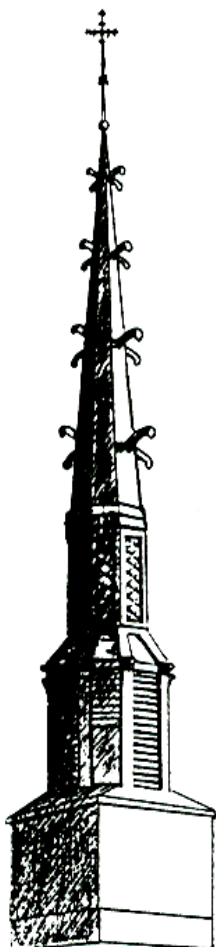


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FROZEN PIES REQUESTED FOR CONCERN'S THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKETS

St. Luke's has been asked to provide 200 frozen pies again this year as part of CONCERN's annual program so families in need can have a Thanksgiving dinner complete with turkey and all the trimmings! Apple, cherry, pumpkin and pecan are suggested as they are the classics for Thanksgiving. Please bring frozen pies to the church by Sunday November 13th so CONCERN will have them in time. Put them in the upright freezer in the closet on the far NW corner of Metcalf Hall. Thank you!



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Important Dates



To Remember

Frozen Pies for CONCERN due by this Sun., Nov. 13 (see article this pg.)

Thanksgiving Day Eucharist, Thurs., Nov. 24, 10am. Church Office closed, Thurs. & Fri., Nov. 24 & 25



YOUNG DISCIPLES FAMILY THANKSGIVING SERVICE & MEAL

We will take time to celebrate together as a Young Disciples Community!
Wednesday, November 16
6:00-8:00pm, Rodgers Hall
Parents, Grandparents & siblings are invited!
Appetizers, Turkey & Beverages will be provided.
Please bring either a salad, vegetable or dessert to share.

THANKSGIVING DAY EUCHARIST

The Holy Eucharist will be celebrated on Thanksgiving Day, November 24 at 10am. The church office will be closed Thursday & Friday, November 24 & 25.





Last Friday and Saturday your clergy and lay delegates attended the 74th Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Oklahoma. As usual, we had a good time representing St. Luke's. However, one might say this was a rather "ho hum" convention.

There were no big controversies – thus no press coverage. No one got upset except when the breakfast pastries and coffee ran out. In fact there were no debates. Everyone got along. We came home tension-free!

In truth it was a good convention – not exciting – but good. There is something special about seeing all the clergy and lay delegates from every church in the diocese coming together – “an outward and visible sign” of the Body of Christ. Over and over there were reminders of our common worship and mission with people all across the state. We are not alone in our commitment and efforts to be the Church.

This was seen in the adoption of our 2012 Diocesan Budget and the Mutual Ministry Support (formerly the Assessment). The Bishop announced that we now have one hundred percent of the churches participating in the Mutual Ministry Support which is still at 18% (this down from 21.5% of four years ago!). Using endowment income, the total budget for 2012 was increased by \$165,705 to a total of \$4,309,173.

Every convention provides education and dialogue opportunities in terms of breakout sessions. This year these included Partnering Opportunities With Our Companion Diocese in Uruguay, The Diocesan Response to the Proposed Anglican Covenant (which was accepted and endorsed by the convention), Social Networking and the Church and Our Aging Churches: Serving Our Senior Members.

The Bishop's Address is always one of the highlights of the convention. Bishop Ed's address was solid and optimistic concerning the diocese. He announced that a million dollar gift for St. Crispin's has been received and there would soon be a capital fund drive for building new facilities for the youth and children's camp. During this time he gave a special award to Fr. Bob and Georgia Gates for their interim work at St. Crispin's.

The Bishop also asked for a resolution calling for the General Convention in 2012 to form a task force to study ways to restructure the Episcopal Church and General Convention to help us be better stewards of our resources. In other words, we need to downsize the structure and costs. A resolution was presented and adopted.

For more information about the Bishop's Address and other facets of the convention, go to the diocesan website www.episcopaloklahoma.org.

The best part of every convention for me is our worship together – Morning Prayer (twice) and Holy Eucharist. The Rev. Mary Ann Hill of St. Dunstan's in Tulsa was our chaplain and I enjoyed her. However, there is something about worshipping with people from all across the diocese that both grounds me in our common worship and at the same time expands me in our common mission. This focused attention and broadened awareness blesses me each year.

I am grateful for the St. Luke's delegation which consisted of Mthr. Stephanie, Deacon Doug, Jo Baughman, Kris Bonner, Becky Liehr, Mike Watkins and Darian Kedy. They were a dedicated and fun group.

Blessings,
Fr. Lee +

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 13, 2011

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

Monday, November 14, 2011

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

Tuesday, November 15, 2011

10:00am Spiritual Direction Group, library

5:30pm Adult Bible Study, library

Wednesday, November 16, 2011

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

7:15pm Spiritual Direction Group

Thursday, November 17, 2011

6:45am Men's Fellowship
12:00pm Holy Eucharist

Friday, November 18, 2011

Saturday, November 19, 2011

Sunday, November 20, 2011

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

Monday, November 21, 2011

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



With Sympathy

Sincere sympathy and prayers are extended to Mrs. Gretchen Hoyt (2307 Skyline Dr., 74006) and family on the death of her husband, *John C. Hoyt*, on Saturday, Nov. 5. Funeral services for Mr. Hoyt are Wednesday, November 9, 11:00am at St. Luke's.

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP FORUM "THE EMERGING CHURCH"

9:15am Sundays, Metcalf Hall
We will conclude our study
this Sunday, November 13:
"Lessons for St. Luke's"

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.)

Margaret, Vivian, Mark, Karen, Crystal, Thelma, Shirley, Joan, Glenn, James, Sydney, Vicky, Chris, Alex, Noelle, 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)

Joyful Noise Children

It's TIME to begin learning some very special songs for.....yes, Christmas! I know we haven't even cooked the Thanksgiving turkey yet. However, we have only 5 Sundays to learn some new songs AND practice ringing the HANDBELLS that go with one of the songs! So, do we need every child in our Music Room on Sunday mornings at 9:15? YES! Looking forward to seeing the eager, smiling faces of our beautiful children!

CONSTRUCTORES PARA CRISTO IN BARTLESVILLE

Two more homes were added last month in Piedras Negras, Mexico. This was the work of a team of 32 people representing eight churches in the Bartlesville, Claremore and Tulsa. The administrator, John Martin, of the sponsoring organization, Constructores Para Cristo (CPC), will be in Bartlesville for several days next week. Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church is hosting a dinner and presentation on Wednesday November 16, dinner is at 5:45 and the presentation is at 6:30. Any one who is interested is invited. John is moving into the Executive Director position as CPC's founder Dianne Davis moves to semi-retirement. Dianne was honored with the 2006 Mother Teresa Award and also completed an "Awareness" 1332 mile bicycle trek from Birmingham to Piedras Negras in 2010. Please let Lauri or Mike Watkins know if you might attend so that we may give Good Shepherd a rough count for their planning. Call 918-336-1430 or e-mail mike.watkins@sbcglobal.net.

SCRAPBOOKING

Saturday, November 12

9:00am - 5:00pm

Metcalf Hall

Come spend the whole day or just a couple of hours! Time to work on those scrapbooks for Christmas gifts!



If you have never scrapbooked before, we will get you started - just bring your photos. Questions? Contact Penny Williams at 918-766-2157.

CHRISTMAS STAR TREE

St. Luke's Annual Christmas "Star" Tree will be in the narthex on Sunday, November 20. The tree will be decorated with stars, each one representing an area foster child's "wish list" for Christmas. Everyone will have the opportunity to take a star (or stars), shop for the requested gift(s), and return the gift (UNWRAPPED, please) to the church office **no later than Sunday, Dec. 11**. 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.

If you have any questions, you may call the Van Aken's, 333-5570 or the church office, 336-1212.



MANY GIFTS, ONE SPIRIT

Dear Parish Family and Friends,

Have you ever thought to yourself when asked to do something or contribute something "It's not much, but it's all that I have", "It can't be good enough to offer" or, "I don't or can't possibly have anything to offer compared to others"? This sounds a little bit like Moses when God asked him to lead His people... God never asks anyone to do anything alone, He is always there to lead, guide and meet our every need along life's journey.

We have all probably held those perspectives sometime in our life...maybe when we were without a job, sick or homebound, overwhelmed by the pressures of life and felt like what we had to bring to the table was nothing compared to what others had to offer. But the good news is that each and every one of you is IMPORTANT and no matter how great or how small the gift/talents/time...each and every portion can, and does make a huge difference!

"Many Gifts, One Spirit" is what our Parish at St. Luke's is all about/ Each one of us has something to contribute to sustaining and growing our church and it's ministries. Over the past year we have been able to read and hear about what parish members feel about St. Luke's and what it means in their individual life(s). We have had the opportunity to learn more about the various church ministries - inside and outside of our church walls. Back Packs for Kids, Concern Bridges, the Mexico mission trip, youth ministries, the children's ministries to name a few. Each and every one of these programs are only possible through the continued commitment of your talents, time, financial support, prayers and service. Without the contribution of each and every parish member our opportunities to reach out and share the love of Christ to others would NOT be possible.

Please set aside some time over the next few weeks to prayerfully consider what God would like you to contribute to our parish and church. Maybe it's increasing your tithe for the upcoming year, getting more involved in one of our parish ministries within our church or within our community. Maybe it's sending notes of encouragement to someone who God has laid on your heart. The opportunities are endless and the blessings for those being in need are incredible!

Remember, "Many Gifts, One Spirit" is what it takes to not only sustain and grow our parish but positively impact our community with the love of Christ!

Grace and peace to all, The Stewardship Committee

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LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE 11/13/11 through 11/20/11

Acolytes
Sunday, Nov. 13, 2011
10:30 a.m.

Servers
Jack Wiseman
A. J. Clem
Crucifer
Dave Wiseman

Sunday, Nov. 20, 2011
10:30 a.m.

Servers
Katie Todd
Max Mitchell
Crucifer
Max Mitchell
Torchbearers
Grace Mitchell
Ruth Todd

Layreaders
Sunday, Nov. 13, 2011

8:00am
Kedy, Grillot
10:30am
L. Green, Dreiling
P. Williams, M. Watkins
Sunday, Nov. 20, 2011
8:00am
Grillot, Birk
10:30am
Johnson, L. Green
L. Watkins, S. Williams

Scripture Lessons for
Sunday, 11/13/11

Judges 4:1-7; Psalm 123;
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11;
Matthew 25:14-30

Music for 11/13/11

#9 – “Not Here for High and Holy Things”
#299 – “Spirit of God, Unleashed on Earth”
GATHER #312 – “Song Over the Waters”
GATHER #238 – “How Wondrous Are Your Gifts to Us”
#296 – “We Know That Christ is Raised and Dies No More”

Plate Counters

Sunday, Nov. 13, 2011

Jim Malone

Sunday, Nov. 20, 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, Nov. 13, 2011

8:00am

Don & Cheri Doty

10:30am

Truly Johnson,

Carolyn Lawrence

Sunday, Nov. 20, 2011

8:00am

Sue Glass

10:30am

Maureen & Steve

Forsythe

Church Nursery
Volunteers

Nov. 13 – Barbara Todd

Nov. 20 – Natalie Conner

Nov. 27 – Cordy Liggett

Volunteers: Please make your own substitutions. To Volunteer, or to be a sub, call Tammy Baughman, 918-440-8088.

Ushers

Sunday, Nov. 13, 2011

8:00 a.m.

Gardner, Kemp

10:30am

Blackburn, Ferguson

Sunday, Nov. 20, 2011

8:00am

Kemp, Zervas

10:30am

Bonner, Clark

Children's Chapel

Nov. 13 – Amy Borg

Nov. 20 – Jerry Beal

Nov. 27 – Natalie Conner

ECW Bereavement

Committee

November

Laura Birk, Ada Grillot

December

Sue Glass,

Debbie Mueggenborg

Agape Mission

2nd Thursday (11/10/11)

9am-11am

Cheri Doty, John McCollum

10:45am-1:00pm

Becky Liehr, Rita Childers

Marcia Zervas, Kathy Zervas,

Rusty Hoff

1:00-2:45pm

Sharon Schilling,

Melinda Droege