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The Steeple





November 12,2026



Ordinary Time

The Weekly Newsletter of St. Luke's Episcopal Church

St. Luke's episcopal church

The Fellowship of the Bookstore……..

Five years ago Jim and I walked in the doors of St Luke's Episcopal Church. I had suggested to Jim that we "church hop" as we were feeling stagnant. Our 1st "hop" was to St. Luke's. The 1st visit was good, but by the 2nd visit we knew St. Luke's felt like "Home", and we didn't "hop" any further!!!!

Aside from the beauty of the grounds and building, the community inside the walls were just as beautiful! We were received with loving arms and were so welcomed. One of the many things about St. Luke's that caught my immediate attention was the Bookstore. At that time, the Bookstore had been closed and we had just battled COVID. I began asking what it would take to reopen the Bookstore. The original bookstore was founded in 1967. I had a vision for re-opening and was granted the opportunity in 2021.

We are a non-profit business with a mission to support the outreach efforts of St. Luke's. We have had 2 successful Christmas Open House events and we have set up a pop-up store for the last 2 years at the Annual Conference at St. Crispins. These events provide our main funds for contribution to Outreach, but we are also open weekly to assist with any literature needed for a study, or researching a special order or gift item.

We carry a variety of Episcopal swag, jewelry, stationary, and home decor and gift items – Something for everyone!!

This year we will have a special Advent Event November 15-29. We will have Advent Wreaths, Calendars, Devotionals and Bible Studies. This year our Holiday Open House will begin on December 4, 5-8 pm; Saturday 10-4 pm; and Sunday following services from 11:30-1:30.

We do need your help in advertising our bookstore. Ask your neighbor to come for a shopping visit. "Word-of-mouth" is the greatest advertisement. Come by weekly and see myself on Tuesday 11-1 or Debi Adams on Thursday 11-1. We are also open Sundays following Church,

St. Luke's is a community of people helping people. We encourage you to stop by and let us help you with any selections you might have, or just come by and hang-out for some great fellowship.

It's been said that "it takes a village." Jim and I found our "village" right here in the St. Luke's community and we are so grateful!

Happy Holidays and don't forgot to stop by!

Cathy Perrier

At Luke's Place: Nov 13th – Nov 19th, 2026

Nov 15th	**Holy Eucharist, Rite I, 8:00am, Chapel**
	Faith Forum, 9:15am, Metcalf
	Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10:30am, Nave
Nov 16th	**Ladies Prayer Partners, 11:30am, Metcalf**
Nov 17th	**Spiritual Discovery, 9:30am, Library**
	Icon Group, 5:30pm, Icon room
	Bible Discussion Group, 6:30pm, Metcalf
Nov 18th	**YD Thanksgiving, 6pm, Metcalf**
Nov 19th	**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, **Dea**n Zervas, **Frank** Molina, **Diane** Mitchell, **Frank** Traylor, **Steve** Hand, **Donna** Steward, **Penny** Johnson, **Shaina** Smith, **Ann** Morrow, **Miriam** Petrovich, **Jason** Elmore, **Jun**e Mosley, **Larry** Mueggenborg, **Sherry** Breitman, **Barbie** Hirst, **Jack** Stoecker, **Dorothy** Buchanan, **Ashleigh** Lawson, **Chris** Loftis, and **J T** Moore.

Please add to your prayers:

All Saints' , McAlester **St Andrew's, Lawton** **Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo**

Concern

Concern's current needs are: ramen noodles and canned fruit and tuna; homeless needs are single-serve proteins.

Birthdays & Anniversaries for Nov 15th – Nov 21st, 2026

Birthdays		Anniversaries	
Josie McIver	(11/15)	Peter & Jeanne Julstrom	(11/17)
Penny Williams	(11/15)	Ben & Katherine Powell	(11/18)
Sandy Whitson	(11/17)		
Tonya Thurman	(11/18)		

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.



Theologian's Corner:
The Consecration of Samuel Seabury November 14, 1784

Samuel Seabury, the first bishop of the Episcopal Church, was born in Groton, Connecticut on November 30th, 1729. After ordination in England in 1753, he was assigned, as a missionary of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, to Christ Church, New Brunswick, New Jersey. In 1757, he became rector of Grace Church, Jamaica, Long Island, and in 1766, rector of St. Peter's, Westchester County. During the American Revolution, he remained loyal to the British crown and served as a chaplain in the British army.

After the Revolution, a secret meeting of Connecticut clergy in Woodbury, held on March 25th, 1783, named Seabury or the Rev. Jeremiah Leaming, whichever would be able or willing, to seek episcopal consecration in England. They extended the call first to Leaming, who declined; Seabury then accepted, and sailed for England.

After a year of negotiation, Seabury found it impossible to obtain episcopal orders from the Church of England because, as an American citizen, he could not swear allegiance to the crown. He then turned to the non–jurying bishops of the Episcopal Church in Scotland. On November 14th, 1784, in Aberdeen, he was consecrated by the Bishop and the Bishop Coadjutor of Aberdeen and the Bishop of Ross and Caithness in the presence of many people.

Upon his return home, Seabury was recognized as Bishop of Connecticut in Convocation on August 3rd, 1785, at Middletown. With Bishop William White, he was active in the organization of the Episcopal Church at the General Convention of 1789. Seabury kept his promise, made in a concordat with the Scottish bishops, to persuade the American Church to adopt the Scottish form for the celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

In 1790, Seabury became responsible for episcopal oversight of the churches in Rhode Island; and, at the General Convention of 1792, he participated in the first consecration of a bishop on American soil, that of John Claggett of Maryland. Seabury died on February 25th, 1796, and is buried beneath St. James' Church, New London.

We give you thanks, O Lord our God, for your goodness in bestowing upon this church the gift of the episcopate; and we pray that, joined together in unity with our bishops and nourished by your holy sacraments, we may proclaim the Gospel of redemption with apostolic zeal; through Jesus

Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.



November Item: 8 or 16 ct watercolors
Preferably Crayola brand







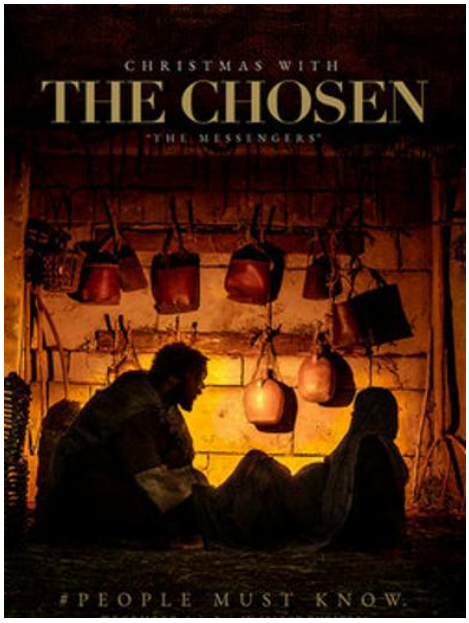
This Sunday's celebrant and preacher is: Mthr Andrea Jones



It's Pumpkin Pie Season! Time is running short! Please help with a donation for the pies we provide to Concern for Thanksgiving Food Baskets. Nov 15th is the deadline.



Advent Program 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: The Messengers' in clips and discuss each section afterward. "The Messengers" is a special holiday episode from the historical drama series The Chosen.

Plot and Storyline

• The Birth of Christ: The episode explores the first Christmas through the eyes of Mary and Joseph as they travel from Nazareth to Bethlehem and face the crowded inn before Jesus is born in a manger.

• Framing Story (AD 48): Decades later, Mary Magdalene meets with Mary and Lazarus during a time of Roman persecution. Mary recounts her experience of Jesus's birth and asks Mary Magdalene to deliver the complete written account and her Psalm to Luke, who is gathering eyewitness testimonies.











St. Luke's Episcopal Church Bookstore & Gifts

Christmas Open House

Thurs. Dec 3rd 5-8pm
Sat. Dec 5th 10am-4pm
Sun. Dec 6th 11:30am-1:30pm

Do your Christmas shopping here!

Sunday BRUNCH BUNCH

The Brunch Bunch will be treating us to Christmas goodies and savory appetizers on December 6th after the 10:30 service. Save the Date!

Then at 4pm come back for a Christmas Concert by Keeli Droege, Marjoleine Gravley, and Susan Mueller

Extra Services Dates and Times:

St Andrew the Apostle Feast Day
Nov 30th – 12:15pm, chapel



St Thomas the Apostle Feast Day
Dec 21st – 12:15pm, chapel

Christmas Eve
Dec 24th – 4:30pm, nave
Dec 25th – 10:00am, nave



Please note these days the office will be closed

Nov 26th & 27th Thanksgiving
Dec 24th & 25th Christmas

I will be on vacation Nov 19th -25th and Dec 23rd -Dec 31st. -Penny

A Journey to Advent by Fr Thom Crowe (from his website : https://www.journeytoadvent.com)



BSO Veterans' Concert







Evening Advent Study

The Discussion Bible Study Group will host a Tuesday evening Advent study starting Tuesday, December 1, 2026. We will start at 6:30 PM in Metcalf Hall. The study will be based on "The Weary World Rejoices" by Kate Bowler. Study guides will be available at the meetings or by contacting Lay Catechist Tom Reyburn.

THE CROSS TIMBERS CLASSIC
STOA SPEECH & DEBATE

AN INVITATION FOR OUR BARTLESVILLE COMMUNITY

100 students are coming to Bartlesville

Help us welcome them and their families

January 7–9, 2027 · Bartlesville, Oklahoma

Hosted at **Hope Presbyterian Church** & **St. Luke's Episcopal Church**

The **Cross Timbers Classic** is a Christian speech and debate tournament hosted by LAUNCH Speech & Debate, bringing homeschool students and their families from as far as California, plus Oklahoma, Texas, Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri and Alabama. You don't need to be a homeschooler or know anything about debate to take part. If you care about civic life and a well-reasoned faith, here are four ways to help.

01 Judge a round

No experience needed

- Choose a **3-hour slot** to judge a debate or speech event; speech rounds are especially fun for younger kids.
- Children are welcome to come and listen quietly. Training and refreshments provided.
- Meet families from seven states and encourage young people learning to speak with clarity, conviction and grace.

Scan to judge

02 Host a family

January 6–10

- Traveling families need a **clean place to sleep and shower**. A simple, meaningful way to bless a homeschool family visiting from out of state.
- **No meals needed.** Guests are at the tournament from 7:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. each day.
- No room yourself? **Please share this** with friends, neighbors or your Bible study who might have extra space.

Scan to host

03 Sponsor

Businesses & churches

- Your **food, gift and other sponsorships** help reduce costs for this educational opportunity and make Bartlesville the **most hospitable tournament in the league** this season.
- Sponsors are **recognized in the tournament program and on signage** seen by local and out-of-town families.

Call or text **214-549-9956**

04 Compete

Homeschool students
Seniors 12–18
Juniors 6–12

- Requires a **Stoa family membership** (**stoausa.org/membership**); each family provides a parent judge and chaperone.
- Know a homeschool student who'd love this? I'm happy to provide **free coaching and support** to families new to Stoa.
- Family registration is open November 30 – December 6.

Tournament info

Care about civic life? So do these students.

Debaters research real questions of law, liberty and government all season, then argue both sides before community judges.

TEAM POLICY · 2 VS. 2

Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially reform its agriculture policy.

LINCOLN-DOUGLAS · 1 VS. 1

Resolved: Liberty ought to be prioritized over order.

Questions? I'd love to talk with you.

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