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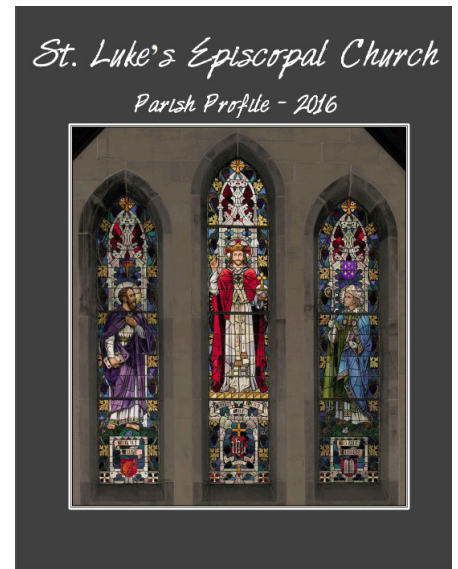
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St. Luke's Parish Profile 2016

The Rector Search Committee is proud to share the news that our St. Luke's Parish Profile has been approved. We encourage you to read the profile on the St. Luke's website at

<http://episcopalbartlesville.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/7/2016/07/St.-Lukes-Parish-Profile-2016.pdf> . If you would like a printed copy, contact the Church Office.



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Important Dates To Remember

Monthly Vestry Mtg., Monday, Oct. 10,
7:15pm
St. Luke's Day Celebration, Sunday, Oct.
16 (see pg. 3)

**BIG COUNTRY
BREAKFAST**
Benefitting
"Pack the Backpacks"
Saturday, Oct. 8
7:30-10:30a.m.
Elks Lodge
\$6/person

YOUNG DISCIPLES RAISING MONEY FOR RODGERS HALL DOOR RESTORATION PROJECT

Wasn't that skit just a-DOOR-able? Ha! Okay, okay, enough of the puns. For those of you that missed it, the YD put on a halftime show during Church this last Sunday and they asked for your help. As many of you know, St. Luke's is in the process of replacing every exterior door on the building. If you want to help and have missed your chance at one of the other doors, don't fret—the YD have spoken for the Rodgers Hall doors and have asked for you to help them raise money. Their goal is to replace both doors, a costly endeavor, so whatever you can give to help them will be much appreciated. Thanks, St. Lucans, you are amazing! When you make your contribution, simply write "Rodgers Hall Door Restoration" in the memo of your check.

Fr. Sean,

From the Rector...



This is Monday evening. Lynda and I returned home this afternoon after eleven days away including two Sundays. I am a little “road-weary”, but at peace. The experience was a spiritual retreat in every sense of the word. Then we got home in time for the first Presidential Debate! And, tomorrow I will join all the clergy in the diocese at St. Crispin’s for a three-day Clergy Conference.

The setting at Dauphin Island was wonderful whether in the midst of the maritime forest where we stayed or walking in the Gulf’s surf. There was no wi-fi unless I went to the local bakery – so no internet, Facebook, emails, or news except for brief moments to send Gratitude Notes and be sure there were no emergencies back home. The phone service was zero most of the time. Best yet, no political news from anywhere.

I had a set of spiritual disciplines that I used each day – an outline that was very helpful. There were two center pieces: quiet prayer and Richard Rohr’s The Naked Now. The contemplative/quiet prayer was a time when I was as open and available to God as I could be. This was taken seriously what I was reading – seeking to be in the “naked now” to experience God without thinking, stressing, planning or controlling – letting go of the mind and ego as much as possible. This prayer time was rich, wonderful, puzzling and mysterious.

Along with these two disciplines I used journaling on my daily experiences; reflections on my forty-six years of ministry; Gratitude Notes to God and anyone who might be interested; and seeking to be open to what the future may become. A part of the process was meeting with Fr. Roger Porter who is a retired priest serving the Episcopal Church on the island. This was also a time for study and paperwork for my retirement. Of course there was valuable time in conversation with Lynda about all of this and some decisions we needed to make.

How timely it was that at the end of this retreat I was sent a link to the Parish Profile which had just been approved by the Bishop. What a wonderful document – a great testimony to life at St. Luke’s. The Search Committee did a great job in taking input from the parish and weaving together our story of who we are, what we do, and where we are going. And yes, reflecting the church we want to be “With Arms Wide Open to God, each other and people in need.” How exciting.

So, I came home with a sense of peace – in the now and with what is to come. I can say that even after watching the debate tonight. Oh yes, I experienced the tension of the process and the urgency in this election. Oddly enough, a sense of peace remains – the “naked now” helps with a different, non-dualistic, third eye way of seeing. I hope to keep growing in that way.

So, in the morning I will meet with the Spiritual Discipline Group and then head off to St. Crispin’s and Clergy Conference. Considering my “situation” and the new stage of St. Luke’s search, this should be an interesting time. I will not seek anyone, but will respond as friends ask about life for me and for St. Luke’s. Please pray for Lynda and me – and the search for who is to come.

Blessings,

Fr. Lee,

Weekly Activity Calendar

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.
5:30pm Holy Eucharist
6:30pm Altar Guild Mtg., Vestry Rm.

Tuesday, October 4, 2016

10:00am Spiritual Discipline Group, library

Wednesday, October 5, 2016

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

Thursday, October 6, 2016

6:45am Men’s Fellowship, MH
12:00pm Holy Eucharist today

Friday, October 7, 2016

Saturday, October 8, 2016

Sunday, October 9, 2016

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

Monday, October 10, 2016

9:30am Church Staff Mtg., Vestry Rm.
5:30pm Holy Eucharist
7:15pm Vestry Mtg.

JOYFUL NOISE RINGERS & SINGERS

Only 2 more Sunday mornings to prepare our special music for Oct. 16th St. Luke’s Day. The children who were here this past Sunday are getting more comfortable with the handbells. Practicing with our handbells is ESSENTIAL before being able to ring!



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.
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.
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.

FREE ORGAN CONCERT

There will be a free Organ Concert on Friday, October 7 at 7:00 pm at the Catholic Church of St. John Before the Latin Gate in Bartlesville, Oklahoma. It will feature the Hungarian musician Mr. Zoltan Varga as the organist. The concert will last about an hour and will have a variety of music, traditional and modern highlighting the Casavant Organ. All are welcome!



St. Luke's Day Celebration
Sunday, October 16
4-7pm
Metcalf Hall &
Church Parking Lot

Join us for a BBQ Picnic from 4-7pm on Sun., Oct. 16. We will be serving ribs, brisket, chicken and all the fixings! Entertainment for adults & children! Music with St. Luke's Talent.

Tickets: Adults \$15
Children (12 & under): Free

Proceeds from this event go to CONCERN and Family Promise. Tickets go on sale on Sunday, Oct. 2 before and after both services.

HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE DOOR PROJECT



Contributions are still being requested to help cover the cost of 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.

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.

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!

TWICE BLESSED SALE A SUCCESS!

The Blessings were multiplied many more times than we could count! The blessing of working together with others *. The blessing of knowing that your generous offerings of *things & other stuff* were eagerly and gratefully purchased for use by others. The blessing of shared kind words, laughter, gentleness, more laughter. And the blessing of \$3000 to be given to St. Luke's Outreach funds. Blessings abound!

*Special thanks to all the "others" who made our Twice Blessed sale a success in every way: Becky, Blair, Connie, Dolores, Evelyn, Georgia, Glenda, Glenn, Jeanne, Jim, Kathy, Kris, Lou Ann, Marsha, Max, Melinda, Miriam, Nancy, Wendy and _____ (fill in your name if we have unintentionally left you off this list!)

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY

SUNDAYS, 9:15AM, VESTRY RM.

LED BY FR. SEAN EKBERG

COME ENJOY BIBLE STUDY & FELLOWSHIP WITH
OTHER YOUNG ADULTS OF ST. LUKE'S PARISH.



The Chapel Door is completely restored and the South Entrance Doors are next! Still needing some funds (about \$1,500) to allow us to make the North Entrance Doors handicap/easily accessible while we restore them.

Levitation? No, it is just the ole quarry tile "floating" in more places, primarily in the hallway. Last week I had two more folks give us estimates on removing and replacing the tile. When I receive their write-ups, I will send them to our insurance company and we will see how much they will pay. I doubt it will be the entire amount, but that remains to be seen. In the meantime, don't let the floating upset your boat!

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LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE 10/2/16 through 10/9/16

Volunteers: Please make your own substitutions.

Acolytes
Oct. 2
Servers
 Harald Borg, Robert Boyle
Torchbearers
 Emma Perry, Emma Boyle
Oct. 9
Servers
 Ruth Todd, Grace Mitchell
Torchbearers
 Keaton Mitchell, Evan Mitchell

Scripture Lessons for Sunday, Oct. 2
 Lamentations 1:1-6; Psalm 137; 2 Timothy 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10
Music for Sunday, Oct. 2
 #10 – "New Every Morning is the Love"
 #318 – "Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face"
 #334 – "Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing"
 #460 – "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

Greeters
Sunday, Oct. 2
8:00am
 Don Davidson
10:30am
 Glenn & Thelma Blackburn
Sunday, Oct. 9
8:00am
 Don Doty
10:30am
 Debbie & Dennis Mueggenborg

Ushers
Sunday, Oct. 2
8:00am
 Steve Forsythe, Dean Zervas
10:30am
 Tim Simmons, Hugh Harrison
Sunday, Oct. 9
8:00am
 Don Davidson, Michael Kemp
10:30am
 Brian Ferguson, Jim Warring

Layreaders
Sunday, Oct. 2
8:00am
 Darian Kedy, Jeff Birk
10:30am
 Kate Carroll, Judy Currey
 Nick Conner, Lauren Green
Sunday, Oct. 9
8:00am
 Jeff Birk, Kate Carroll
10:30am
 Bob Wesneski, Juanita Green
 Lauren Green, Judy Currey

Coffee Fellowship Hour
Oct. 2
 Mark & Cheryl Fregin
Oct. 9
 Monica Martin
To volunteer, contact Rita Childers, 918-519-8470 or puevey45@gmail.com

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
Oct. 2
 Heather Boyle, Bob Tedstrom
Oct. 9
 Jeanne Julstrom, Travis Sutton
Oct. 16
 Blair & Chad Ellis

Nursery Volunteers
October 2
 Travis Sutton
October 9
 Natalie Conner
Oct. 16
 Barbara Todd

Bereavement Committee Team 2
 Barbara Martin, Laura Birk, Thelma Blackburn, Sally Canfield, Debbie Mueggenborg

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!

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

Sunday Plate Counter
October 2
 Amy Borg
October 9
 Bruce Ramzel
October 16
 Steve Clark