

The Steeple

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Arms Open to the Future!



This week marks the beginning of our 2018 stewardship initiative, the pledge drive that provides most of the funding for St. Luke's operations – from salaries for the staff to dishwashing detergent for the kitchen.

Our stewardship theme – *Arms Open to the Future!* – captures the forward-looking, Christ-driven attitude that has made St. Luke's such a meaningful part of our lives and the life of our community. In the next few days, you'll be receiving a folder in the mail describing what's involved in the budget for 2018 and how your generosity underpins the many good works of St. Luke's.

The Vestry has recommended that the 2018 budget be increased over this year's. Pastoral expenses will rise next year, now that we have a full-time rector again, plus we have ongoing needs to keep our beautiful church facility in the condition it deserves. A 10 percent increase in pledging will cover these obligations.

We should constantly remind ourselves that St. Luke's only exists because of the regular, predictable support from our congregational family. Over the next few weeks, you'll be hearing more about next year's financial plan at the Sunday services. And, of course, Vestry members are always available to answer your questions.

Pledge Sunday is set for December 3. At that time, you'll be invited to join other members in bringing your pledge card to the altar with *Arms Open to the Future!*

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✓ Important Dates To Remember

Thanksgiving, Nov 23
Family Promise, Dec 3rd – 10th



PIES FOR CONCERN

We did it!! 190 pies were delivered to CONCERN on Monday. Thank you to everyone who donated and to those who helped deliver all the pies this week!!

THOUGHTS FROM FR. STEVE:

All:

Deacon Doug and I met this week to discuss his long term plans. Recently, Doug has been tempted to retire, but the idea of retirement doesn't really fit the role of the deacon nor how Doug sees his continuing role at St. Luke's. Instead, Doug wants to slow down and serve as needed instead of being expected to serve weekly. I have suggested to him that we begin a time of discernment in which we redefine Doug's role for the future. So, over the next two months we will be in conversation and prayer to explore Doug's future at St. Luke's. In the meantime, Doug will step back from active ministry while continuing his duties coordinating the monthly gatherings at Green Country Village. He is not leaving St. Luke's but slowing down so he can enjoy this season of his life. When the time is appropriate we will celebrate together Doug's ministry at St. Luke's and honor him for his faithful service to God.

Next week marks the beginning of the secular holiday season with Thanksgiving Day and the ensuing rush towards Christmas. As liturgical Christians we call this time the Season of Advent, and we attempt (mostly unsuccessfully) to avoid the secular Christmas machine by calling the church to a slower pace and a time of waiting. One of the peculiarities of the church calendar this year is Christmas Eve is also the Fourth Sunday of Advent. As I sat with the staff trying to sort out what to do on Advent 4/Christmas Eve, we decided to have two services. The morning service will be at 10:30am and will include the Children's Pageant and Holy Eucharist. The evening service will start at 10:30pm with special music and flow into the 11:00pm Christmas Eve Eucharist (what some of us like to call the Midnight Mass). On Christmas Day there will be a service of Holy Eucharist at 10am. I hope each of you will take the time to attend worship throughout the Advent and Christmas seasons and you might consider inviting a friend to worship with you here at St. Luke's.

Peace,

Steve+

WEEKLY ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Sunday, Nov 19, 2017

8:00am Rite I
9:15am Sunday School
9:15am Clergy Forum
9:45am Choir Rehearsal
10:30am Rite II

Monday, Nov 20, 2017

5:30pm Holy Eucharist

Tuesday, Nov 21, 2017

10:00am Spiritual Discipline
Group, Library
5:00pm Give Back America,
RH

Wednesday, Nov 22, 2017

No YD
No Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, Nov 23, 2017

Church Office Closed
No Services

Friday, Nov 24, 2017

Church Office Closed

Saturday, Nov 25, 2017

Sunday, Nov 26, 2017

8:00am Rite I
9:15am Sunday School
9:15am Clergy Forum
9:45am Choir Rehearsal
10:30am Rite II

Monday, Nov 27, 2017

5:30pm Holy Eucharist

Tuesday, Nov 28, 2017

10:00am Spiritual Discipline
Group, Library
5:00pm Give Back America,
RH

ST. LUKE'S PRAYER LIST

Please keep the following persons in your prayers:

Elizabeth, Jenny, Sue, Jim, Kris, Max, John, Samantha, Hugh, Bev, Diana, Eula, Evelyn, Kim, Millie, Madelyn, Raymond, Darian, Elaine, Ellen, Kathy, Barb, Triston, Dale, Charles, 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

office@episcopalbartlesville.org.

(Names on the Prayer List are rotated off every 4 weeks. If there is need for continued prayers, please let us know.)

THANKSGIVING WEEK SCHEDULE

There will be nursery, chapel, and Sunday School on both Sundays of Thanksgiving Week (Nov. 19 and 26). If you are scheduled to help with one of those Sundays and you will not be here, please let Deacon Lauri know before Nov. 16. Thank you.

DID YOU HEAR THE JOYFUL NOISE HANDBELL RINGER?

What a wonderful offering of their talent was shared this past

Sunday by: Adabelle, Claire, Emma, Josie, Madelyn, Maxwell, Ryan and Sam. A special thank you to Lauren (who kept it all together) and to our Choir for joining with our children to make a truly

JOYFUL NOISE!



FAMILY PROMISE COMING TO ST. LUKE'S DECEMBER 3RD TO 10TH

Our next turn to host families is coming up from December 3rd -10th it's just 2 ½ weeks away. Thanks to all who signed up to help out this past Sunday! Volunteer sign ups in all service areas will continue again on Sunday after the 10:30 service at Metcalf Hall. Please check your calendars and see if you are able to offer a couple of hours to this important program that cares for our homeless families in Washington County. Contact me directly at 918-397-7779 or jenrpet1971@gmail.com or stop by Metcalf Hall after the 10:30 service on Sunday. Thanks in advance for helping serve in this great ministry where lives are changed, and love flows through caring and hospitality! Jen Peterson

We will be asking for 2 volunteers in the following roles for each of the evenings:

Sunday December 3rd through Sunday December 9th

Dinner preparation for families 5:30-7pm

Evening activity host to play with children in the nursery and visit with adults 7-9pm

Overnight host to sleep at the church 9pm - 6:30am the following morning

Other Volunteer Positions

Supply donations for breakfast and lunch groceries

Saturday morning breakfast prep on Saturday December 9th

Setup and takedown on the 2 Sundays, December 3rd and 10th

Laundry at the end of the week

Have questions? Interested in volunteering or learning more about the program? New to St. Lukes? Please contact Jen Peterson for information.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED ANNUAL MEETING & TEA

Friday, December 1st, a 1:00 p.m., Church Women United invites all to the 2017 Annual Meeting and Tea at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 210 SE 9th St. The Program will be presented by Music students from Central Middle School, Director Sarah Long. . St. Luke's women will host and provide refreshments.

Call Sandra, CWU Representative, at 918-333-6026 or Thelma Blackburn at 918-333-7902 for more information.

"THE DOOR"

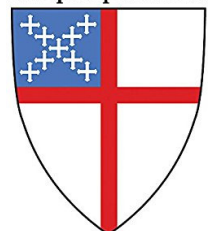
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ST. LUKE'S BOOKSTORE

Share our face to the world. Get an Episcopal Shield Decal for your car window. They are available in the bookstore for \$1.25.

The candles for Advent Wreaths are in!!

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In an Emergency, contact any of the clergy listed above.

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

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LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE November 19, 2017 through November 26, 2017

Volunteers: Please make your own substitutions

Acolytes

November 19

Nick Olsen, Greta Olsen, Charlie Olsen, Kyle Peterson

November 26

No Acolytes Scheduled

Layreaders

November 19

8:00am

Ellen Heald, Darian Kedy

10:30am

Kate Carroll, Penny Williams

November 26

8:00am

Kate Carroll, Nick Conner

10:30am

Juanita Green, Kyle Peterson

Nursery Volunteers

November 19

Barbara Todd

November 26

Diana Crawford & Dorsie Bjornsen

December 3

Ruth Todd

Hugh & Virginia Meal Preparation

November 15

Karl Franks

November 17

Diana Farris

November 20

Not Yet Assigned

November 22

Not Yet Assigned

November 24

Not Yet Assigned

Scripture Lessons for

November 19

Judges 4:1-7; Psalm 123; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew 25:14-30

Music for November 19

G# Praise to You, O Christ, Our Savior

#547 Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death

#332(text) O God, Unseen Yet Ever Near

#490 I Want to Walk As A Child of the Light

#423 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Sunday Coffee Fellowship Hour

November 19

Debbie Mueggenborg and Kris Bonner

November 26

Monica Martin

December 3

Bob Wesneski

To volunteer see the sign-up sheet in the Metcalf Hall kitchen or contact Rita Childers, 918-519-8470 or puvey45@gmail.com

Sunday Plate Counter

November 19

Steve Clark

November 26

Jim Grillot

December 3

Amy Borg

Greeters

November 19

8:00am

Monica Martin

10:30am

Carol Murphy

November 26

8:00am

Sally Canfield

10:30am

D.J. & Jerry Nezam, Jim & Nancy Warring

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 Connie Freebern

connie.freebern@yahoo.com

918-914-1155

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!

Ushers

November 19

8:00am

Dean Zervas

10:30am

Glenn Bonner, Jim Warring

November 26

8:00am

Dean Zervas, Robert Babcock

10:30am

Jim Grillot, Nancy Megee

Children's Chapel

November 19

Nicki Ingram

November 26

Karl Franks

December 3

Erin Perry

Agape Mission

Thursday, November 23

9-11am

Jim Liehr

10:45am-1pm

Jeff Birk, Molly Ferguson, Glenda

Garrison, Darian Kedy, Jen

Peterson

1:00-2:45pm

Carol Murphy, Radomir

Petrovich

Bereavement Committee

Team 4

Ada Grillot, Jo Baughman, Kris

Bonner, Jen Peterson, Melinda

Wesneski