

July 10, Friday The house is dedicated to the family. Any delays in building are caught up. Give thanks for God's work that has been done here. Pray that God will continue to bless this family and their neighborhoods.

July 11, Saturday We do the long drive home, leaving before dawn. Pray for safe and attentive driving. Pray for each individual's reflection on what they have experienced over the past week and that all will continue to "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." (2 Peter 3:18).

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Important Dates To Remember...

Mexico Mission Trip, Sat., July 4 thru Sat. July 11 (see article this pg.)

Monthly Happy Hour, Thursday, July 9, Price Tower Copper Restaurant Bar, 6-7pm

Monthly Vestry Meeting, Monday, July 13, 7:15pm



Church Office
will be closed
Friday, July 3



The Blessing of Mthr. Mary Lou Sunday was HUGE!!! To have that many people in worship and at the Toast and Roast Potluck in the middle of summer was a real affirmation of Mary Lou and her ministry with us. The whole experience was enriched with the Baptism of Avery and Stephen and the commissioning of the Mexico Mission Team.

Mary Lou started the Toast and Roast by not showing up for the 8:00 Eucharist until about 8:20! From there we soared with laughter and appreciation following a great lunch. The gifts were so appropriate in thanking and blessing Mary Lou. The framed “retired Altar Guild linen” was gorgeous. The Purse (cash gift) is well over \$2,000 which will be a big help in her moving expenses. Topping it all off is the quilt put together by Susie Clark – what a gift!

Once again I marveled in seeing what a marvelous parish you are. Yes, Mthr. Mary Lou was a loving Presence in our midst for two years and I am grateful. On Sunday morning I witnessed an overflowing of love toward her that will forever bless her ministry wherever she goes – what a wonderful reflection of our parish. Naming all the people who made the Toast and Roast happen would be impossible. Thanks to everyone who had a hand in pulling the experience together. (Well, I should mention that Dr. Dean Zervas reached an all-time high with his gift.)

Off to Piedras Negras, Mexico We leave at 6:30 on Saturday morning. You can follow the events and progress of the week using the schedule on page one of this newsletter. Keep it where you can see it every day and pray for the Mission Team and our Mexican Family. Indeed, I hope when Friday comes you will be celebrating with us the dedication of the new house.

No promises, but I am hoping we can send news by way of my blog, “Grace Notes,” of our progress and our experience. The internet connections can be a bit “iffy” at best, but we will try. So check the Grace Notes on the opening page of St. Luke’s website – www.episcopalbartlesville.org.

Mthr. Andrea Jones and Deacon Doug Freebern In my absence, Andrea and Doug will respond to any pastoral needs. You may reach them through the parish office (336-1212) or by cell: Andrea 918-213-5138 or Doug 914-0525. They will also know how to reach me if needed, but I am confident that my clergy friends will be responsive to the needs of our parish while I am gone to Mexico and the remainder of my Sabbatical.

Blessings,

Fr. Lee+

Calendar of Events

Sunday, July 5, 2009

8:00am Rite I
9:15am Discipleship Forum
10:30am Rite II

Monday, July 6, 2009

5:30pm Holy Eucharist

Tuesday, July 7, 2009

4-7pm Yoga Classes, Rm. 217

Wednesday, July 8, 2009

Thursday, July 9, 2009

6:45am Men’s Fellowship
12:00pm Holy Eucharist
4-7pm Yoga Classes, Rm. 217

Friday, July 10, 2009

Saturday, July 11, 2009

Mission Trip Team returns

Sunday, July 12, 2009

8:00am Rite I
9:15am Discipleship Forum
10:30am Rite II

Monday, July 13, 2009

5:30pm Holy Eucharist
7:15pm Vestry Mtg.

Tuesday, July 14, 2009

4-7pm Yoga Classes, Rm. 217

With Sympathy

Sincere sympathy and prayers to family and friends of *Mrs. Betty Little*, who died on Monday, June 29. Funeral Services for Mrs. Little are Thursday, July 2 at 1:00pm at St. Luke’s.

Sympathy also to Mrs. Katherine Powell (2390 Mountain Dr., 74003) on the death of her mother, *Katherine Birkner*, on June 24. Funeral services for Mrs. Birkner were held at St. Luke’s on Friday, June 26, 2009.

SUMMER ADULT DISCIPLESHIP FORUM

Mthr. K. Andrea Jones, our new Assistant to the Rector, will lead our discussion of “The Gospel Proclaimed and Applied”, every Sunday in July at 9:15am in Metcalf Hall. We are reviewing and considering the Gospel reading for the next Sunday, the context, background meaning and ways to apply the message for life in today’s world. The Gospel for next week that we will be reviewing on Sunday, July 5 is Mark 6:14-29.

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.)

Kenneth, Millie, Rob, Tammy, Kylee, Randy, Allison, Moon, Jim, Durl, Ralph, Nancy, Margaret, Lou Ann, Kelly, Nathan, Evelyn, Casey, Erin, Lynna, Mark, Penny, Lynda, Jennifer, Doug, Jan, Jeremy, Byron, Lane

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@sbccglobal.net)

CONCERN FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

Canned/Jar Goods:

Green beans, corn, black-eyed peas, pinto beans, soup, spaghetti sauce, tomatoes, fruit, stew/chili, ravioli/spaghetti-o's, peanut butter, jelly, juice.

Meats:

Ground turkey, hot dogs, ground beef.

Dairy:

Butter, eggs

Dry goods:

Boxed macaroni/cheese, cold cereal, hot cereal, dry milk, instant potatoes, flour, sugar, rice, saltines, Jell-O, pudding

Pastas:

Ramen noodles, elbow macaroni, spaghetti

Toiletries:

Soap (bar), toothpaste/tooth brushes, shampoo, toilet paper



You may leave your donations of non-perishable items in the box under the coat rack outside of Metcalf Hall.

Perishable food items should be taken to the

CONCERN Center, 333 SW Penn.

Monetary donations are always welcome and can be mailed to CONCERN, P. O. Box 404, Bartlesville, OK 74005.

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE!

www.episcopalbartlesville.org

Keep up with activities here at St. Luke's by logging on to our website. The weekly *Steeple* newsletter is posted, along with the monthly calendar and various Episcopal links, plus different ministries and opportunities.

FAVORITE HYMNS

The Simmons family – Tim, Zella, Jennifer & Nicole – are to be commended for taking the organist/choir director seriously when she requests "Favorite Hymns"! They are first to submit their list and the dates when they will most likely be in church for Sunday Eucharist. Way to go, Simmons family!

Now it is your opportunity to suggest hymns you'd really like to sing for our Sunday Eucharists. And, yes, Christmas carols are perfectly suitable as "favorites"! Remember the easy-to-follow-rules:

(1) hymns from available hymnals/books require no more than your selections and a list of Sundays you plan to be in church (those books are in the office for you to consult)

(2) hymns/songs not found in available hymnals need to have some reference so we can access them

(3) get the information to Dolores sooner rather than too late: dolores@episcopalbartlesville.org or leave your list in the church office.

The singing for the next summer weeks will be up to the congregation! Our devoted choir will be on their regular "summer sabbatical". You will hear many of the voices of choir members in the congregation. So join your voices for a wonderful song of praise and rejoicing!



Mthr. Mary Lou's NEW ADDRESS:

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76TH GENERAL CONVENTION of The Episcopal Church

July 8-17, 2009

Anaheim, California

The 76th General Convention is July 8–17 and thousands of Episcopalians will meet to worship, deliberate and work together for the future of the Church. This will be a great celebration of who we are as a Church in God's Kingdom which happens every three years. This is also a time of tension and hope as issues concerning our life together are addressed. There will be life after the convention, but what happens in Anaheim will shape the direction of the Church.

The General Convention is worthy of our prayers and attention. Pray that God's Spirit will bless and guide all who meet to worship and do the work of the Church. The General Convention is also worthy of watching in order to learn more about the Church as well understand what will be coming out of the convention. Printed materials will be available in the Narthex this Sunday which give a good overview of the convention. In addition, the internet will be full of information as well as misinformation. Keep track yourself through the official links starting at www.episcopalchurch.org/gc2009.htm.

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LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE 7/5/09 through 7/12/09

Acolytes
Sunday, July 5, 2009
10:30 a.m.
Servers
Nicole Simmons
Deanna Boone
Crucifer
Tom Wiseman
Sunday, July 12, 2009
10:30 a.m.
Servers
Shawn Clem
Spencer Bridendolph
Crucifer
Lauren Heald
Torchbearers
A. J. Clem
Hayden Harlow

Lessons for Sunday,
July 5, 2009
2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10; Psalm
48; 2 Corinthians 12:2-10;
Mark 6:1-13
Music for Sunday,
July 5, 2009
#594 – "God of Grace and God
of Glory"
#679 – "Surely It Is God Who
Saves Me"
#719 – "America the Beautiful"
#178 – "Alleluia! Sing Praise to
the Risen Lord"
#718 – "God of Our Fathers"

Layreaders
Sunday, July 5, 2009
8:00am
S. Williams, L. Watkins
10:30am
Beeman, Wesneski,
Boone, P. Williams
Sunday, July 12, 2009
8:00am
Kedy, P. Williams
10:30am
S. Williams, Sparks
L. Watkins, M. Watkins

Greeters
Sunday, July 5, 2009
8:00am
Molly Ferguson
10:30am
Glenn & Thelma Blackburn
Jo Oertle
Joe Robertson
Sunday, July 12, 2009
8:00am
Don & Cheri Doty
Judy Currey
10:30am
VACANT

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 Gasior, 914-2144;
Melinda Wesneski,
333-7758 or
Barbara Martin, 336-8445.*

Plate Counters
Sunday, July 5, 2009
Debbie & Dennis
Mueggenborg
Sunday, July 12, 2009
Jim Malone
*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, July 5, 2009
8:00 a.m.
Zervas, Gardner
10:30am
Malone, Simmons
Sunday, July 12, 2009
8:00am
Kemp, Gardner
10:30am
Blackburn, Ferguson

Children's Chapel
No Children's Chapel during the
summer months.

**ECW Bereavement
Committee**
July
Freebern, Liggett
August
Ferguson, Schilling, Sparks

Sunday Nursery Volunteers
July 5 – Zella Simmons
July 12 – Barbara Todd
July 19 – Megan Burnett
*Volunteers: Please make your
own substitutions.*