

The Steeple

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IT'S TIME TO "PACK THE BACKPACKS"

The Washington County School Supply Drive is Upon Us!

Supplies Staging Day: Saturday, August 6 from 9:00am to 12noon at St. Luke's. (Come and help carry a bunch of pencils and paper.)

Packing Day: Sunday, August 7 from 1:30 to 5:00 and 6:00pm to 9:00pm at St. Luke's (Come pack the backpacks and put them in order).



Distribution Day: Monday, August 8 from 8:00am to Noon, 1:00pm to 6:00pm at St. Luke's (Come watch the faces of some VERY happy kids and parents). Monetary contributions welcome – Just drop in the collection plate on Sunday.

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Important Dates To Remember

- Farewell Reception for Joan Packer, Sun., Aug. 7 (see article this pg.)
- Washington County School Supply Distribution, Mon., Aug. 8
- CONCERN'S Annual "Duck Dip" Fundraiser, Sat., Aug. 13 (see pg. 3)
- First Day of School in Bartlesville, Wed., Aug. 17

Please Join Us...!

FAREWELL RECEPTION FOR JOAN PACKER

Sunday, August 7, in Metcalf Hall following the 10:30am service



Joan Packer, a longtime member of St. Luke's, and the widow of The Rev. Brian Packer, Rector of St. Luke's from 1978 through 1989, will soon be moving to the St. Louis area to live closer to her daughter.

Joan has been active in the life of St. Luke's parish for many years. She has numerous dear friends who will miss her very much! Please take this opportunity to visit with Joan before she moves to her new home.



I just returned from Ring Lake Ranch, Wyoming (temps in the upper 40's at night and lower 80's for a few minutes in the day). Sunday, I described the setting of a cabin on a mountain lake, a lot of wildlife (plus horses), hiking trails, extended quiet time and much more. The setting is ideal for retreat through the day and conference time in the evening.

The conference was led by Dr. Diana Butler Bass who specializes in American religion and culture and is author of seven books including her best selling Christianity for the Rest of Us. Living in Washington D.C. she is an oft used resource person for public media and is much in demand for mainline churches including the Episcopal Church – plus she is one of us.


In addition to being familiar with her work, I was intrigued by the title and description for the conference – “Being Spiritual & Religious: From Cultural Mantra to Lived Reality.” *“Every recent survey shows that conventional religion is in serious decline; at the same time, people express high levels of enthusiasm for spirituality. What do these trends really mean? Can we learn from the spiritual longings in our culture? Over the week, we will explore the big picture of how religion is changing and the dimensions of emerging spirituality as well as what those changes might mean to our own journey, faith communities, and politics.”*

Explore we did. Diana Butler Bass is remarkably informed and enlightened. And, at the heart of her presentations and sharing was a spirituality that is encouraging and hopeful. That is a rare combination in my experience and more of what we need to see in shaping the future of the Church.

The limited space of my column isn't sufficient to explain all I heard and learned. But then, much of what happened is more in the realm of sharing and experience. In the coming months I will be sharing more in variety of ways – Vestry, sermons, planning, staff, teaching, etc. At this point I would simply add, the experience was very affirming in terms our parish and how we are evolving spiritually. More to come.

Personal Note: Next Sunday we will be saying goodbye to Joan Packer. The time has come for her to move to St. Louis near her daughter. Joan is not only the widow of The Rev. Brian Packer, Rector of St. Luke's, 1978 – 1989, she has also been a pillar of the parish for many years through her own faithfulness. Please join me on Sunday in honoring her at a special reception following the 10:30 service in Metcalf Hall.

Blessings,
Fr. Lee+



Calendar of Events

Sunday, August 7, 2011
8:00am Rite I
9:15am Discipleship Forum, MH
10:30am Rite II
12:00pm Reception for Joan Packer, MH
1:30-6pm Backpack Packing & Setup

Monday, August 8, 2011
8am-6pm School Supply Distribution, MH
8:45am Morning Prayer
9:15am Church Staff Mtg.
5:30pm Holy Eucharist
7:15pm Vestry Mtg.

Tuesday, August 9, 2011
9am-3pm School Supply Distribution, MH
10:00am Spiritual Discipline Group, library

Wednesday, August 10, 2011
10:00am Regional Clericus Mtg., St. John's, Vinita

Thursday, August 11, 2011
6:45am Men's Fellowship
12:00pm Holy Eucharist

Friday, August 12, 2011

Saturday, August 13, 2011
9am-5pm Scrapbooking, RH

Sunday, August 14, 2011
8:00am Rite I
9:15am Discipleship Forum, MH
10:30am Rite II

Monday, August 15, 2011
8:45am Morning Prayer
9:15am Church Staff Mtg.
5:30pm Holy Eucharist

Tuesday, August 16, 2011
10:00am Spiritual Direction Group, library

SCRAPBOOKING GROUP TO MEET

**Saturday, August 13
9am-5pm, Rodgers Hall**

Scrapbookers or those who would like to start! Scrapbook Day at St. Luke's, August 13, 9am-5pm, in Rodgers



Hall. Scrap all day or for just a couple of hours! Bring your projects and supplies, we'll supply the tables and even a few tools for you to experiment. If you have never scrapbooked before, bring your photos and we'll show you how to start. Questions? Contact Penny Williams, 918-336-2925, or email: oklaborn@sbcglobal.net

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.)

Greg, Bill, Camden, Ed, Sydney, Hilary, Joan, Ruth, Amelia, Charley, Marie, Adrian, Stan, Jennifer, John, Garry, Margaret, Betty, Shauna, Nora, Loren, Jan, Elaine, Cindy, Isaac, Bobby, Julie, Steve, Charles, Judie, Jean, Will, 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)

CONCERN'S ANNUAL "DUCK DIP" FUNDRAISER

Saturday, August 13
at Frontier Pool,
(corner of Virginia Ave. &
Frank Phillips Blvd.)
7:00-9:00pm



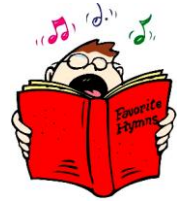
Be ready to swim and listen to great Christian Rock music by The David Baughn Band. No outside refreshments allowed, but the concession stand will be open. Bring folding chairs & towels. Over 30 prizes to be given away – no need to be present to win! Tickets are \$10 and available from

Tim Simmons or Jim Liehr.

This is CONCERN's primary fundraiser of the year. All proceeds benefit the Food Pantry and the Child Learning Center.

FAVORITE HYMNS

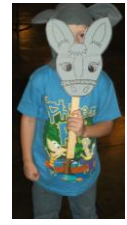
Favorite hymns for Sunday, August 7, include hymns and songs chosen by: Matt Beck, Juanita Green, Mary Alice Hoff, Joan Packer, and Penny Williams. Two more Sundays in August remain for "favorite hymns". It's not too late to get your favorites on the list of possibilities!



The final Sunday in August (the 28th) will be "Christmas Carols in August". Favorites? Let Dolores know! If you don't, she'll choose all of her own favorites and that might mean we'll sing a long, long time!!

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS ACT OUT THE STORY OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN...AND MORE!

We acted out the Samaritan story in our own words and actions. Then those who observed the parable who were not mentioned in the story were interviewed.



On a previous Wednesday, Richard Jenkins helped us to see the windows in the church with new eyes and from that inspiration we created our own windows with personalized symbols.



Some of our "Wonderful Wednesday" participants also were a part of the 10:30 Eucharist on "Wonderful Sunday", July 31. We enjoyed banana split sundaes in Metcalf Hall after the service during our coffee fellowship time.

SUMMER ADULT DISCIPLESHIP FORUM
Spiritual Cinema Circle Films and Discussion
Sundays, Metcalf Hall, 9:15am

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LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE 8/7/11 through 8/14/11

Acolytes

Sunday, August 7, 2011
10:30 a.m.

Servers

Katie Simmons
Katie Todd

Crucifer

Katie Todd

Torchbearers

Grace Mitchell
Max Mitchell

Sunday, August 14, 2011
10:30 a.m.

Servers

Jack Wiseman
Tom Wiseman

Crucifer

Dave Wiseman

Layreaders

Sunday, August 7, 2011
8:00am

Birk, S. Williams
10:30am

M. Watkins, Green
Wesneski, P. Williams

Sunday, August 14, 2011
8:00am

P. Williams, Birk
10:30am

Stephens, L.. Watkins
M. Watkins, Green

Scripture Lessons for **Sunday, 8/7/11**

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28; Psalm
105:1-6, 16-22, 45b; Romans
10:5-15; Matthew 14:22-33

Music for 8/7/11

#636 – "How Firm a
Foundation"
#397 – "Now thank We All Our
God"
"Let Us Talents and Tongues
Employ"

WLP #763 – "As We Gather At
Your Table"
#473 – "Lift High the Cross"

Plate Counters

Sunday, August 7, 2011
Sunday, August 14, 2011

Jeanette Wishall
Jim Malone

Volunteers: Please make your
own substitutions.

Sunday Coffee Hour Treats

All upcoming Sundays are
open. Sign up sheet is in the
Metcalf Hall kitchen.
Please sign up!

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please have articles that you
would like printed in *The*
Steeple to the church office no
later than **Tuesdays at 10am.**
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, August 7, 2011
8:00am

Don Davidson
10:30am

Glenn & Thelma
Blackburn
Jo Oertle

Sunday, Aug. 14, 2011
8:00am

Don & Cheri Doty
10:30am

Truly Johnson
Carolyn Lawrence

Church Nursery **Volunteers**

August 7 – Zella Simmons
August 14 – Barbara Todd
August 21 – Natalie Conner
Volunteers: Please make your
own substitutions. To Volunteer,
or to be a sub, you may call
Tammy Baughman, 440-8088.

Ushers

Sunday, August 7, 2011
8:00 a.m.

Gardner, Zervas
10:30am

Malone, Simmons

Sunday, August 14, 2011
8:00am

Gardner, Kemp
10:30am

Blackburn, Ferguson

Children's Chapel

Children's Chapel will not meet
during the summer months.

ECW Bereavement **Committee** **August 2011**

Kris Bonner, Molly Ferguson,
Sue Sparks

September 2011

Thelma Blackburn, Becky Liehr

Agape Mission **2nd Thursday (8/11/11)** **9am-11am**

Cheri Doty, John McCollum
10:45am-1:00pm
Becky Liehr, Rita Childers,
Marcia Zervas, Kathy Zervas,
Rusty Hoff
1:00-2:45pm
Sharon Schilling,
Melinda Droegge