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# The Lifeline

*The Monthly Newsletter of St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Shawnee, Kansas*

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## From the Rector

“Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ” (Romans 1:7b)

There are some exciting and interesting things going on around here at “The Luke” that I want you to know about. For example, three committees have recently been formed that celebrate who we are and where we’ve come from, that seek to attend to our pastoral and spiritual needs, and which hope to provide some specific goals for the future on which we can focus our attention.

**The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee.** Did you know that, on Sunday, October 18, 2009, St. Luke’s will be fifty years old? We did, and at our ministry fair in September, we provided a sign-up sheet for anyone who wanted to help plan the events leading up to and including our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. The following people signed up, but there is always room for more: Mary Hayselden, Jessie Rohrer, Debbie Fowler, Cheryl Ball, Lona Prescott, Christy Keller, Carol Garton, Pat Smith, Vincy Abraham, and Maxine Jones. Although this group hasn’t yet formally met, we did have to transact some recent business via e-mail; deciding on possible dates for the anniversary banquet. This information was given to Tom Hayselden, and *very* early on the morning of October 1, Tom stood in line at the Old Shawnee Town Hall to reserve the space for us. So, this is what we know for certain at this point: on Friday evening, October 16, 2009, we will gather for our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary banquet at the Old Shawnee Town Hall. And then, on Sunday, October 18, 2008 – the precise date of the feast of St. Luke, our patron and namesake – we will have a festive Eucharist. I have already been in contact with Bethany Place – our diocesan office – and have requested that Bishop Wolfe be present at one of these events.

**Small Group Ministry.** At our ministry fair, Shawn Streepy got a list of names of people who were interested in participating in a small group ministry. Admittedly, at St. Luke’s, we already have a number of successful small groups in place: the Book Club, the Dinner Club, the Youth Group, and so on. And one could even argue that some of our ministries have formed small groups based upon common interests, like the Altar Guild, the Acolytes, Hospitality, Outreach, and so forth. So, what’s new about this small group ministry that I’m talking about? Just this: this small group (in fact, I believe we have enough people signed up to for two groups

right from the start!) will be geared towards sharing from our spiritual journeys, praying for each other and ourselves, and studying from a variety of resources. Yes, this group (or these groups) will be distinctly different than any other group at St. Luke’s. If you’re interested, please talk to Shawn Streepy. You can call him at home at 631-8548, or e-mail him at [shawn@stlukes.net](mailto:shawn@stlukes.net).

**Parish Vision.** This group consists of Carol Garton, who chairs it, Jim Darnell, Russ Jones, Steve Mann, Steve Sullivan, Kate Wood, and myself. This group has adopted the task of looking at where we are, considering where we want to go, and figuring out the best way to get there. There is not a lot to report on this group’s activities, because we’ve only just started meeting, but I can tell you that they have provided some focus on some specific repairs that are needed to our physical plant: the shifting floor in the parish hall, the degraded carpet in the real hallway, etc. I will talk more about these repairs in the next paragraph.

**Repairs.** I know that an item of concern for a number of you is the condition of our roof. I am happy to report (and this I learned only this morning) that our insurance company is going to “total” our roof, and pay for its complete replacement. We have already received four bids from what I believe are competent roofing companies, and the Vestry will have the opportunity to choose the company we will go with at their meeting this month.

A structural engineer has been to our church to look at the parish hall floor. His report is that the cracks in the linoleum are being caused by shifting slabs (kind of like when your driveway drops a couple of inches below the apron of your garage). To correct this, we will need to stabilize the slabs in question, re-level the floors in the parish hall and hallway, and put down new flooring. At this time we are receiving bids for this work, and the Vestry will decide how we will go about paying for it.

Although it’s exciting to contemplate all these repairs taking place, it’s difficult for me to have to wait for all of the pieces of this puzzle to finally come together. So, please keep these things in your prayers. Pray for a good resolution to our roofing and floor repairs. But especially keep the three groups that I’ve mentioned above in your prayers. They are doing exceptionally good work, and they deserve our utmost support.

May God bless you, and your family, and St. Luke’s Church!

*Fr. Jim*

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# Youth Group News!

Hey y'all!

It is fall! The weather is getting cooler outside, soon the leaves will change and it is an exciting time for youth group!

Youth Group meets every Sunday night in the basement of St. Luke's from 5-6:30pm. Everyone is welcome from grades 6-12. Even if you have never been before, or it has been a long time since you've been, we would love to have you! Friends are also welcome!

**October 26<sup>th</sup>**- We are having our Halloween Party! We'll be carving pumpkins, having a costume party, decorating cookies, and watching the movie *The Nightmare Before Christmas*. The cost is just \$3, and you are welcome to bring as many friends as you would like. Please RSVP ahead of time with me so that I can get the proper number of pumpkins.

**Adult/Youth Mentor program**- We are continuing our Adult/Youth Mentor program and I am needing to know who all would like to participate this year. If you are a Mentor from last year and would like to continue please notify me via email. If you are a new youth, or a parent of a new youth and would like to participate in the program, let me know! Most of our youth participated in the Adult/Youth Mentor program and enjoyed it! If you want more information contact me, or talk to a youth member about their experience in the program.

Peace,

*Christina*

Christina Waggoner  
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*\*\*If you do not receive e-mails from me, then I do not have your correct e-mail address. Shoot me an e-mail if you would like to get e-mails about upcoming events!*

*It's a good time to be a youth at The Luke!*

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# Parish News 'n Events

## Adult Sunday School

Adult Sunday School meets in the parish hall every Sunday morning from 9:15 to 10:00. We have resumed our program of "Building Disciples Through Bible Study." This is a program of intentionally developing and strengthening both Christian faith and faithful living through a program of Bible study, prayer and reflection. It features a video presentation by a leading Biblical scholar. There is also a workbook and copies of the pages containing the topics and the Bible readings are made available each week for the following week's presentation. Earlier, before we broke for a brief hiatus, Israel had been destroyed by the Babylonians and God's people had been exiled far away from their homes. If you would like to know how the Jewish people kept their identity and their faith while living as strangers in a strange land, and what this means for us today in contemporary America, and continue to follow the history as well as the poetry of the Old Testament, please plan to join us for Adult Education.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Shawn Streepy at church, at 631-8548, or at [shawn@stlukes.net](mailto:shawn@stlukes.net). Thank you.  
– Shawn Streepy

## Our Gardens Need Your Green Thumb

Bring your gardening tools and join Ginger Waters on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday (Oct 13) or Ginny & Dan Wheatcroft on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday (Oct 25) of each month through October. We start at 9AM and you'll be on your way home before the sun's heat sets in!

## Help Wanted at Food Pantry

St. Paul's Church needs your help in their community food pantry every Saturday, 11AM 'til 2PM to stock shelves, register clients, and pass out food. However, *they are asking if the members of St. Luke's* would be willing to commit to staffing the pantry every fifth Saturday. The next date is November 30. If you have any questions, or want to volunteer, please contact Christy Keller.

## Jiffy Corn Muffin Harvest

The Outreach committee is sponsoring a Jiffy Corn Muffin Harvest drive to benefit St. Paul's food pantry and Cross-Lines Community Outreach. Our goal has been to collect 500 boxes by Sunday October 26. To make it more interesting, should the parish double the goal and collect 1000 boxes, Fr Jim said he would shave his beard. The harvest barn is located in the sanctuary by the font. To date, it looks like we have close to 800 boxes, so our original goal has been met! Thank you! Now, let's see what we can do about that beard! © See Mary Hayselden for more information.

## Breakfast at St. Paul's

Help us prepare and serve breakfast to the poor on Saturday, October 25. Meet us at St. Luke's at 8am, or at St. Paul's (18<sup>th</sup> & Washington) at 8:30am.

## Gluten-Free Communion Wafers

If you have a sensitivity to gluten, we are able to offer gluten-free communion wafers. Please see Fr. Jim before the worship service.

## Happy Birthday to You!

After the second service October 12, we'll honor parishioners who have birthdays this month: Zachery Lero, Greg Keller, Evan Sullivan, Sara Grandgenett, Owen Uhrmacher, Victor Clarke, Dan Wheatcroft, Rachel Kariuki, Jennifer Gordon, Cameron Jarvis, Urban Prescott, Bruce Miller, Tori Wrede, & Craig Burris.

## Wednesday Refresher

Each week, between six and ten people gather in the parish hall, from 12-1PM in the parish hall. Everyone brings their own lunch, and we spend the time in lively conversation, hearing a brief "lesson" and commenting on it, and end our time in prayer. Everyone is invited. Contact Fr. Jim if you have questions.

## Community Food Pantry

In October we are asked for canned & dried pasta, sauce, and pork & beans. And, as always, Best Choice labels with the bar code included can be redeemed by the pantry for 3¢ each. They can also use empty (and cleaned!) 16-32oz water bottles, and those paper and plastic bags into which your groceries are packed. So, there are plenty of ways you can help our community food pantry.

## Blankets for Crosslines

As Fall brings cooler weather and later, cold nights, we are collecting blankets, comforters, and warm bedding for Crosslines. A "Blanket Chest" has been placed in the narthex to collect any warmth you can share. See Judy Owens with any questions.

## Make a Joyful Noise and Come Join the Choir!

We are meeting at 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. on Sunday morning. We can use voices of all kinds! Soon, we will begin rehearsing Christmas music and you might consider singing for a season! Vicki Penny 649-4860; [apenny1@mindspring.com](mailto:apenny1@mindspring.com).

## Christian Education: Something for Everyone!

**Adults:** Meet 9:15-10:00 in the parish hall with Shawn.

**7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grades:** Meet 9:15-10:00 in the basement with Melissa Neufeld & Peggy Cook.

**Pre-K-6<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Meet 9:15-10:00 next to the nursery with Mary Hayselden, Christine Uhrmacher, Cheryl Parkhurst, & Pat Jones. *Depending on size, we may add another class. This class has a new curriculum featuring Bible Foods – you'll want to taste them all!*

**Children's Chapel for Pre-K-4<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Meet at 10:15 in the basement, with Shawn Streepy, Russ Jones, Dru Breidenthal, and many helpers. Those attending will be returned to their parents during the Peace.

**Youth Chapel for grades 5-8:** Meet at 10:15 in the library, with Pat Jones *et al.* Those attending will be returned to their parents during the Peace.

## Dinner Club: Paulo & Bill's

October 20, 6:30 PM. Deb Callaway & Jim Darnell are hosting. Please sign-up on the bulletin board in the narthex.

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# Remember in Your Prayers ...

## Our Health & Strength Prayer List

Our Agape Family ■ Alan ■ Vanessa Allen ■ Bill Allen ■ Mika Allison ■ Gene Amos ■ Don & Blanche Anderson ■ Larry Andrews ■ Rob Arend ■ **Julie Ball** ■ **Terry Ball** ■ Barbara •Fr. Donald Beers ■ The Thomas Bickle Family ■ **Bob** ■ Joan Boyd ■ **Amy Breidenthal** ■ **Jeanette Burris** ■ Amanda & Jason Coleman ■ **Charlotte Davis** ■ Pat DeLong ■ Joanna Diviney ■ Angela Evans ■ Theresa Fletchall ■ **Dr. Wayne Fowler, Sr.** ■ Heidi Gentry ■ Jennifer Gordon ■ **Caren Grandgenett** ■ Marsha Gribble ■ The Brad & Tammy Gridley Family ■ Christie Gutierrez ■ John Habley ■ June Harlow ■ Barbara Hart ■ Ona Hein ■ Toni Hernandez ■ **Ricky Holtman** ■ Sherry Holtman ■ Kathy & Zach Hudon ■ The Hoffman Family ■ Colleen Hurley ■ Tim Janicke ■ Merle Johnson ■ Katelyn ■ **Cindy Keller** ■ Gail Kent ■ Whitney Krebs ■ Bob Kuemmerlein ■ The Kurtz Family ■ Betty Lou Lassiter ■ Anne Liebst ■ Vic Lenoir ■ Steve Lynch Family ■ Tom McAnerney ■ Alan McDonald ■ Tasha McDonald ■ The McElwee Family ■ Elizabeth McGranahan ■ Charles McGuinn ■ Niki McKechnie ■ Karlee McQueen ■ Marcheschi Family ■ Maria & Andrew ■ Maugham Family ■ Beau Minx ■ Sid Morris ■ Chris Mueller ■ **Ellene Nash** ■ **Colten Newman** ■ John Owen ■ Barb Parkhurst ■ Lauren Perry ■ **Amy Pfannensteil** ■ Liz Pfeiffer ■ **Milly Pfeilsticker** ■ Jerre Plunkett ■ Deb Quintero ■ Ron & Joyce ■ **Sarah Reese** ■ **Ron Romberg Family** ■ Bob Ryan ■ Scott Saunders ■ Dwayne Sax ■ Jimmy Shelton ■ Krista Sherman ■ Jason & Autumn Smart ■ **KT Speicher & Family** ■ Pat Smith ■ Helen Stambaugh ■ Betty Steely ■ Bill Super ■ Ethel Thomas ■ Laura Tindel ■ Paisley Ann Trickey ■ John Urnes ■ Christina Waggoner ■ **Nellie Wangari** ■ **Kaleena Warrick** ■ Molly Weaver ■ Dan Wheatcroft ■ **Art Woodman** ■

*Those in bold need our special prayers today.*

O God, the strength of the weak and the comfort of sufferers: Mercifully accept our prayers, and grant to these your servants the help of your power, that their sickness may be turned into health, and our sorrow into joy; in Jesus' name. Amen.

## ✠ In Memoriam ✠

[None on our list.]

Father of all, we pray to you for those we love, but see no longer: Grant them your peace; let light perpetual shine upon them; and, in your loving wisdom and almighty power, work in them the good purpose of your perfect will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## October Anniversaries

Scott & Amanda Lero	1
Rob & Carla Albertson	6
Larry & Patricia Still	10
Gary & Vicki Heflin	14
Jerry & Dee Lispi	19
Bill & June Harlow	20
Jim & Brenda Carl	22

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send therefore your blessing upon your servants, \_\_\_ and \_\_\_, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace. Amen.

## October Birthdays

Zachary Lero	1
Greg Keller	3
Evan Sullivan	4
Sara Grandgenett	7
Owen Uhrmacher	7
Victor Clarke	14
Dan Wheatcroft	19
Rachel Kariuki	19
Jennifer Gordon	22
Cameron Jarvis	23
Urban Prescott	26
Bruce Miller	28
Tori Wrede	28
Craig Burris	29

*O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant \_\_\_ as s/he begins another year. Grant that s/he may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen his/her trust in your goodness all the days of his/her life. Amen.*

## Homebound & Shut-In

June Harlow ■ Wanda Kirkham ■ Annette Redler,

*Look with mercy, O God, on all whose increasing years bring them weakness, distress, or isolation. Provide for them homes of dignity and peace; give them understanding helpers, and the willingness to accept their help; and, as their strength diminishes, increase their faith and their assurance of your love. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## In the Armed Forces

**Beth Behn** ■ John Belshe ■ Jonas Brown ■ Brett Casey ■ Sean Connelley ■ Michael Cook ■ Nathan Craft ■ Peter & Nathan Durand ■ Amity Feliz ■ Brian Fiffer ■ Wayne Fuller ■ Charles Garcia ■ **Michael Green** ■ **Harvey Hayselden** ■ Robert Heraldz ■ Josh Jonas ■ **Benjamin Karpinski** ■ James LaVine ■ Kurt Littlejohn ■ Greg Marsh ■ Greg McBride ■ Kyle Nosbisch ■ Sam Nosbisch ■ Rodney Martin ■ Daniel Ohlstein ■ **Barry Palmer** ■ Quentin Peach ■ David Rodgers ■ Matt Schiffel ■ Bill Simiser ■ Jayson Smith ■ Andrew Stemmm ■ Bobby Stallings ■ **Chris Still** ■ Nathan Tacha ■ Alan Walker ■ Kevin Wright.

*Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces, at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be. Amen.*

## Prayer List "Housekeeping"

- To add or remove names from the Health & Strength prayer list, please contact the parish office, either by phone at 631-8597, or by e-mail at parish-secretary@stlukes.net
- If your birthday or anniversary is not on this list, please contact the parish office so that we can correct this unfortunate error. Our hope and goal is to include *everyone*.

# Ministry Schedule:

## October 2008

	October 5	October 12	October 19	October 26
<b>Altar Guild 8:00</b>	V Clarke	D Fowler	B Carl	D Wallower
<b>Altar Guild 10:15</b>	C Uhrmacher	B Carl	V Clarke	B Carl
<b>Acolytes 10:15</b>	T Wrede Lily Riddle (S)	E Cook Ally Garton (S)	Lexi Riddle Erin Sullivan (S)	G Rohrer Jessie Rohrer (S)
<b>Ushers 8:00</b>	S Holmberg	S Holmberg	S Holmberg	S Holmberg
<b>Ushers 10:15</b>	M Jones J Darnell	G Keller C Keller	B & S Jarvis	J Carl B Carl
<b>Greeters 8:00</b>	S Holmberg	S Holmberg	S Holmberg	S Holmberg
<b>Greeters 10:15</b>	D Breidenthal	D Fowler	D Kissane	S Jarvis C Jarvis
<b>Lay Ministers 8:00</b>	S Streepy ..... D C Werly ..... L/Ch	S Streepy ..... D U Prescott.. .... L/Ch	S Streepy ..... D J Carl ..... L/Ch	S Streepy ..... D V Clarke ..... L/Ch
<b>Lay Ministers 10:15</b>	S Streepy ..... D K Wood ..... Ps/Ch T Gordon ..... Cr/Ch S Jarvis ..... L/I	S Streepy ..... D B Carl ..... Ps/Ch S Mann ..... Cr/Ch C Speicher ..... L/I	S Streepy ..... D T Jones ..... Ps/Ch C Burris ..... Cr/Ch P Jones ..... L/I	S Streepy ..... D R Wrede ..... Ps/Ch M Neufeld .... Cr/Ch K Wymer ..... L/I
<b>Lay Eucharistic Visitor</b>	J Carl B Carl	B McGuinn S Mann	C Werly M Neufeld	R Jones P Jones
<b>Counters</b>	J Darnell, D Callaway, C Ball	D Kahn, R Knabel, S Sullivan	J & B Carl, D Wallower	J & C Speicher, C Keller
<b>Godly Play</b>	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
<b>Lawn Mowers *</b>	M Howard G Ball	David Kahn	J McCain	Mac McCallum Terry McCallum
<b>Coffee Hosts</b>	Zones 2 & 3	Zones 2 & 3	Zones 2 & 3	Zones 2 & 3

Legend: D = Deacon  
 L/Ch = Lector, Chalice (usually at 8 A.M. only)  
 Ps/Ch = Psalm, Chalice  
 Cr/Ch = Creed, Chalice  
 L/I = Lector, Intercessors  
 S = Shadow

\* *Lawn Mowers* are scheduled to work anytime during the week following the Sunday on which they are scheduled.

*If you cannot serve* when scheduled, please try to find a replacement, or contact the parish office no later than the Friday that you are scheduled. We appreciate it very much!

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*It has been long known that the most effective way to grow a congregation is simply to invite a friend to come to church with you.*

*So what are you waiting for?*

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**“Let nothing disturb you, Nothing dismay you;  
All things are passing: God never changes.  
Patient endurance attains all that it strives for;  
Those who have God find they lack nothing.  
God alone suffices.”**

St. Teresa of Avila

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