



The Steeple

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ST. LUKE'S DAY CELEBRATION Sunday October 16

Wear **RED** if you can to the Holy Eucharist on Sunday morning as we celebrate our Parish Feast Day. Tickets for the evening fundraising event will be on sale between services and after the 10:30 service on Sunday, \$15/adults and children under 12 are free. Tickets are also available in the church office during the week.

St. Luke's Day CELEBRATION

Sunday, October 16
4:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.

- ◆ BARBECUE
- ◆ BOUNCY HOUSE
- ◆ GAMES
- ◆ PETTING ZOO
- ◆ ROCK 'N ROLL

\$15 per person
12 and under FREE

Proceeds benefit
CONCERN
and
FAMILY PROMISE

Who Dis Priest
introducing
the rock band...

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Important Dates To Remember

- St. Luke's Day Celebration, Sunday, Oct. 16 (see article this pg.)
- BPS Fall Break, Thurs.-Fri., Oct. 20-21
- Diocesan Convention, Midwest City, Nov. 3-5.
- All Saints' Sunday, November 6

✠ SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE ✠

Sunday School has been going strong for over a month now. We have four classes and average around 15 kids each Sunday. Godly Play 1 is for our 4-year old's - 2nd grade. This class is designed as an imaginative method in presenting scripture stories. Godly Play 2 is structured the same way; however, this class is for our 3rd-5th graders who dig a little deeper into the basic CORE stories.

GP1: This past week you could walk by and hear wondering questions about The Ark and the Tent and the class is anticipating that famous lesson....The Ark and the Temple. (The children love to build the temple).

GP2: This past week Deacon Lauri told them the story of Joseph adding to the core story, The Great Family.

Our Junior High class studies the Gospel each week. They begin with reading the Gospel and engaging in conversations. This past week they studied Luke 17: 5-10 and discussed having faith even as small as a mustard seed.

Our Senior High, 9th-12th grade, have helped me design what they want to study and how they want their class to flow. They enjoy breakfast brought by the parents, small chat, activities to keep their hands busy and interesting topics. Fr. Sean helped kick off their class, followed by Amy Borg. Amy is helping the class study the different kinds of religions. Brad Borg and Jim & Nancy Warring have signed up to work with the seniors as well.

I am proud of the learning that our kids are experiencing. I am blessed to take over a well-organized program and excited to watch it continue to grow in many ways.

Erin Perry, Christian Educ. Coordinator

From the Rector...



This Sunday we will celebrate our Feast Day of St. Luke's. This is one of my favorite Sundays of the year. The Kite of the Holy Spirit will be flying. Red will be everywhere – choir, clergy, flowers and altar – and what I hope will be a lot of people in the congregation wearing red. We will celebrate all that has been, what is and what is to come – the flow from generation to generation.

I have had my turn at being a part of the journey – and now history. My introduction to St. Luke's has...well...practical, but also mystical dimensions.

I was the Associate Priest at Christ Church in Tyler, Texas – which is another story of mystical proportions. Part of my responsibility was to lead a Men's Bible Study on Wednesday mornings. Bob Rowlett, now deceased husband of Jeanne Rowlett, was a member of the group and occasionally gave me a worship bulletin from St. Luke's, Bartlesville. They are none other than the parents of Susie Clark. With each visit to Bartlesville, Bob would toss one of the bulletins in front of me at the study.

This happened three or four times a year for about four years. Then one morning he tossed another bulletin my way and said, "St. Luke's is looking for a new Rector. It might be just right for you." I thought and prayed about it, but called Bob and said I didn't think it was time for me to leave Christ Church. There were still some things for me to finish.

About a year later, Bob came to the Bible Study Group and tossed yet another bulletin from St. Luke's in front of me. He said, "They are still looking. Perhaps you should check into it." Well, the timing was right and somehow I knew was being nudged toward Bartlesville though I knew little about it. Well, of course that set everything in motion. Because of Bob, my name went directly to the Search Committee and bypassed the Bishop's Office. This resulted in a call from the Canon to the Ordinary wondering who the heck I was. It took about fifteen minutes of tense conversation before we became friends and talked for another hour.

Steve Clark and Craig Bradshaw came for a visit in Tyler on behalf of the Search Committee. Then Lynda and I made a visit to St. Luke's and immediately loved everyone. Yet the Vestry had to make a decision on who to call as Rector. The night they met to decide continued to midnight and beyond. I gave up and went to bed – apparently this would not be my calling. About 1:30 in the morning Shirley Ball, the Senior Warden, called and happily announced they wanted me to be the next Rector. I muttered something like, "Well, thank you. I have been asleep. I will call you in the morning with an answer."

Regrettably, I think my response took the wind out of her sails, but she managed to say she understood. Of course when the sun rose again, I called and agreed to be the new Rector at St. Luke's.

St. Luke's was my destiny and I will be forever grateful. What a remarkable parish you are. Just look at our Parish Profile and our website. Listen to people like the Harlow's who were back visiting last Sunday. Remember how the Bishop allowed you to search for a new Rector while I am still here because you are a healthy, happy parish. Listen to the exchanges at the Peace and watch people care for each other in times of need. Notice the new people amongst us. There is so much more. So am ready to celebrate – again.

Blessings,
Fr. Lee+

Weekly Activity Calendar

Sunday, October 16, 2016

St. Luke's Day

8:00am Rite I

9:15am Sunday School Classes

10:30am Rite II

4-7pm St. Luke's Day Celebration,
church parking lot

Monday, October 17, 2016

9:30am Church Staff Mtg.

5:30pm Holy Eucharist

Tuesday, October 18, 2016

10:00am Spiritual Discipline Group,
library

6:00pm Volunteer Appreciation

Dinner, 2601 Georgetown

Wednesday, October 19, 2016

7:00pm Choir

Thursday, October 20, 2016

6:45am Men's Fellowship, MH

10:00am Crafting Our Prayers,
Vestry Rm.

12:00pm Holy Eucharist

Friday, October 21, 2016

Saturday, October 22, 2016

Sunday, October 23, 2016

8:00am Rite I

9:15am Sunday School Classes

10:30am Rite II

Monday, October 24, 2016

9:30am Church Staff Mtg.

5:30pm Holy Eucharist

CRAFTING OUR PRAYERS

Ladies of St. Luke's, you are invited to join a fantastic group of women who work quietly for our church.

Crafting Our Prayers is meeting on Thursday, October 20, at 10:00 a.m. in the Vestry Rm., #216. We meet for prayer, fellowship, and working with our hands to benefit others. We will be learning to create "Barbara's Chickens" at our next meeting.

Bring your scissors, fabric scraps, perhaps a sewing machine if you have one. If you are not a seamstress, just bring scissors. We are looking forward to seeing many of you! Need information? Call

Deacon Lauri at

918-766-2473, or

Connie Freebern at

918-914-1155.



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.)*

Kristen, Bob, Ellie, Tom, Carmen,
 Donna, Paul, Doug, 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 annbell@episcopalbartlesville.org.*

JOYFUL NOISE RINGERS & SINGERS



Come prepared to be delighted
 to see and hear our children as
 they join with the Adult Choir
 in presenting the offertory
 anthem this Sunday, Oct. 16.

The children's singing and ringing of
 "Jesus Loves Me" will bring smiles,
 probably more than a few special
 memories of your own childhood, and
 delight in God's love for each one of us
 as we see God's love shining through
 our children.

HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE DOOR PROJECT



Contributions are
 still needed to help
 cover the cost of the
 installation of
 handicap accessible
 doors on the north

entry of the church. **Thank you to
 all who have already contributed!
 We are less than \$1,000 away
 from our goal!**

You may 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.
 Thank you!

MONTHLY FINANCIAL SUMMARY

	September			September Year to Date		
	MTD Actual	MTD Budget	Variance (unfav.)	YTD Actual	MTD Budget	Variance (unfav.)
Income						
Pledge Payments	26,460	32,083	(5,624)	278,715	288,750	(10,035)
Non-Pledge Payments	1,420	2,250	(830)	22,851	20,250	2,601
Other Income	296	942	(646)	13,556	11,311	2,245
Total Expenses	28,176	35,275	(7,099)	315,121	320,311	(5,190)
Expenses	43,318	43,085	(233)	317,230	320,504	3,274
NET INCOME/LOSS	(15,142)	(7,810)	(7,332)	(2,108)	(192)	(1,916)

New Rector Search Process Parish Update

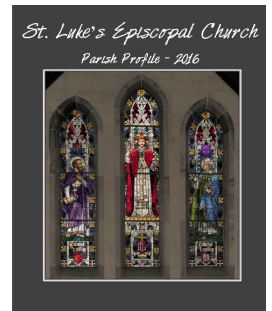
As a part of the recruitment process, the Search Committee was asked to submit additional materials to be posted along with the St. Luke's Parish Profile. These documents are designed to provide standardized data and information for interested rector candidates.

The first document is a data sheet detailing **St. Luke's Christian Formation by Group**. For example, we provided data about the Rector's Sunday Forum participants and the number of children participating in Sunday School.

The second document contains our responses to the standardized **Parish Community Profile Questions**. Examples of profile topics in our responses included our liturgical style and practice, how we incorporate others in ministry, and an example of a ministry started within the past five years. These additional documents have been posted for your review on the Search Committee page of the St. Luke's website.

The Search Committee is very pleased that so far we've had about 100 views by 70 different viewers of the parish profile on our website. We have also been deeply appreciative of the kind words shared about the parish profile like the one we received in a recent thank you note. This parish member shared that *"the profile captured the essence, attractiveness and inclusiveness of St. Luke's."*

If you have not yet done so, we encourage you to read the parish profile on the St. Luke's website. [Click here](#) or on [Church Profile](#) in the welcome message on the website home page. If you would like a printed copy, contact the Church Office.



Wow, are we an ADOORING bunch or what? If you use the South Main doors you will note they have had some hardware removed. This is so the new doors can have everything attached and installed! This should happen soon! The remaining doors have all been adopted—some with funding commitments and others with funds still being gathered. The next doors to be restored should be the North Main doors, which being "younger" than the other doors, are in better shape. Here we are hoping that the power assist mechanism can also be installed and there is a separate but important fund raising effort for that project (←See article 1st column, this pg.).

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LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE 10/16/16 through 10/23/16

Volunteers: Please make your own substitutions.

Acolytes

Oct. 16

Servers

Nick Olsen, Greta Olsen

Torchbearers

Madelyn Stuart, Charlie Olsen

Oct. 23

No Acolytes Scheduled today

Layreaders

Sunday, Oct. 16

8:00am

Nick Conner, Darian Kedy

10:30am

Lynda Stephens, Penny Williams

Judy Currey, Juanita Green

Sunday, Oct. 23

8:00am

Judy Currey, Scott Williams

10:30am

Nick Conner, Kate Carroll

Juanita Green, Penny Williams

Nursery Volunteers

Oct. 16

Barbara Todd

Oct. 23

Diana Crawford

Oct. 30

Travis Sutton

Scripture Lessons for

Sunday, Oct. 16

Ecclesiasticus 38:1-4,6-10,12-14;
 Psalm 147:1-7; 2 Timothy 4:5-13;
 Luke 4:14-21

Music for Sunday, Oct. 16

WLP #782 – "Gracious Spirit, Give Your Servants"

#285 (text) – "What Thanks and Praise to Thee We Owe"

#314 – "Humbly I Adore Thee"

#341 – "For the Bread Which You Have Broken"

#493 – "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

Coffee Fellowship Hour

Oct. 16

Erin & Travis Perry

Oct. 23

Doug & Connie Freebern
 To volunteer, contact Rita Childers, 918-519-8470 or
puevey45@gmail.com

Bereavement Committee

Team 2

Barbara Martin, Laura Birk,
 Thelma Blackburn, Sally Canfield, Debbie Mueggenborg

Sunday Plate Counter

October 16

Steve Clark

Oct. 23

Jim Grillot

Oct. 30

Jim Grillot

Greeters

Sunday, Oct. 16

8:00am

Monica Martin

10:30am

Carol Murphy

Maureen & Steve Forsythe

Sunday, Oct. 23

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, Oct. 16

8:00am

Michael Kemp, Dean Zervas

10:30am

Brian Ferguson, Jim Warring

Sunday, Oct. 23

8:00am

Robert Babcock, Dean Zervas

10:30am

Jim Grillot, Max McCreary

Children's Chapel

Oct. 16

Blair & Chad Ellis

Oct. 23

Erin & Travis Perry

Oct. 30

Erin & Travis Perry

Agape Mission

2nd Thursday,

Oct. 13, 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