



The Steeple

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PIES FOR THANKSGIVING BASKETS

Every year, CONCERN provides Thanksgiving baskets to many area families in need. Once again, St Luke's has offered to supply the pies for the CONCERN Thanksgiving baskets. This year our goal is to supply 200 pies. . Next time you are doing your grocery shopping, please consider picking up some frozen pies. All types of pies are appreciated – pumpkin, pecan, apple, cherry – they are all good. Please put the pies in the upright freezer in the closet in the NW corner of Metcalf Hall **NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14**. If you would rather donate money, please make your check payable to St Luke's and specify "Thanksgiving Pies" in the memo and someone will purchase the pies for you. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.



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Important Dates To Remember

- Diocesan Convention, Nov. 5 & 6, Midwest City, OK
- All Saints Sunday, November 7
- United Thank Offering Ingathering, Sun., Nov. 7
- Vestry Mtg., Monday, November 8, 7:15pm
- Treasure Sale, Fri. & Sat., Nov. 12 & 13 (see pg. 3)

ALL SAINTS DAY

November 7

All Saints' Day will be celebrated on Sunday, November 7. During the two Sunday services we will remember and thank God for all who have died. The names of the deceased will be read during the liturgy.

UNITED THANK OFFERING INGATHERING

This Sunday, November 7



The mission of the Episcopal Church's UTO program is to expand the circle of thankful people and address compelling human needs through grants to projects that alleviate poverty, both domestically and internationally. To achieve this mission, we have been encouraging you, in your daily prayers, to make

offerings, and raise your awareness of the abundance of God's blessings in your daily life. Grants are awarded every year from donations received from Episcopal parishes nationwide. Please bring your offerings to church on Sunday, November 7 or you may mail your offering to the church office, 210 SE 9th St., Bartlesville, OK 74003. Make your checks payable to St. Luke's with UTO in the memo.



Daylight Savings Time

ends at 2am on Sunday, November 7. Don't forget to turn your clocks **BACK** one hour before bedtime on Saturday, November 6.



FROM THE RECTOR

Wasn't last Sunday delightful? The children were amazing – in their costumes – with their music – full of joy! Mthr. Stephanie and Dolores did a great job pulling it all together. And, we are aware there were some new children in the congregation. In fact, on the back of their visitor's card and in a child's handwriting, was the expression "This is awesome!!!"

That could very well have been Zacchaeus' expression toward the "Jesus encounter" which in the Gospel for Sunday. Indeed the encounter was about to change his life in ways for which he could not ask or imagine. Jesus provided an accepting, loving and safe context for Zacchaeus to begin the process of becoming again who he was in and of God.

I laughed when I read Sister Macrina's take on Paul's conversion. She said the dramatic scene on the road to Damascus was just God getting Paul's attention. The conversion came as he worked with Ananias and experienced forgiveness, encouragement, gospel and transformation in the days that followed. Change is a process. Sometimes it is progressive while at other times it is incremental. Rarely is it instantaneous and never without more changes to come.

And so it is for us. Life is more than getting all we can out of life day to day. And, life is much more than just hanging on day after day. There is something much deeper which is available each day with God and each other. Our life in Christ keeps us focused, makes us go deeper and causes us to be broader than ourselves.

I believe the Church provides the context for this growing, maturing and transforming process. For all of her faults, the Church as a community of faith – companions on the journey of faith and life – is vital to this process. Indeed, where would we be without the Church and each other?

The article in the Tulsa World Opinion Section on Sunday validated what I have suspected and is becoming increasingly true. While younger generations continue to believe in God, including Jesus Christ, the Church is becoming less and less important in their lives. Indeed, the Church is often seen as an impediment to their faith. Many are disillusioned and disturbed by current trends and hypocrisy in the Church and choose to stay away. Their images of the Church are becoming progressively negative.

This reminds me of "generational poverty" where the cycle continues as children grow up knowing nothing but the way of life in poverty. I fear that is also true in terms of "spiritual poverty" where children grow up outside the Church and know little about the importance and relevance of a Community of Faith – and ultimately of God.

In many ways, this is our "mission field" today. Sunday was encouraging for me as we enjoyed our Children. Now let me ask, what can they and their parents see in us that is accepting, loving, safe – and transforming. What do they see and experience in us that gives them reason to believe and be connected to the Church as way of life? If we stop growing and changing in the likeness of Christ, what will compel them to love God and Neighbor – an part of our Community of Faith – St. Luke's?

Blessings,
Fr. Lee+

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 7, 2010

All Saints Sunday & UTO Ingathering

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

Monday, November 8, 2010

8:45am Morning Prayer
9:15am Church Staff Mtg.
5:30pm Holy Eucharist
7:15pm Vestry Mtg.

Tuesday, November 9, 2010

10:00am Spiritual Disciplines Group,
library
4-7pm Yoga Classes, Rm. 217

Wednesday, November 10, 2010

6-8pm Young Disciples, RH
7:00pm Choir

Thursday, November 11, 2010

6:45am Men's Fellowship
12:00pm Holy Eucharist
4-7pm Yoga Classes, Rm. 217

Friday, November 12, 2010

5-8pm Treasure Sale Preview Party,
MH

Saturday, November 13, 2010

10am-2pm Treasure Sale, MH

Sunday, November 14, 2010

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

Monday, November 15, 2010

8:45am Morning Prayer
9:15am Church Staff Mtg.
5:30pm Holy Eucharist

WHAT'S NEW AT MARTHA'S TASK AND SEW ORIGINAL?

As you walk into Sew Original you will see the many signs of the upcoming holiday season. Thanksgiving and Christmas items are added to the shelves daily. It's not too early to begin selecting from our gifts for that special person. We have lots and lots of aprons, veggie nukers (a.k.a. potato bags), insulated hot pads, wine/gift bags, totes, purses and MORE! All sales benefit the women we serve.

When you buy an item, not only do you have a unique gift, but you have helped a unique woman who struggles to make ends meet daily.



Bring a friend for a tour of the facility and take the opportunity to meet some of our seamstresses.

Sew Original is open **M-F from 9am to 2pm**. We are also opened by appointment. Call 336-8275 to arrange a convenient time. Located at **718 S. Johnstone**, parking is available in front of Martha's Task.

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.)

Janne, Greg, Glenn, Lois, Eilene, Bobbi, Charles, Megan, Lynn, Scott, Kim, Ben, Martin, Edress, Isaac, Anne, Shelby, Marty, Virginia, Marjean, Nathan, Steve, Jean, Bill, 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)

Treasure Sale

◆ 2nd Edition ◆

St. Luke's Metcalf Hall

The excitement continues to grow as we prepare for the Treasure Sale. And, yes, we will still accept Treasures until Nov. 8th.

Have you purchased your tickets for the **Friday, Nov. 12, 5 - 8 p.m. Pre-View Sale, Silent Auction and party?**

Call the church office NOW to reserve your tickets (\$10 or \$12 at the door).

Saturday, Nov. 13, Sale - 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. no admission charge.

You have contributed wonderful treasures!

A visit to our 2nd Edition Treasure Sale is like a visit to a wonderful gift store/art gallery/antique display all in one!

Looking forward to seeing you & all the friends you bring with you to the Treasure Sale!

All proceeds will be used for Outreach Projects supported by St. Luke's.

JOSEPH AND OUR AMAZING MUSICIANS

Sunday, November 21, 2:30pm, BHS Fine Arts Auditorium
Bartlesville Mid-High & High School Choirs, plus 130 Adult Singers
Proceeds to benefit CONCERN Foundation



Famed composer and pianist, Joseph Martin, will lead a combined choir of Bartlesville High School & Mid High School Choirs and local church voices (including St Luke's choir members) in a concert to benefit the CONCERN Foundation. Ticket prices are \$22 for adults and \$12 for students. Tickets and seat selections are available at the Community Center Box Office or from Tim Simmons at church. **Please note:** Since the event expenses are being covered by Wells Fargo Advisors, LLC, plus a grant from the Bartlesville Public School Foundation, the funds raised from ticket sales ALL go to the CONCERN Foundation (less box office handling fees).

Thank You, St. Luke's

My thank you has to do with how Saint Luke's takes care of it's own without compromising the church's mission.

Throughout my wife's treatment for cancer there were so many instances of caring and kindness that I cannot remember them all, but words and feelings fill my mind.....love, prayer, support, comfort, assurance, guidance, peace, rest, direction, leadership, counseling, care, food, flowers, notes, calls, visits, offers and on and on.

Fr. Lee's visits were so comforting for my wife and family and we learned a lot about caring during my wife's journey. There was also a visit from the youth group one evening which was very meaningful to us.

I am always proud of our church when I attend a special service at St. Luke's as we do things very well. We are well organized to take care of everything, the Altar Guild, the Bereavement Committee, the Choir and, of course, Fr. Lee and the Staff and surely I am leaving something out.

All of these things give comfort that all is taken care of leaving few arrangements to deal with.

Robert Babcock



HALLOWEEN FUN!



What a joy it was to see Moses lead many of our bright and beautifully costumed children as they processed down the center aisle Sunday morning. The costumes and masks ranged from a bumble bee, to cats ... both black and pink, Dorothy from the Wizard of Oz, to Spider Man, a zebra, a witch and beyond. The real treat came as they led all present in the sequence hymn, "All Things Bright and Beautiful." I look forward to their next offering in November!!

Mthr. Stephanie



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LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE 11/7/10 through 11/14/10

Acolytes
Sunday, Nov. 7, 2010
10:30 a.m.

Servers

Nicole Simmons
Lauren Heald
Crucifer
Lauren Heald
Torchbearers
Spencer Heald
Grace Dixon

Sunday, Nov. 14, 2010
10:30 a.m.

Servers

Jack Wiseman
Tom Wiseman
Crucifer
Tom Wiseman
Torchbearers
Dave Wiseman
Hayden Harlow

Scripture Lessons for
Sunday, 11/7/10

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18; Psalm
149; Ephesians 1:11-23;
Luke 6:20-31

Music for Sunday, 11/7/10

#287 – "For All the Saints"
#293 – "I Sing a Song of the
Saints of God"
#306 – "Come, Risen Lord,
and Deign to be Our Guest"
#467 – "Sing, My Soul, His
Wondrous Love"
#618 – "Ye Watchers and Ye
Holy Ones"

Plate Counters

Sunday, Nov. 7, 2010

*Vacant, please contact Steve
Clark 333-6989 or Bob
Wesneski, 333-7758 or the
church office, 336-1212*

Sunday, Nov. 14, 2010

Jim Malone

*Volunteers: Please make your
own substitutions.*

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please have any information
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. 7, 2010

8:00am

Don Davidson

10:30am

Glenn & Thelma

Blackburn

Jo Oertle

Sunday, Nov. 14, 2010

8:00am

Don & Cheri Doty

10:30am

Truly & Paul Johnson

Carolyn Lawrence

Church Nursery

Volunteers

Nov. 7 – Zella Simmons

Nov. 14 – Barbara Todd

Nov. 21 – Natalie Conner
*Volunteers: Please make your
own substitutions. To Volunteer,
or to be a sub, you may call
Tammy Baughman, 440-8088.*

Ushers

Sunday, Nov. 7, 2010

8:00 a.m.

Gardner, Zervas

10:30am

Malone, Simmons

Sunday, Nov. 14, 2010

8:00am

Kemp, Gardner

10:30am

Blackburn, Ferguson

Children's Chapel

Nov. 7 – Rosy Zuklic

Nov. 14 – Amy Borg

Nov. 21 – Tracy Harlow

*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, Mueggengborg

Agape Mission

2nd Thursday (11/11/10)

9am-11am

Cheri Doty, Karen Rukovena

10:45am-1pm

Becky Liehr, Rita Childers,

Marcia Zervas, Kathy Zervas,

Rusty Hoff

1:00-2:45pm

Melinda Droege,

Sharon Schilling