



# The Steeple

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## FAMILY PROMISE: CONTINUING OUR JOURNEY IN SERVICE

Our next week to host will be from January 31st to February 7th. Volunteers, please consult your calendars and see when you are able to serve. Sign up outside Metcalf Hall this Sunday, Jan. 17th after the 10:30 service, or feel free to email Jen Peterson with your preferred role and date.

There are currently 3 families consisting of 4 adults and 7 children: a total of 11 people.

Interested in becoming a volunteer? Contact Jen Peterson 918-397-7779, [jenrpet1971@gmail.com](mailto:jenrpet1971@gmail.com) for more information.



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### Important Dates To Remember

- Nominee Autobiographies due Wed., Jan. 13
- Altar Guild Retreat, Sat., Jan. 16, 9am-1pm
- Annual Reports Due, Friday, Jan. 22
- Annual Mtg. Sun., Jan. 31, 12:30pm (see article this pg.)
- Family Promise Families at St. Luke's, Jan. 31-Feb. 7

## ATTENTION:

### ALL VESTRY MEMBERS & COMMITTEE CHAIRS Annual Reports are Due Soon



If you are a member of the Vestry, or the head of a committee, your annual report of activities and results from your areas of responsibility within the parish in 2015 are due in the office no later than Friday, January 22 for inclusion in St. Luke's Annual Book of Reports. You may email your report to [annbell@episcopalbartlesville.org](mailto:annbell@episcopalbartlesville.org), or submit your report to the church office. Copies of last years' Annual Report are available in the church office.

**Also, if you have been nominated** for the Vestry, Convention or Nominating Committee, you have been asked to submit a brief autobiography (maximum 4-5 sentences) of your faith journey & church activities. This information was to have been submitted **by Wed., Jan. 13, 2016.** Questions? Call the church office at 918-336-1212.

**Our Annual Meeting is Sunday, January 31 at 12:30pm** (preceded by an All-Parish Potluck at 12noon) in Metcalf Hall. All members are encouraged to attend. It serves as a time of reflection on the past year and also a time to review the 2015 Annual Report and focus on our goals for 2016. We will also vote for our candidates for Vestry, Diocesan Convention Delegates and the Nominating Committee. Everyone in the parish is urged to attend.



**Special Thanks** --The Vestry met Tuesday night – the last meeting for this particular Vestry. I am very grateful for their work and their faithfulness. I will miss Robert Babcock, Bruce Ramzel and Walt Gasior as they will rotate off after three years of Vestry ministry. That is all the more true as Ellen Heald, Senior Warden, and Jim Liehr, Junior Warden, conclude four years as remarkable teammates in shared ministry with the Vestry and Rector. Kelli Bradshaw will continue with a full term on the Vestry and Amy Borg will become the Junior Warden if both are elected at the Annual Parish Meeting on the 31<sup>st</sup>. I am glad they will continue.

**New Parish Bylaws** – The Vestry approved the new bylaws for our parish after a year-long process. Using the template provided by the diocese, new bylaws were written to bring us in line National Episcopal and Oklahoma Diocesan Canons. When possible some of the customs and practices of St. Luke's were preserved. Several opportunities were provided for input from the parish before the Vestry adopted a draft of the new bylaws. These were sent to Gary Derrick, an attorney for the diocese, who made a few minor corrections and suggestions. These were accepted by the Vestry and the new bylaws were unanimously adopted. In March St. Luke's bylaws will be presented for approval by the Diocesan Council. That will make them official.

**Budget for 2016 Approved** – The Vestry received the final finance report for 2015 and a proposed budget from the Finance Committee. We finished last year with a \$1,845 "surplus" – a great finish for the year. The new budget reflects a minimal increase in pledges – about \$10,000. This resulted in a fairly flat budget which covered the annual increase in property insurance and minimal increases in staff salaries. Unfortunately, no budget funds will be available for capital and maintenance needs for our facilities. The balanced budget was adopted by the Vestry, will be posted in the main hallway and will be presented at the Annual Parish Meeting.

**Capital and Maintenance Needs** – As noted in our stewardship campaign, the costs for maintaining our facilities continue to increase. We have depended on the rental income from our properties on the east side of the church these expenses. Even so, we have been falling behind for several years resulting in a significant deficit in that account. The Property Management Committee and Vestry are looking for ways to address these challenges. For the immediate future the Vestry approved a PMC Budget that will cover the regular maintenance needs but will not cover some larger expenses such as air handlers in the Nave, some roof repairs and painting one of the houses. The Vestry voted to use money from the Malick Fund for the roof repairs. These challenges will continue to be on the Vestry's agenda.

**Church Development Team** – The survey results are back from Natural Church Development. The Vestry accepted my appointment of the Church Development Team – Co-chairs Ellen Heald and Jim Liehr plus members Walt Gasior, Linda Maloney, Juanita Green and Steve Clark. Deacon Mike Watkins and I will be the clergy coaches. You will be hearing from this group soon.

**Family Promise** -- St. Luke's will again house several homeless families with Family Promise starting on Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup>. Last week Family Promise graduated the first family from the program and they are doing very well. Family Promise was again discussed in the Vestry meeting. I provided a report from Church Insurance Company that confirmed again that St. Luke's is covered for Family Promise to use our facilities.

These are some of the things people might want to know from this month's Vestry meeting – as well as my letter to the parish.

Blessings, Fr. Lee,

## Weekly Activity Calendar

### Sunday, January 17, 2016

8:00am Rite I  
9:15am Sunday School Classes  
10:30am Rite II

### Monday, January 18, 2016

9:30am Church Staff Mtg.  
5:30pm Holy Eucharist  
6:30pm Ignatius Study, library

### Tuesday, January 19, 2016

10:00am Spiritual Discipline Group,  
Library

### Wednesday, January 20, 2016

3:30pm Green Country Eucharist  
6-8pm Young Disciples  
7:00pm Choir

### Thursday, January 21, 2016

6:45am Men's Fellowship, MH  
12:00pm Holy Eucharist  
7:00pm Bible Study, Rm. 203

### Friday, January 22, 2016

### Saturday, January 23, 2016

### Sunday, January 24, 2016

8:00am Rite I  
9:15am Sunday School Classes  
10:30am Rite II

### Monday, January 25, 2016

9:30am Church Staff Mtg.  
10:30am Crafting Our Prayers  
5:30pm Holy Eucharist  
6:30pm Ignatius Study, library

## *Samaritan Counseling & Growth Center's Breakfast Fundraiser for Daughters of Lot at Adams Boulevard Church of Christ Saturday, February 6, 2016*

Doors open for Sip & See at 9:00 a.m.  
Breakfast Fundraiser begins at 9:30 a.m.

You can Provide Help and Hope. Every 2 minutes, someone in the U.S. is assaulted. Abuse leaves emotional scars that can affect the victim's life for years to come. Many victims of assault cannot afford the treatment and counseling they need. Daughters of Lot is a subsidy program that ensures abuse victims will receive counseling regardless of their financial ability to pay. All proceeds from the Daughters of Lot fundraising event go to help with the cost of counseling for victims of abuse.

Contact: Susie Clark at 918-519-7580 or [susstecla@gmail.com](mailto:susstecla@gmail.com). Cost is \$25/person and checks are to be made out to St. Luke's with "Daughters of Lot" in memo. Bring your check to the church office or to Susie Clark. For more information on this event go to <https://www.supportsamaritan.org/>

## ST. LUKE'S PRAYER LIST

Please keep these persons  
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.)

Linda, Koko, Doris, Rosie, Emma, Sharon,  
Joseph, Amelia, Sue, Mark, Becky, Jim,  
Scott, Cory, Ryan, Janet, Ricky, Sherry,  
Roy, Jerry, Jean, D'Manuel, Matthew,  
Lisa 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](mailto:TPBGEN@aol.com) or contact the church  
office at 918-336-1212 or  
[annbell@episcopalbartlesville.org](mailto:annbell@episcopalbartlesville.org).



*Gifts are for  
Giving & Sharing  
But first they  
must be opened!*

What wonderful gifts of music  
have been shared with our St.  
Luke's family during this  
Christmas time of gift giving!

....the participants in *People of the  
Inn*

....our faithful choir

....Lauren Green, cellist

....the Owens Family Woodwind  
Quartet

....Mark Wright, organist & singer

The time for sharing the gifts  
and talents we each one have been  
given does not end when the last  
Christmas decoration and "used"  
poinsettias have been returned to  
their "resting places".

It is our hope that we will each  
one continue to acknowledge our  
particular gifts and talents, open  
our hearts to share, and give  
thanks to the Giver of all Gifts!

Yes, this is a not-so-subtle  
invitation to come give the choir a  
chance to show you that singing is  
good for you! And, not only will it  
be good for newcomers to the  
choir, it will also give new  
enthusiasm to our stalwart singers  
who remain steadfast and faithful!

REHEARSALS – Wednesdays,  
7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

## MONTHLY FINANCIAL SUMMARY

	December			2015		
	MTD Actual	MTD Budget	Variance (unfav.)	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Variance (unfav.)
<b>Income</b>						
Pledge Payments	35,273	31,181	4,092	373,855	374,170	(315)
Non-Pledge Payments	7,935	1,833	6,102	29,343	22,000	7,343
Other Income	4,798	4,571	226	25,415	28,606	(3,191)
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>48,005</b>	<b>37,585</b>	<b>10,420</b>	<b>428,612</b>	<b>424,776</b>	<b>3,837</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>47,764</b>	<b>39,361</b>	<b>(8,403)</b>	<b>426,767</b>	<b>425,166</b>	<b>(1,601)</b>
<b>NET INCOME/LOSS</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>(1,776)</b>	<b>2,017</b>	<b>1,845</b>	<b>(390)</b>	<b>2,235</b>

## CRAFTING OUR PRAYERS!

The next meeting of Crafting our Prayers will be on Monday, January 25 at 10:30am. We will visit with some ladies who are knowledgeable about the needs of the kitchen. We will draw up a list of priorities for the proceeds from the cookbooks. Bring your latest crafting item and some great ideas. We will pray, share our projects, and talk about the kitchen needs. All women of the church are welcome. Questions? Contact Rev. Lauri Watkins, [lwatkins@episcopalbartlesville.org](mailto:lwatkins@episcopalbartlesville.org) or 918-766-2473.

## Sunday Morning Discipleship Form THE STUDY OF THIS YEAR'S GOSPEL: LUKE

9:15am in Metcalf Hall

### ◆◆◆◆ SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINE GROUP

**"The Heart of Christianity" by Marcus Borg**

**Tuesdays mornings at 10:00 in the Church Library**

The Tuesday Morning Spiritual Discipline Group is exploring Marcus Borg's The Heart of Christianity while continuing the practice of contemplative prayer. Books available in the parish office and Bookstore.

## FOR ALL PARENTS:

Sunday School is often a formative experience for children in their spiritual development. An hour a week spent talking about faith, the church, the Bible, and how that works in their world is important. The lessons are carefully crafted each week to help our children grow in faith and express their own journey. Please let January be the time when you resolve with your family to return to Sunday School. Music with Ms. Dolores begins right at 9:15 with Sunday School classes beginning right after music. We look forward to seeing all those bright shining faces in our classrooms!



## SUNDAY GREETERS NEEDED!



How would you like to be the first person people see as they come to join our worship? We need greeters for both the 8:00am and 10:30am services. It's just one Sunday a month, and all you need to do is be at the door 15 minutes before the service starts, wearing your nametag and a smile. Contact Amy Borg if you are interested in participating in this ministry (713-206-1179 or [amyaaarh@gmail.com](mailto:amyaaarh@gmail.com)).



You may have noticed a little more shine on the terrazzo tile in the Nave aisles next to the bottom of the pews. This is because Lana and her son Seth have removed some of the crud and polished the floor up close to the pew bases. We next plan to try to re-stain the pews where they have been severely scratched up by floor machines.

We are still finding lights on when we open up the church in the mornings. This seems to happen about twice a week--usually the halls in the new building. Maybe it is not such a big deal, but it seems to me to be just good stewardship of our church to help with our electric bill.

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## LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE 1/17/15 through 1/24/16

*Volunteers: Please make your own substitutions.*

**Acolytes**  
**Sunday, January 17**  
*Servers*  
Nick Olsen, Greta Olsen  
*Torchbearers*  
Kyle Peterson, Charlie Olsen  
**Sunday, January 24**  
*Servers*  
Michael McElyea,  
Spencer Heald

**Layreaders**  
**Sunday, January 17**  
*8:00am*  
Kate Carroll, Scott Williams  
*10:30am*  
Judy Currey, Carol Murphy,  
Lauren Green, Penny Williams  
**Sunday, January 24**  
*8:00am*  
Judy Currey, Nick Conner  
*10:30am*  
Juanita Green, Penny Williams  
Kate Carroll, Bob Wesneski

**Nursery Volunteers**  
**January 17**  
Barbara Todd  
**January 24**  
Anneke Borg  
**January 31**  
Diana Crawford

**Scripture Lessons for**  
**Sunday, January 17**  
Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 36:5-10;  
1 Corinthians 12:1-11;  
John 2:1-11  
**Music for Sunday, January 17**  
#497 – "How Bright Appears  
the Morning Star"  
#138 (text) – "All Praise to You,  
O Lord"  
GATHER #339 – "Life-Giving  
Bread, Saving Cup"  
GATHER #346 – "One Bread,  
One Body"  
#423 – "Immortal, Invisible,  
God Only Wise"

**Sunday Plate Counters**  
**January 17**  
Steve Clark  
**January 24**  
Jim Grillot, Jim Malone

**Coffee Fellowship Hour**  
**January 17**  
Travis & Erin Perry  
**January 24**  
Carol Murphy  
*To volunteer, contact Rita  
Childers, 918-519-8470 or  
[puvey45@gmail.com](mailto:puvey45@gmail.com)*

**Bereavement Committee**  
**Team 3**  
Wendy Hall, Connie Freebern,  
Glenda Garrison,  
Gretchen Hoyt, Becky Liehr,  
Carol Murphy

**Greeters**  
**Sunday, January 17**  
*8:00am*  
Sue Glass  
*10:30am*  
Carol Murphy  
Maureen & Steve Forsythe  
**Sunday, January 24**  
*8:00am*  
Sally Canfield  
*10:30am*  
D. J. & Jerry Nezam

**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, you may  
contact Melinda Wesneski,  
918-333-7758 or  
[mcwesne@gmail.com](mailto:mcwesne@gmail.com).**

**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**  
**Sunday, January 17**  
*8:00am*  
Michael Kemp, Dean Zervas  
*10:30am*  
Glenn Bonner, Steve Clark  
**Sunday, January 24**  
*8:00am*  
Robert Babcock, Dean Zervas  
*10:30am*  
Jim Grillot, Max McCreary

**Children's Chapel**  
**January 17**  
Becky & Brian Olsen  
**January 24**  
Jeanne Julstrom, Travis Sutton  
**January 31**  
Jeanne Julstrom, Travis Sutton

**Agape Mission**  
**2nd Thursday,**  
**January 14, 2016**  
*9-11am*  
Jeanne Julstrom, John  
McCollum  
*10:45am-1pm*  
Rita Childers, Becky Liehr,  
Suzanne Read, Kathy Zervas,  
Marcia Zervas  
*1-2:45pm*  
Melinda Droege,  
Miriam Petrovich

