



The Steeple

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ST. LUKE'S ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, February 5, 12:30pm

Preceded by Potluck Lunch at 12pm

Everyone is asked to bring a main dish, vegetable, salad and/or dessert. Drinks are provided.

Our Annual Meeting is **Sunday, February 5** at 12:30pm in Metcalf Hall. The Annual Meeting serves as a time of reflection on the past year and also a time to review the 2016 Annual Report and focus on our goals for 2017. We will be voting for our candidates for Diocesan Convention Delegates and the Nominating Committee. Everyone in the parish is urged to attend.

Nominees are:

Nominating Committee: (vote for 5) Juanita Green, Cynthia Hall, Darian Kedy, Sally Lindsey, Karen Lewey, Mary Ramzel, Travis Perry, Barbara Todd, Nancy Warring, and Penny Williams.

Diocesan Convention Delegates: Kris Bonner, Ada Grillot, Ellen Heald, Becky Liehr.

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Important Dates To Remember

- Annual Mtg. & All Parish Potluck, Sun., Feb. 5, 12pm, Metcalf Hall
- "Souper" Bowl Sunday, Feb. 5, YD collect food for CONCERN Food Pantry (see article this pg.)
- Monthly Vestry Mtg., Mon., Feb. 13, 7:15pm
- Treasure Sale, Fri. & Sat., Feb. 17 & 18 (see pg. 5)
- Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, Tuesday, Feb. 28, 5:30-7:00pm, RH

"SOUPER" BOWL SUNDAY

February 5

Our Young Disciples will be collecting food and money for the CONCERN Food Pantry on "Souper" Bowl this **Sunday, Feb. 5.**

This is a nationwide program for youth organizations that collects non-perishable food and money for local food pantries. 100% of the food/money collected will go to CONCERN. Thank you for supporting our youth and the less fortunate in our community.



Thoughts from Fr. Sean



What a weekend. What a career. People often say, "Life is what happens while you're making plans." In our case, that is somewhat true. When it was built, the people of St. Luke's planned for it to be a place of God, a house of healing, and a safe-haven for world-weary wanderers searching for 'more'; those plans have been seen through and shall continue to be

so. But along the way, life also happened in ways we never could have planned. Ministries have come from the dedicated people of this parish, people have been sent to other countries to do God's work, lives have been changed through social media gratitude notes—lives that have never physically entered this hallowed space. Now, we still plan. We plan to continue the work God has given us to do. We plan to maintain the integrity of this building and the integrity of our faith in God. We plan to grieve our loss. We plan to keep moving. Onward.

And life will still happen in this place, much as it always has. What's next for us? The Annual Meeting comes first, this Sunday, February 5 at 12:30 in Metcalf Hall. We have quite a positive looking future in 2017 in terms of leadership, ministry and finances. Next, we look toward the Treasure Sale on February 17 & 18; what a fun fundraiser! Then, before we know it, Shrove Tuesday will knock on our door, reminding us that we are about to step into Lent. Six weeks later, we will celebrate the risen Lord Jesus Christ. And all along the way, life will surprise us with unseen opportunities and thin spaces where God will breathe on the glassy surface of our clean plans, allowing us to see his fingerprints. I look forward to sharing those moments with you, walking alongside you and serving God with your help.

For now, let's grieve properly, steward mightily, walk humbly, love kindly, and seek solstice in God's loving arms—the arms that are always wide open, waiting to envelope us into the joyful embrace of grace and love. God's love fuels us, Jesus' message sustains us, and the Holy Spirit gives us the strength to forge ahead. Onward.

Faithfully yours,
Fr. Sean+

Be sure to check the February Activity calendar and February Birthday & Anniversary list at these links: <http://episcopalbartlesville.org/calendar/> and <http://episcopalbartlesville.org/birthdays-and-anniversaries/>.

Weekly Activity Calendar

Sunday, February 5, 2017

"Souper" Bowl Sunday

8:00am Rite I

9:15am Sunday School Classes

10:30am Rite II

12:00pm All Parish Potluck, MH

12:30pm Annual Mtg., MH

Monday, February 6, 2017

9:30am Church Staff Mtg.

5:30pm Holy Eucharist

Tuesday, February 7, 2017

10:00am Spiritual Discipline Group, library

Wednesday, February 8, 2017

6-8pm Young Disciples, RH

7:00pm Choir

Thursday, February 9, 2017

6:45am Men's Fellowship, MH

12:00pm Holy Eucharist

Friday, February 10, 2017

Saturday, February 11, 2017

Sunday, February 12, 2017

8:00am Rite I

9:15am Sunday School Classes

10:30am Rite II

Monday, February 13, 2017

9:30am Church Staff Mtg.

5:30pm Holy Eucharist

7:15pm Vestry Mtg.



Door projects are moving along! There are new doors on the Sacristy and the Courtyard Utility

Room. The next will be the Recording Room door or the North Entry doors. The new doors on the north will be installed before the handicap power devices and we are about ready to do all of that at one time. I anticipate that all the new doors will be painted/finished at one time—saves money that way.

Quarry tile removal in the main hallway and new floor covering are scheduled to begin April 17th.

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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.

Walter, Carmen, Paul, Marty, Jim, Mary Lou, Peggy, Lynette, Rose, Jenny, Joseph, Trudi, Patty, David, Kristen, Elizabeth, Mary, Jeanne, Max, Emma, Helen, Cory 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 the church office at 918-336-1212 or annbell@episcopalbartlesville.org.

SEARCH COMMITTEE PRAYER SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 2017

The Rector Search Committee offered the following prayer at both services on Sunday, January 29th

Almighty and ever loving God, we thank you for this day and this time together.

We thank you for Fr. Lee and his wonderful 20 years serving and nurturing us to know you and your son better. We thank you for Lynda and for her years of support, service and love.

We pray that you continue to bless Fr. Lee and Lynda as they continue their journey. We pray that you would make their retirement a special time of joyful fellowship, warm memories and wonderful experiences. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

2017 Summer Camp

TIME TO REGISTER FOR ST. CRISPIN'S SUMMER CAMP!

Enrollment is now OPEN for Summer Camp 2017 at St. Crispin's. Information and online enrollment are found at this link:

<http://www.epiok.org/Diocesan%20Organizations/stcrispins.html>.

Registration forms are also available in the church office.

Did you know that **those who attend camp as youth were over 3 times more likely to remain religiously affiliated** 5 years later than their peers who do not attend? This is just one compelling finding in a national study on youth and religion.

No child is ever turned away from St. Crispin's because of their financial situation. The Diocese is committed to getting kids to Camp and offers financial assistance. There is link to the Camper Scholarship form on the registration website.

Camper schedule (Grade based on 2017-2018 school year):

June 9th - 10th: ABC Camp (1st - 3rd graders, with parents)

June 11th - 17th: Senior High (10th grade - high school graduates)

June 18th - 24th: Intermediate Session 1 (4th - 6th graders)

June 25th - July 1st: Junior High Session 1 (7th - 9th graders)

July 2nd - 8th: All Ages (4th grade - high school graduates)

July 9th - 15th: Intermediate Session 2 (4th - 6th graders)

July 16th - 22nd: Junior High Session 2 (7th - 9th graders)

CRAFTING OUR PRAYERS

Crafting Our Prayers is taking a brief break. We will NOT meet during the month of February. Our next meeting will be Wed., March 1 at 10:00. Mark your calendars. We will discuss our Lenten devotion and look at our next project. In the meantime, please keep knitting and crocheting scarves and blankets. If you have questions, please contact Deacon Lauri Watkins at 918-766-2473.

From the "Unassigned" Priest...

Describing what Saturday and Sunday mean to us is impossible. Lynda and I are still overwhelmed with all the expressions of love and gratitude – the cards, gifts, hugs, tears, laughter and personal comments. The joy of each moment and the presentations overrode the sadness and grief in all of us – joy won! So many people were there - we couldn't get to everyone – thank you for sharing the experience. We are grateful for all who had a part in putting the celebration together and for the amazingly generous gift from our parish family. We are especially humbled and touched by the personal comments by people at every turn – and the sculpture of "Arms Wide Open" in the courtyard – oh wow! Our hearts are full.

I am not sure how we got through the weekend while feeling the separation and grief which we know many of you were also feeling. God's presence and our mutual love kept lifting us back to the joy of twenty years of shared ministry and relationships that are being changed and not ended. We have a lot of adjusting to do, but we are ready for the next stage of our journey. St. Luke's also has changes on the horizon, but those will become increasingly exciting as God leads you to the next Rector. Fr. Sean, the Wardens, Vestry and other parish leaders will keep everything moving in a positive way as the future unfolds. And yes, all will be well.

Thank you for letting us be a part of your lives. That will continue in a different way now, but in a good way. Exciting days are ahead for all of us.

Blessings, Lynda and Fr. Lee+

Personally from Lynda: *I cannot think of a better parish family than St. Luke's. Thank you for being such an incredible people – for being so supportive and loving. I love all of you. – Lynda*

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LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE 2/5/17 through 2/12/17

Volunteers: Please make your own substitutions.

Acolytes

Sunday, Feb. 5

Servers

Harald Borg, Robert Boyle

Torchbearers

Kimaya Kindred, Emma Perry

Sunday, Feb. 12

Servers

Ruth Todd, Grace Mitchell

Torchbearers

Keaton Mitchell, Evan Mitchell

Scripture Lessons for Sunday, Feb. 5

Isaiah 58:1-9a; Psalm 112:1-9;

1 Corinthians 2:1-12;

Matthew 5:13-20

Music for Sunday, Feb. 5

#381 – "Thy Strong Word Did
Cleave the Darkness"

#515 – "Holy Ghost, Dispel Our
Sadness"

#339 – "Deck Thyself My Soul
With Gladness"

#490 – "I Want to Walk as a Child
of the Light"

GATHER #280 – *Bring Forth the
Kingdom*"

Greeters

Sunday, Feb. 5

8:00am

Don Davidson

10:30am

Glenn & Thelma Blackburn

Sunday, Feb. 12

8:00am

Don Doty

10:30am

Debbie & Dennis

Mueggenborg

Ushers

Sunday, Feb. 5

8:00am

Steve Forsythe, Dean Zervas

10:30am

Hugh Harrison, Tim Simmons

Sunday, Feb. 12

8:00am

Don Davidson

10:30am

Brian Ferguson, Hugh Harrison

Layreaders

Sunday, Feb 5

8:00am

Scott Williams, Kate Carroll

10:30am

Penny Williams, Lauren Green

Bob Wesneski, Nick Conner

Sunday, Feb. 12

8:00am

Darian Kedy, Nick Conner

10:30am

Kate Carroll, Judy Currey,

Bob Wesneski

Coffee Fellowship Hour Feb. 5

Annual Mtg. Potluck

Feb. 12 & 19

Volunteers needed

To volunteer, contact Rita

Childers, 918-519-8470 or

puvey45@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, contact**

Melinda Wesneski,

918-333-7758 or

mcwesne@gmail.com.

Children's Chapel

Feb. 5

Heather Boyle, Bob Tedstrom

Feb. 12

Jeanne Julstrom, Travis Sutton

Feb. 19

Blair & Chad Ellis

Agape Mission

2nd Thursday, Feb. 9

9-11am

Jeanne Julstrom, John McCollum

10:45am-1pm

Kris Bonner, Rita Childers,

Becky Liehr, Kathy Zervas,

Marcia Zervas

1:00-2:45pm

Melinda Droege, Miriam Petrovich

Nursery Volunteers

Feb. 5

Travis Sutton

Feb. 12

Natalie Conner

Feb. 19

Barbara Todd

Sunday Plate Counter

Feb. 5

Amy Borg

Feb. 12

Bruce Ramzel

Feb. 19

Steve Clark

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!

Bereavement Committee

Team 3

Wendy Hall, Connie Freebern,

Glenda Garrison, Gretchen Hoyt,

Becky Liehr, Carol Murphy

◆◆ St. Luke's Treasure Sale ◆◆

◆ 5th Edition ◆

February 17th & 18th, 2017
St. Luke's Episcopal Church
Metcalf Hall - 8th & Dewey Streets
Bartlesville, Oklahoma



Pre-view Party & Sale

Friday, February 17th, 5 - 8 p.m.
hors d'oeuvres & beverages
silent auction

\$12 advance \$15 at the door

Advance Tickets available at church office
Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
until Wednesday, February 15th.

Sale Open to Public

Saturday, February 18th
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
No admission charge.

Cash, checks with proper I.D.

Antiques, Crystal, Cut Glass, China,
Silver-plate, Costume & Collectible Jewelry,
Original Art Work and Collectable Memorabilia,
Dolls, Linens, Furniture
Treasures of all kinds just waiting for you to discover!



All proceeds from the Treasure Sale
will be used for community Outreach projects
supported by St. Luke's.

For pictures of selected Treasure Sale
items go to St. Luke's web-site after
Monday, February 13th.

www.episcopalbartlesville.org

"Where your treasure is there will your
heart be also."