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The Steeple





November 25,2026



Ordinary Time

The Weekly Newsletter of St. Luke's Episcopal Church

St. Luke's episcopal church

From: Mthr Andrea Jones



And here I am.

My name is Andrea Jones, titled Mother. I fully retired as a parish priest as of two years ago from a twelve-year cure at St. Thomas in Pawhuska. I have been at St. Lukes, off and on for twenty-five years, which is something of a feat since most clergy residences are from five to 8 years.

I came to this parish in 2000, fresh from Sewanee Theological Seminary in Tennessee, my sending diocese was Iowa. My call was late in life, as many women clergy did back then. First came marriage, children and returning to the work force. Bill (often called Mr. Bill due to the title—The Rev. K. Andrea and Mr. Bill Jones on most clerical mailings) and I had been active in our parish for many years, and after long exploration I answered a call first sensed when I was 12.

The Episcopal Church began to ordain women in the 70's. By the 90's many parishes still had never seen a women ordained person and largely saw no need for one. Of the five parishes I have served in, only one had had a woman minister before me. In each parish one very nice gentleman would come to me and say, "I never thought women should be ordained." I would always agree and then state, "And here I am. Now what?" and we would become friends. It was weird.

Since St. Lukes was my first parish, I had no idea what serving here would be. I was told in seminary, that the parish that called me (since I was a green as a new pine plank) would help "raise me up" into the role of a parish priest. Teaching me how to care for them, where I was needed and where to step back. (Don't mess with the banners!) I made some mistakes, but y'all were kind and patient with a newly ordained person.

Over the years, in my going out and coming in, this parish has remained welcoming, enfolding, kind and fun. I look forward to meeting your next clergy which God is even now preparing for you. I know you will teach Her/Him your ways, and He/She will lead you into a renewed Ministry, just as you did for me.

At Luke's Place: Nov 27th – Dec 3rd, 2026

Nov 29th	Holy Eucharist, Rite I, 8:00am, Chapel
	Faith Forum Advent Study, 9:00am, Metcalf
	Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10:30am, Nave
Nov 30th	Ladies Prayer Partners, 11:30am, Metcalf
Dec 1st	Spiritual Discovery, 9:30am, Library
	Advent Study Discussion Group, 6:30pm, Metcalf
Dec 2nd	Choir, 6pm, Choir Room
	YD, 6pm, Rodgers Hall
Dec 3rd	Men's Group, 7:00am, Metcalf
	Bible Study, 9:15am, Metcalf
	Green Country Eucharist, 1pm, GCV
	Book Store Christmas Open House, 5-8pm, Bookstore

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: Diocesan Center and Staff The Church of England

Concern

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

Birthdays & Anniversaries for Nov 29th – Dec 5th, 2026

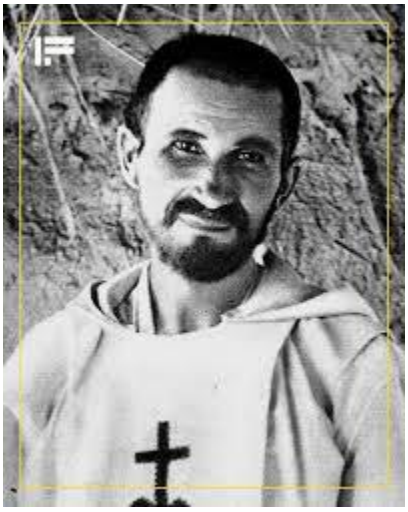
Birthdays		Anniversaries
Doug Freebern	(11/30)	
Nan Buhlinger	(12/3)	
Jen Peterson	(12/3)	
Jo Baughman		

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.

Go to the website and sign up!



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



Theologian's Corner:
Charles de Foucauld
Monastic & Martyr 1916d.
Feast Day December 1st

Charles de Foucauld, sometimes referred to as Brother Charles of Jesus, is often credited with the revival of desert spirituality in the early twentieth century and was the inspiration behind the founding of new religious communities for men and women.

Born in Strasbourg, France in 1858, Charles was orphaned at age six and raised by his grandparents. As a young man, he lost his faith and, in spite of the discipline of his grandfather, whom he deeply respected, Charles lived a life that was a mix of laxity and stubbornness. After training as a career army officer, Charles served in Algeria and Tunisia until he resigned his commission in 1882. He then became an explorer in Morocco. There he encountered devout Muslims, whose practice of their faith inspired Charles to begin a search for the faith that was his own. Upon returning to France, he continued his quest, and, in 1886, at age 28, re-discovered God and made a new commitment that would guide the rest of his life.

Charles entered the Cistercian Order of Strict Observance, the Trappists, first in France and then in Syria, for a commitment of seven years. He then went to Nazareth and lived as a servant to a convent of the Poor Clares. It was there that he began to develop a life of solitude, prayer, and adoration. The Poor Clares saw in him a vocation to the priesthood, encouraged him in spite of his reluctance, and he was ordained a priest in 1901.

Charles then moved to the Sahara, where his desire was to live a "ministry of presence" among "the furthest removed, the most abandoned." He believed his call was to live among those whose faith and culture differed from his own. To witness to Christ among them was not to be eloquent preaching or missionary demands, but "to shout the Gospel with his life." Charles sought to live so that those who saw his life would ask, "If such is the servant, what must the Master be like?"

Charles lived among the Tuareg people, learning their language and culture as he ministered to them. He was shot to death outside his refuge by bandits on December 1st, 1916. He is considered a martyr by the Roman Catholic Church and was beatified in 2005.

LOVING God, help us to know you wherever we find you and seek to serve you in all people, that with your servant Charles de Foucauld, we may be faithful even unto death; through Jesus Christ, 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



Please note these days the office will be closed

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

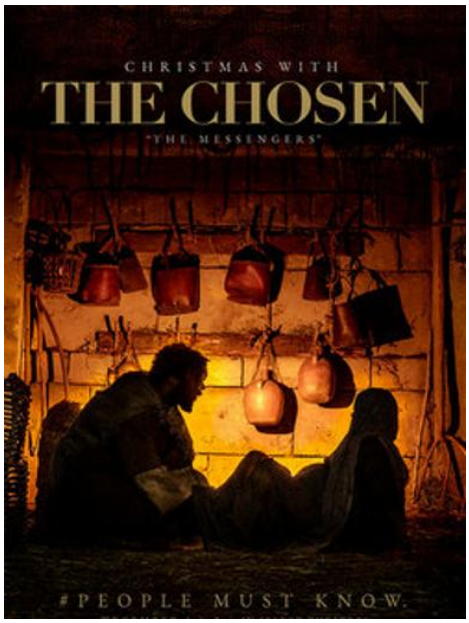
I will be on vacation Nov 19th -25th and Dec 23rd -Dec 31st. -Penny

Christmas Wish



This year we will be providing Christmas gifts for 86 students at Paths To Independence. PTI is a private school for children and young adults with autism spectrum disorders. It is located in the old Will Rogers school building and our own Joan Heidorn and Glenn Bonner are on the board of directors. The gift list is being finalized and the tree plus more details will be coming at that time.
Happy Thanksgiving and God's peace.
Steve and Cheryl Van Aken

Advent Program offered this Year



Remember we start our Advent Program this coming Sunday at **9:00am**.
Format: Video clips with discussion questions
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.
PEOPLE MUST KNOW



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 come back at 4pm to enjoy a Christmas Concert with Keeli Droege, Mary Warren, 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

Christmas Day
Dec 25th - 10:00am, nave

Christmas in the Woods

OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, Dec. 12th

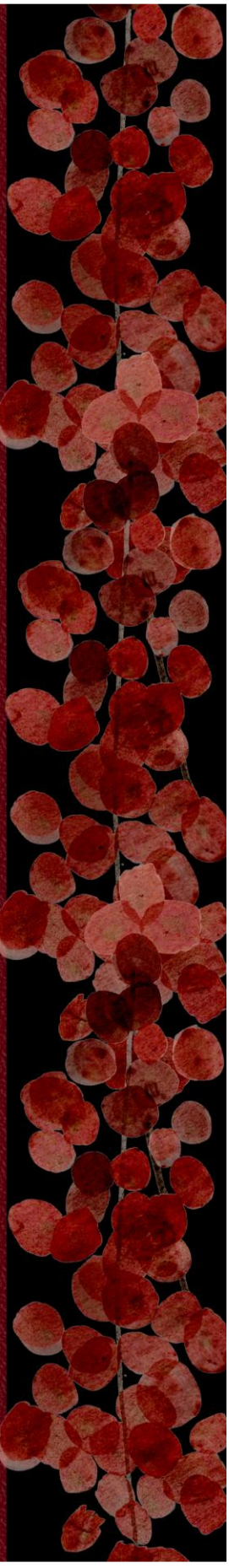
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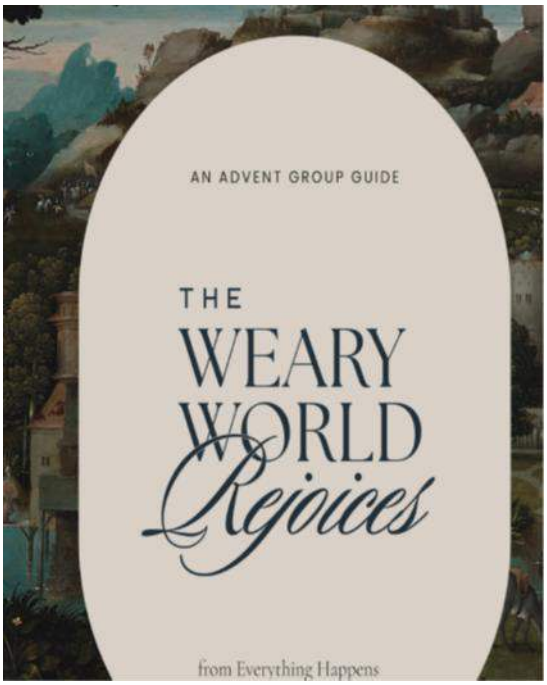
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Food Cocktails Mocktails

ALL ARE WELCOME!

We love having families celebrate with us! While there won't be children's games this year, a challenging puzzle will be available for all to enjoy.





Evening Advent Study

The Discussion Bible Study Group will host a Tuesday evening Advent study starting <u>Tuesday, December 1, 2026</u>. 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.



See Steve Clark for tickets



St. Luke's
Episcopal Church
Bookstore
& Gifts

Christmas OPEN HOUSE

A selection of inspirational books, gifts, and seasonal items perfect for Christmas giving will be available.

ENJOY HOLIDAY TREATS!

Thurs. December 3rd 5-8
Saturday December 5th 10-4
Sunday December 6th 11:30-1:30

St. Luke's Episcopal Church 210 E. 9th Bartlesville, OK

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.

Candis Grover, Tournament Co-Director · candis@launchspeechanddebate.org · 214-549-9956

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