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The Steeple



October 29, 2026



Ordinary Time

The Weekly Newsletter of St. Luke's Episcopal Church



Dear St Luke's Family,

Halloween is here as is All Saints' Day (Nov 1st, Sunday). And All Souls' Day (Nov 2nd, Monday). Seems we are beginning the Season of Holidays. These next few weeks will fly by with all the activities coming up. Are you ready?

This coming Sunday is not only All Saints' Sunday, but also Stewardship Sunday. Please bring your pledge card to be placed in the offering plate and lifted to God. If you forget your pledge card, there will be more in the narthex. After the 10:30am service, we will gather in Metcalf Hall for a luncheon with food provided by Price's Meat Market and our Stewardship Committee. We will do what we do best: eat and enjoy fellowship with one another.

A Veteran's Salute concert will be given by the Bartlesville Symphony Brass Quintet, November 8th at 5pm here at St. Luke's. Free Admission. Please join them in honoring our veterans and enjoy some excellent music.

Just a reminder that Election Day is next Tuesday and here at St. Luke's, we will be a buzz of activity since we are one of the largest precinct voting locations in Washington County. I always get asked for at least one tour of our worship space from a voter. And I usually hear the same

reason for the request: 'I have always admired this place from outside. I would love to see the sanctuary.' As you can well guess, they are always impressed. Politics never enter into the conversation. They seem to understand that this is a sacred space of sanctity, well beyond the politics outside the red doors.

The office will be closed on November 11th and the 26th & 27th for the holidays. I also have some vacation time to use so I may be gone some the week of Thanksgiving and a week or two in December. Since Fr Nick has left, this place has been busy and its been difficult to take off except for the holidays. I will see how the time fills and keep you all informed on solid dates.

As mentioned in the announcements, beginning Nov 29th (the first Sunday of Advent) Faith Forum will move its time up to 9:00am and conclude at 10:00am. We will watch clips of the Chosen, O Holy Night and discuss them during this time of anticipation and preparation.

Speaking of time, remember that this weekend Daylight Savings Time ends and we are back to standard time Sunday. Fall back folks!

We will be having two Feast Day services- one on Nov 30th at 12:15pm in the chapel for the Feast Day of St Andrew the Apostle and Dec 21st, 12:15pm, for the Feast Day of St. Thomas the Apostle. At both services Mother Andrea will preach and celebrate.

December is already packed with gatherings, concerts, food, and fellowship! And the Christmas celebration services of the Holy One. December 6th, the Brunch Bunch will be treating us to brunch and that is always a wonderful time! Later that afternoon, we will have a Christmas Concert in the nave with Keeli, Marjoleine Gravley, and Susan Mueller at 4pm. On December 12th, is the now traditional Christmas in the Woods at Nancy Woods' house from 4-8pm. Everyone is invited and you know its always a fun party! The Bookstore will again have their open house and I am waiting on info from Cathy about that. Our Christmas services are as follows: Christmas Eve, 4:30pm and Christmas Day 10:00am. After the Christmas Eve service, We will again head to Metcalf for your left over home treats and eggnog and wassail. This seems to be popular after the Christmas Eve service. A chance for us to wish everyone a most Merry Christmas as we head to our homes for our own personal celebrations.

That is the rundown of the events through December here at St. Luke's. So mark your calendars so you don't miss anything! And one more thing to note: Your Search Committee is still meeting and working on filling our vacancy in the Rector's office. We should be seeing applications soon.

If I've missed anything and its not in the body of the Steeple, please let me know! Sometimes its hard to keep up with a parish as active as ours! We do enjoy being together as a church family!

Blessings and God's Grace to you! See you at our Gatherings and Worship.

Penny

At Luke's Place: Oct 30th – Nov 5th, 2026

Nov 1st Holy Eucharist, Rite I, 8:00am, Chapel
 Faith Forum, 9:15am, Metcalf
 Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10:30am, Nave
 Stewardship Luncheon, 11:45am, Metcalf
Nov 2nd Ladies Prayer Partners, 11:30am, Metcalf
Nov 3rd Election Day, 7am-7pm, Metcalf
 Spiritual Discovery, 9:30am, Library
 Icon Group, 5:30pm, Icon room
 Bible Discussion Group, 6:30pm, Metcalf
Nov 4th Walking the Mourner's Path, 2:00pm, WTMP room
 Choir, 6pm, Choir Room
 YD, 6pm, Rodgers Hall
Nov 5th Men's Group, 7am, Metcalf
 Bible Study, 9:15am, Metcalf
 Green Country Morning Prayer, 1pm, GCV

Prayer List

Please pray for: Ben Baker, Josh Harris, David Swindell, Connie Finch, Terry Grogan, Tyler Roberson, Jerry Nezam, Lynette Beebe, Danny Clem, David McAtee, Steve Linn, Jean Mason, Mary Wallace, Lynda Stephens, Marcie Zervas, Audrey Harris, Nan Buhlinger, Dionna Cameron, Betty Rogers, JoAnn Gallery, Kathleen Turner, Steve Clark, Dean Zervas, Frank Molina, Diane Mitchell, Frank Traylor, Steve Hand, Donna Steward, Penny Johnson, Shaina Smith, Ann Morrow, Miriam Petrovich, Jason Elmore, June Mosley, Larry Mueggenborg, Sherry Breitman, Barbie Hirst, Jack Stoecker, Dorothy Buchanan, and Ashleigh Lawson.
Please add to your prayers:

St Luke's, Bartlesville The Church of the Province of Central Africa

Birthdays & Anniversaries for Nov 1st – Nov 7th, 2026

Birthdays

Janet Holland (11/2)
Jeff Birk (11/3)

Anniversaries

If your or a love one's name doesn't appear on the list, please email or call the office, and we will add your birthday and/or wedding anniversary.

Concern

Concern's current needs are: Ramen noodles, canned tuna and cereal; homeless needs: winter gloves.



Theologian's Corner: James Hannington (Bishop) and his Companions (Martyrs) 1885 Feast Day Oct 29th

James Hannington was born in Sussex on September 3rd, 1847, and was educated at Temple School in Brighton. For six years, he assisted his father in the warehouse business. The family became members of the Church of England in 1867, and the following year, Hannington entered St. Mary Hall, Oxford, where he obtained his BA and MA degrees.

Following his ordination at Exeter, Hannington served as a curate in his native town until, in 1882, he offered himself to the Church Missionary Society for its mission in Victoria, Nyanza, Africa. Serious illness soon required his return to England, but he went out again to Africa in 1884, as Bishop of Eastern Equatorial Africa.

Hannington's mission field was on the shores of Lake Victoria. He dreamed of creating a shorter and more efficient route directly from Monbasa, in Kenya, to Buganda. Ignoring the advice of his local guides and porters that the venture would be politically sensitive, and failing to heed a warning from emissaries of King Mwanga to stop, he and his party were apprehended and imprisoned. After a week of cruel privations and suffering, he and the remaining members of his company were executed on October 29th, 1885, on the orders of King Mwanga.

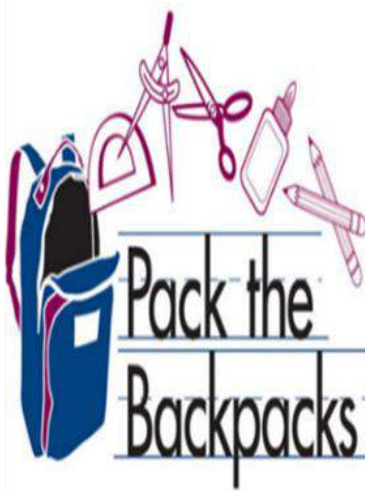
Hannington's last words were: "Go, tell Mwanga I have purchased the road to Uganda with my blood." Other martyrs of Uganda shared his fate before the gospel was firmly planted in this heartland of Africa, where today the church has a vigorous life under an indigenous

ministry. Mwanga was eventually exiled to Seychelles in 1899, where he was received into the Anglican Church and baptized. He died there in 1903.

O GOD, by whose providence the blood of the martyrs is the seed of the church:

Grant that we who remember before you James Hannington and his companions, may, like them, be steadfast in our faith in Jesus Christ, to whom they gave obedience even to death, and by their sacrifice brought forth a plentiful harvest; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

November Item: 8 or 16 ct watercolors
Preferably Crayola brand



Stewardship is coming up **THIS** Sunday,
November 1

Please bring your pledge cards with you and we will offer them together at the altar during the 10:30 service.

Following the service, please join us for our Stewardship Luncheon as we celebrate and give thanks for our work together.

This Sunday's celebrant is Mthr Andrea Jones
Preacher: Deacon Jeff Birk



It's Pumpkin Pie Season!

CONCERN will be providing their annual Thanksgiving boxes to our neighbors in need, and St. Luke's has a long tradition of supplying delicious pies. Each pie is \$5.99. We need to collect \$1700. **If you'd like to contribute, checks made out to St Luke's and in memo Concern Pies can be dropped off in the offering plate or in the office through 11/15.**



Advent Programs offered this Year

We will not have a special Advent program offered this year during the week. **However**, beginning Nov 29th (first Sunday in Advent) Faith Forum will begin **at 9:00am** and last an hour. We will watch 'Holy Night, The Chosen' in clips and discuss each section afterward.

Also, the Tuesday Discussion Group will also have an Advent study and discussing it as well.

Enhance your Advent Season by joining one or both of these classes as we journey through the time of Anticipation and Preparation for the Christ Child.

This Sunday:





YD Craft and Game Night

Last week we had SUCH a fun time with our Generations Connect program - awesome dinner, very intense game of Halloween Jeopardy, and creative Halloween craft (making lanterns). Thank you, Nancy, Courtney, and Karen, plus the dinner crew: Kevin Kedy and Karole Cozby!





Last Sunday's Trunk or Treat





St. Luke's Vestry Members

- Karole Cozby, Sr. Warden
- Karen Lewey, Jr Warden
- Becky Liehr
- Chase Almy
- Lisa Beeman
- Steve Heidorn
- Dolores McCreary
- Steve VanAken
- Fred Whitson
- Robert Lonski
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