



The Steeple

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All Church Rally Day Breakfast Sunday, September 12

9:00-10:00 a.m.

Metcalf Hall

Prepared and Hosted by Our Clergy

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Important Dates



To Remember

- Labor Day**, Monday, Sept. 6, church office closed (*see pg. 2*)
- All Church Rally Day Breakfast**, Sunday, Sept. 12, 9-10am, Metcalf Hall
- Church School Classes begin**, Sunday, Sept. 12
- ECW Semi-Annual Rummage Sale**, Thurs.-Fri., Sept. 30-Oct. 1, Rodgers Hall

Everyone is invited to enjoy a delicious breakfast served from 9-10am on Sunday, September 12 in Metcalf Hall in



celebration of Rally Day, the beginning of Church School, Children's Chapel and other parish activities for the fall. Our own St. Luke's clergy, Fr. Lee Stephens, Mthr. Stephanie

Mitchell, and Deacon Doug Freebern, will have breakfast ready for you at 9am in Metcalf Hall. Also at that time, everyone will have the opportunity to learn more about and sign up for a variety of St. Luke's outreach ministries.

Attention Children & Parents! You will not only be treated to a delicious breakfast, but after you eat, you are invited to go upstairs to the second floor to see your church school classroom and meet your teachers. **Children ages Pre-K through 12th grade** are welcome! There will be some fun surprises for everyone.



FROM THE RECTOR

The rain is ever so refreshing this morning. This helps me think of the end of summer and the renewal that comes with the fall season and a new

focus and routine. I am also aware that we won't have a newsletter next week. Ann is taking a well deserved break – she is special! So, I want to simply chat about a few things.

This Sunday the choir will be back from their well deserved break. I have missed them, but have been pleased to see them sitting in the Nave with their spouses to worship. In case you are not aware, the choir not only provides great music for our worship, but also assists in leading in the liturgy. They are truly worship leaders and I am grateful.

Rally day is just two weeks away. This non-liturgical feast day signals new beginnings. This is especially true for our children – my Youngest Friends. Church School and Children's Chapel will begin again. Mthr. Stephanie is working with the parents/teachers in getting things ready. I am mindful that she is looking for additional folks to volunteer to work with our children. Perhaps God is whispering to you... (See article on pg. 1 for details.)

Rally Day Breakfast from your Clergy – Doug, Stephanie and I, in a weak and/or crazy moment, decided to provide breakfast for the parish on Rally Day, September 12th, from 9:00 to 10:00. We want to thank the parish for letting us be your priests and deacon. This will also be an opportunity for people to sign up again to serve in one of our priority Outreach Ministries – Agape (preparing and serving food), Kane (reading mentors at Kane Elementary), CONCERN (variety of jobs such as the food pantry and intake forms) and Building Bridges (serving as an Ally, mentor and friend, for people moving out of poverty to self-sufficiency).

Bridges Out of Poverty Workshop – St. Luke's will host another Bridges Out of Poverty Workshop on Tuesday, September 7th at 6:00. We have been fully engaged for a year in Building Bridges and lives are being changed one by one. Ten graduates from "Getting Ahead" are in the Circles phase with Allies and twenty-five more are about to graduate! This is life changing not only for them but also for those who volunteer. In addition to our life together at St. Luke's, Building Bridges is one of the most significant experiences of my forty years of ministry. Come and see what it is about. If you see what is happening and how, you will want to be involved.

Spiritual Discipline Groups – I mentioned these last week, but I want to emphasize how important these can be in nurturing growth in our spiritual life which in turn enriches everything. The morning group meets weekly and will start again on Tuesday, September 7th, at 10:00 in the Library. The evening group meets every other Tuesday and will start again on September 21st at 7:00 in the Library. I am looking forward to another year in our journey together. These groups are open to anyone seeking to grow in Christ.

Getting to know You – I just met with a group of folks who want to help the parish enjoy each other more and feel more connected. Be watching for these opportunities in the newsletter and get them on your calendar. They are planning some great ways to meet new people as well as enjoy long-time friends.

Blessings,
Fr. Lee+

Calendar of Events

Sunday, August 29, 2010

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

Monday, August 30, 2010

8:45am Morning Prayer
5:30pm Holy Eucharist
6:00pm Church School Mtg.

Tuesday, August 31, 2010

4-7pm Yoga Classes, Rm. 217

Wednesday, Sept. 1, 2010

6-8pm Young Disciples, RH
7:00pm Choir

Thursday, Sept. 2, 2010

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

Friday, Sept. 3, 2010

Saturday, Sept. 4, 2010

Sunday, Sept. 5, 2010

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

Monday, Sept. 6, 2010

Labor Day, Church Office closed
5:30pm Holy Eucharist

Tuesday, Sept. 7, 2010

10:00am Spiritual Disciplines Group,
library
4-7pm Yoga Classes, Rm. 217
6-8:30pm Bridges Out of Poverty
Workshop, MH



No "Steeple" newsletter will be published the week of August 30. Your next issue will be mailed on Wednesday, September 8.

The Church Office will be closed on Monday, September 6 for the Labor Day Holiday. Holy Eucharist will be celebrated at 5:30pm as always.

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.)*

Sarah, Ben, Carmen, Sam, Bert, Walt,
Martin, Edress, Isaac, Anne, Shelby, Marty,
Virginia, Marjean, Nathan, Steve, Jean, Bill,
Michelle, Howard, Will, David, Laurel,
Roberta, Moon, Elizabeth, Jan, Joseph,
Brandon, Jeremy, Greg, Natalie

*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)*

Agape Mission's "Food 4 Kids" Program

The school year has begun! Many children in our area receive free meals at school every day. Agape Mission's "Food 4 Kids" program provides nutritional snacks for children over the weekends when they might not have any food in their home to eat. You may donate to the Food 4 Kids program by bringing items to church and placing them in the designated box outside of our nursery. Tammy Baughman, our nursery attendant, will take our donations to Agape. Items needed for this program are: cereal, cereal bars, raisins (snack sized boxes), cheese crackers, vanilla & chocolate puddings, (no refrigeration needed kind), fruit cups, sunflower seeds (shelled), fruit snacks, 100% Fruit Juice (individual boxes). Also needed are plastic grocery sacks. Thank you!

WELCOME BACK, CHOIR!

Sunday morning our choir will be returning to lead in the music for worship. Rehearsals have begun and we are ready to take our places in the chancel. The chancel is a really wonderful place to be on Sunday mornings! There's still room for others who like to sing to come sing with the choir. Rehearsals: Wednesday evenings, 7:00 – 8:30 in the 2nd floor Choir Room.



BRIDGES OUT OF POVERTY WORKSHOP Tuesday, September 7, 2010 6:00-8:30pm St. Luke's Metcalf Hall

This workshop leads to a better understanding of the nature of poverty, describes a process for helping people out of poverty and encourages restructuring community resources to facilitate and sustain self-sufficiency. The information is based on Bridges Out of Poverty by Ruby Payne, Philip DeVol and Terie Smith and provides an avenue for fulfilling our Baptismal Covenant. Bridges is being used all across the country, including Bartlesville, to help people trapped in poverty move toward self-sufficiency.

The Bridges Workshop is required for those wanting to volunteer in the Building Bridges Program in Bartlesville. Or, people may attend just to learn what this is all about. Volunteer opportunities include being an Ally (mentor), resource person, member of the organization's committees or promoter of Bridges and Circles.

If you have questions or want to sign up for the workshop, contact Fr. Lee: leestephens@episcopalbartlesville.org or 336-1212.

AN OPPORTUNITY TO HELP

In response to several inquiries as to how to help Greg Mueggenborg (son of Dennis & Debbie) and his family (who live in Tulsa) as he continues to struggle with a chronic health problem, it has been suggested that gift cards to Tulsa area restaurants would be very helpful to Greg and Shannon and their two young twins. Greg has sensitivity to certain foods, so here are a few restaurant suggestions: Jason's Deli, Qdoba, Panda Express, McDonalds, Goldie's or any pizza place. If you would like to help, please call or e-mail Laura Birk for further information and suggestions: powersbirk@cablone.net or 333-8089.

SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINE GROUPS

In September we will renew our two Spiritual Discipline Groups. The morning group will begin again on Tuesday, September 7 at 10am in the church library. This group meets weekly. The evening Spiritual Discipline Group meets every other Tuesday and begins again on September 21, 7pm in the church library. Both groups are open to anyone who wants to grow in Christ and in the company of other seekers. For more information, contact Fr. Lee at 336-1212 or leestephens@episcopalbartlesville.org.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED PRESENT

"Celebration of Biblical Women"

Fundraiser Barbeque Dinner, Thursday, September 16

CWU is sponsoring this event to raise funds for the Car Repair Fund. The fund began in 2006 after Bartlesville Regional United Way and the Washington County Public Health survey identified transportation as one of the top barriers that families face in accessing health care, maintaining employment and staying in school. CWU agreed to be the treasurer for the fund and to take an active role in fund-raising efforts.

Where: Adams Blvd. Church of Christ
3700 SE Adams Blvd.
When: 6:00pm, Thursday, September 16
Tickets: \$25 – available from Thelma Blackburn,
333-7902, or in St. Luke's church office



Proceeds from this benefit will fund the
"Wheels 2 Work Out of the Pits Onto the Road" Car Repair Fund

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Monday 5:30pm, Thursday 12pm

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LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE 8/29/10 through 9/5/10

Acolytes
Sunday, August 29, 2010
10:30 a.m.

Servers

Lauren Heald
Katie Todd

Crucifer

Katie Todd

Torchbearers

Grace Dixon
Anneke Borg

Sunday, Sept. 5, 2010
10:30 a.m.

Servers

Nicole Simmons
Lauren Heald

Crucifer

Lauren Heald

Torchbearers

Spencer Heald
Grace Dixon

Layreaders
Sunday, August 29, 2010
8:00am

Kedy, M. Watkins

10:30am

Sparks, S. Williams
Grillot, P. Williams

Sunday, Sept. 5, 2010
8:00am

P. Williams, Braden

10:30am

Kedy, Stephens
M. Watkins, L. Watkins

Scripture Lessons for
Sunday, 8/29/10

Jeremiah 2:4-13; Psalm 81:1,
10-16; Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16;
Luke 14:1, 7-14

Music for Sunday, 8/29/10

#610 (text) – "Lord, Whose
Love Through Humble
Service"

GATHER #71 – "Praise the
God of All Creation"

#665 – "All My Hope on God is
Founded"

GATHER #338 – "Taste and
See"

GATHER #343 – "Look
Beyond the Bread You Eat"

#494 – "Crown Him With Many
Crowns"

Plate Counters
Sunday, August 29, 2010

Jim Grillot

Sunday, Sept. 5, 2010
Volunteer needed.

Please contact Bob Wesneski,
333-7758

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!

St. Luke's Bookstore

The Bookstore is open
Sundays between the two
services and after the
10:30 service. All proceeds
from sales go to St. Luke's
Outreach Projects.

*To volunteer, you may call
Melinda Wesneski,
333-7758 or
Barbara Martin, 336-8445.

Greeters

Sunday, Aug. 29, 2010
8:00am

Bob Baughman
Gretchen Hoyt

10:30am

Becky & Jim Liehr

Sunday, Sept. 5, 2010

8:00am

Don Davidson
10:30am

Glenn & Thelma
Blackburn
Jo Oertle

Church Nursery
Volunteers

Aug. 29 – Volunteer needed

Sept. 5 – Zella Simmons

Sept. 12 – Barbara Todd

Volunteers: Please make your
own substitutions. To Volunteer,
or to be a sub, you may call
Tammy Baughman, 336-0126.

Ushers
Sunday, August 29, 2010

8:00 a.m.

Zervas, Gardner
10:30am

Mueggenborg, Birk

Sunday, Sept. 5, 2010

8:00am

Zervas, Gardner
10:30am

Malone, Simmons

Children's Chapel

will resume regular schedule on
Sunday, Sept. 12.

ECW Bereavement
Committee

August 2010

Ferguson, Schilling, Sparks

September 2010

Blackburn, Liehr

October 2010

Hall, Martin, Winters

Agape Mission
4th Thursday (8/26/10)

9am-11am

Fr. Lee, Jim Liehr

10:45am-1pm

Pam & Fred Pierce,

Wendy Hall, Molly Ferguson

1:00-2:45pm

Ellen Heald, Elsie Wodnik