



The Steeple

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ST. LUKE'S DAY CELEBRATION WILL BE A PARISH FAIR!

5:00 – 7:00 P.M., SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16

We will have an All-Parish Potluck in Metcalf Hall. Everyone is asked to bring a main dish, a salad, vegetable or dessert. The church will furnish drinks. We will have a fire pit set up in the courtyard to make s'mores. Games and activities for the children will be coordinated by the Young Disciples.

We are asking parish members if they would like to display their hobbies, interests and/or collections. If you would like to participate, please submit the following information to Connie Freebern, at connie.freebern@yahoo.com or call her at 918-914-1155 by Oct. 12.

Name: _____

What is your hobby/interest? _____

How did you get started in this activity? _____

How long have you been doing this? _____

Give a brief description or story about it: _____

How much space or tables will you need for your display? _____

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Important Dates

To Remember

Bookstore Sale, Sunday, October 9 (see pg. 3)

Safeguarding God's Children Training, Sat., Oct. 15, 9:00am-12:30pm

St. Luke's Day Celebration, Sun., Oct. 16 (see article this pg.)

ECW Rummage Sale, Fri. & Sat., Oct. 21 & 22 (see article this pg.)

Outreach Fundraiser, Sun., Oct. 30

ECW SEMI-ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE

Friday Oct. 21, 9am-5pm & Saturday, Oct. 22, 9am-1pm

The Episcopal Church Women's BIG fundraiser of the year is just around the corner! The church garages and rummage closet are FULL, so your HELP IS REALLY NEEDED on Mon., Tues. & Wed., Oct. 17-18-19 to help sort & set up. Donations will still be accepted while we have the space. No computers, electronics or TV's, please! Please contact Jeanne Julstrom (918-333-5517, indojuls@hotmail.com), Susie Clark (918-333-6989, susstecla@gmail.com), or Sharon Schilling (918-337-2107, RCSchil@aol.com) if you have questions or if you would like to help. If you can spare only an hour or several days, any and all help is welcome!! Proceeds support ECW Outreach projects.



This evening (Monday) I read one of the most scandalous letters to the editor in the EE I have ever seen. At least the writer, Todd A. Cone, was open with his views and he signed the letter. However, if this represents our community and country, we are in serious trouble.

I won't get into the presidential politics of the letter. Promoting or demonizing candidates from either party or non-party is not my role.

Nor will I get into his critical views of democracy and what appears to be the promotion of a modern-day "feudalism." He did not use that word, but seemed to propose the idea with a clear warning and call to "class warfare."

What I found especially scandalous was his characterization of people who struggle every day to survive in poverty. He referred to them as "looters," ungrateful users of food stamps and free health care and people to have babies just to "keep the gravy train of government handouts coming." Plus, the writer suggests the poor will vote for people who will protect and increase their "largess out of the public treasury."

The lens through which the writer views his fellow citizens shows he does not understand what life is like in poverty or the implications of "generational poverty." Or, perhaps he is simply using this stereotype of the poor as political leverage. In truth many, if not most of the people in poverty, don't even vote. They are simply trying to survive day after day without knowing how to do life any other way. (Food stamps at \$1.47 per person per day and no health insurance) For them life is a perpetual struggle with very little vision or hope for the future.

The letter to the editor is not only scandalous, but sounds heartless. There is not even a hint of compassion – much less Christian compassion. I know nothing of the writer's faith or non-faith, but I know where Jesus spent most of his time – with the poor and outcasts of society who suffered immeasurably under the abusive power of not only the Roman Empire but the "elite" of their own people.

The letter writer made a big point that no one on welfare (looters and freeloaders) has ever told him "thank you" for all the "handouts." The writer would do well to learn what life is really like in poverty. The best way to learn is to befriend people in poverty and let them teach you. I know that personally through my involvement with *Bridges Out of Poverty* and *Getting Ahead* classes. I have met some of the most amazing people and learned so much about life through them.

When that happens, even the writer of this most scandalous letter, may develop an "informed compassion" and give himself to helping his neighbor become a self-sufficient citizen. Try giving of yourself through Bridges, Vision Onward, Martha's Task, Agape Mission, CONCERN, and many other efforts to help people less fortunate than most of us to learn how to experience life in more fulfilling ways.

Yes, the number of people in poverty is at an all time high and growing – and yes, some use the system. Turning the tide will only happen through OUR understanding life in poverty, informed compassion and personal involvement. Come, let us work together in making a difference person to person.

Blessings,
Fr. Lee+

The Cloud of Unknowing Morning Spiritual Discipline Group Beginning Tuesday, October 18th

The Morning Spiritual Discipline Group meets on Tuesdays at 10:00am in St. Luke's Library. Participants are committed to deepening their spiritual journey through daily disciplines, sharing with the group weekly and using special spiritual resources. Fr. Lee is the facilitator.

On Tuesday, October 18th, the group will begin using *The Cloud of Unknowing* as the special resource for fall. Written during the great age of European mysticism, this work has become one of the classics on spirituality. Come and let us explore and journey together.

Calendar of Events

Sunday, October 9, 2011

Acolyte Sunday

8:00am Rite I

9:15am Church School

10:30am Rite II

12:00pm Acolyte Party, RH

Monday, October 10, 2011

8:45am Morning Prayer

9:15am Church Staff Mtg.

5:30pm Holy Eucharist

7:15pm Vestry Mtg.

Tuesday, October 11, 2011

10:00am Spiritual Direction Group, library

5:30pm Adult Bible Study, library

Wednesday, October 12, 2011

6-8pm Young Disciples, RH

7:00pm Choir

Thursday, October 13, 2011

6:45am Men's Fellowship

12:00pm Holy Eucharist

7:00pm Choral Society Mtg.

Friday, October 14, 2011

Saturday, October 15, 2011

9am-12:30pm Safeguarding God's Children Training, MH

Sunday, October 16, 2011

St. Luke's Day

8:00am Rite I

9:00am Church School

10:30am Rite II

5:00-7:00pm St. Luke's Day

Parish Fair & Potluck, MH

Monday, October 17, 2011

8:45am Morning Prayer

9:15am Church Staff Mtg.

5:30pm Holy Eucharist

With Sympathy

Sincere sympathy and prayers to Mary & Bruce Ramzel (1215 Prairie Hgts. Dr., 74006) & family on the death of Bruce's stepmother, Joye Ramzel, on Thursday, Sept. 29. Funeral services for Mrs. Ramzel were Monday, Oct. 3 at First United Methodist Church, Bartlesville.

WEEK NIGHT

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Mthr. Stephanie Mitchell is continuing the study of Paul's Letter to the Corinthians. Class time is **Tuesday evenings at 5:30.**

We meet in the church library on the 2nd floor. Contact Mthr.

Stephanie at 918-336-1212 or

smitchell@episcopalbartlesville.org

if you are interested in attending or have any questions.

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.)

James, Sydney, Vicky, Chris, John, Alex, Noelle, David, Sally, Robert, Greg, Linda, Hilary, Marie, Stan, Margaret, Nora, Loren, Jan, Isaac, Bobby, Steve, Charles, Jean, Will, Joseph, Brandon, 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,
Deaconrc@sbcglobal.net)

St. Luke's BOOKSTORE SALE!

Sunday, October 9

All Wall Crosses
25% off

Plus, there is variety of
merchandise on the
50% off Sale Table!

All proceeds from sales in
our Bookstore go to
St. Luke's outreach
projects.

The Bookstore is open on
Sundays between the two services
and after the 10:30 service.

MARTHA'S TASK FALL OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, Oct. 13, 6:00-8:00pm
718 Johnstone Ave.

Enjoy cookies & cider!

Browse the many new fall creations
made by our talented seamstresses.

Martha's Task believes in the creative energy, inherent worth, economic rights, and responsibilities of all individuals. To that end, we offer a unique work/training opportunity for women in poverty situations. We are committed to providing a supportive program through sewing instruction, contract work, marketing, financial support and advocacy thereby enabling our clients to become productive, self-empowered citizens. Our seamstresses retain 100% of every sale.

Bier Universität

30. Oktober. 11

6:00 zum 9:00 PM

Featuring Cool Jazz by:
Musicians on The Loose

Bier Tasting hosted by:
Professor Will McClung

Selected Gourmet Local Brats
German Potato Salad
Apfelstrudel

St. Luke's Episcopal Church
9th and Dewey

\$20.00

(advance purchase only)

Proceeds to St. Luke's Outreach Fund

Questions: 918-327-5987 child care available upon request

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP FORUM THE EMERGING CHURCH

9:15am Sundays, Metcalf Hall

The "Emerging Church" is one of the hot topics in most every Christian denomination and non-denomination. In part, this is in response to the fact that church membership has been in decline throughout the church – now including Evangelical churches and the Roman Catholic Church. So, what is the status and future of the Church? Using resources from Fr. Lee's summer conference on the emerging church as well as material written by Diana Butler Bass, Phyllis Tickle and others, participants will explore this movement. People are encouraged to do research on the internet as well as other writers and contribute to the class.

praise!

PARENTS – Mark your child's
calendar with a special note:

"The Joyful Noise Singers" will sing and play their "praise" song for the 10:30 Eucharist on **Sunday, October 16th**. We'll continue learning our song for the next two Sundays – Oct. 9 & 16. Our music time begins at 9:15 a.m.

KANE ELEMENTARY READING MENTOR TRAINING KANE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LIBRARY Thursday, October 6, 9:30am

It is most important that all volunteers, both new and returning attend. Some rooms have shifted this fall due to increased enrollment, and some work areas will be changed. Dedra Landon, Kane Reading Facilitator, would like to have all who plan to tutor this fall at this meeting so she can review changes, and give assignments. Also, if there are schedule conflicts, she will work t out a convenient time that fits both yours and the schools schedules. Almost all times this year will be in the morning. Thanks for volunteering for this critical outreach project.

Jo Baughman, Coordinator, Kane Reading Mentors

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LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE 10/9/11 through 10/16/11

Acolytes

Sunday, Oct. 9, 2011

10:30 a.m.

Servers

Jack Wiseman

A. J. Clem

Crucifer

Dave Wiseman

Sunday, Oct. 16, 2011

10:30 a.m.

Servers

Katie Todd

Max Mitchell

Crucifer

Max Mitchell

Torchbearers

Grace Mitchell

Ruth Todd

Layreaders

Sunday, Oct. 9, 2011

8:00am

Mike & Lauri Watkins

10:30am

S. Williams, Wesneski

Grillot, L. Green

Sunday, Oct. 16, 2011

8:00am

S. Williams, P. Williams

10:30am

Grillot, M. Watkins

Johnson, Wesneski

Scripture Lessons for Sunday, 10/9/11

Exodus 32:1-14; Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23; Philippians 4:1-9;
Matthew 22:1-14

Music for 10/9/11

#390 – "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

#628 – "Help Us, O Lord, to Learn"

WLP #763 – "As We Gather at Your Table"

WLP #742 – "Loving Spirit"

#347 (text) – "Go Forth for God"

Plate Counters

Sunday, Oct. 9, 2011

Jim Malone

Sunday, Oct. 16, 2011

Steve Clark

Volunteers: Please make your own substitutions.

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!

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, Oct. 9, 2011

8:00am

Don & Cheri Doty

10:30am

Truly Johnson

Carolyn Lawrence

Sunday, Oct. 16, 2011

8:00am

Sue Glass

10:30am

Maureen & Steve

Forsythe

Church Nursery

Volunteers

Oct. 9 – Barbara Todd

Oct. 16 – Natalie Conner

Oct. 23 – Cordy Liggett

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

Ushers

Sunday, Oct. 9, 2011

8:00 a.m.

Gardner, Kemp

10:30am

Blackburn, Ferguson

Sunday, Oct. 16, 2011

8:00am

Kemp, Zervas

10:30am

Bonner, Clark

Children's Chapel

Oct. 9 – Amy Borg

Oct. 16 – Jerry Beal

Oct. 23 – Natalie Conner

ECW Bereavement

Committee

October

Barbara Martin, Nancy Winters

November

Laura Birk, Ada Grillot

Agape Mission

2nd Thursday (10/27/11)

9am-11am

Jim Liehr, Fr. Lee Stephens

10:45am-1:00pm

Pam & Fred Pierce, Melinda

Wesneski, Molly Ferguson,

Deborah Cooper

1:00-2:45pm

Ellen Heald,

Maureen Forsythe