



The Steeple

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ST. LUKE'S ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31, 12:30PM
(Preceded by Soup Lunch provided by the Vestry at 12noon)

All members are encouraged to attend the Annual Meeting which serves as a time of reflection on the past year and a time to review the 2015 Annual Report and focus on our goals for 2016. We will also vote for our candidates for Vestry, Diocesan Convention Delegates and the Nominating Committee. Everyone in the parish is urged to attend.

Nominees are:

Sr. Warden: Kathy Zervas

Jr. Warden: Amy Borg

Vestry: Kelli Bradshaw, Dan Droege, Dennis Mueggenborg (1-yr. term), Scott Peterson, Miriam Petrovich

Diocesan Convention Delegates: Jo Baughman, Steve Clark, Ellen Heald, Becky Liehr

Nominating Committee (vote for 5): Glenn Bonner, Mark Fregin, Rachel Gurule, Gretchen Hoyt, Karen Lewey, Mary Ramzel, Travis Sutton, Barbara Todd, Nancy Warring, Scott Williams

AGENDA OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Sunday, January 31, 2016 12:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order and Declaration of a Quorum
2. Opening Prayers
3. Election of the Secretary
4. Minutes of the 2015 Annual Meeting
5. Special Recognitions – Fr. Stephens
6. Elections
 - a. Report of the Nominating Committee – Maureen Forsythe
 - b. Nominations from the floor
 - c. Balloting
7. Annual Reports
8. 2015 Finance Report – Bob Wesneski
9. Property Maintenance Committee (PMC)
10. Budget for 2016
 - a. Stewardship Report – Doug McIver
 - b. Budget Presentation – Bob Wesneski
11. Announcements and Closing

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Important Dates To Remember

Annual Mtg. Sun., Jan. 31, 12:30pm (see article this pg.)

Family Promise Families at St. Luke's, Jan. 31-Feb. 7

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, Tues., Feb. 9, 5:30-7pm (see pg. 3)

Ash Wednesday, Feb. 10 Holy Eucharist celebrated 7am, 12noon, 7pm

**Copies of the
2015 Annual Report will be
available Wednesday,
Jan. 27 in the church office.**



Well, it is time for another Annual Meeting. It is hard to believe another year is passed. The “Book of Reports” makes for some interesting reading. As always, I am amazed in looking back over the year how much we have accomplished and experienced. I hope you are planning to stay for the Vestry Soup Luncheon and the Annual Meeting this Sunday. This is more than a time for doing business. In addition, this is also a time to celebrate who we are as a parish – and I don’t think you realize just how amazing you are.

Here is the Gratitude Note I wrote on Sunday evening – prompted by our celebration of the Holy Eucharist and Gospel for the day:

Gratitude Note: For non-clergy persons who have influenced my life and empowered my journey. This morning in my sermon at St. Luke’s regarding Jesus’ reading of a passage from the prophet Isaiah in his hometown, I mentioned six people who truly made a difference in my life. They seemed to “get it” regarding God’s desire and calling to “take the good news to the poor; proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, let the oppressed go free and proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” Jesus did this most fully in his mission and ministry. However, these persons recognized their role in living the Christ-life and are woven into my life. I could name dozens of others, including clergy friends, but I will let these represent the many: Annie Spencer, RN; Jim Wood, airplane mechanic; John Ellis, life insurance agent, Lucy Carr, housewife and volunteer; Ron Lane, school principal; and Iona Freeman, teacher. Thank you, Beloved of God and of me – I am profoundly grateful.

Looking back I can could create a list that would just keep growing ever day as my slowing memory process would remember names of people in each chapter of my life. Just looking over my years hear at St. Luke’s, the list is huge of people who have touched, taught and transformed me as we have journeyed together. Looking around me now, I can add to that list so many people who are presently growing in Christ, serving each other and reaching out to make a difference – and I am honored to be along. This is Church the way it is supposed to be – a living, breathing and serving community of God’s beloved.

Thank you. And, thanks be to God!

Blessings,
Fr. Lee+

NEW BEGINNINGS DIOCESAN YOUTH EVENT

Hello all! Have a 6th-9th grader at home? Think they need a weekend of Jesus? NO PROBLEM! The diocesan youth event New Beginnings is slated to blast off **February 13th and 14th**, 2016 at Christ Church, Tulsa. New Beginnings is the youngest age bracket of what can be identified as “little Cursillo”. For those of you who have attended Cursillo in the past, you know what a mark it left on you—imagine if our youngsters had a similar experience! The cost is \$50 per youth and the registration deadline is Feb. 1st. See me (Sean+) in my office, downstairs, or in Church if you’d like to sign up and ship off your young beloved to a weekend with Jesus.

(Disclaimer: Jesus will be distributed at the event; expect the side effects to be: Sense of awe, deeper faith, loving kindness, thankfulness to you for letting them go, fatigue from frivolous frolicking, and in some cases the fire of the Holy Spirit has been reported.)

Faithfully,
Fr. Sean+

Weekly Activity Calendar

*Family Promise Families here
Jan. 31 through Feb. 7*

Sunday, January 31, 2016
 8:00am Rite I
 9:15am Sunday School Classes
 10:30am Rite II
 12:00pm All Parish Soup Lunch, MH
 12:30pm Annual Mtg., MH

Monday, February 1, 2016
 9:30am Church Staff Mtg.
 5:30pm Holy Eucharist
 6:30pm Ignatius Study, library

Tuesday, February 2, 2016
 10:00am Spiritual Discipline Group,
 Library

Wednesday, February 3, 2016
 6-8pm Young Disciples
 7:00pm Choir

Thursday, February 4, 2016
 6:45am Men’s Fellowship, MH
 12:00pm Holy Eucharist
 7:15pm Bible Study, Rm. 203

Friday, February 5, 2016

Saturday, February 6, 2016

Sunday, February 7, 2016
 8:00am Rite I
 9:15am Sunday School Classes
 10:30am Rite II

Monday, February 8, 2016
 9:30am Church Staff Mtg.
 5:30pm Holy Eucharist
 6:30pm Ignatius Study, library

CRAFTING OUR PRAYERS

Crafting our Prayers, a group of women who gather for prayer, handiwork, and fellowship will be starting a Lenten study on Monday, Feb. 8 in the Vestry Rm. We will meet each Monday through Lent at 10:30 a.m. All women, "crafty" or not, are invited to join the group as we work to deepen our spiritual journey and strengthen our ties with each other. If you have any questions, please call Rev. Lauri at 918-766-2473, or email lwatkins@episcopalbartlesville.org.

We are also meeting Monday, Feb. 1, at 10:30 to discuss the purchase of some kitchen supplies with our cookbook money, to plan our next "project," and to look at the Lenten study. Please bring your calendars with you to this meeting. If you have a project you are working on, please bring it to share. We will meet in the Vestry Room as usual.

ST. LUKE'S PRAYER LIST

Please keep these persons
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.)

Linda, Koko, Doris, Rosie, Emma, Sharon,
Joseph, Amelia, Sue, Mark, Becky, Jim,
Scott, Cory, Ryan, Janet, Ricky, Sherry,
Roy, Jerry, Jean, D'Manuel, Matthew,
Lisa and 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 contact the church
office at 918-336-1212 or
annbell@episcopalbartlesville.org.



JOYFUL NOISE SINGERS

Can you name the three hymn
books we use at St. Luke's? Do
you have a favorite hymn from one
of the 3 hymn books? Have you
ever thought of writing a hymn text
and/or hymn tune? Our *JOYFUL
NOISE* children are beginning to
learn about the hymns/songs we
sing that are found in the hymnals
we use. They will also be writing
their own hymn texts and maybe
even composing their own hymn
tunes! We'll be making our own
very special *JOYFUL NOISE
HYMN BOOK*. All of this is taking
place each Sunday morning at 9:15
a.m. right before Sunday School
classes.

"SOUPER BOWL" OF CARING

Food Collection
Sponsored by our Young Disciples
Sunday, February 7



Once again our Young Disciples will be participating in the "Souper" Bowl of Caring program on Sunday, February 7. They will be collecting food and money for the CONCERN Food Pantry. "Souper Bowl" of Caring is a nationwide program for youth organizations across the country. Young people collect non-perishable food and money for local food pantries. 100% of the food and money collected in our campaign will go to the CONCERN Center. Please plan to bring canned items, non-perishable food items and/or cash to support the YD's efforts.



Laura Birk and Susie Clark recently did a spectacular job of sorting and arranging the linen/silver closet and condiment closet in Metcalf Hall! Items have been rearranged and appropriately placed on labeled shelves for easy access and placement. It is now incumbent upon those of us using these items to do our best to maintain what they have wrought!

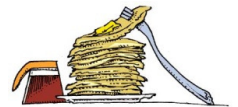
Last week I had a nice discussion with Kary Cox, Director of Washington County Emergency Management. He has some great suggestions for St. Luke's to use for disaster preparedness. These will be incorporated into a plan which I hope to have completed in about a month. Anyone that is interested in helping me with that plan would be most welcome.

Steve Forsythe, Parish Administrator
sforsythe@episcopalbartlesville.org, 918-336-1212

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

Tuesday, February 9
5:30-7:00pm, Rodgers Hall

Our Young Disciples Youth Group are again hosting the Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper! They will be serving "all you can eat" pancakes, sausage, juice, milk & coffee from 5:30-7:00pm in Rodgers Hall. Donations taken at the door will be used to fund upcoming YD activities & projects. Everyone in the parish is invited to come enjoy pancakes and fellowship!



FAMILY PROMISE - CONTINUING OUR JOURNEY IN SERVICE

Our week to host begins this Sunday, January 31st! There are 2 families (5 people) in the program, with the possibility of a third family beginning this week. **We still have a few volunteer spots that we need to fill as quickly as possible.** If you are able to help in any of these roles, please contact Jen Peterson. Thank you for all your continued support.

Overnight hosts (9pm-6am)

Thursday Feb 4th need 1 woman

Friday Feb 5th need 1 woman

Saturday, Feb 6th need 1 person, man or woman

Evening/Activity hosts (7-9pm)

Friday Feb 5th need 2

Saturday, Feb 6th need 2

Dinner Prep (5:30-7pm)

Saturday, February 6th need 2

Saturday Feb 6th Day hosts

Need 2 people to offer childcare in 3 hour windows from 10 am-1pm and 1-4 pm, so that the single Moms can have a much needed day to treat themselves. Activities for moms have already been sponsored. Children are aged 2 and under.

Interested in becoming a volunteer? Contact Jen Peterson 918-397-7779, jenrpet1971@gmail.com for more information.

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LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE 1/31/15 through 2/7/16

Volunteers: Please make your own substitutions.

Acolytes

Sunday, January 31

No Acolytes Scheduled today

Sunday, February 7

Servers

Anneke Borg, Harald Borg

Torchbearers

Kimaya Kindred, Emma Boyle

Layreaders

Sunday, January 31

8:00am

Jim Grillot, Kate Carroll

10:30am

Bob Wesneski, Nick Conner,

Judy Currey, Nick Conner

Sunday, February 7

8:00am

Jeff Birk, Darian Kedy

10:30am

Lauren Green, Kate Carroll,

Carol Murphy

Nursery Volunteers

January 31

Diana Crawford

February 7

Elizabeth Boyle

February 14

Natalie Conner

Scripture Lessons for

Sunday, January 31

Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6;

1 Corinthians 13:1-13;

Luke 4:21-30

Music for Sunday, January 31

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

GATHER #270 – "God is Love"

GATHER #336 – "Now in This
Banquet"

GATHER #334 – "I Have Loved
You"

#427 – "When Morning Gilds
the Skies"

Sunday Plate Counters

January 31

Jim Grillot

February 7

Amy Borg

Coffee Fellowship Hour

January 31

All Parish Soup Lunch &

Annual Mtg.

February 7

YD "Souper" Bowl Sunday

To volunteer, contact Rita

Childers, 918-519-8470 or

puevey45@gmail.com

Bereavement Committee

Team 3

Wendy Hall, Connie Freebern,

Glenda Garrison,

Gretchen Hoyt, Becky Liehr,

Carol Murphy

Greeters

Sunday, January 31

8:00am

Gretchen Hoyt

10:30am

Becky & Jim Liehr

Carol Murphy

Sunday, February 7

8:00am

Don Davidson

10:30am

Glenn & Thelma Blackburn

Jo Oertle

(Volunteers needed for both
services. Contact Amy Borg,
713-206-1179)

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, January 31

8:00am

Ace Gardner, Dean Zervas

10:30am

Jeff Birk, Jim Warring

Sunday, February 7

8:00am

Ace Gardner, Dean Zervas

10:30am

Jim Malone, Tim Simmons

Children's Chapel

January 31

Jeanne Julstrom, Travis Sutton

February 7

Heather Boyle, Bob Tedstrom

February 14

Erin & Travis Perry

Agape Mission

4th Thursday,

January 28, 2016

9-11am

Fr. Lee Stephens, Jim Liehr

10:45am-1pm

Jeff Birk, Molly Ferguson,

Glenda Garrison, Darian Kedy,

Jen Peterson

1-2:45pm

Carol Murphy,

Radomir Petrovich