

The Steeple

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St. Luke's Bookstore
Christmas Open House
Friday, December 3, 10 am – 3 pm
Saturday, December 4, 10 am – 2 pm

We are so excited about our beautiful new Christmas items that we wanted to have a special Open House! Please come and bring your friends! The Bookstore will be serving goodies from our cookbooks and hot beverages to warm you up if the weather is chilly.

All proceeds from Bookstore sales go to St. Luke's Outreach projects.

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Important Dates To Remember

Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 25, church office closed Nov. 25 & 26. Holy Eucharist will be celebrated at 10am, Nov. 25.

Church Women United Christmas Tea, Friday, Dec. 3, 1pm, Metcalf Hall (see article pg. 3)

Bookstore Open House, Thurs. & Fri., Dec. 3 & 4 (see article this pg.)

ECW Advent Tea, Wed., Dec. 16, 1-3pm, 5814 Tallgrass Trail

2011 Calendars & Christmas Cards

St. Luke's Bookstore is now taking orders for Printery House Christmas cards and 2011 calendars. The wall calendars are \$8.95 each plus tax and the desk calendars are \$9.95 each plus tax. The Christmas cards cost ranges from \$9.95 to \$15.95 plus tax. A catalog showing the available Christmas cards will be in the Bookstore and church office during the week. You can place your order at the Bookstore or call the church to place your order or call Melinda Wesneski at 333-7758.

★ **CHRISTMAS STAR TREE** ★

St. Luke's Annual Christmas "Star" Tree is now in the narthex! The tree is decorated with stars, each one representing an area foster child's "wish list" for Christmas. Everyone has the opportunity to take a star (or stars), shop for the requested gift(s), and return the gift (UNWRAPPED, please) to the church **no later than Sunday, Dec. 12**, please! Thank you so much for making this Christmas season a bit brighter for a needy child! This project is coordinated by Steve & Cheryl Van Aken. Questions? Call 333-5570 or 336-1212.





FROM THE RECTOR

These prayers for Praying the Hours are offered for Advent. They come from sevensacredpauses by Sister Marcina Wiederkehr – Blessings, Fr. Lee+

In the Night – the Night Watch *O Love Divine and Mysterious...Take me down deep to the holy darkness of Love's roots. Let me become one with the One I love. Draw me into the depths. Night prayer is deep prayer. Let me go deep. Teach me the art of waiting with patience that I may grow strong, loving and wise. Let me borrow your eyes, O Beloved. Then I shall see in the dark.*

At Dawn – the Awakening Hour *O Light of God...Anointed by your morning light I lift my spirit to receive the gift of this new day. Open my eyes to the beauty that surrounds me that I may walk through this day with the kind of awareness that calls forth grateful living. In all of creation let me see the brightness of your face. Shine in my heart and on my life, filling me with joy, creativity, hope and laughter. Draw me into the radiant glory of your presence and into the small lights of those with whom I live and work. Inspire me to take time for those who are discouraged. May I live with the kind of presence that enables others to feel at home. Great dawn of God, hear my prayer.*

Midmorning – the Blessing Hour *Abiding Spirit...The fresh beginnings of this day embrace us as we stop for this midmorning pause. Bless the work that awaits us. Anoint our hands, hearts and minds as we joyfully enter into the heart of this day. Make our spirits lucid, attentive, and open to all that can be. Breathe on us and strengthen us for our pilgrimage through the day. Come into our potential with your wind and flame. In Christ's name we pray.*

Midday – the Hour of Illumination *O Luminous Face of God...In this hour of no shadows, gather us into the guesthouse of your great heart and enable us to see all that waits for us in the brightness of your presence. Heart of Our Hearts, teach us to take heart at this high noon moment. Restore our courage and create in us nonviolent hearts that we may better serve your people. In the name of Jesus who asked us to take heart. Amen.*

Midafternoon – the Wisdom Hour *O Searcher of Hearts...As the shadows lengthen, search my heart for any traces of bitterness. Reveal to me all that keeps me from living with a free and unburden heart. Empty me of all that is false and binding. Let me walk into the twilight hour of this day with gratitude. May I be liberated from all resentments. As this day dies I, too, shall die. I offer the work of my hands as bouquet of life for the good of all. O searcher of hearts, at the end of this day present me as a gift for the entire world. May it be so.*

Evening – the Twilight Hour *O You Whose Face Is a Thousand Colors...Look upon us in this twilight hour, and color our faces with the radiance of your love. As the light of the sun fades away, light the lamps of our hearts that we may see one another more clearly. Let the incense of our gratitude rise as our hearts become full of music and song. May the work that we bring with us in to this hour fall away from our minds as we enter into the mystical grace of the evening hour. Amen.*

Night – the Great Silence *O Gracious Lover of Our Souls...Let your comforting darkness embrace us this night. The beautiful prayer of this day is complete. This day's pilgrimage is ending, and we hold dear the lessons of the hours. Night has fallen. Breathe us into this good night. Calm our hearts. Comfort our souls. Protect us from danger. Fill us with well-being. Anoint us with your loving protection. Receive our prayer. Amen. Amen.*

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 28, 2010

1st Sunday of Advent

8:00am Rite I

9:15am Church School

10:30am Rite II

Monday, November 29, 2010

8:45am Morning Prayer

9:15am Church Staff Mtg.

5:30pm Holy Eucharist

Tuesday, November 30, 2010

10:00am Spiritual Disciplines Group,
library

4-7pm Yoga Classes, Rm. 217

Wednesday, December 1, 2010

6-8pm Young Disciples, RH

7:00pm Choir

Thursday, December 2, 2010

6:45am Men's Fellowship

12:00pm Holy Eucharist

4-7pm Yoga Classes, Rm. 217

5-8pm Price Tower Places of Worship
Candlelight Tour

Friday, December 3, 2010

10am-3pm Bookstore Open House

1:00pm Church Women United Mtg.
& Program, nave & MH

Saturday, December 4, 2010

8am-1pm Jingle Bell Basal Cell

5K Run, parking lot & MH

10am-2pm Bookstore Open House

Sunday, December 5, 2010

8:00am Rite I

9:15am Church School

10:30am Rite II

12:00pm YD to Ropes Course, Tulsa

Monday, December 6, 2010

8:45am Morning Prayer

9:15am Church Staff Mtg.

5:30pm Holy Eucharist

THANK YOU FOR THE PIES!

Another big *thank you* to the members of St Luke's.

Through your donations of pies and dollars we were able

to supply 167 pies

and \$185 to

CONCERN

for their

Thanksgiving

baskets. Your

generosity has once again helped brighten the lives of

some of our neighbors in

need.



Discipleship Forum Advent Study

An Overview of the Gospel of Matthew

Mthr. Stephanie Mitchell will be leading a four-week overview of the Book of Matthew, the Gospel for the new liturgical year.

Sunday mornings, 9:15, Metcalf Hall, beginning November 28.

ST. LUKE'S PRAYER LIST

Please keep the following persons in your prayers...

(Names on the Prayer List will be rotated off every 4 weeks. If there is a need for continued prayers, please let us know.)

Judie, Cindy, Chad, Karen, Krista, Jonathan, Jen, Megan, Greg, Lois, Eilene, Bobbi, Janne, Charles, Lynn, Scott, Kim, Edress, Shelby, Marty, Virginia, Marjean, Nathan, Steve, Jean, Will, Laurel, Moon, Elizabeth, Jan, Joseph, Brandon, Jeremy, Natalie

If you have a prayer request, please call or e-mail our Prayer Ministry Coordinators:

Thelma Blackburn (333-7902,
TPBGEN@aol.com) or Richard Chamberlain (333-5591,
Deaconrc@sbcglobal.net)

Church Women United Annual Meeting & Christmas Tea

1:00 p.m., Friday, December 3,
2010, St. Luke's Metcalf Hall

Program:

"Of the Father's Love Begotten"
Music & Meditation for a Hope-filled Season

Dolores McCreary, organist

All women in the church & community are invited to attend this meeting. Thelma Blackburn, an active member of Church Women

United and of St.

Luke's, is asking for your help to

host this event at our church. If you

would like to help with

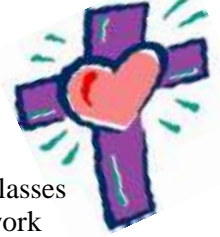
refreshments, set-up or clean-up for this event, she would sincerely appreciate your help! Please give her a call at 333-7902 or e-mail her at TPBGEN@aol.com. Thank you so much!



St. Luke's – Transforming Hearts & Lives

What Saint Luke's Episcopal Church Means to Me

St. Luke's has been a wonderful place for me to see the work of God as an ongoing gift, not just to those who attend St. Luke's, but to the community.



I enjoy the liturgy and the sacraments not only on Sunday, but throughout the week. St. Luke's provides classes for us to grow closer to God and better understand his work for us throughout our lives. St. Luke's has given me a greater understanding of God's love for all people.

I feel very blessed that I have been given opportunities to help in the community through St. Luke's community outreach programs such as the tutoring program at Kane Elementary School and the Concern Learning Center.

I am truly grateful to all of the friendly people at St. Luke's who have enriched my life with their caring and friendship. *Sally Canfield*

Evidence of Good Times Shared at Annual Young Disciples Thanksgiving Potluck



l-r: Miriam Petrovich, Ian & Lou Ann Mitchell, Sean Clem helping themselves to the wonderful food



Josie Harlow and Nicole Simmons during the evening worship



Remember the survey that was put out in the bulletin a few Sundays ago? The results were used during a Thanksgiving inspired round of Family Feud during the potluck.



Keaton Mitchell contemplates digging into the Feast!

**OKLAHOMA WESLEYAN
UNIVERSITY**
Presents
**Chorale & Vocal Ensemble
Christmas Concert**
Tuesday, November 30
7:00pm, OKWU Chapel
Free Admission



SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE HOUR

Volunteers are needed to provide treats for Sunday morning, December 5. Please call Maureen Forsythe at 914-3320 to let her know if you would like to help. Check the clipboard in the kitchen to sign up for a Sunday in 2011 – there are several openings!

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Monday 5:30pm, Thursday 12pm



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LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE 11/28/10 through 12/5/10

Acolytes **Sunday, Nov. 28, 2010** **10:30 a.m.**

Servers

Nicole Simmons

A. J. Clem

Crucifer

A. J. Clem

Torchbearers

Anneke Borg

Harald Borg

Sunday, Dec. 5, 2010

10:30 a.m.

Servers

Nicole Simmons

Lauren Heald

Crucifer

Lauren Heald

Torchbearers

Spencer Heald

Grace Dixon

Scripture Lessons for **Sunday, 11/28/10**

Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122;
Romans 13:11-14;
Matthew 24:36-44

Music for Sunday, 11/28/10

#57 – "Lo, He Comes, With
Clouds Descending"

#547 – "Awake, O Sleeper,
rise from Death"

#53 – "Once He Came in
Blessing"

#63 (text) – "O Heavenly
Words, Eternal Light"

#66 – "Come, Thou Long
Expected, Jesus"

Plate Counters

Sunday, Nov. 28, 2010

Grillot, Malone

Sunday, Dec. 5, 2010

Vacant, call Bob Wesneski or

Steve Clark

Volunteers: Please make your
own substitutions.

Sunday Coffee Hour treats

Nov. 28 – Lauren Green

Dec. 5 – Volunteer needed!

Dec. 12 – Connie Freebern

Call Maureen Forsythe,
914-3320, to volunteer

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please have articles that you would
like printed in *The Steeple* to the
church office no later than
Tuesdays, 12 noon. Thank you!

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 call
Melinda Wesneski,
333-7758 or
Barbara Martin, 336-8445.

Greeters

Sunday, Nov. 28, 2010

8:00am

Sally Canfield

10:30am

D. J. & Jerry Nezam

Frank & Karen Rukovena

Sunday, Dec. 5, 2010

8:00am

Don Davidson

10:30am

Glenn & Thelma

Blackburn

Jo Oertle

Church Nursery

Volunteers

Nov. 28 – Cordy Liggett

Dec. 5 – Zella Simmons

Dec. 12 – Barbara Todd

Volunteers: Please make your
own substitutions. To Volunteer,
or to be a sub, you may call
Tammy Baughman, 440-8088.

Ushers

Sunday, Nov. 28, 2010

8:00 a.m.

Babcock, Zervas

10:30am

Grillot, McCreary

Sunday, Dec. 5, 2010

8:00am

Gardner, Zervas

10:30am

Malone, Simmons

Children's Chapel

Nov. 28 – Tim & Zella Simmons

Dec. 5 – Rosy Zuklic

Dec. 12 – Amy Borg

Volunteers: Please make your own
substitutions. To Volunteer, or to be
a sub, you may call Stephanie
Mitchell, 336-1212 or 405-850-3321.

ECW Bereavement

Committee

November 2010

Birk, Grillot

December

Glass, Mueggenborg

Agape Mission

2nd Thursday (12/9/10)

9am-11am

Cheri Doty, Karen Rukovena

10:45am-1pm

Becky Liehr, Rita Childers,

Marcia Zervas, Kathy Zervas,

Rusty Hoff

1-2:45pm

Sharon Schilling,

Melinda Droege