



The Steeple

St. Luke's Episcopal Church
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CHURCH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY PORTRAIT APPOINTMENTS

Portraits Taken Sept. 13-15

We're bringing a professional company in to take pictures and WE WANT YOU! The St. Luke's 2016 directory goes live September 13-15 from 2pm-9pm each of those days. What we need: for you to sign up for one of those days! There will be sign-up sheets available after both services for you to pick your appointment time. Thank you to all who have already signed up! You may bring props, pets, but leave your frowns at home. After your picture is taken, you'll be escorted to the Common Room upstairs (Rm. #217) to view your photos. You will have the option to pick one of the photos for free—yes, FREE—and you will also have the opportunity to purchase picture packages for Christmas gifts, personal memory or any other reason you can think of. Pricing guides will be available upon sign up. For any questions please call, email, Facebook or carrier pigeon Fr. Sean at 580-977-4969, seanekberg@episcopalbartlesville.org or seanekberg@gmail.com.



We need **everyone** to sign up for a time because we want **all of you** to be in the new directory! If for some reason you cannot be present at those times, don't fret—additional dates are available on September 27th-October 1st and October 4th-October 8th. These sessions will be held at East Cross Methodist Church. Thank you everyone!

Fr. Sean,

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Important Dates To Remember

Church Pictorial Directory photo appointments, Tues.-Thurs., Sept. 13-15. (see article this pg.)

Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 5, Church Office Closed, Holy Eucharist 5:30pm

Twice Blessed Sale, Fri. & Sat., Sept. 23-24. (see pg. 3)

SUNDAY SCHOOL IS IN SESSION...!

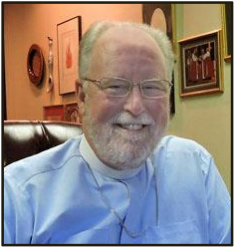
Rise and Shine and Give God the Glory.....and join us for Sunday School! We have a place for ALL. If your child is age 4 - Jr. High, class will start with Ms. Dolores in the Common Room #217 upstairs. Our Senior High class will begin Sept. 11th, but until then they are joining our adult class in Metcalf Hall. Classes end at 10:15.

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| Pre-K-2 nd grade: | Godly Play 1 |
| 3 rd -5 th grade: | Godly Play 2 |
| 6 th -8 th grade: | Jr. Bible Study |
| 9 th -12 th grade: | Sr. Bible Study |



If you have any questions, Please call Erin Perry at 918-766-6166.

From the Rector...



The Sitting Room There is no official title for the space, but functionally it is a sitting room just outside of the Vesting Sacristy – or to put it another way, the room across the hallway from the elevator. The space has been empty for quite some time waiting for the planning and decorating. Well, it has happened.

Marcia Zervas and Cindy Gasior put everything together last Thursday and Friday – and it looks great. The actual “Sitting Room” was done in memory of Sperry Zervas and Cheryl Babcock. The décor is both tasteful and functional. The room may be used by anyone for quiet, rest and/or waiting. You will likely see Layreaders and Clergy using the room while waiting for the Sunday services to begin. Through the week the space may be used for reading and prayer.

The wall opposite the Sitting Room has two curio cabinets which were given in memory of Dr. Vern and Doris Lockard. The primary purpose is to store the Prayer Shawls. The shawls are made by women of the church to be given to people going through difficult times. They bring wonderful warmth and colors to the cabinets. The upper portion of the cabinets are displays of reflecting our parish life and history – some of which came from my office.

The blessing will occur sometime in the near future, but this gift is available now for viewing and use. Enjoy! Thanks to Marcia and Cindy.

Surely the Presence of the Lord is in the Place That is how I felt on Sunday and was reflected in many ways. Children were everywhere with smiles and energy as classes started up again and a bunch of them were there for the Children’s Homily. The Christmas music in August was a hit again – great fun. People seemed to enjoy seeing the ministry displays in Metcalf Hall. Of course everything was building toward Sunday evening and the gathering of the Parish Family to hear from the Search Committee.

Where I really sensed the presence of the Lord was in the celebration of the Holy Eucharist – specifically in the sermon – not because of me, but through the people in the congregation. This was prompted by simply asking a great Cursillo question – “How have you experienced Christ recently?”

We have done this before and each time people have responded in beautiful ways – spontaneously without time to think about it. People were open and giving as they shared their “Christ experiences.” I love the “panentheistic” view of God – the Spirit of God is present in all of creation, in every relationship and circumstance, and in everyone whether they know it or not. We just need to be aware and intentional in seeking Christ wherever we are.

When I learned twenty years ago to ask the question “How have you recently experienced Christ?” a whole new world of spiritual specificity opened up for me – and I felt it again on Sunday. I am so grateful. You will be too when you learn this spiritual discipline and share it with others.

Blessings,
Fr. Lee,

Weekly Activity Calendar

Sunday, August 28, 2016

8:00am Rite I

9:15am Sunday School Classes

10:30am Rite II

Monday, August 29, 2016

9:30am Church Staff Mtg.

5:30pm Holy Eucharist

Tuesday, August 30, 2016

10:00am Spiritual Discipline Group,
library

Wednesday, August 31, 2016

6-8pm Young Disciples, RH

7:00pm Choir

Thursday, September 1, 2016

6:45am Men’s Fellowship, MH

12:00pm Holy Eucharist

7:00pm Bible Study, MH

Friday, September 2, 2016

Saturday, September 3, 2016

Sunday, September 4, 2016

8:00am Rite I

9:15am Sunday School Classes

10:30am Rite II

Monday, September 5, 2016

Labor Day, church office closed

5:30pm Holy Eucharist



The **ADOOR ST. LUKE’S** project actually began Monday, August 22 when the contractor removed the CHAPEL DOOR and installed a temporary door. Please pay attention to the sign on the temp. door, which can only be opened from the inside **IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY**. The original door is now at the contractor’s local shop, undergoing inspection and then refurbishment. It is expected it will not be back in its rightful place for about two weeks. Then the contractor will move on to other doors that have been adopted. At this point there are three doors that no one has expressed interest in adopting. They are the Sacristy, Sound System, and North Utility doors. Please check the bulletin board in the hallway for more details or contact me at 918-336-1212 for any questions. This is exciting stuff!

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ST. LUKE'S PRAYER LIST

Please keep them in your prayers
*Names on the Prayer List are rotated
off every 4 weeks. If there is need for
continued prayers, please let us know.)*
Helen, Robert, Doug, Jaden, Steve,
Mary, Elizabeth, Emma, Lida, Bid, Jim,
Scott, Georgia, Glenn, Shelly, Max,
Dortha, Cory, Jean, all members of our
armed forces and their families.
*If you have a prayer request, contact
our Prayer Ministry Coordinator
Thelma Blackburn 918-333-7902 or
TPBGEN@aol.com or the church office
at 918-336-1212 or
annbell@episcopalbartlesville.org.*

CONCERN CENTER FUNDRAISER ~ BROADWAY & BRUNCH!

with Merwin Foard
Join us for an afternoon of
Food, Music and Humor as New York
City Broadway Actor and Disney
Vocalist Merwin Foard performs songs
from
*West Side Story, Annie, Les Miserables,
The Sound of Music, Oklahoma!,
The Addams Family, and many more!*
12:30pm Social
1:00pm Brunch
Sunday, Sept. 11
Hillcrest Country Club
\$80 per person (\$50 tax deductible)
Reserved Tables for 8 upon Request
For Ticket Information call
Freda Bretz, 918-335-1151 or
email taximom228@aol.com
Proceeds support the operating of the
CONCERN Child Learning Center and
Food Pantry

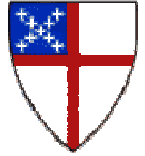
Welcome back



Our wonderful choir will be back in
the Chancel this Sunday ready to
lead the congregation in making
beautiful music! We are always
eager to welcome new singers!
Rehearsals – Wednesday, 7 p.m.



PARISH SURVEY RESULTS



The results of the Parish Survey were presented and discussed at the Parish Meeting on Sunday, August 21st.

We posted the presentation of the results on the St. Luke's website at <http://episcopalbartlesville.org/>. Just click on "Search Committee Update". We encourage every member of the St. Luke's family to take a few minutes to review these interesting and thought-provoking survey results.

If you are unable to access the presentation on our website, we would be happy to print out a copy and send it to you. Just contact the Church Office.

If you have any questions about the survey results, any additional issues and concerns, or ideas to add to the search process, feel free to contact any member of the Search Committee personally or as a group at our email address Stlukessearch2016@gmail.com.

We continue to ask you to pray for the Search Committee and Vestry during our discernment process for St. Luke's next rector.

We are a strong, active and engaged church family doing good and important things. We have so much to do today and more to plan for tomorrow. And, we have so much for which to be thankful.

God's love truly is celebrated and shared at St. Luke's!

Twice Blessed Sale

St. Luke's much anticipated 3rd annual *new and improved* rummage sale is fast approaching its **Friday & Saturday, Sept. 23 & 24** date. Now is not too early to begin looking through closets, cabinets, storerooms & shelves to find household items with some *life left in them* but which you no longer use.

When to bring your *rummage*? It would be very helpful if you wait until the week before or even Monday or Tuesday the week of the sale to bring your items to the church. However, if you need to bring things before then, please contact one of the committee members listed below for instructions.

Please NO computers or printers; NO appliances or electrical gadgets that are NOT in working order; NO cleaning supplies or opened bottles of toiletries, etc. NO clothing.

If what you are considering *rummage* is something you would probably throw away, then that's most likely what we will have to do if it comes our way!

Questions? Willing to help in the many responsibilities that will make this a success? Contact Becky Liehr, 918-327-5987, jbliehr@cableone.net, Kris Bonner, 918-335-1807, kbgb@cableone.net, or Dolores McCreary, 918-336-2197, dolo37@cableone.net - the three brave souls who have said "yes" to being co-chairpersons for the sale. And remember: all proceeds from the sale will go to the many people who benefit from St. Luke's outreach funds. Our name *TWICE BLESSED* is a reminder to each of us that we are blessed in the sharing while those who continue using our gifts are blessed in the receiving.



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 Holy Eucharist: Sunday 8am & 10:30am; Monday 5:30pm, Thursday 12pm

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LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE 8/28/16 through 9/4/16

Volunteers: Please make your own substitutions.

Acolytes
August 28
Servers
 Spencer Heald, Ruth Todd
Sept. 4
Servers
 TBA
Torchbearers
 TBA

Scripture Lessons for
Sunday, August 28
 Jeremiah 2:4-13; Psalm 81:1, 10-16; Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16; Luke 14:1, 7-14
Music for Sunday, August 28
 #379 – "God Is Love, Let Heaven Adore Him"
 #589 – "Almighty God, Your Word is Cast"
 #332 (text) – "O God, Unseen, Yet Ever Near"
 #341 – "For the Bread Which You Have Broken"
 #477 – "All Praise to Thee, For Thou, O King Divine"

Greeters
Sunday, August 28
8:00am
 Sally Canfield
10:30am
 D. J. & Jerry Nezam
 Jim & Nancy Warring
Sunday, Sept. 4
8:00am
 Don Davidson
10:30am
 Thelma Blackburn

Ushers
Sunday, August 28
8:00am
 Robert Babcock, Dean Zervas
10:30am
 Jim Grillot, Max McCreary
Sunday, Sept. 4
8:00am
 Ace Gardner, Dean Zervas
10:30am
 Jim Malone, Tim Simmons

Layreaders
Sunday, August 28
8:00am
 Judy Currey, Jeff Birk
10:30am
 Nick Conner, Kate Carroll
 Bob Wesneski, Penny Williams
Sunday, Sept. 4
8:00am
 Darian Kedy, Scott Williams
10:30am
 Kate Carroll, Bob Wesneski
 Juanita Green, Lauren Green

Coffee Fellowship Hour
August 28, Sept. 4 & 11
 Volunteers needed! *
 *To volunteer, contact Rita Childers, 918-519-8470 or puevey45@gmail.com

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 contact Melinda Wesneski, 918-333-7758 or mcwesne@gmail.com.

Children's Chapel
August 28
 Jeanne Julstrom, Travis Sutton
Sept. 4
 Heather Boyle, Bob Tedstrom
Sept. 11
 Erin & Travis Perry

Nursery Volunteers
August 28
 Anneke Borg
September 4
*Volunteer needed**
 *Contact Erin Perry, 918-766-6166

Bereavement Committee
Team 2
 Barbara Martin, Laura Birk, Thelma Blackburn, Sally Canfield, Debbie Mueggenborg

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!

Agape Mission
4th Thursday, August 25, 2016
9-11am
 Jim Liehr, Fr. Lee Stephens
10:45am-1pm
 Jeff Birk, Molly Ferguson, Glenda Garrison, Darian Kedy, Jen Peterson
1-2:45pm
 Carol Murphy, Radomir Petrovich

Sunday Plate Counter
August 28
 Jim Grillot, Jim Malone
Sept. 4
 Amy Borg
Sept. 11
 Bruce Ramzel