

St. Luke's Episcopal Church

September, 2016

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

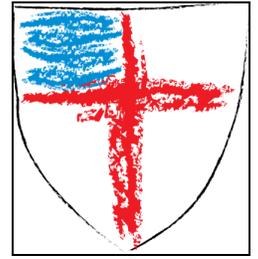
2016 Parish Theme:

**“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

St Luke's Newsletter



Rector's page:

Rector's Page Great Mystery, Help Us to Borrow Your Joy

When I pray out-
doors with no roof
covering my head, I
pray like this...
acknowledging the 4
directions and the
above and below,
this is how we can
borrow joy within
creation. It is said
that if you place
plants, children and
animals near sick,
lame, disabled, or
elderly people they
will feed on joy. Let
us practice our faith
by borrowing more
joy.

Here is a simple faith
practice to be done
outdoors...

We turn to our
Grandfather in the
West, to Your an-
cient symbol color of
black. To Your sym-
bol of thunder mighty
and purposeful. To
Your lessons calling
us to balance our
emotions in the spirit
of gentleness and

honesty. To invoke
Your spirit of intro-
spection, seeing
within. Give us your
strength and the
courage to endure.

We turn to our
Grandfather in the
North, to Your an-
cient symbol color of
white. To Your ani-
mal symbol of the
buffalo strong and
nurturing. To Your
lessons calling us to
balance our spirit in
harmony with our sis-
ters and brothers.

We turn to our
Grandfather in the
East, to Your ancient
symbol color of red.
To Your animal sym-
bol of the spotted ea-
gle who carries sa-
cred messages. To
Your lessons of wis-
dom and knowledge
revealed to us. Help
us to love You with
our whole heart,
mind, spirit, and
body.

We turn to our
Grandfather in the
South, to Your an-
cient symbol color of

yellow. To Your ani-
mal symbol of the
crane which brings
us in touch with
earthiness and grow-
ing things. To Your
lessons calling us to
balance our body in
the spirit of a good
sense of humor. To
invoke your spirit of
innocence, trust, and
love. Help us to
open our eyes to the
sacredness of every
living thing.

We turn to our
Grandfather in the
Heavens, to Your an-
cient symbol color of
blue. To Your animal
symbol of the bald
eagle, who soars
ever upward and
calls us to a high
spiritual life as well.
To Your lessons of
relying on Your pro-
tection and calling on
Your help. To invoke
Your spirit of trust
and hope. Help us to
turn our hearts ever
toward You in daily
life.

We turn to Grand-
mother Earth, to Your
ancient symbol color

of green. To Your animal symbol of the mole, who travels through You and is never separated from You. To Your lessons of nurturance and harmony with all living things. To invoke Your spirit of nourishment and balance. Help us walk a good road every day of our life.

We look to God within and beyond who cleanses our earth and us with snow, wind, and rain. To Jesus who fills us with the wideness of mercy and lovingly embraces us all. And to the Holy Spirit who inspires us. May all our relations delight in You.

Senior Warden's Message:

The Vestry will be starting back into our Fall and Winter schedule. Our plan is to start up the fall Stewardship initiative. If anyone wishes to help in this effort please let me know.

On going reports on the west window repair, the roofing bids on the Guild Hall, and the Children's Garden should lead us to decisions in the near future.

I am looking forward to the fall weather and a break from the summer's heat.

Jay Hildreth,

Junior Warden

Last Sunday, the Guild Hall had a very strong odor of gas and the pilot lights were lit. It was discovered that one of the range burners was leaking gas as a knob had been turned partially on. Just a reminder to check all parts of the range when you leave the kitchen.

Cinnie

Wednesday Evening Ministry:

The Wednesday Evening (WE) potluck and activities started again on August 17th. As usual, the food was fabulous and plentiful. Bible Bingo was played after the meal with eight children and youth participating. The prizes for getting a bingo were quite the hit. Digestion was definitely assisted from all the laughter.

Claudia McKinsey

Vestry will meet on Sunday, September 10th at 8:15 am. All are welcome to attend.

Children's Garden Update:

We will be dismantling the garden area in October and converting the area back to grass. Please watch for the day we will do this and help to move dirt and plant grass seed.

Emily Benson

Treasurer's Report:

Discretionary Fund Sundays: Rector's Discretionary Fund collection is the first Sunday, September 7. Any loose money in the offertory goes to support this fund so please help as you are able.

Visiting Priest September 4, 11, and 18

Father David Hodges from St. Francis Community Services in Salina, will be presiding at St. Luke's on September 4, 11, and 18. David is the Vice President and Chief Development Officer for one of the largest child welfare agencies in the state of Kansas. Prior to moving to Kansas he was rector of a corporate size parish in Charlotte, NC. His wife Lisa is a practicing attorney and they have three children Burton (24), Mary Catherine (20), and Philip (17). Kindly, welcome the Hodges' to Wamego and if you have any Planned Giving or Stewardship questions, please inquire with Father Hodges, as he is an expert in the field.

Sharing Table:

The last August breakfast served 23 people and raised over \$40 in free will donations!

The next breakfast is Thursday, September 1st and September 15th.

Thanks to all those who have donated food items and donated time to volunteer.

Please remember to invite those in our community to join in the Sharing Table breakfast as guests and/or volunteers.

All are welcome!

Jac Brown

Outreach

St. Luke's participated in the Farm Family and Faith gathering Sunday afternoon, August 14th in the Wamego City Park. This celebration was another aspect of the town's 150th recognition. St. Luke's had an exhibit of memorabilia of the church's history as our own 150th anniversary is in 2020. Many of the local churches participated in other ways. People who stopped to view the items and talk, seemed quite interested. We were fortunate to get to use this event as an outreach to the people of the area.

Claudia McKinsey

Editor Comments:

Thank you to everyone who volunteers to help Martha at meal time while her daughter went home for a week. Martha is continuing to make strides with her activities of daily living. We hope she will be able to move to her daughter's home as she continues to gain strength.

Cinnie

To receive the Diocesan News twice a month, send an email with the subject "Dialog" to the Diocese Publications.

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Opportunity to serve:

Take notice of duties being done during the service. Can you take on one of those duties? We have volunteers who are scheduled on a rotating basis on Sunday mornings. There is an opportunity for all to participate. If you see a duty that you might perform occasionally, let me know. If you know you will not be available on a given Sunday, you can let Cinnie or me know and you will not be scheduled. Or if you get scheduled and will be absent, ask one of the others to fill-in. If you commit to one duty, you will not be committing to all. But adding to our volunteer list helps us all. Questions? Ask.

Joyce

Prayers:

We pray for: Anna Lea, Cinnie, David, Doreen, Jerry, Katherine, Martha; Alice, Angela, Bernie, Kay, Lynn, Bill N., Courtney, Dick, KoKo, Jake C. Mickey and Lisa, Mike, Sherry and family

We pray for our Military personnel: Ben, Ian, Luke, Mike, Molly Lynn, and Scott

We pray for our ministries: Community Health Ministry/Wamego.

BIRTHDAYS IN SEPTEMBER

Sept. 4-Jerry Pitney

Sept. 8-Pippa Pugh

Sept. 8- Shaela McConkey

Sept. 16-Carol Ebert

Sept. 17- Doug Elcock

ANNIVERSARIES**SEPTEMBER SCHEDULE:**

Thursday, September 1- Sharing Table

Sunday, September 4- Father David Hodges will officiate.

Sunday School teachers will meet following the service.

Sunday September 11- Father David Hodges will officiate.

Vestry will meet at 8:15.

Guild will meet following the service.

Ultreya meets at St. Luke's at 5 pm with a potluck following the meeting.

Sunday, September 18th- Father David Hodges will officiate.

Sunday, September 25th- Fr. Matt will officiate.

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 1st and 3rd Tuesdays – Quilting

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

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

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

September 2016, Service Duty List

	Sept. 4	Sept. 11	Sept. 18	Sept. 25	
Altar Guild	Linda Chmiel, Emily Benson	Laura Hannan, Myrlene Winkler	Pat Frey, Cinnie Hill	Linda Chmiel, Joyce Elcock	
Lay Reader	Pat Frey	Eric Benson	Ed Dillinger	Larry Hannan	
Chalice Bearer	Ed Dillinger	Myrlene Winkler	Larry Hannan	Joyce Elcock	
Greeter/ Usher	Larry Hannan	Doug Elcock	John Chmiel	Larry Hannan	
Coffee Host	Hannans	Winklers	McConkeys	Hildreths	