



The Steeple

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DIOCESAN SUMMER CAMP INFORMATION

Just around the corner...

Believe it or not, it's time in to begin thinking about plans for the summer, and I'd love it for families, children, and youth of St Luke's to enjoy a week at diocesan camp.

Summer Camp, held at St. Crispin's just a few miles east of Seminole, begins in early June and runs for eight weeks. Graduates of grades 3-12 are eligible for the camping program. All camp sessions are coeducational.

Emphasis is placed on individual growth in a context of Christian community through relationships with other youth and adults, through religious education and worship, and through a variety of well-planned and supervised creative and recreational programs.

Here's this year's calendar:

June 5 – 11	Senior High Camp
June 12 – 18	8th and 9th Grade Camp
June 19 - 25	3rd, 4th, and 5th Grade Camp
June 26 – July 2	6th and 7th Grade Camp
July 3 – 6	Family Camp
July 8-9	ABC Camp for children 5 years of age through entering 3rd grade - overnight with a parent
July 10 - 16	3rd, 4th, and 5th Grade Camp
July 17 – 23	6th and 7th Grade Camp



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Important Dates To Remember

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper,
March 8, 5:30-7pm, Rodgers Hall
(see pg. 3)

Ash Wednesday, March 9, Holy
Eucharist at 7am, 12pm, 7pm (see
pg. 2)

Co-Ed Cursillo, March 24-27, St.
Crispin's Conference Ctr.

The cost for the entire week is \$275, and scholarships are available if needed. For general more information or to register, visit <http://www.episcopaloklahoma.org/camps/stcrispins.html>.

Give the experience of camp a thought for your loved ones - be it a child, children, grandchild, grandchildren, or your family. If you have any further questions about St. Crispin's send me an e-mail (smitchell@episcopalbartlesville.org), give me a call (336-1212), or talk to me after church some Sunday morning.

Stephanie+



Perhaps you read this letter to the editor in the EE on Monday (written last Wednesday). Ironically, we just got our gas bill – oh my! I cannot imagine what this must be like for people who are the “working poor” and their families. I invite you to read the letter and then read below what we do and can do at St. Luke’s to help those who are far less fortunate than ourselves.

Dear Editor,

So, do you think life has been hard with the extreme snow and cold? What do you think this has been like for someone with a minimum wage job who lost a lot of work hours when everything shut down? Not only did these neighbors who are the working poor of Bartlesville lose a lot of income in recent weeks, the unusually cold weather will have driven their heating bills out of sight.

No doubt these families are going to need extra help in March as the gas and electric bills come due. Those of us who are more fortunate and blessed need to help them. Since June some area churches have been “pooling” their money for the poor in what is called the Bartlesville Assistance Fund which is administered by CONCERN and the Salvation Army. This will not be enough with the rising bills and hardships for the poor in our community.

Please consider making a personal gift to help our “neighbors” through the Bartlesville Assistance Fund. Also challenge your church or civic organization to help in this pending crisis for many families in the community. Both CONCERN and the Salvation Army have methods of validating the need and tracking the assistance – you can trust them to be good stewards of your money and compassion.

Send checks for the Bartlesville Assistance Fund to CONCERN at 333 SW Penn, Bartlesville, 74003 (336-4693) or the Salvation Army at 101 N Bucy, Bartlesville, 74003 (336-6454).

*Thanks in advance – and Blessings,
Fr. Lee Stephens
St. Luke’s Episcopal Church*

Clergy Discretionary Fund Everyone should remember (or know) that one half of the cash in the offering each Sunday goes in the Clergy Discretionary Fund to help the poor (the other half toward the budget). Money from this fund is sent each month to CONCERN for the Bartlesville Assistance Fund. On the average this is about \$500 a month -- \$6,000 a year. People also make special gifts to the Clergy Discretionary Fund beyond the Sunday offering. A note in the memo on your check gets it to the right place.

Wouldn’t it be great to see more cash and checks in the offering for the next couple of months? We could really make a difference for families during this time in this way. I can’t ask the community or the parish to do this unless I am willing – and my check will be there. This seems like a “Christ-like” thing to do.

Blessings,
Fr. Lee+

Calendar of Events

Sunday, February 27, 2011

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

Monday, February 28, 2011

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

Tuesday, March 1, 2011

10:00am Spiritual Disciplines Group,
library

4-7pm Yoga Classes, Rm. 217

Wednesday, March 2, 2011

10:00am Yoga Class, Rm. 217
6-8pm Young Disciples, RH
7:00pm Choir

Thursday, March 3, 2011

6:45am Men’s Fellowship
9:30am Bible Study, library
12:00pm Holy Eucharist
4-7pm Yoga Classes, Rm. 217
5:30pm Bible Study, library

Friday, March 4, 2011

Saturday, March 5, 2011

Sunday, March 6, 2011

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

Monday, March 7, 2011

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



March 9

**The Liturgy for Ash
Wednesday and
Holy Eucharist
will be celebrated at:**

7:00 a.m.

12:00 noon &

7:00 p.m.

With Sympathy

Sincere sympathy and prayers to Doug & Jennifer McIver and family (2531 Westview Dr., 74003) on the death of Doug’s stepfather, Dennis Lukowski, on Monday, Feb. 21 in Kansas City, KS.

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.)

Bobby, Isaac, Maggie Mae, Mike,
Jessica, Ethan, Julie, Phil, Martin,
Marty, Jeff, Dianne, John, Earl,
Mary, Lindsay, Steve, Charles,
Judie, Loise, Chad, Edress,
Shelby, Marjean, Nathan, Jean,
Elizabeth, Will, Moon, Laurel,
Joseph, Brandon, Greg, 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)

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP FORUM

Sundays at 9:15am in
Metcalf Hall

Having explored the metaphors for
God—old, biblical, new and
possible—our attention goes to what
we believe and experience of God.
How does what we believe about God
work with our metaphors for God?
And, how do our metaphors reflect
our beliefs? Join us on Sunday
mornings as we continue our study &
discussion on the book *God the what?*
by Carolyn Bohler.



Church
Women United
announce

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER USA

Join us on Friday, March 4,
at Greater First Baptist Church,
216 SW 10th St., at 10am
as we count

“How Many Loaves Have You?”
and reach out our hearts and hands
in prayer to touch the lives of our
sisters and brothers in Christ
around the world.

Questions? Please call Thelma
Blackburn, 333-7902 or visit
www.wdpsa.org on the web.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL SUMMARY

January 2011

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Variance (unfav.)
Income			
Pledge Payments	25,869	26,833	(964)
Non-Pledge Payments	400	1,875	(1,475)
Other Income	6,342	6,497	(155)
Total Income	32,611	35,205	(2,594)
Expenses	26,345	24,060	(2,285)
NET INCOME/LOSS	6,266	11,145	(4,879)

St. Luke's – Transforming Hearts & Lives

What Saint Luke's Episcopal Church Means to Me

I came to St. Luke's to meet nice people. It's true! I wasn't looking for Christ at the time. I'd been raised Catholic, and left not only Catholicism but even Christianity for a long time because I had despaired from the rampant hypocrisy I noticed from so many people in various so-called Christian denominations. One day last year I noticed a void in my life. I felt that I needed to widen my society and meet new friends. I knew from experience they are not found in bars or shopping boutiques. Ironically and despite the reason I left church to begin with, I felt drawn to the knowledge that the best place to meet new friends would be in a church. Of course, I'd heard of the Episcopal Church. The Church had made news for being “too inclusive”. Certain people out there didn't like the Episcopal Church. They were just the kind of people I wouldn't want to meet anyway. So on the Fourth of July last year I attended St. Luke's for the first time. The sermon I heard and the warm welcoming I received made me realize not only that I had indeed found the nice people I was hoping to meet; through them, I had found the Christ I'd given up looking for to begin with. Thank you everyone at St. Luke's!

Jeanette Wishall



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper March 8, 5:30-7pm, Rodgers Hall

Come say goodbye to Epiphany
with a good helping of pancakes,
sausage, milk, coffee and juice.

The Young Disciples will be
serving an all-you-can-eat “breakfast
for dinner” on Tuesday, March 8 in Rogers Hall. Doors
open at 5:30 and we'll stay until around until 7:00 or
until the last person leaves, whichever comes last.
Donations will be accepted at the door!



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LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE 2/27/11 through 3/6/11

Acolytes
Sunday, Feb. 27, 2011
10:30 a.m.

Servers
Nicole Simmons
A. J. Clem
Crucifer
A. J. Clem
Torchbearers
Anneke Borg
Harald Borg

Sunday, March 6, 2011
10:30 a.m.

Servers, Crucifer,
Torchbearers
No schedule available
at this time

Layreaders
Sunday, Feb. 27, 2011
8:00am

L. & M. Watkins
10:30am
Johnson, Stephens
Wesneski, S. Williams
Sunday, March 6, 2011
8:00am
M. Watkins, Grillot
10:30am
Sparks, P. Williams
Johnson, Green

Scripture Lessons for
Sunday, 2/27/11

Isaiah 49:8-16a; Psalm 131;
1 Corinthians 4:1-5;
Matthew 6:24-34

Music for 2/27/11

#398 – "I Sing the Almighty
Power of God"
#617 (text) – "Eternal Ruler of
the Ceaseless Round"
GATHER #339 – "Life-Giving
Bread, Saving Cup"
#711 – "Seek Ye First the
Kingdom of God"
#493 – "O For a Thousand
tongues to Sing"

Plate Counters
Sunday, Feb. 27, 2011

Grillot, Malone
Sunday, March 6, 2011
Vacant, please contact Bob
Wesneski, 333-7758 or the
church office, 336-1212 to
volunteer.

Volunteers: Please make your
own substitutions.

Sunday Coffee Hour Treats
Feb. 27 – Cooper
March 6 – Rukovena
March 13 - Green

Call Maureen Forsythe,
914-3320, to volunteer

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please have articles 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, Feb. 27, 2011

8:00am
Sally Canfield
10:30am
D. J. & Jerry Nezam
Frank & Karen Rukovena
Sunday, March 6, 2010

8:00am
Don Davidson
10:30am
Glenn & Thelma
Blackburn
Jo Oertle

Church Nursery
Volunteers

Feb. 27 – Cordy Liggett
March 6 – Zella Simmons
March 13 – Barbara Todd
*Volunteers: Please make your
own substitutions. To Volunteer,
or to be a sub, you may call
Tammy Baughman, 440-8088.*

Ushers

Sunday, Feb. 27
8:00 a.m.
Babcock, Zervas
10:30am
Grillot, McCreary
Sunday, March 6, 2011
8:00am
Zervas, Gardner
10:30am
Malone, Simmons

Children's Chapel

Feb. 27 – Tim & Zella Simmons
March 6 – Rosy Zuklic
March 13 – Amy Borg
*Volunteers: Please make your
own substitutions. To Volunteer,
or to be a substitute, call Mthr.
Stephanie Mitchell, 336-1212 or
405-850-3321.*

ECW Bereavement Committee
February 2011

Volunteers needed.
*Contact church office, 336-1212
or Sharon Schilling, 337-2107 to
volunteer*

March 2011
Sydney Beasley, Sue Glass,
Rusty Hoff

Agape Mission
4th Thursday (2/24/11)

9am-11am
Fr. Lee, Jim Liehr
10:45am-1pm
Pam & Fred Pierce,
Wendy Hall, Molly Ferguson,
Deborah Cooper
1-2:45pm
Maureen Forsythe
Ellen Heald