



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 coordinated by the Young Disciples.
- We will also be asking parish members to display their hobbies, interests and/or collections. Watch for an insert in the Sunday bulletins asking for information about your hobbies and/or interests that you may complete and return to Connie Freebern, or you may e-mail her at connie.freebern@yahoo.com.

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Important Dates To Remember

- Clergy Conference, St. Crispin's Conference Center, Sept. 27-29
- 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.)
- Outreach Beer Tasting Fundraiser, Sun., Oct. 30



CALLING ALL EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN!

We had a wonderful ECW meeting last week for a time of devotion, lunch, flowers and fun. Many thanks to Eva, of Eva's Flowers, for her program!

ECW is still seeking a leadership team for the Rummage Sale.

Profits from the sale contribute to St. Luke's outreach into the community, which has a growing need for our help. In the meanwhile, storage at St. Luke's is filling up with items. Anyone willing to lead this worthwhile endeavor will be assured lots of help. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Jeanne Julstrom a.s.a.p. at 918-333-5517.



The Church has changed over the decades – and is still changing. This week we are celebrating the life and faith of Nancy Worten who died early Sunday morning. On occasion she and I would talk about the many changes we had seen in the Church over the years. Of course her span goes back twenty-two years beyond my experience.

Looking back, we agreed that most of the changes were worthy and good. However, at the time, the tension that comes with change and the challenges of discerning the right path were often difficult – even divisive and full of uncertainty. Some changes were right in your face and called for attention. At other times, things just quietly evolved and the awareness of change came only in looking back.

And so, we have had a variety of challenges which have changed us – a new Book of Common Prayer, women clergy, views on sexuality, war and divorce, civil rights and more. And then, there are lesser ones like not wearing white after Labor Day, silver at ECW, Father and not Mister, no smoking in the church buildings, and more.

On the larger scale, the shifts in the Church and Culture have a lot of implication not only for the present, but also for the future. This is especially true in a church like ours that does not deal in fear, guilt and pressure. What makes people want to be a part of the church – or not? When is it about God or some issue or priority? If we will listen, I think people will tell us both within and beyond the church.

I think we are in one of those times when there is nothing radical as such going on, but the quiet changes in the Church and Culture are causing people to drift further and further apart. As older generations move on, like Nancy, and new generations appear, the changes will become more apparent and we may realize they are indeed significant.

Take a look at this Gallup survey from 1999 compared to the Princeton survey in 2009 which we are using in the Sunday Discipleship Forum.

Are you spiritual or religious?

1999 (Gallup)		2009 (Princeton)	
Spiritual Only	30%	Spiritual Only	30%
Spiritual & Religious	6%	Spiritual & Religious	48%
Religious Only	54%	Religious Only	9%
Neither	9%	Neither	9%

Are you religious, spiritual or both – or neither?

This is the subject we will explore this Sunday. The implications can be very real and rewarding – and/or real and alarming. Come and join in the conversation.

Blessings,

Fr. Lee+

Calendar of Events

Sunday, October 2, 2011
 8:00am Rite I
 9:15am Church School
 10:30am Rite II

Monday, October 3, 2011
 8:45am Morning Prayer
 9:15am Church Staff Mtg.
 5:30pm Holy Eucharist

Tuesday, October 4, 2011
 10:00am Spiritual Direction Group, library
 5:30pm Adult Bible Study, library

Wednesday, October 5, 2011
 6-8pm Young Disciples, RH
 7:00pm Choir

Thursday, October 6, 2011
 6:45am Men's Fellowship
 9:30am Adult Bible Study, library
 12:00pm Holy Eucharist

Friday, October 7, 2011

Saturday, October 8, 2011

Sunday, October 9, 2011
Acolyte Sunday
 8:00am Rite I
 9:00am Church School
 10:30am Rite II

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

WEEKDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Mthr. Stephanie Mitchell will be continuing the study of Paul's Letter to the Corinthians found in the New Testament. Two class times are offered: **Tuesday evenings at 5:30 beginning Oct 4th and Thursday mornings from 9:30 to 10:30 beginning October 6.** Both groups meet in the church library on the 2nd floor. Contact Mthr. Stephanie at smitchell@episcopalbartlesville.org or 918-336-1212 if you are interested in attending or have any questions. 📖

SAVE THE DATE!

Do you need to
 continue your
 education?

If so, plan to attend
St. Luke's
"Beer" University.
Sunday, October 30, 2011,
6:00pm, Metcalf Hall

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 will a 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.**



With Sympathy

Sincere sympathy and prayers go to the family and friends of Mrs. Nancy Worten who passed away on Sunday, September 25, 2011. Funeral services for Mrs. Worten are at 11:00am, Thursday, September 29 at St. Luke's.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL SUMMARY

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Variance (unfav.)	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Variance (unfav.)
Income						
Pledge Payments	26,223	26,833	(610)	203,873	214,667	(10,794)
Non-Pledge Payments	2,892	1,875	1,017	8,428	15,000	(6,572)
Other Income	929	1,117	(188)	16,164	14,613	1,551
Total Income	30,044	29,825	219	228,465	244,280	(15,815)
Expenses	26,176	28,856	2,680	244,193	244,721	528
NET INCOME/LOSS	3,869	969	2,900	(15,728)	(441)	(15,287)

DISCIPLESHIP FORUM:

THE EMERGING CHURCH

What is it? What does it mean?

Should St. Luke's be emerging too?

What is happening? Where? Who? Why?

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? And, does any of this speak to us at St. Luke's?

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 will also be encouraged to do research on the internet as well as other writers and contribute to the class.

Come engage in the conversation on Sunday mornings in Metcalf Hall starting at 9:15. No textbook is required. However, personal research and sharing are encouraged.

THANK YOU, ST. LUKE'S!

Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells, Jingle all the way –

All the way to the Food Bank that is!

What a wonderful thing – Christmas in the Summer – at St. Luke's!

In addition to the 68 bags of food you provided, we were able to purchase items that we haven't been able to purchase lately, such as tuna, crackers, macaroni & beef, rice mixes, corn muffin mix and flavored potatoes. Thank you for your BIG hearts! The community is blessed because of you!

The Staff & Board of CONCERN

MOVIES FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL



As part of the 6th-12th grade Sunday School curriculum, we view short excerpts from current movies for discussion and review. Does anyone have a DVD of "Leap of Faith" that they can let us borrow?

Please contact Mthr. Stephanie at smitchell@episcopalbartlesville.org or just drop it by the church office. We will return to you as soon as we view it. Thank you!

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LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE 9/25/11 through 10/2/11

Acolytes

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

Servers

Lauren Heald
Spencer Heald

Crucifer

Spencer Heald
Torchbearers

Harald Borg
Grace Mitchell

Sunday, Oct. 9, 2011
10:30 a.m.

Servers

Jack Wiseman
A. J. Clem

Crucifer

Dave Wiseman

Layreaders

Sunday, Oct. 2, 2011
8:00am

Kedy, Birk
10:30am

M. Watkins, S. Williams
Grillot, Johnson

Sunday, Oct. 9, 2011
8:00am

Mike & Lauri Watkins
10:30am

S. Williams, Wesneski
Grillot, L. Green

Scripture Lessons for Sunday, 10/2/11

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20;
Psalm 19; Philippians 3:4b-14;
Matthew 21:33-46

Music for 10/2/11

#362 – "Holy, Holy, Holy"
#422 (text) – "Not Far Beyond
the Sea"
#318 – "Here, O My Lord, I
See Thee Face to Face"
#341 – "For the Bread Which
You Have Broken"
#493 – "O For a Thousand
Tongues to Sing"

Plate Counters Sunday, Oct. 2, 2011 Sunday, Oct. 9, 2011

Jeanette Wishall
Jim Malone
*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. 2, 2011
8:00am

Don Davidson
10:30am

Glenn & Thelma
Blackburn

Sunday, Oct. 9, 2011
8:00am

Don & Cheri Doty
10:30am

Truly Johnson
Carolyn Lawrence

Church Nursery Volunteers

Oct. 2 – Zella Simmons
Oct. 9 – Barbara Todd

Oct. 16 – Natalie Conner
*Volunteers: Please make your
own substitutions. To Volunteer,
or to be a sub, you may call
Tammy Baughman, 440-8088.*

Ushers

Sunday, Oct. 2, 2011
8:00 a.m.

Gardner, Zervas
10:30am

Malone, Simmons
Sunday, Oct. 9, 2011

8:00am

Gardner, Kemp
10:30am

Blackburn, Ferguson

Children's Chapel

Oct. 2 – Rosy Zuklic

Oct. 9 – Amy Borg

Oct. 16 – Jerry Beal

ECW Bereavement Committee September

Becky Liehr, Thelma Blackburn

October

Barbara Martin, Nancy Winters

November

Laura Birk, Ada Grillot

Agape Mission 2nd Thursday (10/13/11)

9am-11am

Cheri Doty, John McCollum
10:45am-1:00pm

Becky Liehr, Rita Childers
Marcia Zervas, Kathy Zervas,

Rusty Hoff

1:00-2:45pm

Melinda Droege,
Sharon Schilling