
The Lifeline

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

December 2008

From the Rector

The 2009 annual parish meeting will take place on Sunday, January 25. In addition to reviewing 2008 and looking at the 2009 budget, you will have an opportunity to take part in two elections: first, we need to elect four people to the vestry, and, second, to elect a parish delegate and alternate delegate. The following people have agreed to stand for election to the vestry: **Vincy Abraham, June (Anderson) Cassingham, John Hoffman, Willie McCallum, Melissa Neufeld, JoAnn Sherman, Cindy Speicher, and Charles Werly.**

But what is a vestry? The term comes from the Latin word *vestire*, meaning to clothe, or to put on. Originally the word referred to the room where the priest would vest. In the early days the local lay leaders would gather with the priest as he vested to discuss the affairs of the parish. Later, the word came to refer to the leaders, instead of the room. The vestry is the governing board of a local Episcopal parish consisting of the rector, the wardens, and lay members. Unlike some denominations, the Episcopal Church uses a representative form of government, instead of a pure democracy. The vestry is the group elected by the individual members to make the basic decisions about the church budget, and manage the temporal affairs of the parish.

The following two people are standing for election to the position of parish delegate and alternate delegate: Jim Carl, and Christy Keller. Our parish delegates represent St. Luke's at the regularly scheduled northeast convocation board meetings, and at the annual diocesan conventions.

A big word of thanks to these ten candidates. St. Luke's is blessed to have so many talented and generous members willing to step up and do whatever is needed. Thank you!

May God bless you, and your family, during this holiday season, and St. Luke's Church throughout the new year!

Fr. Jim Cook

Recycling Is Here

"The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof;
the world, and they that dwell therein."

Psalm 24:1

Deffenbaugh Recycling is working with the people of St. Luke's to recycle and improve the quality of our environment here in Shawnee. A large plastic recycling container has been placed behind the church building by Deffenbaugh for recycling papers, newspapers, magazines, number 1 and number 2 plastics (these are the most common plastic containers; the numbers are in the recycling symbols on the bottom of the plastic containers), and aluminum. Parishioners can bring their own newspapers and magazines from home if they are unable to participate in curbside recycling at their residence. Signs are being posted in the parish hall (with illustrations) regarding the items which can be recycled, and a large container for collection of those recyclable items is being placed in the parish hall. We hope to collect the recyclable items in the large container in the parish hall and then transfer those items to the large plastic recycling container behind the church building.

With a little forethought and effort recycling will become second nature for St. Luke's. The temporary signs will help remind parishioners to recycle and what items can be recycled. Although sorting our refuse to make sure that recyclable items go into the separate bin for recycling make seem a tad strange and cumbersome at first, before we know it we'll be recycling more than we throw away. Our goal is to be responsible stewards of our resources, and to leave a healthy and clean environment for our children.

Thanks to everyone for your eagerness and willingness to participate in the recycling program. If you have any questions, or if you'd like to help, please call Shawn Streepy at 913 631-8548 or speak with him at church.

Shawn Streepy



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Youth Group News!

Hey! Can you believe it has already snowed and it's already December???. Youth group is open to everyone in grades 6-12 and is held downstairs at St. Luke's on Sundays from 5-6:30pm. Dinner starts at 5pm, and everyone is welcome to join. Please RSVP if you are coming, so we'll have enough food!

Wow! Here's what's coming up:

December 7th – Mike Jones' mom is making soup for us!

December 14th – We're having Chili!

December 21st – Is our Christmas/White elephant party! We're having Papa John's Pizza.

December 28th – **No Youth Group.**

January 4th – **No Youth Group.**

January 17-19 – MIQRA!!!

Christmas White Elephant Party!

Bring \$3 to help cover the cost of pizza, and a random gift from around the house (the more creative, the better!) Bring friends, siblings that are back from college, anybody! We'll be having pizza, exchanging gifts, watching a movie and having a great time!!

Miqra!

This is an awesome overnight at Grace Cathedral in Topeka, KS. There's songs, games, and just general good times! If you're interested in going let me know! I'll get you a registration form!

BackSnack Program!

Also, as always we're doing the back snack program. If you or anyone you know needs volunteer service hours for school come! Enjoy a soup dinner too! It's every Sunday at 5pm.

Hope to see you all at youth group!

Christina

Christina Waggoner, Youth Group Coordinator
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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

Holiday Worship Services

Join us Christmas Eve at 5:00 or 8:00 PM, and Christmas Morning at 10:00 AM. The parish office will close on December 25 and reopen on January 2. In the event of an emergency, call Fr. Jim at 913-522-8049.

Happy Birthday to You!

After the second service on December 14, we will honor those parishioners who have birthdays this month: Maxine Jones, Jacob Rohrer, Scott Lero, Celeste Gordon, Leah Streepy, Pat Smith, Shawn Streepy, Brenda Carl, Edith Sheahan, Cindy Speicher, Lily Riddle, Jason Wymer, Jr., Lexi Riddle, Michael Green, David Kahn, Eric Kelly, Jessie Rohrer, Jim McCain, and Mac McCallum.

Wednesday Refresher

Join us for our weekly refresher gatherings each Wednesday in the parish hall from 12:00–1:00 PM. Bring your own lunch, and we'll spend time talking, learning, and prayer. Currently, we are discussing the book *Velvet Elvis* by Rob Bell.

Community Food Pantry

In December, we are asked for *canned & packages soups and pancake mix*. 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. There are lots of ways you can help our food pantry.

Make a Joyful Noise: 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).

Lector Informational Meeting

If you are interested in becoming a Lector, to read the lessons during worship, please meet Shawn in the basement at 12 noon on Sunday, December 14.

Important Small Group Organizational Meeting

Shawn will moderate an important meeting on Sunday, January 11, at 12 noon in the basement.

School Supplies for Iraq

Thank you for your support of our recent School Supplies for Iraq outreach effort. Michael Penny had several large boxes of supplies to transport back to K-State last weekend.

Annual Parish Meeting

The 2009 Annual Parish Meeting will be Sunday, January 25. All ministry leaders should get their ministry reports in to the parish office no later than January 11.

Search for a Vestry Clerk

Many thanks to Gloria Kelley, who has volunteered to be the Clerk of the Vestry. Her duties will begin *following* the annual parish meeting in January. And many, many thanks to Pat Gray, our retiring Clerk, for her many years of faithful and outstanding service to your Vestry and this parish.

Can We Borrow Your Photos?

In anticipation of St. Luke's 50th anniversary, we are collecting pictures of Baptisms, Confirmations, Weddings, and other parish activities. If you would put your name/address on the back we will scan the photo(s) and return them as soon as possible. Please e-mail or send them to Christy Keller, Maxine Jones, or Gary Ball.

Shopping on December 14th pays off!

Ten Thousand Villages, one of the world's largest fair-trade organizations, will donate 15% of their sales to Episcopal Community Services during a special shopping event on Sunday, December 14 from 2-5PM. That's money that goes to feed the hungry in our community. Start making your list now, and shop for jewelry, home decor, artwork, coffee, food and more – all crafted by artisans in 35 developing countries from around the world. The store is at 7947 Sante Fe, Overland Park.

Sunday School Announcements

We have lots of fun things planned for Advent, Christmas, and the beginning of Epiphany:

Tuesday, December 9 – Parent's Night Out: Parents: Leave the kids at church while you go shopping, have a quiet dinner together, whatever! Between the hours of 6 and 9:30 p.m., Sunday School teachers and helpers will sponsor a FREE night out. We will show Christmas/Veggie Tales videos for all kids and serve a snack. Feel free to invite your friends.

Wednesday, December 24 – Christmas Eve Service at 5:00 p.m. with Children's Pageant: Bring your child 15 minutes early for the service and we will costume them as shepherds, angels, or animals. Some parts will be pre-assigned—if you have a specific part you would love to be, see your Sunday School teacher. There will be no advance rehearsals. Stay after the service for the Happy Birthday, Jesus, Party in the parish hall.

Sunday, December 28 – No Sunday School

Sunday, January 4 – Sunday School Winter Field Trip: After the 10:15 service, we will set out to look at some of the Christian art in the Nelson-Atkins Museum. All ages are welcome. Please let Pat Jones or Cheryl Parkhurst know if you are planning to come. We will need a permission note signed by a parent for unaccompanied children..

Tuesday, January 6 – Come to an Epiphany Party at Church! *NEW!* – In January, a **class for 2 year olds** at 9:15a.m.

Nursery Re-decorate and Shower – Plans are underway for a make over of the nursery. We plan to repaint the room and cull worn-out toys. Look for an opportunity to participate in a Shower for the Nursery in the near future!





Remember in Your Prayers ...

Our Health & Strength Prayer List

Our Agape Family ■ Alan ■ Vanessa Allen ■ Bill Allen ■ Mika Allison ■ Don & Blanche Anderson ■ Larry Andrews ■ Rob Arend ■ **Julie Ball** ■ **Terry Ball** ■ Barbara ■ Fr. Donald Beers ■ The Thomas Bickle Family ■ Jerry Blasingame ■ **Bob** ■ Joan Boyd ■ **Amy Breidenthal** ■ **Jeanette Burris** ■ Caydence ■ Amanda & Jason Coleman ■ Pat DeLong ■ Joanna Diviney ■ **Kayla Eddy** ■ Angela Evans ■ Theresa Fletchall ■ **Dr. Wayne Fowler, Sr.** ■ Heidi Gentry ■ Jennifer Gordon ■ **Caren Grandgenett** ■ Marsha Gribble ■ Brad & Tammy Gridley Family ■ Christie Gutierrez ■ John Habley ■ June Harlow ■ Barbara Hart ■ **Tom Hayselden** ■ Ona Hein ■ Toni Hernandez ■ **Ricky Holtman** ■ Sherry Holtman ■ **Marlin Howard** ■ Kathy & Zach Hudon ■ The Hoffman Family ■ Colleen Hurley ■ Tim Janicke ■ Merle Johnson ■ **Maxine Jones** ■ Katelyn ■ Gail Kent ■ Whitney Krebs ■ Bob Kuemmerlein ■ The Kurtz Family ■ **Elizabeth Laird** ■ **Fr. Arleigh Lassiter** ■ Betty Lou Lassiter ■ Anne Liebst ■ Vic Lenoir ■ John Long ■ Steve Lynch Family ■ Tom McAnerney ■ Alan McDonald ■ Tasha McDonald ■ The McElwee Family ■ Elizabeth McGranahan ■ Niki McKechnie ■ Karlee McQueen ■ Marcheschi Family ■ Maria & Andrew ■ Maugham Family ■ Alex Mathew ■ Natalie Miller ■ Sid Morris ■ Chris Mueller ■ **Ellene Nash** ■ Colten Newman ■ John Owen ■ Barb Parkhurst ■ Lilly Passler's Great-Aunt ■ Lauren Perry ■ **Amy Pfannensteil** ■ Liz Pfeiffer ■ **Milly Pfeilsticker** ■ Jerre Plunkett ■ Deb Quintero ■ **Sarah Reese** ■ Dwayne Sax ■ **Edith Sheahan** ■ Jimmy Shelton ■ Kirsta Sherman ■ Jason & Autumn Smart ■ **KT Speicher & Family** ■ Pat Smith ■ Helen Stambaugh ■ Ivan Straker ■ Betty Steely ■ Ethel Thomas ■ Laura Tindel ■ Paisley Ann Trickey ■ John Urnes ■ Mary Ann Wagner ■ **Nellie Wangari** ■ **Kaleena Warrick** ■ Dan Wheatcroft ■ **Art & Frankie Woodman** ■ **Brad Wright**

*Those in bold need our special prayers today.
Please contact the parish office to remove names.*

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 ✠

Karen Streepy, Barbara Rowe, Coult Aubrey

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.

December Anniversaries

Steve & Terrell Mann 27
Shane & Carmen Jarvis 29
Davis & Joan Boyd 31

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.

December Birthdays

Maxine Jones 1
Jacob Rohrer 4
Scott Lero 6
Celeste Gordon 6
Leah Streepy 8
Pat Smith 12
Shawn Streepy 13
Brenda Carl 14
Edith Sheahan 15
Cindy Speicher 16
Lily Riddle 16
Jason Wymer, Jr. 19
Lexi Riddle 21
Michael Green 22
David Kahn 25
Eric Kelly 27
Jessie Rohrer 27
Jim McCain 28
Mac McCallum 31
Ally Garton 25
Liz Wrede 27

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 Heraldez ■ Josh Jonas ■ **Benjamin Karpinski** ■ James LaVine ■ Kurt Littlejohn ■ Greg Marsh ■ Greg McBride ■ Kelly Morris ■ Kyle Nosbisch ■ Sam Nosbisch ■ Rodney Martin ■ Daniel Ohlstein ■ **Barry Palmer** ■ Quentin Peach ■ David Rodgers ■ Matt Schiffel ■ Bill Simiser ■ Jayson Smith ■ Andrew Stemm ■ 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.

To add or remove names from these lists, please contact the parish office so that we can correct this unfortunate error. Our hope and goal is to include everyone.

Ministry Schedule: December 2008

	December 7	December 14	December 21	December 28
Altar Guild 8:00	D Wallower	B Carl	B Carl	V Clarke
Altar Guild 10:15	V Clarke	C Keller	D Fowler	C Uhrmacher
Acolytes 10:15	A Garton	Lexi Riddle E Sullivan	G & J Rohrer	E Cook Lily Riddle
Ushers 8:00	S Holmberg	S Holmberg	S Holmberg	S Holmberg
Ushers 10:15	M Jones, J Darnell	G & C Keller	C Burris, V Clarke	J & B Carl
Greeters 8:00	S Holmberg	S Holmberg	S Holmberg	S Holmberg
Greeters 10:15	D Breidenthal	D Fowler	D Kissane	S & C Jarvis
Lay Ministers 8:00	S Streepy D C Werly L/Ch	S Streepy D V Clarke.. L/Ch	S Streepy D U Prescott L/Ch	S Streepy D C Werly L/Ch
Lay Ministers 10:15	S Streepy D B Carl Ps/Ch K Wood Cr/Ch C Speicher L/I	S Streepy D R Wrede Ps/Ch C Burris Cr/Ch P Jones L/I	S Streepy D T Jones Ps/Ch J Carl Cr/Ch J Darnell L/I	S Streepy D C Burris Ps/Ch M Neufeld .. Cr/Ch J Darnell L/I
Lay Eucharistic Visitor	J Carl B Carl	S Mann C Werly	V Clarke B McGuinn	B McGuinn S Mann
Counters	J & B Carl D Wallower	J & C Speicher C Keller	J Darnell, D Callaway, C Ball	D kahn, R Knabel, S Sullivan
Coffee Hosts	<i>Zones 5 & 6</i>	<i>Zones 5 & 6</i>	<i>Zones 5 & 6</i>	<i>Zones 5 & 6</i>

SPECIAL SERVICES

December 24 (5 PM)

Altar Guild – J & B Carl
Ps/Ch – B Carl
C/C – V Clarke
L/I – S Jarvis

December 24 (8 PM)

Altar Guild – J & B Carl
Ps/Ch – M Neufeld/
C/C – S Mann
L/I – R Jones

December 25 (10 AM)

Altar – J & B Carl
C/L – V Clarke

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

Important: 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?

Incarnation
is God's shocking insistence that flesh and blood like ours
be the medium of God's Word.

No abstraction,
no lofty vision,
no finely wrought dogma,
no sacred tradition can mollify the shock of this truth:

As one of us
The Word comes to dwell among us
and within us,
as a newborn child,
as Jesus.

May our flesh and blood too be made the route of Christ's
continuing self-gift
to our world
in words and deeds of love and truth,
mercy and indignation,
healing and forgiveness.

Let us dare to welcome the Word.

The Most Rev. Frank T. Griswold
25th Presiding Bishop and Primate
The Episcopal Church
