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St. Luke's Newsletter



September, 2015

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

***2015 Parish
Theme:***

***“Who is
Your Per-
sonal
Lord?”***

**Our Vestry
members** are Jay
Hildreth (Senior
Warden), Doug
Elcock (Junior
Warden), Cliff
Robb (Treasurer),
Cinnie Hill (Clerk),
Claudia McKin-
sey, Levi Hannan,
John Desper

Rector's page

Praise Be To You, O Lord

Over the last three months I have been reading and inwardly digesting the encyclical from the Bishop of Rome entitled, “Laudato Si,” which means Praise Be To You. I applaud the good bishop for his apostolic ministry and prophetic witness at this particular point in time. He has put forth his truth and now many are putting forth their truth. Perhaps, the best I can do is respond with some of my shared truths.

I want to share with you these twelve principles for understanding the universe and the role of the human in the universe process, that was first written down by Father Thomas Berry, a monk and priest in the Roman Catholic Church. Berry transcended his religious order and his religion by going beyond the cultural boundaries set before him. I admire him greatly for this work. Here is some truths to consider on the faith journey as Pope Francis makes his first visit to the U.S. and meets with President Obama, addresses both houses of Congress and the General Assembly of the United Nations this month.

The universe, the solar system, and the planet Earth, in themselves and in their evolutionary emergence, constitute for the human community the primary revelation of that ultimate mystery whence all things emerge into being.

The universe is a unity, an interacting and genetically related community of beings bound together in an inseparable relationship in space and time. The unity of planet Earth is especially clear: each being of the planet is profoundly implicated in the existence and functioning of every other being.

The capacity for ordered self-development, for self-expression, and for intimate presence to other modes of being must be considered as a pervasive psychic dimension of the universe from the beginning.

The three basic laws of the universe at all levels of reality are differentiation, subjectivity, and communion. These laws identify the reality, the values, and the directions in which the universe is proceeding.

The universe has a violent as well as a harmonious aspect, but it is consistently creative in the larger context of its development.

The Earth, within the solar system, is a self-emergent, self-propagating, self-nourishing, self-educating, self-governing, self-healing, self-fulfilling

community. All particular life-systems must integrate their being and functioning within this larger complex of mutually dependent Earth systems.

The human emerges within the life systems of Earth as that being in whom the universe reflects on and celebrates itself in a special mode of conscious self-awareness. The human is genetically coded toward further cultural coding, by which specifically human qualities find expression in a remarkable diversity in the various regions of the Earth.

Domestication: transition to village life and greater control over the forces of nature took place in the Neolithic period, 12,000 years ago; beginnings of agriculture, domestication of animals, weaving, pottery and new stone implements.

The classical civilizations: progressive alienation of the human from the natural world; the rise of cities, elaborate religious expression in ritual and architecture, development of specialized social functions, increase in centralized government, the invention of writing and related technologies.

The scientific-technological-industrial phase: the violent plundering of the Earth takes place, beginning in Europe and North America. The functioning of Earth is profoundly altered in its chemical balance, its biological systems, and its geological structures. The atmosphere and water are extensively polluted, the soil eroded, and toxic waste accumulates. The mystique of the Earth vanishes from human consciousness.

The ecological age: a new intimacy is sought with the integral functioning of the natural world; destructive anthropocentrism is replaced with eco-centrism; transition to the primacy of the integral Earth community.

The newly developing ecological community needs a mystique of exaltation and finds it in the renewal of the great cosmic liturgy, which celebrates the new story of the universe and its emergence through evolutionary processes.

Father ~ Matt

Junior Warden:

Thank you to the person who painted the red doors and to those who have worked on removing the grass from the brick sidewalk.

With fall season approaching, I will be looking at the maintenance need to prepare for winter.

Thanks to everyone for your help keeping our church looking great.

Doug Elcock

Treasurer's Report:

Discretionary Fund Sundays in September:

Rector's is the first Sunday, September 6.

Any loose money in the offertory goes to support this fund on that day, please help with the funds. Thank you.

Community Health Ministry:

Pantry needs: Peanut butter, jelly, pasta and pasta sauce, rice, macaroni and cheese. Diapers size 4 & 5, Ziplock baggies.

BIRTHDAYS IN SEPTEMBER:

Sept. 1-Rebecca Geraci
 Sept. 4-Jerry Pitney
 Sept 7-Samuel Geraci
 Sept 8-Pippa Pugh
 Sept. 14 □Tierra Gamino

Sept. 16 □Carol Ebert
 Sept. 17 □ Doug Elcock
 Sept 20-Prescott Balderson
 Sept. 22 Sam Robb
 Sept. 26 – Ebba Robb

ANNIVERSARIES:**TTEM Breakfast:**

Our next breakfast will be on Thursday, September 17th, so we would ask that donated items be at St. Luke's by the Sunday prior – September 13th. We need more volunteers to work as there were too few at the August breakfast.

As always – more “Helping Hands” if you are able to do so OR if you'd like to stop by, visit, and share a meal with the friends and neighbors who come in for breakfast.

🎵 ALL REQUEST SONG SUNDAY 🎵

On Sunday, September 13, the music for our church service will be selected by you! Send Kally an email with your favorite hymn/song. Do not delay – the first six received will be used in the service. Reply to kallymconkey@gmail.com (or call 456-5246) by September 9. There are also plans in the works to have good, old-time sing alongs at future Wednesday evening potlucks, so start making your lists of songs that you love to sing!

Council of Churches: Thanks to all who donated to the School Supplies Distribution. We served over 180 children in USD 320 (Another increase in numbers). The families who were served were so appreciative.

So now the work of the council has moved on. Next up, the Thanksgiving Community Dinner. This year it will be hosted by the First Presbyterian Church. St Luke's will get be asked to help as in the past. Take note of the process because St Luke's will be host next year.

Then comes Christmas Bureau which St. Luke's is in charge of this year. The first meeting which was organizational, was to be held in August but has not happened.

In my opinion, the work of the Council of Churches is one of the reasons Wamego is

such a great community and why we choose to live here. So the fall will be very busy and help of all is needed.

Keep the Council in your prayers. Continue to actively support the work in the community. Thank you.

Joyce Elcock

Prayers:

We pray for those who are currently ill and caregivers: John D. Esther, Jim, Kent, Maggie, Cinnie, David, Doreen, Alice , Billy, Kay, Lynn, Outlet Club, Bill G. and wife .

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

SEPTEMBER SCHEDULE:

Sunday, **September 13:** Vestry meeting at 8 am; Guild meeting at 11.

Thursday, **September 17:** 7:30-9 am: - TTEM Community Breakfast

Northwest Convocation:

Saturday, Sept. 19, 1 p.m., Grace Cathedral, 701 SW 8th Ave., Topeka

Sunday, **September 20:** 3 pm, St. Paul's, Clay Center, Service of Repentance, Healing and Reconciliation

Upcoming Events:

October 3, Trinity, Lawrence. Author, Linda Robinson to speak. (see Dialog info on page 5 of news letter)

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 will begin again in September;

10 a.m. - 11 a.m. Bible Study

8 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. AA

Wednesdays: 6 - 7:30 p.m. Potluck Supper and Ministry

Thursdays: 10:45-11:25 a.m. High School Service Group cleaning time

7:30 p.m. Cursillo Reunion Group

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

Children's Garden Update:

Psalm 67:67

"Then the land will yield its harvest; and God, our God, will bless us. God will bless us, and all the ends of the earth will honor Him."

Over the past two months, the garden has gone into production mode. Much needed trellises were installed in conjunction with the Outlet Club. The Wednesday night group dug up the potatoes, and had enough to cook up a mess of them for the Wednesday night potluck as well as provide for the August Third Thursday breakfast. Tomatoes and peppers are coming in regularly, and several watermelon and cantaloupe have been harvested by the Outlet Club. It looks like onion pie and butternut squash will be featured at the potluck sometime this month. Come join us!

Emily Benson

Altar Guild: Anyone wishing to give flowers in thanksgiving or in memory may arrange this with the Flower Mill or use other sources. Begin by contacting Cinnie or Joyce in advance for assistance.

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Diocesan News - if have room add these items or shorten.

St. Paul's, Clay Center, invites all who are interested to join them in a Service of Repentance, Healing and Reconciliation on Sunday, Sept. 20 at 3 p.m. at the church, 1010 Sixth Street in Clay Center.

The service will pay tribute and give voice to Mai DeKonza, the only African-American member in the church's history. She died in 1959 and was buried in an unmarked grave. Confirmed in 1900, she was "tolerated but not accepted" by fellow members, according to parish histories. The church's desire in this service is to make reparations for their failure to care for her as a beloved child of God. After the service there will be a procession to the Greenwood Cemetery for prayers at a newly installed headstone on her grave.

Author to speak at Trinity, Lawrence, on Oct. 3

Linda Robinson, an author, nurse, midwife and missionary to Africa, will speak at Trinity, Lawrence on Saturday, Oct. 3 at 2 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The church is located at 1027 Vermont Street. Robinson will provide insights based on her new book, *Sunday Morning, Shamwana – A Midwife's Letters from the Field*. The native of Bar Harbor, Maine, Robinson served as a nurse-midwife in the remote village of Shamwana in the Democratic Republic of the Congo through the organization Doctors without Borders.

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	Sept. 6	Sept. 13	Sept. 20	Sept. 27	Oct. 4
Altar Guild	Pat Frey, Cinnie Hill	Linda Chmiel, Joyce Elcock	Martha Miller, Emily Benson	Laura Hannan, Myrline Winkler	Pat Frey, Cinnie Hill
Lay Reader	Doug Elcock	Myrline Winkler	Ed Dillinger	Larry Hannan	Ebba Robb
Chalice Bearer	Ebba Robb	Joyce Elcock	Ed Dillinger	Myrline Winkler	Larry Hannan
Greeter/ Usher	Larry Hannan	Erica Cobb	Judy Hildreth	John Chmiel	Martha Miller
Coffee Host	Frey	Hannans	Winklers	McConkey	Hildreths