



The Steeple

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NEW STUDY OPPORTUNITY *The Parables of Jesus*

This class is led by Fr. Lee Stephens and is offered two times during the week:

1. Adult Discipleship Forum
Sunday mornings, 9:15, Metcalf Hall
2. Spiritual Discipline Group
Tuesday mornings, 10:00am, church library

We will be using the following resources: The Holy Scriptures and "Meditations on Jesus' Parables" by Thomas Keating. Please read chapters 1-3 for this next week's class. This book is available in St. Luke's Bookstore for \$15 plus tax.

Classes are open to anyone wanting to experience the parables of Jesus again.

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Important Dates To Remember

- Church Pictorial Directory photo appointments, Tues.-Thurs., Sept. 13-15, Mon, Sept. 26. (see article this pg.)
- Monthly Vestry Meeting, Mon., Sept. 12, 7:15pm
- Girl Scout Fundraiser, 5:30pm Sat., Sept. 17, Metcalf Hall (see pg. 3)
- Twice Blessed Sale, Fri. & Sat., Sept. 23-24. (see pg. 3)

CHURCH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY PORTRAIT APPOINTMENTS

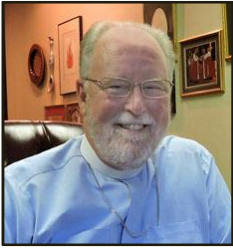
Tuesday – Thursday, September 13-15, 2pm–9pm
Monday, September 26, 2pm-9pm (new day!)

Don't forget to come to your photography appointment for St. Luke's new pictorial directory! Appointments begin next week on Tuesday, Sept. 13 and continue through Thursday, Sept. 15. We've had such a good response that we have had to add another day – Monday Sept. 26. Many thanks to all who are participating!

If you haven't signed up yet, or if you have any questions, please contact Fr. Sean Ekberg, 580-977-4969 or seanekberg@gmail.com. And don't forget to SMILE!



From the Rector...



Looking back – As I mentioned on Sunday, this is the eleventh anniversary of our commitment to sponsor five families from the Katrina disaster. On Labor Day weekend in 2005, we made the appeal to the parish and on that Sunday morning sixty-five people signed up as volunteers! That was huge! In the process, that list grew to about one hundred volunteers divided into five teams plus additional folks who took on related challenges. Then and now I could not be more proud of St. Luke's and our desire to be Christ for others – With Arms Wide Open.

At the encouragement of the Search Committee, I looked for written material about the experience and in doing so rediscovered a nine-page narrative I wrote in 2006 (available upon request). I was amazed again as I read and relived our experience with our Katrina Friends. To say the least, their lives were blessed and changed. The experience also blessed and changed us.

Extending my sermon on Sunday – Katrina became a metaphor for our parish.

Post Labor Day Season – In newscasts I have heard the expression, "Labor Day means the end of summer." True perhaps, but this is a season when our attention and activities take a turn toward a new routine and special events. And, that includes the church. All of our children's classes, from nursery to high school, begin again to nurture our children in the faith – a loving context, important friendships, stories of our faith and service to others – with everything infused with Christ's Presence. This includes Church School classes for every age, Children's Chapel, Children's Homilies, Acolytes and more.

That also includes opportunities for adults to nurture their faith as well. The opportunities are there from the Discipleship Forum to a Young Adult Bible Study to the Tuesday Spiritual Discipline Group to Crafting Prayers Women's Group to additional Eucharists on Monday and Thursday.

This is also the season for our various ministries to be back in full swing and people make new commitments. Within the parish this includes the Choir, Layreaders, Ushers, Greeters – the opportunities are many. The same is true beyond the church. There are endless options in the community. We focus on CONCERN, reading mentors at Kane, Agape Mission and Family Promise.

We are also approaching two major events for Outreach – the Twice Blessed Sale on Sept. 23 & 24 and St. Luke's Day's evening feast and entertainment (more about that soon, but the entertainment will be a major happening!) While financial support of our parish is important, indeed necessary, we must continue to give of ourselves to supporting the ministries in our community serving the poor.

Another metaphor? How about the image of Arms Wide Open – strong and growing in mind body and spirit to reach out to a broken and hurting world.

Leaning in to God's Future – This has new meaning for me – and I think also for our beloved parish. A new chapter will soon begin. I am encouraged by the number of new people coming into our community of faith. The making of a new pictorial directory will be very helpful in this process. The Search Committee is doing a wonderful job in leading us toward the call of a new Rector for our parish – and people are responding with support in the survey, parish meeting, small groups – and continual prayer. The Vestry has begun making plans for our stewardship campaign for 2017 – a crucial part in moving ahead.

Meanwhile, we celebrate the Holy Eucharist to worship God, nurture our faith, empower us for the Christ-life and enable us for Christ's ministry. The Bread and Wine provide metaphors for what has been, what is and what will be – God's future for us.

Blessings,
Fr. Lee.

Weekly Activity Calendar

*Church Pictorial Directory Photo Appts.,
Tues.-Thurs., Sept. 13-15, 2pm-9pm*

Sunday, September 11, 2016

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

Monday, September 12, 2016

9:30am Church Staff Mtg.
5:30pm Holy Eucharist
7:15pm Vestry Mtg.

Tuesday, September 13, 2016

10:00am Spiritual Discipline Group,
library

Wednesday, September 14, 2016

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

Thursday, September 15, 2016

6:45am Men's Fellowship, MH
12:00pm Holy Eucharist
7:00pm Bible Study, MH

Friday, September 16, 2016

Saturday, September 17, 2016

5:30pm Girl Scout Fundraiser, MH

Sunday, September 18, 2016

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

Monday, September 19, 2016

9:30am Church Staff Mtg.
5:30pm Holy Eucharist



You may have noticed part of a pew missing from the Nave (hope no one tried to sit there, hah!). It was removed last week to provide a space for a wheelchair or some other accessibility need. I am working to get the new floor space polished to look somewhat like the aisle floor.

The "Adoor" St. Luke's project is progressing nicely. If all goes according to plan a new Chapel door will be installed this week. At this point all but one (North Utility Door off the courtyard) of the ten doors have either been adopted or discussions/plans are underway to obtain sufficient funding for adoption. I so appreciate the interest and responses to this project! It has been most rewarding for me to be part of such a great effort!

Lana Lookout, our Sexton, is still resting after a recent surgery. We miss her and her great work keeping the church clean and spiffy! Hugh Harrison is doing his best to fill in, but by his own assessment, cannot do the job that Lana does. She should be back next Monday, Sept. 12—Hooray!

Steve Forsythe, Parish Administrator

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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.)*

Katherine, Steve, Darlene, 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.*



A WORK IN PROGRESS: St. Luke's Parish Profile

The Search Committee is hard at work on the next phase of the new Rector selection process. Over the coming month, they will be researching, writing and producing the Parish Profile.

The Parish Profile describes, in words and photos, who we are and what we do as a parish; what we need and want; where we want to go in the future; and, what we will offer a new rector. It is used to announce our Rector opening as well as provide information to recruit interested candidates.

The Search Committee plans to make the completed St. Luke's Parish Profile available to the parish after it has been approved by the diocese and posted on national church job search site.

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

GIRL SCOUT FUNDRAISER

St. Luke's Metcalf Hall
Saturday, September 17
5:30pm



Help support Girl
Scout troop #2096 in
their quest to get to
Savannah, Georgia
(the birthplace of Girl

Scouts and Juliette Gordon Lowe),
while eating delicious chili,
cornbread and dessert and being
entertained by some cute and
talented Girl Scouts. September 17,
5:30 pm at St. Luke's Metcalf Hall.
\$8/adult, \$6/2-12 years old, under 2
free. Ask Josie McIver for tickets.
Tickets will also be available at the
door.

Twice Blessed Sale!

Sept. 23rd & Saturday, Sept. 24th is coming soon!

Still looking for (and needing!) more willing workers. A sign-up sheet is located on bulletin board in downstairs hall. We'll gladly teach you how to become a Certified, Registered Rummagette (or Rummager if you're a man). Only those with a wacky sense of humor will appreciate the importance of this special offer to become a CRR!

Questions? Check the bulletin board in hallway near Metcalf Hall for possible answers. Contact Becky Liehr, 918-327-5987; Kris Bonner, 918-335-1807; or Dolores McCreary, 918-336-2197 if you need specific information.

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! All proceeds from the sale will be used for St. Luke's Outreach projects.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Recently, Katie Mears, who is the Director of U.S. Disaster Services for Episcopal Relief and Development, put out this call: *"The Diocese of Louisiana is now at a place where it is ready to start booking out-of-area volunteer groups for the coming months. If you would like to volunteer doing clean-up work in the Diocese of Louisiana, please contact your Disaster Recovery Coordinator in the diocese in which you reside."*
Katie Mears.

If anyone would be interested in getting a team together to go to Louisiana and help out the Episcopal Diocese there, please contact me and we will see what we can do!

Anne Kueteman, Disaster Recovery Coordinator,
Diocese of Oklahoma, 405-232-4820 or disaster@epiok.org



The Rev. Mark Holland celebrates the Eucharist with St. Francis Episcopal Church in Denham Springs, LA, whose church building suffered flood damage.



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LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE 9/11/16 through 9/18/16

Volunteers: Please make your own substitutions.

Acolytes
Sept. 11
Servers
 Ruth Todd, Grace Mitchell
Torchbearers
 Keaton Mitchell, Evan Mitchell
Sept. 18
Servers
 Nick Olsen, Greta Olsen
Torchbearers
 Madelyn Stuart, Charlie Olsen

Scripture Lessons for
Sunday, Sept. 11
 Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28;
 Psalm 14; 1 Timothy 1:12-17;
 Luke 15:1-10
Music for Sunday, Sept. 11
 #410 – "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"
 WLP #748 (text) – "From the Dawning of Creation"
 GATHER #344 – "Behold the Lamb of God"
 GATHER #336 – "Now in This Banquet"
 #544 – "Jesus Shall Reign"

Greeters
Sunday, Sept. 11
8:00am
 Don Doty
10:30am
 Debbie & Dennis Mueggenborg
Sunday, Sept. 18
8:00am
 Monica Martin
10:30am
 Carol Murphy
 Steve & Maureen Forsythe

Ushers
Sunday, Sept. 11
8:00am
 Ace Gardner, Michael Kemp
10:30am
 Brian Ferguson, volunteer needed*
Sunday, Sept. 18
8:00am
 Dean Zervas, Michael Kemp
10:30am
 Glenn Bonner, Steve Clark

Layreaders
Sunday, Sept. 11
8:00am
 Jeff Birk, Kate Carroll
10:30am
 Lauren Green, Penny Williams
 Kate Carroll, Nick Conner
Sunday, Sept. 18
8:00am
 Nick Conner, Darian Kedy
10:30am
 Lynda Stephens, Juanita Green
 Judy Currey, Kate Carroll

Coffee Fellowship Hour
Sept. 11
 Bob & Melinda Wesneski
Sept. 18
 Tim & Zella Simmons
 *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
Sept. 11
 Erin & Travis Perry
Sept. 18
 Becky & Brian Olsen
Sept. 25
 Travis Sutton, Jeanne Julstrom

Nursery Volunteers
September 11 & 18
*Volunteers 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
2nd Thursday, Sept. 8, 2016
9-11am
 Jeanne Julstrom, John McCollum
10:45am-1pm
 Kris Bonner, Rita Childers, Becky Liehr, Kathy Zervas, Marcia Zervas
1-2:45pm
 Melinda Droege, Miriam Petrovich

Sunday Plate Counter
Sept. 11
 Bruce Ramzel
Sept. 18
 Steve Clark
Sept. 25
 Jim Grillot, Jim Malone