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St. Luke's Newsletter



February, 2016

**“To Know
Christ and To
Make Christ
Known”**

**2016 Parish
Theme:**

**“Witness
Wamego Go
Beyond!”**

**Our Vestry mem-
bers** are Jay Hil-
dredth (Senior War-
den), Doug Elcock
(Junior Warden,
Treasurer), Cinnie
Hill(Clerk), Cliff
Robb, Claudia
McKinsey, Levi
Hannan with Ed
Dillinger as his
mentor and proxy,
Thomas Brown

Rector's page

The Cultural Trinity of Home, Church, and School

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This month I am utilizing a new way of organizing our shared mission and ministry at St. Luke's. You can find the above reference number to begin "time stamping" and therefore "marking" each month as we step closer and closer to our 150th Celebration in May of 2020. In addition, I want to draw your attention to the website wamego150.org as the city prepares for their celebrations this April - September.

Like most of rural America, Kansas is all about cultural values that provide a felt sense of place; Home, Church and School. As we move together with an inspired collective purpose to Remember and Celebrate all that has passed and all that is coming, may we hold to purpose. May we by practice of our faith be the Presence and Witness, Remembrance and Celebration of Christ's body, mind, heart and soul.

Family (Home)

Now, our church's structure will remain familiar and on the outside appear to be the same, as it has always been, ever since 1866 when the first families gathered in their homes to read out of the Book of Common Prayer. These families gathered in Wamego as Episcopalians, since the founding of the city in 1866. In fact, while perusing the parochial registry, the very first family name entered in 1868 was the Jenkins', a founding family of St. Luke's and one of the first Mayors and young leaders of the new city.

Chapel & Hall (Church)

Since the construction of our Prairie Gothic Chapel in 1903 until today, Episcopalians were seen entering worship through two prominent Red Doors. Thereby earning us the reputation and relative curb appeal as "the friendly church with the red doors." It will remain our hallmark calling as souls pass by 700 Lincoln on US 99 Hwy. Especially, after the addition of Guild Hall in the early 1920's, which increased our reputation as a friendly church.

Storytime (School)

Without the living history and collective memory from several long-standing parishioners, we all would be hard pressed to feel and truly understand what a living sacrifice and faithful witness our founders, ancestors and elders have directly passed on to us here in this place. We belong to this body, because of God's love received and given away by our forebears.

By listening to their storytelling wisdom, our faith heritage is being fulfilled in our hearing (c.f., Luke 4). It is their Witness of the Good News in their own specific actions, that sets a tone and paints a picture of a story of dire beauty and gentle strength through taking risks in order to transform vulnerabilities and fears into faithful action. Moreover, it is because of their warm welcome and friendly faces, that we are allowed to truly give thanks and praise to God for calling each of us to belong to such an engaged faith within our civic history. In the meantime, a right livelihood and relationship to God and neighbor has come to fruition a hundredfold.

Go Beyond

We are St. Luke's Episcopal Church in the village/city of Wamego. We are each called individually to be One with God and each other through Grace and by faithful action. Yet, it is our collective call and response, which repurposes us as the mystical body of Christ, the Church. We are God's feet, hands and heart being made incarnate by the Holy Spirit. Thus, at the conclusion of every worship service in our beautiful chapel there is a direct order of being more human by sharing more Divine Presence and Witness, Remembrance and Celebration: "Alleluia. Let us GO FORTH in the name of Christ!" Go! Beyond! Don't be satisfied with merely going to church, Be the Church and GO BEYOND.

Father ~ Matt

Senior Warden's Message:

I have been discussing with Father Matt's how we can increase our service to the poor.

In our local area we have the Community Health Ministries helping the poor through the pooling of resources of our community. Their budget dwarfs any budget we might have in our church. Also Community Health also is the recipient of funds earmarked by the Federal and State governments for support of those in need. This is a definite force multiplier that results in more support being available for those in need.

In Wamego I do not think we have a shortfall of goods, services, and support. We just do not always for whatever reason get those assets to the individuals that have the need. Father Matt and I have discussed certain areas where improvements of utilization of services can improve. One problem I have seen in my Dental Office is the high percentage of no shows for this population group. My Wichita office is running close to 50%. The sad thing is that these are appointments that other individuals could have availed themselves of the service. I do not have the exact numbers for the Dental Clinic in Wamego but I have heard it is high also. Another area that I have direct knowledge of is the Outlet Club. Jana Lathrop has a need for additional adults to assist her in her programs. My goal is to work with the Vestry to determine other areas that we can help improve the goods and services available to the poor of our community.

For the near future the Vestry will gather information on areas of need. Then we will propose action items to the congregation for your support.

With Christ's Love,

Jay Hildreth 😊

Prayers:

We pray for those who are currently ill: David, Doreen, Alice, Cinnie, Kay, Kent, Koko, Mickey and Lisa, Lynn, Outlet Club

Please pray for the Episcopal Migration Ministry/Wichita

Please pray for our Military personnel: Scott, Ben, Ian, and Mike.

Community Health Ministry

Two events to help CMH fundraising efforts:
Saturday, February 13th 7-9 pm Chocolate Fantasy at Atria Hearthstone, 3515 SW 6th, Topeka
Saturday, March 12th 7-9 Chocolate, Cheers and Creation, at the Columbian Theatre: See Pat, Eric, Ed for more details.

CHM can't function without volunteers and they need YOUR help! Contact Angel Hecht at angel@heartforhim.org or (785)294-1129 to volunteer.

Guild:

Our next event is Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. Please come and help prepare pancakes, oven scrambled eggs, sausage and juice for our community. Everyone is welcome to come and eat. Cooking begins at 3:30 and the meal is served from 5-7 with a free will donation. We need help with cooking, serving, clean-up, and with spreading the word to all your friends and relatives.

BIRTHDAYS IN FEBRUARY:

Feb. 5-David Frey Feb. 12-Kally McConkey
Feb. 12-Pat Frey Feb. 22-Joyce Elcock

ANNIVERSARIES:

Feb. 22-David & Pat Frey

Vestry:

The Vestry approved the proposed budget and Father Matt's compensation package resolution.

The officers are: Jay Hildreth, Senior Warden; Doug Elcock, Junior Warden and Treasurer; and Cinnie Hill, Clerk. Thomas Brown, Levi, Hannan with Ed Dillinger as his mentor and proxy, Claudia McKinsey, and Cliff Robb are the members. Be sure to talk to any of them if you have a questions or concerns.

The Vestry accepted a memorial contribution for John Desper's aunt to help pay for the new water heater. Anyone wishing to add to this memorial can give a check to our treasurer.

An electrician is being asked to look at the lighting situation for the west stained glass window in the Church. We have some money set aside for this project.

Editor Comments:

If you like to add to your devotion, there is a website called Lent Madness which is a fun way to learn about the Saints similar to the March Madness for basketball. Look at <http://www.lentmadness.org> for more details. It is free. I have played it for several years.

To receive the Diocesan News twice a month, send an email with the subject "Dialog" to the Diocese Publications. mwoerman@episcopal-ks.org

Sunday School:

Eric will teach the younger students and Joyce will be teaching the older students.

Junior Warden:

Please review the cleaning schedule sheet located by Father Matt's office when you volunteer to clean and state what you cleaned.

FEBRUARY SCHEDULE:

Saturday, February 7: Guild meeting - 11 am
 5 pm – Ultreya at St. Luke's. Potluck following the meeting.
 Tuesday, February 9: 5-7 pm – Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
 Wednesday, February 10: Ash Wednesday Service
 Sunday, February 14: 8:15 am – Vestry meeting
 9:30 am – First Sunday of Lent
 Thursday, February 18: 7:30-9 am: - TTEM Community Breakfast
 Sunday, February 28: 9:30 am – Morning Prayer
 Sunday, March 6: 9:30 am – Father Mark Jeske will preside at the service.

Upcoming Events:**St. Luke's Weekly Schedule:**

Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Rite II Holy Eucharist
 Mondays: 6:30 a.m. Spiritual Development Book Group – McDonalds
 Tuesdays: 9 am – 10am; Sign Language
 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. Bible Study
 8 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. AA
 Wednesdays: 6 - 7:30 p.m. WE - Potluck Supper and Ministry
 Thursdays: 7:30 p.m. Cursillo Reunion Group

Father Matt Office Hours are by appointment on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.

Altar Guild:

Anyone wishing to give flowers in Thanksgiving or in memory of someone, you may arrange this by taking the flower inserts to the Flower Mill, asking them to arrange the flowers of your choice and they will place them in the church on Saturday morning for the Sunday you request. Please pay the Flower Mill or give our treasurer the money to pay the bill. Please inform Joyce or Cinnie that you are doing this to prevent duplication.

Outlet Club:

Jana Lathrop, the Outlet Club leader, explained how the outlet club helps the 30 students that come for her services every school afternoon. To manage the club she is in need of volunteers to mentor from 3 to 6:30 Monday through Friday. If you would like to help these teenagers, please volunteer. Thank you.

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Treasurer's Report:

The following summary reflects the results of the operating fund, income and expense for the month of January 2016, with a budget comparison. (The Year-to-date includes the beginning balance on January 1st)

	Current month	Year-to-date	Budget
Income	\$ 10,157.07	\$ 10,157.07	\$ 62,870.65
Expense	\$ <u>6,645.28</u>	\$ <u>6,645.28</u>	\$ <u>65,270.65</u>
Difference	\$ 3,511.79	\$ 3,511.79	\$ (2,400.00)

Discretionary Fund Sundays in February: Rector's is the first Sunday, February 7. Any loose money in the offertory goes to support this fund so please help as you are able to. If there is a fifth Sunday a second smaller alms basin will be passed for those pursuing seminary education.

I really enjoyed the Annual Meeting this year, and the way it was organized. I want to thank the members of the vestry for all their work this past year, and thank you for managing our collective assets so well. Our parish is a comfortable family, and I look forward to this next year with all the members of our church family.

Larry Hannan

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	Feb. 7	Feb. 14	Feb. 21	Feb. 28	March 6
Altar Guild	Linda Chmiel, Joyce Elcock	Martha Miller, Emily Benson	Laura Hannan, Myrline Winkler	Pat Frey, Ciinie Hill	Linda Chmiel, Joyce Elcock
Lay Reader	Ebba Robb	Eric Benson	Doug Elcock	Myrline Winkler	Ed Dillinger
Chalice Bearer	Ed Dillinger	Myrline Winkler	Larry Hannan	Ebba Robb	Joyce Elcock
Greeter/ Usher	Judy Hildreth	John Chmiel	Martha Miller	Doug Elcock	Erica Cobb
Coffee Host	Wimklers	Martha Miller	Kally McConkey	Hildreths	Cobbs