



The Steeple

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Annual Meeting & All-Parish Soup Lunch

Sunday, January 29, Metcalf Hall

The All-Parish Soup Lunch begins at 12:00pm followed by the Annual Meeting at 1:00pm

The Annual Meeting will be preceded by an **All-Parish Soup Lunch at 12pm**. Nursery will be provided during the meeting. The Annual Meeting serves as a time of reflection on the past year and also a time to review the 2011 Annual Report and focus on our goals for 2012. We will also vote for our candidates for Vestry, Diocesan Convention Delegates and the Nominating Committee. Everyone in the parish is urged to attend.

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Important Dates To Remember

- Annual Mtg.** 1pm, Sunday, January 29, preceded by Soup Lunch, MH at 12noon
- Altar Guild Mtg.**, Monday, Jan. 30, 6:15pm
- Bishop's Visitation & Confirmation**, Sun., February 5 (see pg. 3)
- "Souper" Bowl Sunday**, Feb. 5 (see article this pg.)
- Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper**, Feb. 21, 5:30pm, Rodgers Hall
- Ash Wednesday**, Feb. 22, Holy Eucharist at 7am, 12pm, & 7pm



Contribute on "SOUPER" BOWL SUNDAY February 5 **THEN...** Receive your "SWEET REWARDS" on Sunday, February 12

The Young Disciples want to both thank you for your past support of our "Souper" Bowl fundraising for CONCERN and we wish to challenge you to stretch yourself (and maybe your tummy) this year. From now through February 5 (Super Bowl Sunday), we'll have containers in the back of the church where you can drop your cash, checks and food donations. We'll total up the donations (each can or box of food will be counted as 50¢) and then we'll provide "Sweet Rewards" on Sunday, February 12 after both services.

The extravagance of the Sweet Rewards goes up with the total amount of money and food donated as shown below.



\$50 – Donut Holes

\$100 – Homemade Cookies

\$250 – Ice Cream

\$500 – Pies & Cakes

\$750 – Ice Cream Sundaes w/ Brownies

\$1,000 – Gourmet Dessert Buffet w/ Chocolate Fountain



Help us to make sure everyone's Sweet Tooth is satisfied on February 12, and CONCERN's food pantry gets a well-needed boost on February 5.



FROM THE Rector

This might sound a bit strange to some of my clergy friends, but I am looking forward to the Annual Meeting which will be followed by the Bishop's Visitation. The comments on Facebook and in emails and conversations about such events are interesting.

One priest said, "Whew, got by another Annual Meeting." Another said, "Just two years to retirement and I'll never have another Vestry meeting, Annual Meeting or Bishop's visit!" Yet another commented, "When the Bishop is here it is like Easter and Christmas. People show up and then wait for the next 'big' event."

Ah, church life! When I hear these things, I know I am a priest most blessed. I don't feel like my friends and don't plan to go there. These are highlights to be enjoyed and help frame what we are about as a parish in seeking to be a church in the best sense of the word.

So, come this Sunday, Jan. 29, prepared to have a good time within and beyond the Holy Eucharist. The food provided by the Vestry and the fellowship of being together will make a good transition to our business session – which should be less than an hour. Don't miss the Book of Reports (available last Sunday) which gives a good overview of the many facets of our life together.

We will thank some folks who have provided leadership for us and elect new members to the Vestry, our delegates for Diocesan Convention and the next Nominating Committee. I am very pleased with the list of nominees and look forward to working with them in the years to come.

On behalf of the Vestry, Bob Wesneski will present the Finance Report for 2011 and the Budget for 2012. Adding up the pledges, estimating other income from the parish and then developing a new budget is always a challenge. We budgeted a deficit last year and that is what we did – pretty much on target. We almost had to do that again, but a special gift made it possible to present a "balanced" budget for 2012. That makes life much easier – and gives us more time to grow into sufficient funding for the future.

The following Sunday, February 5th, is the Bishop's visit to St. Luke's. The services will include the Confirmation and Reception of new members – it looks like about fourteen people will experience this Sacrament (*). During the first part of the Church School time, Bishop Ed will meet with the children. Then he will meet with the rest of us for dialogue in Metcalf Hall at 9:20. Knowing our Bishop, no subject is off limits and all questions will be addressed. Of course, we will close the morning with a reception for the Bishop and the Confirmands following the 10:30 Eucharist.

I trust you are planning to be here to greet our Bishop, celebrate with him and listen to him – and commit again to sharing in ministry with him.

Blessings,

Fr. Lee+

** If you are planning to be confirmed by the Bishop, but have not heard from me, please call me at 918-397-3683.*



Calendar of Events

Sunday, January 29, 2012

8:00am Rite I
9:15am Church School Classes
10:30am Rite II
12:00pm All Parish Soup Lunch, MH
1:00pm Annual Mtg., MH

Monday, January 30, 2012

8:45am Morning Prayer
9:15am Church Staff Mtg.
5:30pm Holy Eucharist
6:15pm Altar Guild Mtg.

Tuesday, January 31, 2012

10:00am Spiritual Discipline Group
5:30pm Adult Bible Study, library

Wednesday, February 1, 2012

6-8pm Young Disciples, RH

Thursday, February 2, 2012

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

Friday, February 3, 2012

Saturday, February 4, 2012

Sunday, February 5, 2012

*Bishop's Visitation &
"Souper" Bowl Sunday*

8:00am Rite I
9:15am Church School Classes

10:30am Rite II

12:00pm Reception for Confirmands,
MH

Monday, February 6, 2012

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

¡2012 Mexico Mission Trip!

We are planning a Constructores Para Cristo (CPC) mission this year! Folks who participated in our 2009 and 2010 CPC missions found them very rewarding.

We hope you will join our team this year, and experience it for yourself! For more information, please contact Jeff Birk, ASAP. Call Jeff at 918-333-8089 or email him at prdadm@cableone.net.



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.)

Jean, Sally, Doug, Sue, Jessie, Lindsay, Mary Lynne, Howard, Al, Jim, Tom, Cheri, Rose Mary, Carol, Tom, Lynda, Crystal, Thelma, Shirley, Vicky, Chris, Noelle, Rachel, Marie, Stan, Nora, Loren, Jan, Isaac, Steve, 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)



LAST SATURDAY RETREAT JANUARY 28TH

On the last Saturday morning of each month in 2012 there will be a two hour retreat from 9:00am – 11:00am. We will use Joyce Rupp's book of monthly meditations in "May I have this dance? – An Invitation to Faithful Prayer Throughout the Year." The Spiritual Disciplines Groups used this book as a resource last year and some wanted to do it again on a monthly retreat basis. This is a great opportunity to invite your friends in the community to share in this spiritual journey. Books are available in the St. Luke's Bookstore. Call Fr. Lee at 918-336-1212, or email (leestephens@episcopalbartlesville.org) if you are interested or have any questions.

You are Invited to an

All-Parish

Baby Shower

honoring

Mother Stephanie and Richard

Sunday, February 19, 2012

5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Metcalf Hall, St. Luke's Episcopal Church

Hors d'oeuvres



Stephanie is registered at Target, Wal-Mart, Babies R Us & CottonBabies.com (scroll down to bottom of home page and find her registry under "Information")



Gifts or Gift Cards

R S V P *

Hosted by:

Kris & Glenn Bonner *kbg@cablone.net or 918-335-1807

Susie & Steve Clark

Connie & Doug Freebern

Ada & Jim Grillot

Wendy & David Hall

Jeanne & Peter Julstrom

Barbara & Steve Martin

Kathy & Dean Zervas

Confirmation and Reception Sunday, February 5

Bishop Ed Konieczny will be at St. Luke's on Sunday, February 5 for Confirmation and Reception of New Members. He will be the celebrant at both the 8am and 10:30 services and in addition he will be speaking to the parish during the Church School hour at 9:20 in Metcalf Hall.

Please join us also for a **reception honoring our Confirmands and New Members** in Metcalf Hall immediately following the 10:30 Eucharist.

The
Bishop's
Visit



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Monday 5:30pm, Thursday 12pm

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LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE 1/29/12 through 2/5/12

Acolytes
Sunday, Jan. 29, 2012
10:30 a.m.

Servers
Tom Wiseman
Katie Todd
Crucifer
Anneke Borg

Sunday, Feb. 5, 2012
10:30 a.m.

Servers
Lauren Heald
Spencer Heald
Crucifer
Spencer Heald
Torchbearers
Harald Borg
Grace Mitchell

Layreaders
Sunday, Jan. 29, 2012

8:00am
S. Williams, Kedy
10:30am
Grillot, Wesneski
P. Williams, Dreiling
Sunday, Feb. 5, 2012
8:00am
Kedy, L. Watkins
10:30am
Stephens, J. Green
Dreiling, Johnson

Scripture Lessons for
Sunday, Jan. 29, 2012
Deuteronomy 18:15-20; Psalm
111; 1 Corinthians 8:1-13;
Mark 1:21-28

Music for Jan. 29, 2012
#371 – "Thou, Whose Almighty
Word"
#457 – "Thou Art the Way"
GATHER #348 – "Seed
Scattered and Sown"
GATHER #339 – "Life-Giving
Bread, Saving Cup"
#537 – "Christ for the Word
We Sing"

Plate Counters
Sunday, Jan. 29, 2012
Grillot

Sunday, Feb. 5, 2012
Jeanette Wishall
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, Jan. 29 2012

8:00am
Gretchen Hoyt
10:30am
Becky & Jim Liehr
Sunday, Feb. 5, 2012
8:00am
Don Davidson
10:30am
Glenn & Thelma
Blackburn
Jo Oertle

Church Nursery
Volunteers

Jan. 29 - Jeanette Wishall
Feb. 5 - Jeanette Wishall
Feb. 12 - Barbara Todd
*Volunteers: Please make your
own substitutions. To Volunteer,
or to be a sub, call Tammy
Baughman, 918-440-8088.*

Ushers
Sunday, Jan. 29, 2012

8:00 a.m.
Gardner, Zervas
10:30am
Harrison, Birk

Sunday, Feb. 5, 2012
8:00am

Gardner, Zervas
10:30am
Malone, Simmons

Children's Chapel
Jan. 29 - Barbara Todd
Feb. 5 - Natalie Conner
Feb. 12 - Amy Borg

ECW Bereavement
Committee
January 2012
Sally Canfield, Cordy Liggett
February 2012
*Volunteers needed. Contact
Jeanne Julstrom, 918-333-5517
or indojuls@hotmail.com*

Agape Mission
4th Thursday, 1/26/12
9am-11am

Fr. Lee, Jim Liehr
10:45am-1:00pm
Pam & Fred Pierce, Becky
Liehr, Molly Ferguson,
Deborah Cooper
1:00-2:45pm
Ellen Heald,
Radomir Petrovich