



The Steeple

St. Luke's Episcopal Church
210 SE Ninth St., Bartlesville, Oklahoma 74003
www.episcopalbartlesville.org

Volume XX, Number 1

January 6, 2016



Epiphany

**HOLY EUCHARIST WILL BE CELEBRATED AT
7:00 P.M. WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2016**

On Wednesday, January 6, the church celebrates the Feast of the Epiphany, which marks the end of the 12 days of Christmas. Epiphany is a Greek word meaning “manifestation” or “appearing”. At the Feast of the Epiphany we celebrate Jesus being made manifest or appearing as Christ. Come and celebrate with us.

INSIDE THIS ISSUE...

Weekly Calendar	2
From the Rector	2
CONCERN Food Pantry Needs	2
St. Luke's Prayer List	3
Steve's Stuff	3
Discipleship Forum	3
Tuesday Spiritual Discipline Group	3
Family Promise Opportunities	3
Lay Ministry Schedules	4

Important Dates To Remember

- Epiphany Service, Wed., Jan. 6, 2016, 7pm. Holy Eucharist will be celebrated
- Monthly Vestry Mtg., Tues., Jan. 12, 7:15pm
- Nominee Autobiographies due Wed., Jan. 13
- Annual Reports Due, Friday, Jan. 22
- Family Promise Families at St. Luke's, Jan. 31-Feb. 7 (see pg. 3)

ATTENTION:

ALL VESTRY MEMBERS & COMMITTEE CHAIRS Annual Reports are Due Soon



If you are a member of the Vestry, or the head of a committee, your annual report of activities and results from your areas of responsibilities within the parish in 2015 are due in the office no later than Friday, January 22 for inclusion in St. Luke's Annual Book of Reports. You may email your report to annbell@episcopalbartlesville.org, or submit your report to the church office. Copies of last years' Annual Report are available in the church office.

Also, if you have been nominated for the Vestry, Convention or Nominating Committee, you are asked to submit a brief autobiography (maximum 4-5 sentences) of your faith journey & church activities. This information must be submitted **by Wed., Jan. 13, 2016**. Questions? Call the church office at 918-336-1212.

Our Annual Meeting is Sunday, January 31 at 12:30pm (preceded by an All-Parish Potluck at 12noon) in Metcalf Hall. All members are encouraged to attend.

The Annual Meeting serves as a time of reflection on the past year and also 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.



We had a good week away in Kansas City seeing our sons and their families – especially Lauren, Cayden (The Twins) and Landon and Savannah. We had time to relax and read as well enjoy some of our favorite restaurants.

There was time to reflect on the last year and talk with anticipation about the gift of another year. We came home just in time to worship with our parish family for the last Sunday of Christmas – and Epiphany just three days away.

And then it happened...one of those “wow” moments – the unexpected – but so real.

Before we left for our time away, I knew that my first Monday back would be important. Linda Cabbage would be having surgery for a brain tumor early in the morning at St. John’s (the surgery went very well after a four-hour delay – the prognosis is good). Wanting to pray with Linda and Tom before the surgery meant getting up in the “fives” and on the road by 5:30.

As I usually do on these occasions, I left the radio off to use this as quiet time – prayer and presence – and sometimes rambling mind. Then it happened. I pulled out of the driveway and out of the Grove going south behind the high school – there it was: an incredibly bright star in the night sky. I mean really bright! I drove eagerly to get out in the country away from city lights.

Awe was rising in my soul as drove into the darkness of Hwy. 75 with this beaming star in the East – yes, in the East – okay, southeast – clearly in view all the way to the hospital. Later I told Linda and Tom about my experience adding that the star led me there, but didn’t stop over the hospital. That was good for a laugh and wonderment.

The forty-minute drive was filled with awe, wonder, presence, joy, comfort – with Spirit. So, unexpected and yet so needed. Coming into 2016 there is so much already lining up for us/me in our parish life, community involvement, personal challenges, changes in Vestry leadership, NCD processes – and a very serious surgery just ahead.

I’m not complaining – I still love what I do – now for forty-six years with nineteen at St. Luke’s. However, the star (planet or whatever) reminded me I am not alone and my calling continues. How timely for this to be at the end of Christmastide and just before Epiphany – a wonderful God-surprise that spoke to my spirit. The car was filled with Presence and my soul with Peace.

These moments are not reserved for me alone. I invite you to reflect on how God has been with you –spoken to you – in this Christmas season and as you look toward the season of Epiphany. May this be a time of desire, awareness and renewed faith for each of us.

Believe. I have seen the Star again.

Blessings,

Fr. Lee+

Weekly Activity Calendar

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

Monday, January 11, 2016
9:30am Church Staff Mtg.
10:30am Crafting Our Prayers
5:30pm Holy Eucharist
6:30pm Ignatius Study, library

Tuesday, January 12, 2016
10:00am Spiritual Discipline Group, Library
7:00pm Bible Study, Rm. 203
7:15pm Vestry Mtg.

Wednesday, January 13, 2016
6-8pm Young Disciples
7:00pm Choir

Thursday, January 14, 2016
6:45am Men’s Fellowship, MH
12:00pm Holy Eucharist

Friday, January 15, 2016

Saturday, January 16, 2016

Sunday, January 17, 2016
8:00am Rite I
9:15am Sunday School Classes
10:30am Rite II

Monday, January 18, 2016
9:30am Church Staff Mtg.
10:30am Crafting Our Prayers
5:30pm Holy Eucharist
6:30pm Ignatius Study, library

CONCERN FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

Hunger knows no season! The CONCERN Food Pantry is always in need of donations of food. Following is a list of TOP 10 needed items:

- Eggs
- Meat – hamburger, roast, chick, pork
- Butter or margarine
- Powdered, canned or shelf milk
- Peanut butter
- Jelly
- Hamburger Helper
- Canned meat, fish, or beef stew
- Pork & Beans
- Canned vegetables
- Canned fruits



Paper towels and toilet paper are always in short supply as are personal hygiene items including: toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, bar soap, laundry soap, tampons, pads, diapers.

All non-perishable items may be brought to the church and placed in the Rubbermaid tub under the coat rack outside of Metcalf Hall. Perishable items may be brought to the CONCERN Center, 333 S. Penn Ave., Mon.-Thurs., 11:00am-2:30pm. For more information call 918-336-4693.

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.

Sunday Discipleship Form THE STUDY OF THIS YEAR'S GOSPEL: LUKE

9:15am in Metcalf Hall

With Advent we started a new
liturgical year – Year C which uses
Luke as the primary gospel. Fr. Lee
has begun a six week study of Luke's
Gospel which began Sunday, January
3rd. To more fully appreciate the
study participants are encouraged to
read the Gospel of Luke prior to the
study, and then again as the study
unfolds. The Bible is the primary
source.

THE SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINE GROUP IN EPIPHANY

Resource: "The Heart of
Christianity" by Marcus Borg
Tuesdays mornings at 10:00
in the Church Library

The Tuesday Morning Spiritual
Discipline Group will began a new
study on January 5. The group is
exploring Marcus Borg's The Heart
of Christianity while continuing their
practice of contemplative prayer.
This will be the season of The
Epiphany and good time for people
to join the group – good companions
on the spiritual journey. The books
are available in the parish office and
bookstore. Fr. Lee will continue
leading the experience. As he puts it,
"We learn, practice and grow
together."



You will probably never know this was done, but the thermostat that was in the outer Narthex is now located in the real Narthex. You may think I am talking a foreign language (before becoming the Parish Administrator, I was not real sure what a Narthex was) and if you understand the difference in the Narthexes, you might wonder why I am even mentioning this. It all about location, location, location you see, because the thermostat that was moved from the outer Narthex controlled the temperature in the real Narthex and thus did not properly sense the temperature in the right location—now it does. If you have stayed with me this far, you may wonder what controls the temperature in the outer Narthex now. Well, it is the same thermostat that controls the temperature on the left side of the Nave (what is the Nave? You know, where we sit on Sundays). This means that the outer Narthex is a little cooler than it was, but much more energy efficient. Further, the real Narthex is much more comfortable and also more energy efficient.

Under the category of more information you probably don't think you need to know, there are not one, but two sets of valves in the vicinity of the office that can turn off the water in both the old and new buildings, in case of some water leak. I have made sure several folks know the location of said valves. What old and new buildings you may ask—they both seem to be pretty old. The south end of our church was built in 1952 and the north end was built in 1982—the dividing line is the double doors at the south end of the hall in the new building.

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

FAMILY PROMISE: CONTINUING OUR JOURNEY IN SERVICE

It is time for us to welcome families once again!! Our next week to host will be from Sunday p.m., January 31st to Sunday a.m., February 7th. Volunteers, please consult your calendars and see when you are able to serve. Sign up outside Metcalf Hall beginning this Sunday, Jan. 10 after the 10:30 service. Alternatively feel free to email Jen Peterson with your preferred role and date. (Jenrpet1972@gmail.com)

Update: One of the families that we had hosted previously has graduated from the program, and they are now living independently. What a wonderful way to start the new year! In addition, a single Mom with a 15 month-old boy, has entered the program. There are currently three families consisting of four adults and seven children: a total of 11 people.

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



Family Promise®
Of Washington County, Oklahoma

St. Luke's Episcopal Church
210 East 9th Street
Bartlesville, Oklahoma 74003
(Return Service Requested)
<http://www.episcopalbartlesville.org/>

The Rev. Dr. T. Lee Stephens, Rector (leestephens@episcopalbartlesville.org)
The Rev. Sean Ekberg, Curate (seanekberg@episcopalbartlesville.org)
The Rev. Douglas Freebern, Deacon (dfreebern@yahoo.com)
The Rev. Lauri Watkins, Deacon/Christian Educ. Director (lwatkins@episcopalbartlesville.org)
The Rev. Mike Watkins, Deacon (mike.watkins@sbcglobal.net)
In an Emergency, call 918-397-3683, 580-977-4969, or 918-766-2473 or 918-914-0525
Ann Bell, Parish Secretary (annbell@episcopalbartlesville.org)
Steve Forsythe, Parish Administrator (sforsythe@episcopalbartlesville.org)
Dolores McCreary, Organist/Choir Director (dolores@episcopalbartlesville.org)
Ellen Heald, Sr. Warden (eh@knightsbridgeusa.com)
Jim Liehr, Jr. Warden (jimliehr@yahoo.com)
Office Phone: 918-336-1212 Office Fax: 918-336-2557
Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 8:30am-4:00pm, Fridays 8:30am-3:00pm
Holy Eucharist: Sunday 8am & 10:30am; Monday 5:30pm, Thursday 12pm

"The Steeple" is a weekly publication of St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 210 SE 9th St., Bartlesville, OK 74003

LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE 1/10/15 through 1/17/16

Volunteers: Please make your own substitutions.

Acolytes

Sunday, January 10

Servers

David Wiseman, Grace Mitchell

Torchbearers

Keaton Mitchell, Evan Mitchell

Sunday, January 17

Servers

Nick Olsen, Greta Olsen

Torchbearers

Kyle Peterson, Charlie Olsen

Scripture Lessons for

Sunday, January 10

Isaiah 43:1-7; Psalm 29; Acts
8:14017; Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Sunday Plate Counters

January 10

Jim Malone

January 17

Steve Clark

Coffee Fellowship Hour

January 10

Glenda Garrison

To volunteer, contact Rita

Childers, 918-519-8470 or

puvey45@gmail.com

Bereavement Committee

Team 3

Wendy Hall, Connie Freebern,

Glenda Garrison,

Gretchen Hoyt, Becky Liehr,

Carol Murphy

Greeters

Sunday, January 10

8:00am

Don & Cheri Doty

10:30am

Carolyn Lawrence

Sunday, January 17

8:00am

Sue Glass

10:30am

Carol Murphy

Maureen & Steve Forsythe

Ushers

Sunday, January 10

8:00am

Ace Gardner, Michael Kemp

10:30am

Glenn Blackburn,

Brian Ferguson

Sunday, January 17

8:00am

Michael Kemp, Dean Zervas

10:30am

Glenn Bonner, Steve Clark

Layreaders

Sunday, January 10

8:00am

Nick Conner, Darian Kedy

10:30am

Kate Carroll, Lynda Stephens

Nick Conner, Juanita Green

Sunday, January 17

8:00am

Kate Carroll, Scott Williams

10:30am

Judy Currey, Carol Murphy,

Lauren Green, Penny Williams

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

January 10

Erin & Travis Perry

January 17

Becky & Brian Olsen

January 24

Jeanne Julstrom, Travis Sutton

Agape Mission

2nd Thursday,

January 14, 2016

9-11am

Jeanne Julstrom, John

McCollum

10:45am-1pm

Rita Childers, Becky Liehr,
Suzanne Read, Kathy Zervas,

Marcia Zervas

1-2:45pm

Melinda Droege,

Miriam Petrovich

Nursery Volunteers

Elizabeth Boyle

January 10

Natalie Conner

January 17

Barbara Todd

January 24

Anneke Borg

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!