

The Steeple

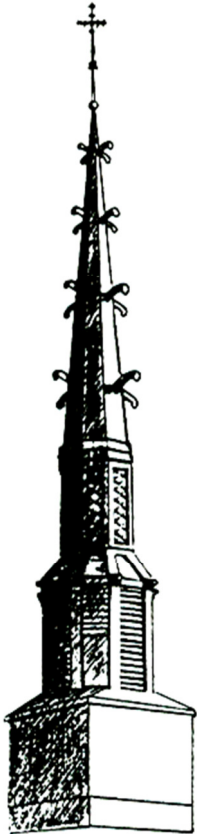
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Arms Open to the Future!



Stewardship Sunday, Dec. 3, is coming right up! This is your time to join the rest of the St. Luke's family in coming forward to place on the altar your pledge for 2018.

This commitment is vitally important. Regular, predictable giving accounts for nearly 95 percent of the church's income. Pledging permits us to confidently plan ahead with *Arms Open to the Future!*

Just before Thanksgiving you should have received in the mail a four-page folder describing what's involved in the budget for 2018, and how your generosity underpins the many good works of St. Luke's. Clipped to the folder was your pledge card and envelope for Pledge Sunday.

Please take the time to review the stewardship folder, not only for the financial information but for the Profiles in Ministries on the last page which provide a glimpse into the goodness made possible by your support and involvement. If you've misplaced your folder, extras are available in the church office. And, of course, Vestry members are always available to answer your questions.

The Vestry has recommended that the 2018 budget be increased by 10 percent over this 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. Vestry members have shown their commitment to the new budget by returning their pledge cards already. Now it is your turn.

See you at the altar on Pledge Sunday!

Sincerely,

Your Vestry

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✓ Important Dates To Remember

Family Promise, Dec 3rd - 10th
Christmas Star Tree, Dec 10th

DEACON'S DIALOGUE:

Leaves! What an amazing Fall we've been having. Perhaps I say this every year, but I don't remember the trees being so full of color in the past few years. The maples are blazing; the pears are rainbows of green, yellow, orange, deep red. Even the oaks are an eye-catching bronze. The trees across from the church were scarlet! Kimaya and I walked home from school, pausing underneath a bounty of golden leaves and looking up. There have been days of heavy gray skies and days of brilliant blue. This Fall has been fabulous. But even as I write this, the red leaves huddle in piles around the base of our maples, the pecan tree leaves float in constant motion into the neighbor's yard, and the landscape starts to take on the look of winter--more gray and brown than color.

I'm grateful. I'm so grateful for the memory of color. I'm grateful for warm-ish days and very cool nights. I guess I'm grateful for changing seasons.

Change is hard and doesn't always bring joy. Sometimes change is terrifying. We, as a church, have experienced more than our share of change this year. But I'm here to say that the change we are experiencing is exciting and fun! Fr Steve, Brian, and Robyn are bringing a sense of their own talents into our church. The office is full of laughter and banter. Each of them has much to offer. They are dedicated to this spot, to all of us that comprise St. Luke's. Fr Steve works quietly and efficiently at introducing a few changes into our liturgy. He loves to listen, to get to know people, to be available, to engage all of us in future planning. Robyn and Brian are doing their jobs so effectively! It is a joy to be around the change that is happening! It feels lively.

We have wonderful collective memories of years past. But we are a most fortunate church. We are in the midst of building more wonderful memories. We simply could not ask for a better situation. We are changing from one growing beautiful season to another equally beautiful season. We don't know exactly what this next season will look like, but it will give us much to remember in joy.

May God bless you and hold you in this special season of gratitude.

Deacon,
Lauri

WEEKLY ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Sunday, Dec 3, 2017

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

Monday, Dec 4, 2017

5:30pm Holy Eucharist

Tuesday, Dec 5, 2017

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

Wednesday, Dec 6, 2017

6:00pm Young Disciples
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, Dec 7, 2017

12:00pm Holy Eucharist

Friday, Dec 8, 2017

Saturday, Dec 9, 2017

Sunday, Dec 10, 2017

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

Monday, Dec 11, 2017

5:30pm Holy Eucharist
7:15pm Vestry Meeting

Tuesday, Dec 12, 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, Joyce, 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.)



ST. LUKE'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS STAR TREE

Return UNWRAPPED gifts by Sunday,

December 10th to the Church Office

If you have any questions please contact Steve or Cheryl Van Aken at 918-333-5570, or the church office at office@episcopalbartlesville.org

Thank you for making this Christmas a bit brighter for a child in need!!



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

Family Promise

Four families will arrive at St. Luke's this coming Sunday, Dec. 3rd. Five adults and six children ranging in age from 2 to 15 years old will be lovingly nurtured and hosted each evening of the week. Thanks in advance to all of our wonderful volunteers. Rodgers Hall is sure to be a busy place!

We have the following 3 volunteer spots that still need to be filled. Please let me know if you are able to serve in one of these capacities.

URGENT spots left to fill:

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

Sat. Dec. 9th (need 2 people)

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

Sat. Dec. 9th (need 1 woman)

Contact me directly at 918-397-7779 or jenrpet1971@gmail.com.

Thanks for lending hearts and hands to this wonderful ministry in our midst!

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.

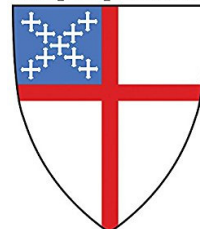
"THE DOOR"

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ST. LUKE'S BOOKSTORE

- Pre-Christmas Sale
50% Off Table
- Advent Candle Holders
New - New
- Open Dec. 1, Friday
10am - 2pm

The Episcopal Church



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

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Office Phone: 918-336-1212 Office Fax: 918-336-2557

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 8:30am-4:00pm, Fridays 8:30am-12:30pm

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

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LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE December 3, 2017 through December 10, 2017

Volunteers: Please make your own substitutions

Acolytes
December 3
December 10

Layreaders
December 3

8:00am

Jim Grillot, Judy Currey

10:30am

Jim Warring, Katherine Powell

December 10

8:00am

Jeff Birk, Scott Williams

10:30am

Kyle Peterson, Nick Conner

Nursery Volunteers

December 3

Ruth Todd

December 10

Stefanie Tedstrom

December 17

Barbara Todd

Hugh & Virginia

Meal Preparation

November 29

Nancy Wood

December 1

Jeff & Laura Birk

December 4

Ada Grillot

December 6

Becky Liehr

December 8

Volunteer Needed

Scripture Lessons for
December 3

Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37

Music for December 3

#57 - *Lo! He Comes With Clouds Descending*

#68 - *Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers*

#53 - *Once He Came in Blessing*

#341 - *For the Bread Which You Have Broken*

#61 - *Sleepers, Wake!*

Sunday Coffee Fellowship Hour
December 3

Bob Wesneski

December 10

Karl Franks

December 17

Greens

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

December 3

Amy Borg

December 10

Bruce Ramzel

December 17

Steve Clark

Greeters
December 3

8:00am

Don Davidson

10:30am

Glenn & Thelma Blackburn

December 10

8:00am

Don Doty

10:30am

Debbie & Dennis Mueggenborg

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
December 3

8:00am

Dean Zervas

10:30am

Tim Simmons, Travis Perry

December 10

8:00am

Don Davidson

10:30am

Brian Ferguson, Mark Fregin

Children's Chapel

December 3

Erin Perry

December 10

Bob Tedstrom

December 17

Nicki Ingram

Agape Mission

Thursday, December 14

9-11am

Jeanne Julstrom, John McCollum

10:45am-1pm

Kris Bonner, Rita Childers, Becky

Liehr, Kathy Zervas, Marcia

Zervas

1:00-2:45pm

Peter Julstrom, Miriam Petrovich

Bereavement Committee

Team 4

Ada Grillot, Jo Baughman, Kris

Bonner, Jen Peterson, Melinda

Wesneski