

# The Steeple

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## THE DISCOVERY AND THE SOLUTION: The Red Quarry Tile Will Soon Be History

**THE DISCOVERY** In recent years we have had some of the Quarry Tile in the main hallway come loose from time to time. A few months ago, a section actually buckled which raised concerns to a new level. The floors were inspected by a professional in the field and we learned that much of the floor is “floating” because it was laid without sufficient mastic (adhesive). After thirty plus years of wear, the problem is occurring at an increased rate.

**INSURANCE** Steve Forsythe, our Parish Administrator, contacted Church Insurance regarding the problem and learned that we are indeed covered. After getting three quotes for replacing the tile, the insurance company agreed to \$15,000 to replace the floor tiles.

**THE AFFECTED AREAS** While the tiled floor area most visible to people is the main hallway, there is much more. The other areas include the Sitting Room, Women’s Restroom, Nursery Entrance, Bookstore and Kitchen. All of these areas were tiled at the same time and subject to the same installation problem and need to be replaced.

**SOLUTION** Two options have been considered and presented to the Vestry. First, the Quarry Tile could be replaced with an equal value of tile which would cost about \$31,000 (based on previous bids). Second, the tile could be removed and the floors treated with stained concrete – similar to the floor in Metcalf Hall. The cost would be approximately \$17,000. The Vestry voted to pursue the stained concrete option for the floors. At least three bids for the contract work are being secured and should be available in early November. A “color committee” has also been selected to make a recommendation to the Vestry.

**TILE REMOVAL** Almost half of the cost for this significant project is in the removal of the tile. A plan is being developed to form teams of parishioners for taking up and disposing of the tile. The teams would be scheduled for a weekend to prepare the floors for concrete work to be done the following week.

**THE RESULT** The specifics of the plan are yet to be determined and a lot of help will be needed. However, the result should include: the improved appearance of the floors; easier and better maintenance; the cost will be covered and money left over; and the floors that will serve the church well for another thirty years or more.

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### Important Dates To Remember

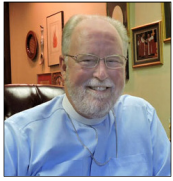
- BPS Fall Break, Thurs.-Fri., Oct. 20-21
- Diocesan Convention, Midwest City, November 3-5.
- All Saints' Sunday, November 6
- UTO Ingathering, Sun., November 13

### CONTRIBUTIONS NEEDED FOR FLOWER FUND

Additional remembrances & thanksgivings for our weekly altar flowers are always welcomed! Each arrangement is \$45, and two are needed each Sunday. If you would like to remember a loved one or express thanks in this way, flower contribution envelopes are in the narthex or church office. Contact Cheryl Fregin, our flower fund chair, [cherylfregin@yahoo.com](mailto:cherylfregin@yahoo.com) or 918-440-0040 with any questions. You may put your contribution in the offering or send it to the church office.



## From the Rector...



**The Magnificent Moon** – I had already been planning and anticipating the celebration of the Feast Day of St. Luke's – always a great time of the year. When I drove up Cherokee and turned west on Eighth Street on my way to church about 7:10, I saw a breathtaking sight. The moon was magnificently huge and beautiful. This was indeed going to be a great day.

**One More Time** – This of course was my last time to celebrate St. Luke's day as Rector of St. Luke's. I didn't feel sad about it at all but saw it as the next celebration of our feast day in a continuum of one hundred and eleven years and beyond. I was scheduled to be the celebrant, but changed my mind and asked Fr. Sean to celebrate – he represents the next generation of clergy who will lead us forward.

**So Many Things** – Yes, so many things were right about the morning – not to mention the evening. My Youngest Friends were so much fun talking about blessing the animals in the Petting Zoo with carrots, blessing Cordy Liggett's memorial cross in the courtyard after the service, but first in remembering the blessing of their Baptism using the Holy Water in the Fount. The combination of children's voices, bells, organ and choir at the Offertory was wonderful. The Kite of the Holy Spirit leading us to worship and then out to serve is always special.

**Jeff, Sue and Cordy** – Mentioning all three in my sermon was huge for me. That was especially true about Jeff Birk being on a Spanish-speaking Adult Mission team being formed by the diocese to do Vacation Bible Schools in Uruguay next January. The Outreach Committee and Vestry have already approved the church's portion of support with \$800 from the Twice Blessed Sale. Sue Sparks helped Jeff learn Spanish and Cordy Liggett was a model of servanthood. Fr. Tim Baer is leading in this special diocesan mission project – another of our young clergy.

**The Sounds and Silence of Worship** – In both services the Passing of the Peace was full of joy and friendship. The silence following the sermon as I asked people to "sit with" the Baptismal Covenant for a few moments was moving to me. Clearly we enjoyed each other and I hope perhaps asked ourselves about our personal calling.

**Then Came Evening** – People have said that St. Luke's puts the "fun" in fundraising – how true. What a delightful time was had by all. Fr. Sean and Jim Warring put together a wonderful band for the evening. I don't think I knew a single song, but enjoyed it all. The Outreach Committee, led by Glenda Garrison, did a remarkable job putting the whole event together – I lost count of how many volunteers were involved. The cooks in particular were amazing – Lauren, Bob and Travis – thanks guys.

**Support for the Cause** – We had help in maximizing our fundraiser from Rib Crib, Price's Meat Market and Shortie's Grill. Plus, we had the Petting Zoo from TLC Animal Ministries of Bartlesville First Church and Rev. Tari Carbaugh.

**CONCERN and Family Promise** – In the end these two organizations will benefit from our efforts. The grand total isn't out yet as I write this column, but people who struggle every day just to survive will be blessed because of our fun and generosity. In fact, just providing this event is an affirmation of these two champions of the poor in Bartlesville.

**Yes, indeed it was a magnificent day. Thanks be to God!**

Blessings,  
Fr. Lee+

## Weekly Activity Calendar

### Sunday, October 23, 2016

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

### Monday, October 24, 2016

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

### Tuesday, October 25, 2016

10:00am Spiritual Discipline Group,  
library

### Wednesday, October 26, 2016

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

### Thursday, October 27, 2016

6:45am Men's Fellowship, MH  
10:00am Crafting Our Prayers,  
Vestry Rm.

12:00pm Holy Eucharist

### Friday, October 28, 2016

### Saturday, October 29, 2016

### Sunday, October 30, 2016

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

### Monday, October 31, 2016

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

## CRAFTING OUR PRAYERS

Ladies of St. Luke's, you are invited to join a fantastic group of women who work quietly for our church. Crafting Our Prayers is meeting on **Thursday, October 20**, at 10:00 a.m. in the Vestry Rm., #216. We meet for prayer, fellowship, and working with our hands to benefit others. We will be learning to create "Barbara's Chickens" at our next meeting. Bring your scissors, fabric scraps, perhaps a sewing machine if you have one. If you are not a seamstress, just bring scissors. We are looking forward to seeing many of you! Need information? Call Deacon Lauri at 918-766-2473, or Connie Freebern at 918-914-1155.



### 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.)*

Jeanne, Kristen, Bob, Ellie, 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).*

## Prayer for the New Rector Search Process



Please continue to pray for our Search Committee and Vestry during their discernment process for St. Luke's next Rector.

*Father,*

*It is time to find a new spiritual leader to guide us. We pray individually and together to further this search process. We know that you have already chosen a path for St Luke's. We pray earnestly for your guidance in seeking out Your plan for us. We ask You to send the Holy Spirit to fill each of our hearts and minds, keep our arms wide open, and guide us to find the new Rector who will lead us on this path.*

*Father, we ask that You bless the hearts of each member of our parish family to ease this transition for them.*

*All this we ask through our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.*

## Thank You Children & Choir!

Working separately to learn each part of the hoped for whole, the Joyful Noise Children and the Adult Choir, in just one 20 minute rehearsal time together, offered a joy-filled anthem Sunday.



Our version of "Jesus Loves Me" and "Take My Life and Let It Be" included the delight of children's voices, the careful ringing of handbells, and the adult choir's faith-filled singing.

Special thanks to Juanita Green for her loving willingness to direct the children for this special offertory anthem.



We want to say **THANK YOU** to everyone attending and helping make our St. Luke's Day BBQ this past Sunday a successful event.

### Special thanks to:

- Rib Crib for the beans, slaw, potato salad and paper goods.
- Shorties Grill for a keg of beer.
- Prices Old Fashioned Meat Market for the chickens we smoked.
- The band for all their time and wonderful entertainment.
- Rev. Tari Carbaugh from TLC Animal Ministries of Bartlesville First Church for bringing the petting zoo.
- To those of you making a special donation.
- To all the friends and spouses that gave their time including the Morning Men's Group.



We had over 120 attending and, because of each of you, we will be able to give more to Concern and Family Promise.



Blessings to all,  
St. Luke's Outreach Committee



## HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE DOOR PROJECT

You did it! You and others made sure we reached our goal of raising \$6,000 for installation of power door openers for the north entry of the church! Thanks to all of you who contributed and to Susie Clark who got the ball rolling on this project! We plan to have the north doors all "powered" and restored before cold weather.



The South Entry Doors are about to undergo a change, perhaps by the end of this week. After that the contractor will start on the North

Entry Doors. Thanks to everyone who has contributed to ADOOR ST. LUKE'S. Don't forget that the Young Disciples are still fund raising for restoration of the Rodgers Hall Doors.

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## LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE 10/23/16 through 10/30/16

*Volunteers: Please make your own substitutions.*

**Acolytes**  
**October 23 & 30**  
*No Acolytes Scheduled*  
**November 6**  
*Servers*  
 Harald Borg, Robert Boyle  
*Torchbearers*  
 Kimaya Kindred, Emma Perry

**Layreaders**  
**Sunday, Oct. 23**  
*8:00am*  
 Judy Currey, Scott Williams  
*10:30am*  
 Nick Conner, Kate Carroll  
 Juanita Green, Penny Williams  
**Sunday, Oct. 30**  
*8:00am*  
 Jim Grillot, Nick Conner  
*10:30am*  
 Lauren Green, Bob Wesneski  
 Penny Williams, Kate Carroll

**Nursery Volunteers**  
**Oct. 23**  
 Diana Crawford  
**Oct. 30**  
 Travis Sutton  
**Nov. 6**  
 Travis Sutton

**Scripture Lessons for**  
**Sunday, Oct. 23**  
 Joel 2:23-32; Psalm 65; 2 Timothy  
 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14  
**Music for Sunday, Oct. 23**  
 #377 – "All People That on Earth  
 Do Dwell"  
 GATHER #71 – "Praise the god of  
 All Creation"  
 GATHER #238 – "How Wondrous  
 Are Your Gifts to Us"  
 GATHER #339 – "Life-Giving  
 Bread, Saving Cup"  
 #450 – "All Hail the Power of  
 Jesus' Name"

**Coffee Fellowship Hour**  
**Oct. 23**  
 Doug & Connie Freebern  
**Oct. 30**  
 Jerry & D. J. Nezam  
*To volunteer, contact Rita  
 Childers, 918-519-8470 or  
[puvey45@gmail.com](mailto:puvey45@gmail.com)*

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

**Sunday Plate Counter**  
**Oct. 23**  
 Jim Grillot  
**Oct. 30**  
 Jim Grillot  
**Nov. 6**  
 Amy Borg

**Greeters**  
**Sunday, Oct. 23**  
*8:00am*  
 Sally Canfield  
*10:30am*  
 D. J. & Jerry Nezam  
 Jim & Nancy Warring  
**Sunday, Oct. 30**  
*8:00am*  
 Gretchen Hoyt  
*10:30am*  
 Becky & Jim Liehr  
 Carol Murphy

**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).

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 you would like printed in  
*The Steeple* to the church  
 office no later than  
*Tuesdays at 10am.*  
*Thank you!*

**Ushers**  
**Sunday, Oct. 23**  
*8:00am*  
 Robert Babcock, Dean Zervas  
*10:30am*  
 Jim Grillot, Max McCreary  
**Sunday, Oct. 30**  
*8:00am*  
 Don Davidson, Dean Zervas  
*10:30am*  
 Jeff Birk, Travis Perry

**Children's Chapel**  
**Oct. 23**  
 Erin & Travis Perry  
**Oct. 30**  
 Erin & Travis Perry  
**Nov. 6**  
 Heather Boyle, Bob Tedstrom

**Agape Mission**  
**4th Thursday,**  
**Oct. 27, 2016**  
*9-11am*  
 Jim Liehr, Fr. Lee Stephens  
*10:45am-1pm*  
 Jeff Birk, Molly Ferguson,  
 Glenda Garrison, Darian Kedy,  
 Jen Peterson  
*1-2:45pm*  
 Carol Murphy,  
 Radomir Petrovich