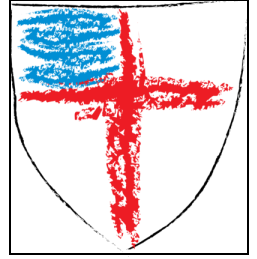


# St. Luke's Episcopal Church

December, 2016

## St Luke's Newsletter



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

**2016 Parish Theme:**

**“Witness Wamego  
Go Beyond!”**

Our Vestry Mem-  
bers:

Jay Hildreth  
(Senior Warden),  
Doug Elcock  
( Junior Warden  
and Treasurer),  
Cinnie Hill (Clerk),  
Claudia McKinsey.  
Levi Hannan, Ed  
Dillinger, Thomas  
Brown

### Senior Warden's Report:

I am pleased to report that November has been a very busy month for our vestry. We will have reports of specific activities in other reports in this newsletter. The vestry has been working on three ongoing projects.

We have been working on a list of nominees for those vestry members whose terms will be over after the Annual meeting in January. The outgoing members will be myself, Doug Elcock, and Levi Hannon. Doug has agreed to continue as treasurer but will not be on the Vestry as a voting member. We have made some initial contacts but if any of you would like to be considered, also please let me, another vestry member and/or Cinnie know of your interest.

We have received two firm bids for the repair of the Large West Window in our Sanctuary. One is 1.5 years old for \$35,000. I believe this firm is from Ohio. A more current bid is from Hofer Stained Glass from Hutchinson. Their bid is around \$27,000. They did provide an alternate bid of \$13,150 for the center section only. This is the area with bowing due to aging lead and weight. I believe at minimum we need to plan on doing this work. For \$22,000 the whole window (center and two sides) can be completely rebuilt if we reuse the original storm window. Myrlene Winkler and I were discussing these bids and we thought we should create a Stained Window Project Funding Team. Doug and I feel that as we are not carrying the cost of a part time Rector for the short term we would have some funds that can be diverted towards this project from the general fund. I will entertain a motion to create this fund at our next vestry meeting.

We have started the search for a new rector to replace Father Matt. The first task is a survey provided by the Diocese. I have forwarded this document to Matt Cobb for his input as a start, and then I am sure he will pass it back to us in the Vestry for our input.

I did some basic questioning as to normal salaries for a full time rector with Canon Torey and Debbie Kremers. The answer is \$100,000 to \$125,000 with benefits. Father Matt's cost to us has been in the \$35,000 to \$45,000 range per year. This is out of an annual budget of \$60,000 to \$70,000. My current thinking is in our search for a rector we need to find a solution in the \$30,000 to \$40,000 range. Another thought is that in our area the diocese has responsibilities for several Churches that also need the services of a rector or rectors. It is easier to fill full time positions versus part time. I am in favor of considering sharing

**Senior Warden's Report: Cont.**

the services of a Rector with other churches in our area. This will be a topic of discussion at our next Vestry Meeting as give direction our partnership with the Diocese in our search. If you have thoughts on this important issue please share them with a Vestry member or consider coming to our next meeting.

In Christ's Name

*Jay Hildreth* 😊

**Prayers:**

*We pray for:* Anna Lea, Cele, Cinnie, Claudia, David, Doreen, Jerry, Katherine, Martha and family, Sherry & family; Alice, Angela, Barb, Bernie, Dana & family, Kay, Lynn, Bill N., Courtney, Dick, KoKo, Jake C. Mickey I. & family.

*We pray for our Military personnel:* Luke, Mike, Molly Lynn.

**Junior Warden:**

Please remember to leave parking available in front of church for those needed a short distance to get into the church. Anyone interested in helping with snow removal please let me know.

Christmas stocking for the children will be up soon. If you have relatives with small children attending Christmas Eve service and would like a stocking for them, please let me know.

Thanks for everyone's help.

*Doug Elcock*  
*Junior Warden*

**Vestry:**

The Weebly website ownership has been changed to the church. Previously it was owned by Father Matt.

We approved Father Hodges request for his reimbursement be spent for the roof project or other special needs projects.

The Wamego Police Department asked for a list of key holders in case of emergency. Doug Elcock will give them a list.

We are looking for nominees for Council of Churches as both Ed and Joyce have requested to leave these positions they have held for years.

*Cinnie Hill, clerk*

**Guild:**

Sharing Table Breakfast: December 1 & 15<sup>th</sup>.

Community wide Thanksgiving Dinner at St. Luke's. Thank you to everyone who helped before and on the day of this event.

Cookies by the Pound, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 9-12am Proceeds for camp scholarships. Thank you to all the cookie bakers, cookie sale helpers, vendors who made cookies, and the First Baptist women.

Brass Polishing Dec 7, 1 pm

**BIRTHDAYS IN December:**

Dec. 6 – Jenny O’Konski

Dec. 9- Anna Lee Roediger

Dec. 12 – Richard O’Konski

Dec. 19-Cinnie Hill

Dec. 25 – Katie O’Konski

**ANNIVERSARIES:**

Dec 24- John & Linda Chmiel

Dec. 27-Doug & Joyce Elcock

**Editor Comments:**

Father Matt will be returning the week of December 4<sup>th</sup>.

Bishop Wolfe will be officiating at the December 18<sup>th</sup> service. We will have two baptisms and three confirmands. There will be a reception following the service.

Christmas Eve Service will begin at 7 pm. There will not be a Carols program this year.

**Sunday School:**

Myrline will teach the younger students and Emily will be teaching the older students.

*Myrline*

## Community Thanksgiving Dinner.

Why should anyone ever worry about having enough help from the St. Luke's parish when we have a need? Leading up to the Thanksgiving dinner there were lots of individuals who expected to be out of town that day. As it turned out, not only did St. Luke's members turn out to help but also to work before and after the meal. I don't have the words to express my gratitude and appreciation.

We served approximately 175 people, many arriving at noon or a little before and most by 1:00. We had help from community members for delivery of home meals and working in the dining room and kitchen. We have a group of fellas who graciously served the meal as the line formed. We had salads and desserts, beans and dressing, rolls and butter and bacon donated by members of the community churches. Thanks to them all. Our turkeys were provided by Gene's, Community Health provided the potatoes we peeled, cooked and mashed. It was a delicious meal and a joyous occasion.

The beginning of this tradition started several decades ago when Janice Chrest wanted to have a Thanksgiving meal for those who were alone. Over the years churches have gotten involved and now the dinner is held yearly on Thanksgiving Day at noon. It is hosted on a rotating basis among the churches of the Council of Churches.

Thank you to all you wonderful St. Luke's family.

Joyce, Elcock, Reluctant Coordinator.

## Sharing Table Breakfast: December 1 & 15<sup>th</sup> 7:30 -9:00 am.

**PLEASE HELP!!**

### Community Health Ministry/ First Methodist Church Food Pantries:

Please contribute to the food collection box in Guild Hall once or twice a month with a couple cans/boxes of food.

The current food needs are jelly, canned meals (spaghetti-o's, etc), boxed meals (hamburger helper) and spaghetti sauce. Other needs are gallon freezer bags, toiletries, laundry and dish soap, feminine hygiene products, toilet paper and cleaning supplies.

Thank you, Emily, for volunteering to deliver our contributions to the food pantry.

### Wrap-up Cookies By the Pound

The cookie sale took on a different feel this year. We still had Martha's cheese spread to sale thanks to her passing on the "secret recipe" to Linda Cobb. A group of women got together a few days before the sale to make about a dozen jars to sale. The cookie numbers were down some but the price was raised some so in the end we raised about \$100 more this year than last. Instead of having a crush of people at the beginning we had a steady flow and still had some cookies at the end. The 10 vendors who bought tables to sell their products said they had good days as well. In summary, it was a fun and successful day. The guild has money to offer partial camp scholarships to our children next summer. Thanks to all who contributed by baking , helping or buying. And a special thanks to Cinnie who is a willing coordinator or at least doesn't complain.

### Treasurer's Report:

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

	Current month	Year-to-date	Budget
Income	\$ 5,413.50	\$ 69,243.54	\$ 62,870.65
Expense	\$ <u>2,929.36</u>	\$ <u>62,353.16</u>	\$ <u>65,270.65</u>
Difference	\$ 6,890.38	\$ 6,890.38	\$ (2,400.00)

Discretionary Fund Sundays: Rector's is the first Sunday, December 4. Any loose money in the offering goes to support this fund so please help as you are able to.

### DECEMBER SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 4 – Morning Prayer

Guild Meeting after the service

Vestry meets at 8:15 am

Friday, December 9 - 1:00 pm - Brass Polishing

Sunday, December 11: Father Matt will officiate

Thursday, December 15: – 6:30 till done: Sharing Table Breakfast

Sunday, December 18: Baptism and Confirmation with Bishop Wolfe, Deacon Charles Pearce and Father Matt Cobb

Saturday, December 24: 7:00 pm Christmas Eve Service

Sunday, January 1st – Morning Prayer

### 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

11 am – 1:30 pm 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays – Quilting

Wednesdays: 6 - 7:30 p.m. WE - Potluck Supper and Children's Ministry

Thursdays: 7:30 p.m. Cursillo Reunion Group

### December 2016, Service Duty List

	Dec 4	Dec 11	Dec 18	Dec 24/25	
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Pat Frey, Cinnie Hill	Linda Chmiel, Joyce Elcock	Emily Benson, Laura Hannan	Myrline Winkler Pat Frey	
<b>Lay Reader</b>	Eric Benson	Doug Elcock	Ed Dillinger	Pat Frey	
<b>Chalice Bearer</b>	Myrline Winkler	Larry Hannan	Joyce Elcock	Ed Dillinger	
<b>Greeter/ Usher</b>	Judy Hildreth	John Chmiel	Erica Cobb	Doug Elcock	
<b>Coffee Host</b>	Chmiels	Elcock	Pat Frey	All parish	

