

The Steeple

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Christmas Worship Schedule

Christmas Eve, Friday, December 24

5:00pm

Holy Eucharist, Children's Christmas Pageant

10:30pm

Pre-Service Music

11:00pm

Midnight Mass

Refreshments & fellowship following in Metcalf Hall.

If you like, you may bring a plate of goodies to share. Leave them in the kitchen as you come in for the service, and they will be put out for our fellowship time following the service. Hot cider & eggnog provided.

Christmas Day, Saturday, December 25

10:00am

Holy Eucharist

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Important Dates

To Remember

No Church School or Children's Chapel, Sunday, Dec. 26

Feast of the Epiphany, Thursday, January 6. (see pg. 3)

LAST NEWSLETTER OF THE YEAR



This edition of *The Steeple* will be your last until the next issue is mailed out on Wednesday, January 5.

CHURCH OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS

Friday, December 24 & Monday, December 27, 2010:

The Church Office will be closed.

Tuesday through Thursday, Dec. 28-30: The Church building will be open in the mornings, but the office will be closed.

Friday, December 31: The Church building and office will be closed in observance of the New Year's holiday.

If you have an emergency pastoral need, call Mthr. Stephanie Mitchell at 405-850-3321. Regular office hours & activities will resume on Monday, January 3, 2011.





FROM THE RECTOR

“Church” has a variety of meanings – a building, the Body of Christ, the Nave (plus Chancel and Sanctuary), people, universal (worldwide),

membership, Communion. You may be able to think of more interpretive words to refer to “Church.” One of my favorites is “Community of Faith” which is more than a term – it is an experience.

I experienced this Community of Faith on Sunday after the Holy Eucharist. Our Youth Church School class baked cookies for community servants at the Fire and Police stations. People young and old helped with the decorating. Frosting and sprinkles were everywhere – some on the cookies! Everything was spiced with fun.

This was also my thought when I saw that the Star Gift Tree had disappeared from the Narthex. This meant that all the stars had been taken and Christmas gifts for foster children had been purchased and returned. What a thoughtful and generous Community of Faith!

The gang that gathered to move Bob and Jeanne Rowlett (Susie Clark’s parents) into their new home was a wonderful sight. Frank and Steve literally went the extra mile by going to Tyler, Texas to help accomplish this move. The spirit and work of the local “movers” from St. Luke’s was another sign of our loving community.

The ECW Advent Tea was a special time of community. As always the food was good, but the conversations were rich. Some people were new and others had been around forever. There was small talk laced with more personal sharing and all of it went together in making the time special.

One of the many seasonal gatherings happened on Sunday afternoon with the Men’s Fellowship and the “Auxiliary” of ladies. We ate and drank and talked – and loved each other. This was more than a “Christmas party” – this was Christ-infused community.

The same dynamic was at work with the Lessons and Carols followed by Soup and Sweets on Sunday evening. The music, scripture and prayers provided by Dolores, Mthr. Stephanie and the Choir were very meaningful. A part of what makes this work is the fact that the Choir is like “family” for each other – they not only sing, but also care.

As I am taking Holy Communion to our homebound members, you can tell they still have a strong sense of belonging to St. Luke’s. Their memories are rich with all the people they have known at St. Luke’s and feel connected even now with people they don’t know. This is another indicator that the “outward and visible signs” of being in community with each other reflect an “inward and spiritual grace” that binds us together.

With all of this in mind, I am looking forward to the Holy Eucharist celebrations on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day – quickly followed by the First Sunday of Christmas. Our Community of Faith will gather to welcome the Christ Child again and we will be blessed. The blessing will come in the form peace, hope, love and joy in our personal lives and our life together. God still loves. God still comes.

Have a blessed Christmas,
Fr. Lee+

Calendar of Events

Sunday, December 26, 2010

8:00am Rite I
NO Church School
10:30am Rite II

Monday, December 27, 2010

Church bldg. & office closed
5:30pm Holy Eucharist

Tuesday, December 28, 2010

Church bldg. open, office closed
Wednesday, December 29, 2010

Church bldg. open, office closed

Thursday, December 30, 2010

Church bldg. open, office closed

Friday, December 31, 2010

New Year’s Eve, church bldg. &
office closed

Saturday, January 1, 2011

New Year’s Day

Sunday, January 2, 2011

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

Monday, January 3, 2011

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

Tuesday, January 4, 2011

10:00am Spiritual Disciplines Group,
library
1:00pm Nominating Committee Mtg.

GOT MOVIES?

We’re putting together the pieces of our curriculum for the upcoming winter and spring term for youth in the 6th-12th grades. The curriculum we’re using, “*Making it Real & Relevant*”, is an innovative Christian formation program that is a multi-media enhanced Bible study for middle and high school youth. The program incorporates popular music and movie clips into each lesson, along with discussions and other activities designed to help participants discover that God, Christ, the Bible and one’s faith and values are all real and relevant to everyday life.

To that end, we’re asking for help collecting the necessary DVDs to use in the upcoming weeks. If you have any of the following DVDs and are willing to let the class use them, please contact Mthr Stephanie through the church office, 336-1212 or via email at smitchell@episcopalbartlesville.org. We need them by January 9th and will be returned to you soon after the Sunday they are used.

Movies Requested:

The Nativity Story, The Mask of Zorro, The American President, Hook, The Mummy Returns, The Last Holiday, The Matrix, Galaxy Quest, Take the Lead.

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.)

Lindsay, Marlo, Sadie, Jason, Steve, Charles, Scott, Lynn, Kim, Cindy, Judie, Marvin, Loise, Richard, Eilene, Cheryl, Chad, Edress, Krista, Jonathan, Shelby, Marjean, Nathan, Jean, Elizabeth, Will, Moon, Laurel, Jan, Joseph, Brandon, Natalie, Greg, Jeremy

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,

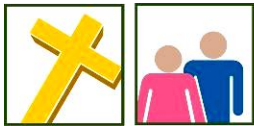
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ATTENTION:

All Vestry Members, Committee Chairs & Nominees:

As vestry members and committee chairs, you are asked to submit a report of activities of your area of responsibility for 2010.

Reports are due in the church office no later than Monday, January 24. Your report will be included in St. Luke's Annual Report which will be available at our Annual Meeting on Monday, January 31.



As nominees, you are asked to submit a brief (4-5 sentence) autobiography of yourself, family and church activities. These autobiographies are due

in the church office no later than Wednesday, January 19.

Submit your reports to annbell@episcopalbartlesville.org (preferred method) or you may bring it to the office, or mail it to 210 SE 9th St., Attn: Ann Bell.

MANY THANKS!!

We would like to thank all the wonderful people at St. Luke's for the tremendous outpouring of help in getting our home ready for us. During this busy time of year, your gift of your time and talent was truly appreciated. Our home is beautiful thanks to all of you. The final move could not have happened with out Steve Forsythe and Frank Rukovena joining the road trip to and from Tyler...so grateful to them! We always knew St. Luke's was a giving and caring community and this tops it all. We feel so welcomed. Thank you so very much. God's blessings, to each and every one!

Peace and Blessings,

Bob and Jeanne Rowlett

(Parents of Susie Clark)

DID YOU KNOW...??

A **BIG** thank you goes to Mr. Jim Hess, owner and manager of 5th & Shawnee Discount Liquor Store, who provides all of the wine we use for our



Eucharists at no charge. Mr. Hess has been providing this for St.

Luke's for over 30 years. Next time you are in his store, please give him your thanks!

2011 Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee is seeking suggestions for nominees for Vestry, Wardens, Convention Delegates and Nominating Committee. You are asked to please submit your suggestions by **January 4** to Ada Grillot. She may be contacted at 335-0275, 327-9618 or at adagrillot@cableone.net. Thank you!

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

Thursday, January 6

Join us at 7:00 p.m. January 6 as we observe the




Feast of the Epiphany with the celebration of the Holy Eucharist. There will be a reception immediately following the service in Metcalf Hall.

MORNING SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINE GROUP

Starts Tuesday, January 11, 10am

Practicing His Presence

The Morning Spiritual Discipline Group will begin a new series on Tuesday, January 11th, with Brother Lawrence of the 17th century and Frank Laubach of the 20th century. This spiritual classic will help us go deeper in our relationship with Christ. New people are invited to share in the experience on Tuesdays at 10:00am in the Church library. Copies of the book are available through the parish office. If you have any questions, call Fr. Lee or send an email to leestephens@episcopalbartlesville.org. 

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



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LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE 12/26/10 through 1/2/11

Acolytes
Sunday, Dec. 26, 2010
10:30 a.m.

Servers
Nicole Simmons
A. J. Clem
Crucifer
A. J. Clem
Torchbearers
Anneke Borg
Harald Borg

Sunday, Jan. 2, 2011
10:30 a.m.

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

Layreaders
Sunday, Dec. 26, 2010
8:00am

P. Williams, S. Williams
10:30am

L. & M. Watkins,
Green, Johnson
Sunday, Jan. 2, 2011
8:00am

M. Watkins, Braden
10:30am
P. Williams, Grillot
Green, Johnson

Scripture Lessons for
Sunday, 12/26/10

Isaiah 63:7-9; Psalm 148;
Hebrews 2:10-18; Matthew
2:13-23

Music for Sunday, 12/26/10
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Plate Counters
Sunday, Dec. 26, 2010

Grillot, Malone

Sunday, Jan. 2, 2010

Volunteer needed, please call
Bob Wesneski, 333-7758.
Volunteers: Please make your
own substitutions.

Sunday Coffee Hour Treats

Dec. 26 – Lauren Green
Jan. 2 – Lauren Green
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, Dec. 26, 2010

8:00am
Sally Canfield
10:30am

D. J. & Jerry Nezam
Frank & Karen Rukovena
Sunday, Jan. 2, 2010

8:00am
Don Davidson
10:30am
Glenn & Thelma
Blackburn
Jo Oertle

Church Nursery
Volunteers

Dec. 26 – Cordy Liggett
Jan. 2 – Zella Simmons

Jan. 9 – Barbara Todd
Volunteers: Please make your
own substitutions. To Volunteer,
or to be a sub, you may call
Tammy Baughman, 440-8088.

Ushers
Sunday, Dec. 26, 2010

8:00 a.m.
Babcock, Zervas
10:30am
Grillot, McCreary
Sunday, Jan. 2, 2011
8:00am
Gardner, Zervas
10:30am
Malone, Simmons

Children's Chapel

Dec. 26 – Zella & Tim Simmons

Jan. 2 – Rosy Zuklic

Jan. 9 – 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

December 2010

Glass, Mueggenborg
January 2011
Canfield, Liggett

Agape Mission
2nd Thursday (1/13/10)
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 Droeg