



The Steeple

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OPENING ACCESSIBLE DOORS



As we look at the **ADOOR ST LUKES** project (restoring and replacing the doors of our church), another important aspect is truly making our church accessible to all persons. **This can begin by opening our doors, literally. Handicap Accessible doors welcome everyone!** This project is near and dear to our hearts as I am sure it is to a lot of yours as you have helped those in

wheelchairs/walkers through the doors. Adding Handicap Accessibility to the **North Entry Doors** is another way of Opening our Arms Wide Open to all God's people!

The project will involve two openers--one each on the inner and outer doors so that both open simultaneously, thus diminishing the current situation of one door closing while another is being opened.

The cost of the accessibility project is estimated to be \$6,000. Half of this will be paid out of the Greg Mueggenborg Memorial Fund and another \$1,100 has been donated. (Additional costs for refinishing the four doors as part of the ADOOR project have already been committed.) Thus, we need about \$2,000 to complete the accessibility project. We ask that you prayerfully consider donating towards helping make our church one that all God's people can enter easily...whether one is in a wheelchair, uses a walker or a cane, or just needs that extra help with the doors—like with arms full of packages or birthday cakes!

Checks may be written to St. Luke's and in the memo please put Handicap Access Work. If you have any questions, please contact Steve Forsythe, our Parish Administrator, at 918-336-1212 or sforsythe@episcopalbartlesville.org.

In His Love,
Susie, Steve, and Robert Clark

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Important Dates To Remember

- Girl Scout Fundraiser**, 5:30pm Sat., Sept. 17, Metcalf Hall
- African Team Ministries Merchandise** on display Sundays Sept. 18 & 25 (see pg. 3)
- Twice Blessed Sale**, Fri. & Sat., Sept. 23-24. (see pp. 3 & 4)

CONCERN FOOD PANTY NEEDS YOUR HELP!



The CONCERN Food pantry shelves are bare! Please consider donating canned vegetables, fruit, and meat, complete pancake mix (add water type), dry milk, mac and cheese, ramen noodles, and chicken noodle and vegetable soup, or any non-perishable food.

Your donations may be brought to the church and placed in the blue CONCERN tub by Metcalf Hall or taken directly to the CONCERN Center, 333 SW Penn Ave. Thank you so much!

From the Rector...



The Ninth Month – This year has move along rather quickly – more so than I anticipated. Parish life has been exciting and upbeat in a variety of ways – I am having a great time. The Search Committee has made a lot of progress and is about ready for the best part of the process. I appreciate the way they have kept the parish involved and informed.

For my part I have tried to be mindful of the transition process. Along with what I normally do as the Rector, I want to do what I can to help set the stage for the next Rector. That includes staff, administrative and financial matters, unfinished projects, etc. In part this effort is informed by some things I faced when I arrived almost twenty years ago. We will be ready.

Retreat Time – There are also personal matters that need my attention. Therefore, I am going on a retreat along with Lynda – and Lord Mason, our dog. We will be at Dauphin Island, Alabama where we will use a friend’s house for a week. Part of the retreat will involve decisions and paperwork regarding my retirement – pension, social security, insurance, personal budget and more. The Church Pension Department of the Church is very helpful in these matters.

Time will also be spent reading, reflection and prayer. This includes some journaling and, no doubt, a few Gratitude Notes. I am grateful for my journey over the years, but I also want to continue the journey in meaningful and helpful ways.

To help me with this retreat time, The Rev. Roger Porter has agreed to be my spiritual director. Fr. Porter serves as the part time Vicar of St. Francis Episcopal Church on Dauphin Island. He served as Rector of St. Paul’s in Mobile for thirty years before retiring and choosing to continue living in Mobile. I am grateful for his willingness to meet with me to share his experience and wisdom – and listen to me in this endeavor. Please pray for Lynda and me as we share this adventure.

And the Beat Goes On – let me count the ways

1. The Pictorial Directory is underway – great job Fr. Sean in getting ninety-eight families to sign up.
2. Did you know that we had fifteen children in Church School on Sunday doing music and Godly Play? There were ten children in Children’s Chapel. Erin Perry is doing a great job.
3. The Senior High Sunday School class is underway and enjoying every minute.
4. African Team Ministries is asking us to buy some of their products to support their ministries in East Africa. We have done this before – great Christmas presents.
5. The Parables of Jesus is proving to be a lively study on Sunday and Tuesday mornings – come enjoy this adventure with us. A new supply of books is in our Bookstore.
6. CONCERN needs our help in helping others. Today the volunteers were completely out of corn, peas and coffee – and running short of many other items. Please do your part for the next two Sundays. (*see pg. 3*)
7. The new Chapel door is in place and being painted – beautiful! Now “power doors” have been added to the list. (*see pg. 1*) What an addition they will be!
8. The Vestry had another productive meeting tonight (Mon.) developing plans for the future which includes the maintenance of our beautiful church.
9. Three baptisms are being scheduled. I don’t know how many confirmations yet.
10. Raising money for Outreach is happening with the Twice Blessed Sale on Sept. 23 & 24 and a big event on St. Luke’s Day on October 16. The new band is getting ready.
11. There is more but that’s enough for now.

Blessings,
Fr. Lee,

Weekly Activity Calendar

Twice Blessed Set-Up, MH, M-Th, 9/19-22

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

Tuesday, September 20, 2016

10:00am Spiritual Discipline Group,
Library

5:00pm CONCERN Board Mtg.

Vestry Rm.

Wednesday, September 21, 2016

3:30pm Green Country Eucharist

6-8pm Young Disciples, RH

7:00pm Choir

Thursday, September 22, 2016

6:45am Men’s Fellowship, MH

12:00pm Holy Eucharist

7:00pm Bible Study, MH

Friday, September 23, 2016

9am-3pm Twice Blessed Sale, MH

3-8pm Godly Play Training, 2nd floor

Saturday, September 24, 2016

8am-6pm Godly Play Training, 2nd floor

9am-12pm Twice Blessed Sale, MH

Sunday, September 25, 2016

8:00am Rite I

9:15am Sunday School Classes

10:30am Rite II

12-6pm Godly Play Training, 2nd floor

Monday, September 26, 2016

9:30am Church Staff Mtg.

2-9pm Church Directory Photos, 2nd floor

5:30pm Holy Eucharist



The new Chapel Door has been hung and is being painted! Work on the trim and other touch-ups is underway and the painter is beginning application of paint and stain. All this is expected to be completed by the end of this week—our first completed adopted door!

Please read the information on Handicap Accessible Doors on pg. 1 of this newsletter and consider a donation for that important project. Completion will make a lot of difference to many of us.

Lana Lookout is back at work making things clean and shiny. Please, as always, assist her by treating the church kitchen as if it was in your home. Also, the left dishwasher (the one that must be switch activated) apparently will continue to pump soap into itself if the switch is not turned off. This of course is not good for several reasons, so please help us keep the switch turned off.

Steve Forsythe
Parish Administrator

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.*)
 Erlene, Sue, Katherine, Steve, Darlene,
 Helen, Robert, 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.*

MONTHLY FINANCIAL SUMMARY

	August			August Year to Date		
	MTD Actual	MTD Budget	Variance (unfav.)	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Variance (unfav.)
Income						
Pledge Payments	32,477	32,083	394	252,255	256,667	(4,412)
Non-Pledge Payments	4,475	2,250	2,225	21,431	18,000	3,431
Other Income	2,369	942	1,427	13,260	10,369	2,890
Total Income	39,321	35,275	4,045	286,946	285,036	1,909
Expenses	33,465	31,861	(1,604)	273,910	277,421	3,511
NET INCOME/LOSS	5,856	3,414	2,441	13,036	7,615	5,420

Twice Blessed Sale!

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

Still looking for (and needing!) more willing workers. A sign-up sheet is located on bulletin board in downstairs hall. And, yes, we can always use lots of help! You might even find a bargain item that you simply have to have! So, take advantage of "helpers-shop-early" perk!

Bring your contributions for the sale early next week, preferably Monday or Tuesday. We need time to sort and price. This a "tag sale" and all items will be priced.

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.

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.

Prayer for the New Rector Search Process

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



Father,

It is time to find a new spiritual leader to guide us. We pray individually and together to further this search process. We know that you have already chosen a path for St Luke's. We pray earnestly for your guidance in seeking out Your plan for us. We ask You to send the Holy Spirit to fill each of our hearts and minds, keep our arms wide open, and guide us to find the new Rector who will lead us on this path.

Father, we ask that You bless the hearts of each member of our parish family to ease this transition for them.

All this we ask through our savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

AFRICAN TEAM MINISTRIES

Look for our display of merchandise on Sundays, September 18 & 25 in Metcalf Hall

African Team Ministries is a Christian ministry working as an intermediary between African and American churches. With help from Episcopal, Methodist, Presbyterian, Lutheran, and Anglican denominations, we provide funding for orphan and refugee relief missions and evangelism in East Africa.

The support we receive is sent directly to our partnering Bishops to provide school fees, tuition, books, and uniforms. This support ensures that the children receive an education and a measure of stability needed to rebuild their minds. We currently have children registered for sponsorship in Kenya, Uganda, and Tanzania.

Through our support we are giving the gift of HOPE! For more information you may visit their website www.africanteaministries.org. Take advantage of this opportunity to buy some beautiful items either for yourself or Christmas gift giving!

SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH ALL OF YOUR FRIENDS VIA EMAIL OR FACEBOOK! Let's get the word out!

Twice Blessed*

(*the new and improved Rummage Sale
of St. Luke's Episcopal Church)

From our homes to your homes,
gently used items at easy-to-afford prices.

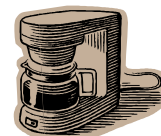
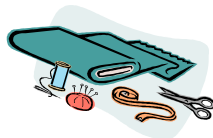
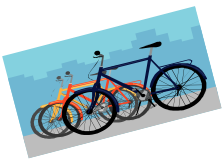
All proceeds from the sale
will be given to area helping organizations.

Friday, Sept. 23rd – 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 24th – 9 a.m. – noon

**St. Luke's Episcopal Church
Metcalf Hall**

(entrance from north side parking lot)
8th & Dewey Streets

Items for kitchen, housewares, towels & other linens, furniture,
toys & sports, books, home décor, Christmas goodies,
and we've just begun to open the boxes!





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LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE 9/18/16 through 9/25/16

Volunteers: Please make your own substitutions.

Acolytes

Sept. 18

Servers

Nick Olsen, Greta Olsen

Torchbearers

Madelyn Stuart, Charlie Olsen

Sept. 25

No Acolytes Scheduled today

Layreaders

Sunday, Sept. 18

8:00am

Nick Conner, Darian Kedy

10:30am

Lynda Stephens, Juanita Green

Judy Currey, Kate Carroll

Sunday, Sept. 25

8:00am

Kate Carroll, Jeff Birk

10:30am

Judy Currey, Lauren Green

Penny Williams, Bob Wesneski

Nursery Volunteers

September 18

Barbara Todd

September 25

Diana Crawford

Scripture Lessons for

Sunday, Sept. 18

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1; Psalm 79:1-9; 1Timothy 2:1-7; Luke 16:1-13

Music for Sunday, Sept. 18

#581 - (text) "Where Charity and Love Prevail"

GATHER #212 - "Lord, To Whom Shall We Go"

GATHER #335 - "Jesus, Wine of Peace"

GATHER #346 - "One Bread, One Body"

#427 - "When Morning Gilds the Skies"

Coffee Fellowship Hour

Sept. 18

Tim & Zella Simmons

Sept. 25

Carol Murphy

**To volunteer, contact Rita*

Childers, 918-519-8470 or

puvey45@gmail.com

Bereavement Committee

Team 2

Barbara Martin, Laura Birk,

Thelma Blackburn, Sally

Canfield, Debbie Mueggenborg

Sunday Plate Counter

Sept. 18

Steve Clark

Sept. 25

Jim Grillot, Jim Malone

October 2

Amy Borg

Greeters

Sunday, Sept. 18

8:00am

Monica Martin

10:30am

Carol Murphy

Steve & Maureen Forsythe

Sunday, Sept. 25

8:00am

Sally Canfield

10:30am

D. J. & Jerry Nezam

Jim & Nancy Warring

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.

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!

Ushers

Sunday, Sept. 18

8:00am

Dean Zervas, Michael Kemp

10:30am

Glenn Bonner, Steve Clark

Sunday, Sept. 25

8:00am

Dean Zervas, *Volunteer needed*

10:30am

Jim Grillot, Max McCreary

Children's Chapel

Sept. 18

Becky & Brian Olsen

Sept. 25

Travis Sutton, Jeanne Julstrom

Oct. 2

Heather Boyle, Bob Tedstrom

Agape Mission

4th Thursday,

Sept. 22, 2016

9-11am

Jim Liehr, Fr. Lee Stephens

10:45am-1pm

Jeff Birk, Molly Ferguson,

Glenda Garrison, Darian Kedy,

Jan Peterson

1-2:45pm

Carol Murphy,

Radomir Petrovich