

The Steeple

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ALL-PARISH RALLY DAY BREAKFAST Sunday, Sept. 11 ,9:00-10:15am Metcalf Hall

Prepared and Hosted by our Clergy

Everyone is invited to enjoy a delicious breakfast served from 9-10:15am on Sunday, September 11 in Metcalf Hall in celebration of Rally Day, the beginning of Church School, and other parish activities for the fall. Our own St. Luke's clergy 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.



JUST IN CASE YOU MISSED IT!!

Save the date --- March 3rd (or thereabouts) because that's when Richard and I will be parents. Yes ... I'm pregnant (starting my 15th week this past Sunday). The time has arrived and we couldn't be more thrilled.

I'm a couple of weeks into what many refer to as the "golden era" -- the second trimester, and thus far, for the most part, it's proving to be much more enjoyable than the first.

I am requesting your prayers, if you're so inclined, throughout the pregnancy. The experience is already teaching me new things about mortality and my limits (i.e. I'm not superwoman) and an even greater reliance on God (at times I'm a bit of a slow learner, I must confess) and it comforts me to know my journey and learning is wrapped in the prayers you send forth.

I'm thankful to share the news so I can add your love and support to the growing list of things I've yet to experience until I became pregnant.

With a full and thankful heart,
Stephanie (Richard and CoCo too!)

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Important Dates

To Remember

- Rally Day Activities & All Church Breakfast, Sun., Sept. 11 (*see article this pg.*)
- Vestry Mtg., Mon., Sept. 12, 7:15pm
- Sunday, Sept. 18, Pre-K – 12th grades Church School classes begin
- ECW Luncheon & Program, Mon., Sept. 19, 11:30am (*see pg. 3*)



This Sunday, September 11, is Rally Day – the unofficial feast day for the start of fall and much more. And, Sunday is the tenth anniversary of Nine-Eleven – an unspeakable day of terror and a pivotal time in a decade of change. We will celebrate and remember both Rally Day and Nine-Eleven.

Deacon Doug and I invite everyone to come and enjoy breakfast in Metcalf Hall from 9:00 to 10:15am. Mthr. Stephanie will be away for the ordination of a friend back in the northeast. We hope this will be a great time for our parish family to enjoy each other – with this weather we may be in the Courtyard.

There will be displays concerning the key ministries St. Luke’s supports – Agape, Kane Reading Mentors, CONCERN Volunteers and Bridges Mentors/Allies. Of course, there will also be an opportunity to sign up for one or more of these important personal outreach opportunities. Also, the sermon on Sunday will be presented by people who have been giving themselves through these ministries to touch to lives of others.

Of course this is a time for us to bless and love our children as Church School begins again. A great lineup of teachers is ready to nurture them in the Christian faith. Mthr. Stephanie has done a great job of training, organizing and motivating our volunteer staff and setting the stage for our children. This will be a great year for everyone!

The Kite of the Holy Spirit will lead the procession as we celebrate the Holy Eucharist. Rally Day is a day of new beginnings for all of us as we lean into God’s future for us – growing in Christ and with Christ reaching out to others – within our Community of Faith and in the community of Bartlesville.

At the same time, we must remember Nine-Eleven – the lives that were lost and the lives that were touched and changed by the events of that day. We will begin our Holy Eucharist with the Penitential Order. This is often done in the Anglican Tradition when there is a concern, crisis or conflict be it local, national or worldwide. We humble ourselves before God asking for mercy and direction. We will also have prayers for those who died on September 11, 2001, for those whose lives were touched to what ever degree by the events and for our country and world.

I said all I want to say about these events in the sermon last Sunday which can be found at our website – which is true for every Sunday. This Sunday we will “celebrate and remember” in the context of the Holy Eucharist through which God will beckon us to follow in the way of Christ – the way of Love that is of God and transforming for us and our world – if we choose to believe and live.

May God continually awaken us to Hope, Love, and Joy – to Life.

Blessings,

Fr. Lee +

Calendar of Events

- Sunday, September 11, 2011**
 8:00am Rite I
 9:15am All Parish Breakfast, MH
 10:30am Rite II
- Monday, September 12, 2011**
 8:45am Morning Prayer
 9:15am Church Staff Mtg.
 5:30pm Holy Eucharist
 7:15pm Vestry Mtg.
- Tuesday, September 13, 2011**
 10:00am Spiritual Discipline Group, library
- Wednesday, September 14, 2011**
 6-8pm Young Disciples, RH
 7:00pm Choir
- Thursday, September 15, 2011**
 6:45am Men’s Fellowship
 12:00pm Holy Eucharist
- Friday, September 16, 2011**
- Saturday, September 17, 2011**
- Sunday, September 18, 2011**
 8:00am Rite I
 9:00am Church School
 10:30am Rite II
- Monday, September 19, 2011**
 8:45am Morning Prayer
 9:15am Church Staff Mtg.
 11:30am ECW Program & Luncheon, MH
 5:30pm Holy Eucharist
 6:15pm Altar Guild Mtg.
 7:00pm Martha’s Task Board Mtg.
- Tuesday, September 20, 2011**
 10:00am Spiritual Direction Group, library

CONCERN THANKS ST. LUKE’S

Thank you so much for your generous giving of food and cash for CONCERN’s pantry – it was looking pretty bare. It means so much to those in need and, unfortunately, the need is growing. We always see an increase of clients during the summer months, but this year was 10% higher than last year. Many of our clients are coming for the first time. Usually the numbers drop off in August but this year we served more clients August than any month in the last 4 years. Your generosity made a big difference feeding the hungry in their time of need. And, we all had so much fun with our Christmas in August celebration! Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Tim Simmons
 Vice President

Jim Liehr
 CEO

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.)

Chris, John, Alex, David, Noelle, Robert, Janice, Greg, Linda, Bill, Camden, Hilary, Marie, Stan, Margaret, Nora, Loren, Jan, Isaac, Bobby, Steve, Charles, Jean, Will, Joseph, Brandon, Greg, Jeremy

If you have a prayer request, please call or e-mail our Prayer Ministry Coordinators:

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TPBGEN@aol.com) or

Richard Chamberlain (333-5591,

Deaconrc@sbcglobal.net)

SAFEGUARDING GOD'S CHILDREN

Sept 24, 1:00-4:30pm or Oct 15, 9am to 12:30pm

If you are a Vestry member or if work with children in the nursery, Sunday School, Children's Chapel, or Young Disciples youth group, you are required by the Diocese of Oklahoma's canons to take this training every four years to maintain an awareness of policies in place to protect our children. The training is offered on either of the following dates, Saturday, Sept. 24 from 1-4pm OR Saturday, Oct. 15 from 9am-12:30pm.



If you are on the Vestry and/or work with children and youth and *you've taken this class within the past four years, you are current* (see me if you have a question about whether or not your time to renew has arrived) and *you DO NOT need to take* this half-day training at this time. Send Mthr. Stephanie an email to register at smitchell@episcopalbartlesville.org.

Episcopal Church Women

Luncheon & Program

Monday, September 19


11:30am

Metcalf Hall

\$8.00/person

We will be serving a catered lunch for \$8 a person. We will have an exciting guest speaker yet to be announced. Stay tuned!

All women of the church and their guests are invited to attend.



There will be no "Steeple" newsletter sent out next week (Sept. 14) while the editor is out of the office. The next issue will be sent out on Wednesday, September 21. Thank you!

ST. LUKE'S SUPPER CLUBS

St. Luke's Supper Clubs are a great dining/friendship experience and an opportunity to get to know more people in our St. Luke's family. The Clubs meet about once a month in a member's home to share a meal together. The Host/Hostess for a given month provides the main course and assigns others in the group to bring accompanying dishes, wine, etc. If you do not wish to host the gathering in your own home, you can use the church facilities or just eat out at a favorite restaurant. The main idea is to get acquainted and/or reacquainted with others in the parish family.

Anyone interested in being a part of this year's supper clubs will need to turn in their names soon as group assignments will be made by September 19. Send your names to Deborah Cooper to deborahjcooper@yahoo.com or phone her at 918-766-5135.

♪ COME, SING, & WORSHIP! ♪

The privilege to select hymns and songs for our common worship is one that your organist/choir director takes seriously and with prayerful thought. The first step in selecting hymns is the reading of the scripture appointed for the service for which music is needed. Using various guides which cross-reference Biblical texts with hymns, the next step is to select hymn texts which will help the worshipper to consider more deeply the intent of the Bible reference. Care is also given to selecting hymn tunes which will offer a variety of well-known, newer tunes worthy of learning, "ancient-time-tested", and tunes more suited to the "folk" genre. A congregation is, after all, a congregate of various musical backgrounds and experiences!

Music for the 13th Sunday of Pentecost, 2011 may have proven to be a bit more difficult as we are also to be in prayer and remembrance of the events of 10 years ago, 9/11/01. The lectionary for this Sunday provides opportunity to both celebrate the weekly remembrance of Easter as well as this 10-year remembrance of another kind of crucifixion.

Consider: the story in Exodus of God's parting the sea, allowing His people Israel to escape from their enemies; the admonition in Romans to not pass judgment on others....each of us will be accountable to God; and, in Matthew, the question Peter asked, "...how often should I forgive?"

Come, sing and worship with us as we seek to reach ever more deeply into the wondrous Word of God.

Dolores McCreary, Organist/Choir Director



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LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE 9/11/11 through 9/18/11

Acolytes
Sunday, Sept. 11, 2011
10:30 a.m.

Servers
Jack Wiseman
A. J. Clem
Crucifer

Dave Wiseman
Sunday, Sept. 18, 2011
10:30 a.m.

Server
Lauren Heald
Crucifer
Anneke Borg
Torchbearers
Spencer Heald
Harald Borg

Layreaders
Sunday, Sept. 11, 2011
8:00am

Grillot, P. Williams
10:30am

L. Watkins, Sparks
Johnson, Wesneski
Sunday, Sept. 18, 2011
8:00am

Birk, Kedy
10:30am

S. Williams, Stephens
Wesneski, M. Watkins

Scripture Lessons for
Sunday, 9/11/11

Exodus 14:19-31; Psalm 114;
Romans 14:1-12; Matthew
18:21-35

Music for 9/11/11

#435 – "At the Name of Jesus"
#674 – "Forgive Our Sins"
GATHER #350 – "We Will Rise
Again"
#490 – "I Want to Walk As a
Child of the Light"
#544 – "Jesus Shall Reign"

Plate Counters
Sunday, Sept. 11, 2011

Malone

Sunday, Sept. 18, 2011
Steve Clark

Volunteers: Please make your
own substitutions.

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, Sept. 11, 2011
8:00am

Don & Cheri Doty
10:30am

Truly Johnson
Carolyn Lawrence

Sunday, Sept. 18, 2011
8:00am

Sue Glass
10:30am

Maureen & Steve
Forsythe

Church Nursery
Volunteers

Sept. 11 – Barbara Todd
Sept. 18 – Natalie Conner
Sept. 25 – Cordy Liggett
*Volunteers: Please make your
own substitutions. To Volunteer,
or to be a sub, you may call
Tammy Baughman, 440-8088.*

Ushers

Sunday, Sept. 11, 2011
8:00 a.m.

Gardner, Kemp
10:30am

Blackburn, Ferguson
Sunday, Sept. 18 2011
8:00am

Kemp, Zervas
10:30am

Bonner, Clark

Children's Chapel

Sept. 11 – Amy Borg

Sept. 18 – Jerry Beal

Sept. 25 – Natalie Conner

ECW Bereavement
Committee

September 2011

Thelma Blackburn, Becky Liehr

October 2011

Barbara Martin, Nancy Winters

Agape Mission

2nd Thursday (9/8/11)

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 Droeger