



# The Steeple

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## ✓ Important Dates To Remember

Regional Delegates Mtg., Sun., Oct. 9,  
2pm, St. John's, Vinita

Monthly Vestry Mtg., Monday, Oct. 10,  
7:15pm

St. Luke's Day Celebration, Sunday, Oct.  
16 (see article this pg.)

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

## 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**

**introducing  
the rock band...**



**AND ON SUNDAY MORNING 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 and are available in the church office during the week.

## From the Rector...



Did you enjoy Fr. Sean's "stand-up" sermon routine on Sunday? He was very entertaining – his winsome personality unleashed. He had us laughing throughout much of his sermon. Actually, he got us started with the Children's Homily and kept rolling into the Adult Sermon. He could take this show on the road – and eventually he will.

Yet, what he was saying in such an entertaining way is something we really need to hear. If we want our church to grow – If we want other people to know about a faith that is transforming – If we want others to know the love of Christ personally – If we want to be authentically Christian – If we want people in need to know we care – then we need to speak up – be with them – be a "Prism" for them – have our arms wide open where "they" are.

Fr. Sean put it on the line when he asked us if we know people who are "unchurched" and/or need assurance that God loves them and/or that we care. Then he really pushed us when he asked how often do we actually reach out and touch them – invited them to St. Luke's?

Someone wrote a letter to the Search Committee and sent me a copy. She congratulated them on the superb job they did in putting together the Parish Profile. She said they captured the essence, attractiveness and inclusiveness of St. Luke's.

I agree with her. If you have yet to read it, go to our website and read it today or go by the parish office and pick up a printed copy. Any priest who reads it will want to apply! Indeed, if people in our community were to read the Parish Profile, they would like what they see – but likely won't come. Something more is needed.

Our Clergy Conference speaker last week nailed it. He had a picture which he repeatedly flashed on the screen in our sessions. The picture showed a nice looking and friendly man and woman standing at the open door of a church. They were poised and ready to greet visitors – but none were in sight.

Each time the picture appeared on the screen, Jim said, "They are ..." and we completed the sentence, "...waiting for visitors to come." We said this exchange many times as he drove home his point.

Why? Well, because this is essentially what we do. We have a wonderfully welcoming church – a great church – we have something for everyone from babies to seniors. We readily celebrate God's love. But then...we wait for people to discover us – wait for them to enter the doors of St. Luke's.

Fr. Sean is right. We need to take the initiative with our arms wide open when the opportunity presents itself or even create the opportunity. Sometimes all people need is an invitation or invitations over time. The worse they can say is, "No." Even so they will know you care and may even see a glimpse of Christ in you.

Each of us lives in a network of relationships. Some people don't need us. Others don't know they need us. I have no doubt that even those who don't need our parish, need someone like you who cares when life gets hard. Actually this is all about being authentically and openly Christ-people. Where are you in the process?

Blessings,  
Fr. Lee+

## Weekly Activity Calendar

### 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.  
5:30pm Holy Eucharist  
7:15pm Vestry Mtg.

### Tuesday, October 11, 2016

10:00am Spiritual Discipline Group,  
library

### Wednesday, October 12, 2016

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

### Thursday, October 13, 2016

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

### Friday, October 14, 2016

### Saturday, October 15, 2016

### 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 &  
Outreach Fundraiser

### Monday, October 17, 2016

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

## JOYFUL NOISE RINGERS & SINGERS

Do you know the minimum number of handbells it takes to ring "Jesus Loves Me"? Only 6. And



we have at least 6 children who have been faithful in being here on Sunday mornings to practice ringing the bells. We actually have more than six children and can, therefore, use more bells to make our song even more fun to ring and sing. We're almost ready to share what we've been learning for the special St. Luke's Day celebration on Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>.

### 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.)*

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](mailto:TPBGEN@aol.com) or the church office at 918-336-1212 or [annbell@episcopalbartlesville.org](mailto:annbell@episcopalbartlesville.org).*

### DIANA FARRIS

#### ST. LUKE'S PRISM OF CHRIST FOR OCTOBER

St. Luke's Vestry voted to recognize and thank Diana Farris for who she is and all she does for St. Luke's and our community. They see her as one of the "Prisms of Christ" and Christ's ministry in our midst. She was presented the Prism for October in the 10:30 service last Sunday, Oct. 2 by Fr. Lee.

Music has always been a part of her life in the church and beyond. She came to St. Luke's when Dolores asked her to sing in the first production of "People of the Inn." She has likely been a part of every production of this musical as well as all the others written by Dolores. Of course she has also been at the heart of our choir for many years.

Diana has also served on the boards of the Bartlesville Symphony and Bartlesville Choral Society. Her work with the Musical Research Society involves thousands of dollars in music scholarships for young musicians. She is known for entertaining people as one of the "Three Old Broads" as well as working with the ARC Singers.

Not everything has been involved with music. In the early years of the AIDS epidemic she was involved with AIDS patients and networking in the community for their support. For several years she has served as a reading mentor at Kane Elementary.

There are other ways Diana has served St. Luke's and the community, but these are some of the highlights. Truly, the life of our parish family and the lives of many others have been enriched because of her personal ministries and leadership. We are grateful for all that she has done, but more importantly for who she is as a Prism of Christ.



Margaret Holden, our wonderful gardener, was involved in a traffic accident recently which totaled the great little car she purchased from Fr. Lee's mother. Margaret

was not injured, but is now without wheels and is looking for a replacement vehicle. If you know of a good used car, please let me know at 918-914-3791.

Steve Forsythe, Parish Administrator  
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## HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE DOOR PROJECT



Contributions are still being requested to help cover the cost of the installation of handicap accessible

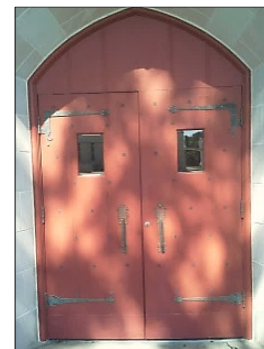
doors on the north entry of the church. **Thank you to all who have already contributed! We are less than \$1,000 away from our goal!**

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](mailto:sforsythe@episcopalbartlesville.org).  
*Thank you!*



## YOUNG DISCIPLES RAISING MONEY FOR RODGERS HALL DOOR RESTORATION PROJECT

As 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 has spoken for the Rodgers Hall doors and is asking for your help in raising money. Their goal is to replace both doors, a costly endeavor, (\$5,000) so



whatever you can give to help them would be very much appreciated. Thanks, St. Luke's, you are amazing! When you make your contribution, simply write "Rodgers Hall Door Restoration" in the memo of your check.



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

*Volunteers: Please make your own substitutions.*

**Acolytes**  
**Oct. 9**  
*Servers*  
 Ruth Todd, Grace Mitchell  
*Torchbearers*  
 Keaton Mitchell, Evan Mitchell  
**Oct. 16**  
*Servers*  
 Nick Olsen, Greta Olsen  
*Torchbearers*  
 Madelyn Stuart, Charlie Olsen

**Scripture Lessons for**  
**Sunday, Oct. 9**  
 Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7; Psalm 66:1-12; 2 Timothy 2:8-15;  
 Luke 17:11-19  
**Music for Sunday, Oct. 9**  
 #665 – "All My Hope on God is Founded"  
 #633 (text) – "Word of God, Come Down on Earth"  
 #455 – "O Love of God, How Strong and True"  
 #467 – "Sing, My Soul, His Wondrous Love"  
 #680 – "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

**Greeters**  
**Sunday, Oct. 9**  
*8:00am*  
 Don Doty  
*10:30am*  
 Debbie & Dennis Mueggenborg  
**Sunday, Oct. 16**  
*8:00am*  
 Monica Martin  
*10:30am*  
 Carol Murphy  
 Maureen & Steve Forsythe

**Ushers**  
**Sunday, Oct. 9**  
*8:00am*  
 Don Davidson, Michael Kemp  
*10:30am*  
 Brian Ferguson, Jim Warring  
**Sunday, Oct. 16**  
*8:00am*  
 Michael Kemp, Dean Zervas  
*10:30am*  
 Brian Ferguson, Jim Warring

**Layreaders**  
**Sunday, Oct. 9**  
*8:00am*  
 Jeff Birk, Kate Carroll  
*10:30am*  
 Bob Wesneski, Juanita Green  
 Lauren Green, Judy Currey  
**Sunday, Oct. 16**  
*8:00am*  
 Nick Conner, Darian Kedy  
*10:30am*  
 Lynda Stephens, Penny Williams  
 Judy Currey, Juanita Green

**Coffee Fellowship Hour**  
**Oct. 9**  
 Monica Martin  
**Oct. 16**  
 Erin & Travis Perry  
*To volunteer, contact Rita Childers, 918-519-8470 or [puevey45@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:mcwesne@gmail.com).

**Children's Chapel**  
**Oct. 9**  
 Jeanne Julstrom, Travis Sutton  
**Oct. 16**  
 Blair & Chad Ellis  
**Oct. 23**  
 Erin & Travis Perry

**Nursery Volunteers**  
**October 9**  
 Natalie Conner  
**Oct. 16**  
 Barbara Todd  
**Oct. 23**  
 Diana Crawford

**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 9**  
 Bruce Ramzel  
**October 16**  
 Steve Clark  
**Oct. 23**  
 Jim Grillot