



The Steeple

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HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE DOOR PROJECT



Contributions are being requested to help with the installation of handicap accessible doors on the north entry of the church. This project involves two openers--one each on the inner and outer doors so that both open simultaneously.

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 \$1,300 has been donated. (Additional costs for refinishing the four doors as part of the ADOOR project have already been committed.) Thus, we need a little less than \$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, etc.

Write your check to St. Luke's with Handicap Access Work in the memo. If you have any questions, please contact Steve Forsythe, our Parish Administrator, at 918-336-1212 or sforsythe@episcopalbartlesville.org.

ST. LUKE'S PARISH PROFILE UPDATE

Over the past few weeks, the Search Committee has been busy with Small Group Meetings (Young Disciples Altar Guild, Choir, and Thursday night Bible study) and working on the parish profile.

The St. Luke's Parish Profile has been written, edited, scrubbed, scrutinized, edited again, analyzed, edited again, tweaked and edited one more time – by the committee and by the Vestry. Our profile is in the best shape possible.



This week, we plan to send the St. Luke's Profile to Bishop Ed for his review and approval (*and edits and changes he may suggest, if any*). When our profile is approved, we will post it on the St. Luke's website.

After his approval, the real fun begins!! Our profile will be posted, the diocese will be contacted by interested priests and we will start looking at potential candidates.

We have a strong, active and engaged parish family doing good and important things -- and that made writing our profile a true labor of love. The Search Committee is very proud of our profile and even prouder of our parish.

We have a great deal to offer our next Rector because we know that God's love truly is celebrated and shared at St. Luke's!

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

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Important Dates To Remember

African Team Ministries Merchandise on display Sundays Sept. 18 & 25 (see pg. 3)

Twice Blessed Sale, Fri. Sept. 23, 9am-3pm, Sat. Sept. 24, 9am-12pm, Metcalf Hall

LAST PICTORIAL DIRECTORY PHOTO DAY Monday, Sept. 26

Please plan to be 5 min. early to your appointment so that you may sign in. If you didn't sign up, there are still times available! Contact Fr. Sean at 580-977-4969.

From the Associate to the Rector...



Recently, I had the opportunity to visit my mother in Enid for a couple of days. We pulled into the drive and there she was, waving and borderline jumping up and down with excitement. We spent the following 48 hours telling stories, watching football and being together as a family—something we had not done in quite some time. Yet something was different. As I looked around the house I noticed new wall hangings, new paint on the walls, the addition of a tiki hut on the pool deck, and taller trees in the front yard. I had missed a lot; the place was changing every day and doing so without me. The longing I felt for 'home' took on a new meaning, one that whispered, "I'm still here, just a little different than you remembered."

As seasons inevitably cycle and life continues on around us, sometimes we forget to notice the ever-present change occurring around us, even within us. We are accustomed to routine and know what to expect with each coming month, yet I wonder if we unintentionally press the auto-pilot button and allow those activities and events to pass us by, not noticing the new within the old. We are about to embark on a series of permanent changes here at St. Luke's: Fr. Lee's departure, the arrival of a new priest, literally changing the doors we walk into and out of, and my exit as well. We cannot do anything to stem the tide of those things that we want to resist happening, and we cannot speed along time to usher in the exciting future.

What we can do however, is this: We can approach each season with a sense of finding the new in the old, of not allowing ourselves seasonal blindness during 'old hat' moments. This week, the "Twice Blessed" sale is happening—have you ever attended? Have you ALWAYS attended? The sale is the epitome of finding the new in the old. In October St. Luke's Day will be upon us; in what ways has it changed from this year to last? How is it the same? And finally, Advent is around the corner. Will we approach Advent 'like we've always done it' or can we be intentional about the way in which we allow it to approach us? My hope for the coming months is that, amid all the inexorable changes coming our way, we can find a sense of renewal in that which has already been experienced before. Come and experience the Twice Blessed sale, come to St. Luke's Day (Sun., Oct. 16) and celebrate our 'usness' together, and come into Advent knowing that although it happens every year, this year can and will be better than the last if we seek new experiences within beloved tradition.

Faithfully,
Fr. Sean+

TWICE BLESSED SALE

Friday, Sept. 23, 9am-3pm

Saturday, Sept. 24, 9am-12pm

Metcalf Hall

Have you seen the amazing assortment of gently used, needing new homes things in Metcalf Hall? From whence cometh all this stuff? (Thought it sounded almost Biblical to say "from whence cometh"!)

There truly is something for everyone and then more. Please, please, PLEASE encourage your friends, your co-workers, your neighbors, people you meet on the street to come to our Twice Blessed sale this Friday 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., and Saturday 9 a.m. – noon. An added incentive to come back on Saturday is that all remaining items will be sold at 50% off the Friday prices! But, don't wait until Saturday because what you really want and might possibly need could already be sold on Friday!

Weekly Activity Calendar

Sunday, September 25, 2016

8:00am Rite I
9:15am Sunday School Classes
10:30am Rite II
12-6pm Godly Play Workshop, 2nd floor

Monday, September 26, 2016

9:30am Church Staff Mtg.
2-9pm Church Photo Directory Appts.
5:30pm Holy Eucharist

Tuesday, September 27, 2016

9/27-29 Clergy Conference, St. Crispin's
10:00am Spiritual Discipline Group,
Library

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

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

Thursday, September 29, 2016

6:45am Men's Fellowship, MH
NO Holy Eucharist today
7:00pm Bible Study, MH

Friday, September 30, 2016

Saturday, October 1, 2016

Sunday, October 2, 2016

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

Monday, October 3, 2016

9:30am Church Staff Mtg., Vestry Rm.
5:30pm Holy Eucharist
6:30pm Altar Guild Mtg., Vestry Rm.

JOYFUL NOISE RINGERS & SINGERS

Our children are beginning preparation for a special musical gift for the celebration of St. Luke's Day on Sunday, Oct. 16th. They will be joining with the Adult Choir in singing and ringing the offertory anthem. We have very limited time in which to learn to sing the song "Jesus Loves Me" and also learn how to ring this well-loved song using our handbells.

What can parents do to make sure your children are prepared to participate in this special event?

1. Be sure your children are here at 9:15 each Sunday morning for Sunday School. We begin with 15 minutes of music. This is of special importance for the children who want to ring the handbells.
2. Be sure your children know the words and melody for "Jesus Loves Me, This I Know".
3. Encourage your children to value the joy of the gift of music! Sing with them!



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.)*

Jim, Erlene, Sue, Katherine, Steve,
Darlene, Helen, Robert, Mary,
Elizabeth, Emma, Lida, Bid, 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
anbell@episcopalbartlesville.org.*



Look for our display of
merchandise this Sunday,
September 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. For more information
visit their website

www.africanteamministries.org.

Take advantage of this opportunity
to buy some beautiful items either
for yourself or Christmas gift
giving!

CONNIE FREEBERN

ST. LUKE'S PRISM OF CHRIST FOR SEPTEMBER

St. Luke's Vestry voted to recognize and thank Connie Freebern for who she is and all she does for St. Luke's and our community. They see her as one of the "Prisms of Christ" and Christ's ministry in our midst. She was presented the Prism for September in the 10:30 service last Sunday.

When Connie and Doug first came to St. Luke's they decided they wanted to be active members. Connie began to leave her "fingerprints" on many ministries at St. Luke's. She served as the directress of the St. Ursula's Altar Guild and was instrumental in the rewriting of the procedure book for the guild and was also involved in the renovation of the Altar Guild Sacristy. Connie also served on the Vestry and continues to be a part of the Bereavement Committee and helps in the St. Luke's Bookstore. She initiated the Prayer Shawl ministry as well as Mariner Scarves for seamen. In that process she helped start the Crafting Your Prayers group on Monday mornings. Connie continues to be on the Prayer Team on Sundays.

Connie also introduced Icon "writing" at St. Luke's. After attending a workshop in Nebraska, she brought the workshop to our parish. This drew people from our diocese and beyond for this rich spiritual experience.

In her professional life at the Red Dirt Soap Company, The Samaritan Counseling and Growth Center and Heritage Village Nursing Home, Connie had a way of making her work ministry. She led with compassion in relating to people in each setting in our community.

In addition to all of the above, Connie has been a mainstay of support for Deacon Doug and his ministry at St. Luke's and the community.

There are other ways she has served St. Luke's and the community, but these are some of the highlights. Truly, the life of our parish family and the lives of many others have been enriched because of her personal ministries and leadership. We are grateful for all that she has done, but more importantly for who she is as a Prism of Christ.



The Chapel Door restoration is nearly complete and may be so by the time you read this. I hope you are as pleased with the result as I am. Next on the ADOOR agenda is work on the two south entry doors. All of the ten doors in the project have been "adopted" with the exception of the outer door to the Sacristy, but I expect to hear good news there soon!

Jerry Nezam is currently my favorite volunteer because of his great restoration of the cabinet doors in the Rogers Hall kitchen! Thanks Jerry!

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GODLY PLAY WORKSHOP

Friday – Sunday, Sept. 23-25 at St. Luke's

St Luke's is excited to host a Godly Play workshop this weekend. We use Godly Play in our Elementary Sunday School classrooms. The Godly Play approach helps the children to gain religious language and to enhance their spiritual experience through wonder and play. Jen McIver, Heather Boyle, Deacon Lauri Watkins and myself will be in this training along with 4 other trainees. You are more than welcome to stop in and see this workshop! You might hear one of the stories and see this beautiful wondering unfold.



Erin Perry, Christian Education Coordinator



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LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE 9/25/16 through 10/02/16

Volunteers: Please make your own substitutions.

Acolytes

Sept. 25

No Acolytes Scheduled today

Oct. 2

Servers

Harald Borg, Robert Boyle
Torchbearers
 Emma Perry, Emma Boyle

Layreaders

Sunday, Sept. 25

8:00am

Kate Carroll, Jeff Birk

10:30am

Judy Currey, Lauren Green
 Penny Williams, Bob Wesneski

Sunday, Oct. 2

8:00am

TBA

10:30am

TBA

Nursery Volunteers

September 25

Diana Crawford

October 2

Travis Sutton

October 9

Natalie Conner

Scripture Lessons for

Sunday, Sept. 25

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15;
 Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16; 1 Timothy
 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31

Music for Sunday, Sept. 25

#372 – "Praise to the Living God"
 #457 – "Thou Art the Way"
 #488 – "Be Thou My Vision"
 #312 – "Strengthen for Service,
 Lord"
 #473 – "Lift High the Cross"

Coffee Fellowship Hour

Sept. 25

Carol Murphy

Oct. 2 & 9

Volunteers needed*

*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

September 25

Jim Grillot, Jim Malone

October 2

Amy Borg

October 9

Bruce Ramzel

Greeters

Sunday, Sept. 25

8:00am

Sally Canfield

10:30am

D. J. & Jerry Nezam
 Jim & Nancy Warring

Sunday, Oct. 2

8:00am

Don Davidson

10:30am

Glenn & Thelma Blackburn

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. 25

8:00am

Dean Zervas, *Volunteer needed*

10:30am

Jim Grillot, Max McCreary

Sunday, Oct. 2

8:00am

Steve Forsythe, Dean Zervas

10:30am

Tim Simmons, Hugh Harrison

Children's Chapel

Sept. 25

Travis Sutton, Jeanne Julstrom

Oct. 2

Heather Boyle, Bob Tedstrom

Oct. 9

Jeanne Julstrom, Travis Sutton

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,
 Jen Peterson

1-2:45pm

Carol Murphy,
 Radomir Petrovich