

The Second Floor



St. Luke's Episcopal Church

210 E. 9th Street

Bartlesville, OK 74003

Episode 2: January 18, 2016

Upcoming Events

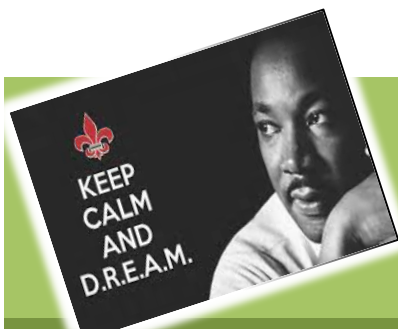
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| January 20 th ,
2016 | Clericus in Vinita, OK
Young Disciples Meet @
6:00 pm |
| January 21 st ,
2016 | Healing Service
@ 12:00 pm.

Bible Study @ 7:15 pm |
| January 22 nd ,
2016 | Church Offices Closed |
| January 24 th ,
2016 | Eucharist Rite I: 8:00 am
Luke Study: 9:15-10:15 am
Eucharist Rite II: 10:30 am |

This week in History

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday is January 15th, 1929 (celebrated the third Monday of January).

Tensions abound in the world and within our immediate realm. No matter what challenges us, it is appropriate and necessary to remember Dr. King's words as he spoke about those with whom we disagree: "Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only Love can do that."



Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Martin Luther King, Jr. was an American Baptist minister, activist, humanitarian, and leader in the African-American Civil Rights Movement. He is best known for his role in the advancement of Civil Rights using non-violent civil disobedience based on his Christian beliefs.



Gratitude Note: For another God moment at St. Luke's. The context: The Episcopal Church is part of the worldwide Anglican Communion with over eighty-eight million members. We have many things in common – sacraments, liturgy, creeds, prayers, mission, Scriptures, Tradition and more. We also have the challenges of different cultures and perspectives – especially on issues of sexuality and most notably on same-gender marriage. Last week the Primates/Archbishops of the Anglican Communion decided to let the Episcopal Church continue in the Communion but also chose to punish us by restricting our leadership and participation for three years.

This has stirred a lot of questions, concerns and pain for those of us who value our world-wide Communion but believe the path the Episcopal Church is taking is of Christ – of God's Grace. Fr. Sean addressed this very well in his sermon this morning (available upon request at seanekberg@episcopalbartlesville.org). Our response to those who oppose us must also be one of Grace as we continue to "walk together" with our sisters and brothers in the Anglican Communion.

Now the "God moment" – it happened with the hymn we sang after we had received Holy Communion – a hymn by John Michael Talbot that had been planned at least a week ago. As we sang, I was touched and filled with God's love, hope and vision – and yes, many of us had tears. Here are the lyrics:

*One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many, throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.*

Verse 1. Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man, no more.

Verse 2. Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all.

Verse 3. Grain for the fields, scattered and grown, gathered to one, for all.

If you are interested in learning more about Primates' decisions, the Presiding Bishop's response, our Bishop's letter, and much more, follow the links provided in this newsletter. Please know that this a part of the process for moving forward with the mission of the Church which I pray will lead to reconciliation and renewed partnership in the Anglican Communion. Meanwhile, we continue to follow in the way we believe Christ is leading us in the Episcopal Church and St. Luke's. All will be well. We cannot know exactly how. All will be well.

Blessings,
Fr. Lee+

The Rev. Dr. Lee Stephens



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Evening Activity Host 7-9 pm

Tue. Feb 2 (need 1), Wed. Feb 3 (need 2),
Thurs. Feb 4 (need 1), Fri. Feb 5 (need 2),
Sat. Feb 6 (need 2)

Overnight Host 9 pm – 6 am

Mon. Feb 1 (need 1), Wed. Feb 3 (need 1),
Thurs. Feb 4 (need 2), Friday, Feb 5 (need 2),
Sat. Feb 6 (need 1)

Saturday morning breakfast 8 - 10am

Need 2 to prepare and serve a hot breakfast

Saturday Day Hosts 10am-5pm

One family is needed to sponsor a daytime activity

Regular breakfasts (5 portable brown sacks to be dropped at church night before)

Thurs. Feb 4, Fri., Feb 5, Sun. Feb 7

We are two weeks away from hosting families here at St. Luke's! There are currently two families consisting of two adults and three children: a total of five people.

Our week to host will be from January 31st to February 7th. We still have the following roles left to fill. Volunteers please consult your calendars and see when you are able to serve. Our final day to sign up outside Metcalf Hall is this Sunday, Jan. 24th after the 10:30 service, or feel free to email Jen Peterson with your preferred role and date.

Thanks to everyone for your continued support of this wonderful program!

Interested in becoming a volunteer?

Contact Jen Peterson for more information.

Phone: [918-397-7779](tel:918-397-7779)

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What's the Anglican Communion got to do with it?

The Anglican Community is a group of Christian Anglicans dedicated to spreading God's love and Word throughout the world. The Communion, founded loosely as early as 1578 CE, is comprised of 38 autonomous and regional churches plus six extra-provincial churches and diocese (churches and diocese outside provinces recognized by the communion) all of which are in communion—in a reciprocal relationship—with the Archbishop of Canterbury who is the Communion's spiritual head.

With the Communion's recent decision, many of you may have questions concerning what the Communion does and what exactly happened. Listed below and to the right are two helpful URL's that will hopefully serve to direct your questions and concerns toward a path of deeper understanding of the Anglican Communion and it's decision.

www.anglicancommunion.org

www.epiok.org/dfc/newsdetail_2/3176458/

Please contact Fr.'s Lee or Sean, Deacons Lauri, Mike or Doug with any additional questions.

Sunday School--What's happening up there?



It's a little bit of heaven on the second floor on Sunday mornings. Our children are loved, nurtured, taught, and enjoyed as they participate in our programs. First, Dolores meets with the 4 year olds through Junior High. Currently they are learning the "good old songs,"—and making their own hymnals! Then each age group goes to its own class. Our senior high group usually views a few minutes of a current movie, then relates it back to their own lives, and to the gospel. This carefully crafted curriculum allows them to probe and ask faith questions. The junior high class is studying the New Covenant people, such as the rich young ruler and the disciples. They will be making a game to play with the upper

elementary class. The upper elementary class (grades 3rd-5th) is taking on a short mission project this week; they are filling bags with some health items, such as aspirin and hand sanitizer. In each bag, they will write a note to the recipient, expressing care and compassion. Our youngest children are participating in Godly Play activities.

This week they will hear the parable of the Good Samaritan—the parables are presented using golden boxes, since they contain treasure for all of us. You are welcome to come to the second floor during the Sunday School hour and enjoy the busy, happy atmosphere of children being loved.

Please thank those who are giving of their time and talent to teach these children. They certainly should be applauded for their faithfulness and their perseverance!



The Rev. Lauri Watkins is the Christian Education Director for St. Luke's and chaplain at Jane Phillips Medical Center. If you have questions about or would like to volunteer in Christian Education, please contact her.

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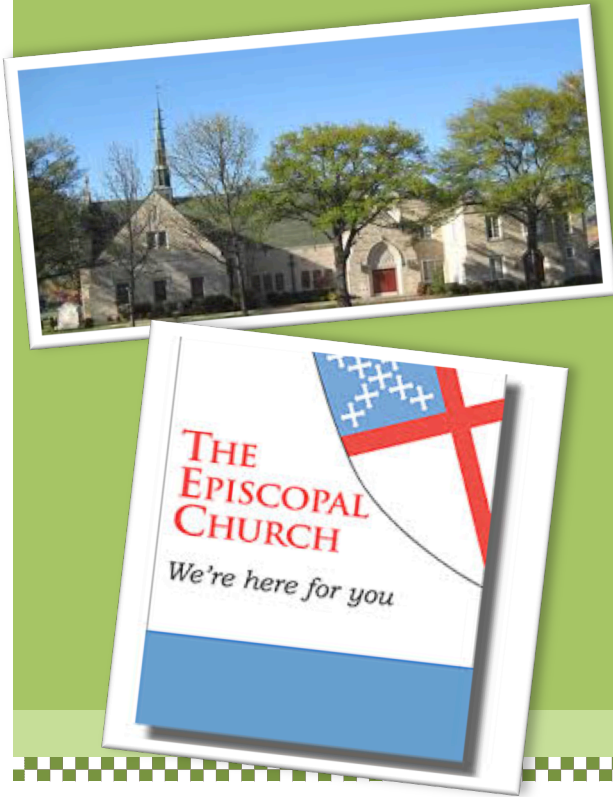
Flat roofs need love (well, care and attention) too, I have learned. Thus, as the weather warms, some folks will be carefully going over all our flat roofs on the church building, This includes the two big expanses over the old and new classroom areas, as well as those little flat roofs that are notorious for catching leaves and so forth and then allowing water to get in our buildings. This is the same company that had the two fellas trapped on the roof, so I imagine they will be more attuned to door locks and such. Once we get the roofs all spiffed up, then we can have an annual inspection to see if all is well, the idea being no flat roof leaks! Won't that be lovely?

Steve

STEVE'S STUFF

LAY MINISTERS FOR JANUARY 24TH, 2016

<p><u>Acolytes</u></p> <p>Servers:</p> <p>Spencer Heald</p> <p>Michael McElyea</p> <p><u>Ushers</u></p> <p>8am: Robert Babcock, Dean Zervas</p> <p>10am: Jim Grillot, Max McCreary</p>	<p><u>Layreaders</u></p> <p>8am: Judy Currey, Nick Conner</p> <p>10:30am: Juanita Green, Penny Williams, Kate Carroll, Bob Wesneski</p> <p><u>Scripture lessons for Sunday</u></p> <p>Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10</p> <p>Psalms 19</p> <p>Epistle: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a</p> <p>Gospel: Luke 4:14-21</p>	<p><u>Greeters</u></p> <p>8am: Sally Canfield</p> <p>10:30am: D.J. & Jerry Nezam</p> <p><u>Plate Counters:</u></p> <p>Jim Grillot, Jim Malone</p>
<p>Spiritual Discipline Group</p> <p>Tuesday January, 26th</p> <p>10:00am in the Library</p>	<p><u>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</u></p> <p>Please have articles that you would like featured in The Steeple to the church office no later than Tuesday at 10:00am.</p> <p>Thank you!</p>	<p>Theologians in Training</p> <p>Thursday January, 28th</p> <p>Fr. Sean's Office @ 7:15pm</p>
<p>ST. Luke's Bookstore</p> <p>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.</p> <p>To volunteer, contact Melina Wesneski, 918-333-7758 or mcwesne@gmail.com</p>	<p><u>Nursery Volunteer:</u></p> <p>Anneke Borg</p> <p><u>Children's Chapel:</u></p> <p>Jeanne Julstrom, Travis Sutton</p> <p><u>Coffee Fellowship Hour:</u></p> <p>Carol Murphy</p> <p><u>Bereavement Committee Team 3:</u></p> <p>Wendy Hall, Connie Freebern, Glenda Garrison, Gretchen Hoyt, Becky Liehr, Carol Murphy</p>	<p>Young Disciples</p> <p>6:00pm-8:00pm</p> <p>Young Adults</p> <p>8:00pm-9:00pm</p> <p>(Adults between 17-21)</p>



St. Luke's Episcopal Church

We hope that you and yours will come and experience God with us this Sunday. Come over and feel the welcome of the Episcopal Church, feel the power of the Holy Spirit in this place, witness the love of God in our worship and look with us toward the cross in faith hope and love.

Childcare and Children's Chapel available

Call anytime: 918-336-1212

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Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 8:30am-4:00pm; Friday 8:30am-3:30pm

Holy Eucharist: Sunday 8:00am, 10:30am; Monday 5:30pm; Thursday 12:00pm