



The Steeple

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Important Dates To Remember

Christmas Day & New Year's Day
(Sundays Dec. 25 & Jan. 1): One service only at 10am and no Church School classes.

Feast of the Epiphany, Friday, January 6, 2012, 7pm, Holy Eucharist followed by reception in Metcalf Hall (see pg. 3)

Annual Mtg. will be Sunday, January 29, preceded by Soup Lunch, MH (see article on pg. 3)

YOUR 2012 PLEDGE

A Reminder: If you have not yet turned in your pledge for 2012, please mail your pledge card to the church office, 210 SE 9th St., 74003, drop it in the offering, or bring by the church office. Extra pledge cards are available in the narthex or church office. Thank you!

CHRISTMAS ACTIVITY & WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24

5:00pm

*Holy Eucharist & Children's Christmas Pageant:
"How to Teach a Lamb to Sing"*

10:30pm

Pre-Service Music

11:00pm

Midnight Mass

Refreshments & fellowship following in Metcalf Hall.
If you can, please 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, Sunday, December 25

We will have one service today at 10:00am.
Church School classes will not meet today.

New Year's Day, Sunday, January 1, 2012

We will have one service today at 10:00am.
Church School classes will not meet today.



THE CHURCH OFFICE will be closed on Friday, Dec. 23 & Monday, Dec. 26 for the Christmas holiday. The office will be open only in the morning (9am-12pm) Tues.-Fri., Dec. 27-30, and closed all day on Jan. 2, 2012 for the New Year's Holiday. Regular office hours (8:30am-4pm) will resume on Tuesday, January 3, 2012.

NO "STEEPLE" NEWSLETTER will be published the week after Christmas. The next edition will be sent out on Wed., Jan. 4, 2012.



Merry Christmas – almost! We are getting there. This Christmas will certainly be different for us with our two “Mother Marys,” – Mary Elizabeth and Rose Mary, in our home, along with Lynda’s dog Sir Ivory and two cats, Obadiah and Sterling. Things have been a bit challenging, but I have no doubt Christmas Joy will come.

Here is a gift from Ann Weems’ book, Kneeling in Bethlehem, called “This Year.”

*I wonder if God comes to the edge of heaven each Advent
and flings the Star into the December sky,
laughing with joy as it lights the darkness of the earth;
and the angels, hearing the laughter of God,
begin to congregate in some celestial chamber
to practice their alleluias.*

*I wonder if there’s some ordering of rank among the angels
as they move into procession,
the seraphim bumping the cherubim from the top spot,
the new inhabitants of heaven standing in the back
until they get the knack of it.*

*(After all, treading air over a stable and announcing at the
same time can’t be all that easy!)*

*Or is everybody – that is, every “soul” – free to fly
wherever the spirit moves?*

Or do they even think about it?

*Perhaps when God calls, perhaps they just come,
this multitude of heavenly hosts.*

*Perhaps they come,
winging through the winds of time
full of expectancy
full of hope*

*That this year,
perhaps this year,
(perhaps)*

*The earth will fall to its knees
in a whisper of “Peace”.*

Blessings,
Fr. Lee+



Calendar of Events

Sunday, December 25, 2011

Christmas Day

10:00am Rite II

NO Church School Classes today

Monday, December 26, 2011

Church Office closed

5:30pm Holy Eucharist

Tuesday, December 27, 2011

Church office open, 9am-12pm

Wednesday, December 28, 2011

Church office open, 9am-12pm

Thursday, December 29, 2011

Church office open, 9am-12pm

12:00pm Holy Eucharist

Friday, December 30, 2011

Church office open, 9am-12pm

Saturday, December 31, 2011

New Year’s Eve

Sunday, January 1, 2012

New Year’s Day

10:00am Rite II

NO Church School Classes today

Monday, January 2, 2012

Church Office Closed

5:30pm Holy Eucharist



Our sincere sympathy and prayers go to Emil Malick, (1533 Hillcrest, 74003) on the death of his wife, *Irene Malick*, on Monday, December 19, 2011. The funeral service for Mrs. Malick is 2pm Wed., December 21, at St. Luke’s.

Sympathy and prayers are extended to Don & Cheri Doty (2407 Kyle Ct., 74006) on the death of Don’s stepmother, *Margaret Doty*, on Sunday, December 18. The funeral service for Mrs. Doty is 10:30am Thursday, December 22 at St. Luke’s.

Sympathy also goes to Betty Pettigrove (622 SE Wilshire Ave., 74006) on the death of her grandson, *John Byrd*, on December 14. Funeral services for Mr. Byrd were Sunday, December 18 at 1st Christian Church in Pawhuska, OK.

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.)

Lauren, Cheri, Sherrilyn, Rose Mary, Marjorie, Bruce, Carol, Tom, Pat, Jan, Richard, Linda, Robert, Nancy, Jeff, Paula, Margaret, Lynda, Mark, Crystal, Thelma, Shirley, Glenn, James, Vicky, Chris, Alex, Noelle, Rachel, Marie, Stan, Margaret, Nora, Loren, Jan, Isaac, Bobby, Steve, Charles, Jean, Will, Joseph, Brandon, Jeremy, Greg

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 Pre-Christmas

"PENGUIN & SNOWMAN" SALE!

Look for items that have a snowman sticker or a penguin sticker!

All are 25% off! Also "Backroom" sale items are 70% off!

St. Luke's Bookstore is open Sundays between the two services (9:30-10:15) and after the 10:30 service. All proceeds from Bookstore sales go to St. Luke's Outreach Projects.

NOMINATIONS, PLEASE!

The Nominating Committee is seeking suggestions for nominees for Vestry, Wardens, convention Delegates and Nominating committee. We are asking you to please submit suggestions to the committee no later than January 4 to Karen Rukovena, at 1-330-414-3927 or at karenrukovena@cablone.net. Thank you!

THANK YOU FOR THE THANKSGIVING PIES!

Once again St. Luke's came through and provided 200 pies for the

Thanksgiving Food Baskets for CONCERN!



Because of your generosity, they were able to provide a complete Thanksgiving

dinner to 200 less fortunate families in our community. We wish you all could have been there to see the smiles on their faces as they picked up their food boxes. God is certainly present at both St. Luke's and CONCERN! Thank you for helping to make this happen!

Tim Simmons and Jim Liehr



Feast of the Epiphany Friday, January 6

Join us at 7:00 p.m., Friday, 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.

CONFIRMATION CLASS: EPISCOPAL 103 IN JANUARY

"Episcopal 103" will be offered in the Discipleship Forum on Sunday mornings at 9:15 in Metcalf Hall from January 8 through January 29. This is an opportunity for those who are coming into the Church to learn more about the Episcopal Church and St. Luke's. This will also be an opportunity for new and long-time members to have a refresher course and ask the questions they have gathered along the way.

ATTENTION:

All Vestry Members, Committee Chairs & Nominees

If you are currently a **vestry member and/or committee chair**, you are to submit a report of activities of your area of responsibility for 2011. Reports are due in the church office **no later than Monday, January 9**. Your report will be included in St. Luke's Annual Report which will be available at our Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 29. *Please note that the Annual Meeting will be held on a Sunday rather than the traditional Monday evening. There will be an All Parish Soup Lunch immediately following the 10:30 Eucharist, with the Annual Meeting to follow at approximately 1pm.*

As **nominees**, you are asked to submit a brief (4-5 sentence) autobiography of yourself, family and church activities. These autobiographies are also due in the church office **no later than Monday, January 9**.

Please submit your reports to annbell@episcopalbartlesville.org (preferred method) or you may bring your report to the church office, mail it to 210 SE 9th St., 74003, Attn: Ann Bell, or fax it to 918-336-2557. Thank you! (*Extra copies of the 2010 Annual Report are available in the church office for reference.*)

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LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE 12/25/11 through 1/1/12

Acolytes
Sunday, Dec. 25, 2011
10:00 a.m.

No Acolytes Scheduled
Sunday, Jan. 1, 2012
10:30 a.m.

Servers
Lauren Heald
Spencer Heald
Crucifer
Spencer Heald
Torchbearers
Harald Borg
Mary Miller

Layreaders
Sunday, Dec. 25, 2011
10:00am

Johnson
Sunday, Jan. 1, 2012
10:00am
Wesneski, Dreiling
Johnson

Scripture Lessons for
Sunday, Dec. 25, 2011
Isaiah 52:1-10; Psalm 98;
Hebrews 1:1-4; John 1:1-14

Music for Dec. 25, 2011
#83 – "O Come All Ye Faithful"
#96 – "Angels We Have Heard
on High"
#87 – "Hark! The Herald
Angels Sing"
#105 – "God Rest Ye Merry,
Gentlemen"
#115 – "What Child is This?"
#100 – "Joy to the World"

Plate Counters
Sunday, Dec. 25, 2011
Grillot, Malone
Sunday, Jan. 1, 2012
Jeanette Wishall

Volunteers: Please make your
own substitutions.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

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would like printed in
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no later than Tuesdays at
10am. Thank you!

St. Luke's Bookstore

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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. 25, 2011
10:00am

D. J. & Jerry Nezam
Frank & Karen Rukovena
Sunday, Jan. 1, 2012
Glenn & Thelma
Blackburn
Jo Oertle

Church Nursery **Volunteers**

Dec. 25 – Cordy Liggett
Jan. 1 – Zella Simmons
Jan. 8 – Barbara Todd
*Volunteers: Please make your
own substitutions. To Volunteer,
or to be a sub, call Tammy
Baughman, 918-440-8088.*

Ushers
Sunday, Dec. 25, 2011
10:00 a.m.

McCreary, Grillot
Sunday, Jan. 1, 2012
10:00am
Malone, Simmons

Children's Chapel
Dec. 25 - No Children's Chapel
Jan. 1 – No Children's Chapel
Jan. 8 – Amy Borg

ECW Bereavement
Committee
December 2011
Sue Glass,
Debbie Mueggenborg
January 2012
Sally Canfield, Cordy Liggett

Agape Mission
4th Thursday, 12/22/11
9am-11am
Fr. Lee Stephens, Jim Liehr
10:45am-1:00pm
Pam & Fred Pierce, Becky
Liehr, Molly Ferguson,
Deborah Cooper
1:00-2:45pm
Ellen Heald,
Radomir Petrovich