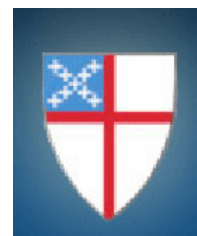


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# St. Lukes Newsletter



January, 2016

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

**2016 Parish  
Theme:**

**“Witness  
Wamego Go  
Beyond!”**

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

## Rector's page

Our Parish Theme for 2016 - 2020 and Beyond

Each year we embark on a new and fresh way of being church here in Wamego and the surrounding area. Over the past five years I have attempted to prayerfully discern what could describe our way of being church in an annual Parish Theme. Now, the 2015 has past and our 5-Year Parish Strategic Plan is expired, I am now called to go beyond the planned outcomes that we set for ourselves back in July of 2010.

Our mission as a diocese and as a parish remains the same as it has been for the eight years I have been your Rector, “To know Christ and to make Christ known.” It is simultaneously quite generic and fine, broad enough and focused enough. So, I don't think there is a need to change the semantics of our mission by going for another 5-year strategic plan. God's mission is clear, convincing, and it communicates who we are and what we do. Therefore, I propose that we look instead to our future together on a particular date, May 22, 2020. Mark your calendars for the 150th Anniversary Celebration of our parish in Wamego.

Which leaves me still and quiet here within my prayerful consideration of how to approach the discovery of our Parish Theme without a strategic plan in place, yet with a particular date on the calendar. As I pray, I am not use to having my focal point on something other people. Focusing on a point in the future is rather unsettling and uncomfortable for me to consider. Yet, like the archer who pulls on the bow and aligns the arrow, the eye witness can become one with the target's bull's eye. Archer's eye, arrow's flight, and bull's eye are mysteriously One. There is only One Witness, yet a multitude of ways of being an eyewitness.

Wait! That's it. *Witness*. The word *Witness*, with an upper case *W*. But, it is a mystery how this *Witness*, which is actually a verb the way I intend to use it here, enacts Oneness. But haven't we all said at one time or another that, “God works in ‘mysterious ways.’” Well, if we “know” God's being in mystery through our *Witness* of God's mysterious ways, perhaps our way of being church is through faithful action and worship, an eyewitness account.

My focal point and God-realization is that God is enacting through our eye-witness accounts and we are to **Go Beyond** and *Witness* Oneness of God's mystery. Therefore, may our Parish Theme for 2106 ascribe to God the knowledge and love all of us *Witness* day by day in knowing more intimately

all things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small. May God and God's ever beloved Son, Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit continue to call our *Witness* forth and may our response as a way of being church here in Wamego and the surrounding area, always **Go Beyond**.

Go! Go Beyond! Witness Wamego and the surrounding area as none other than the reign of God's mystery ushering in more beauty and hope for peoples of diverse backgrounds, yet One *Witness*. Thus, may we share our parish theme for 2016 as "Witness Wamego Go Beyond!" Follow and Share in the social media expression of this parish theme on Instagram and Twitter @WWGB2020. And, mark your calendars now for the bull's eye of May 22, 2020.  
Father ~ Mat

### Senior Warden's Message:

Senior Warden's Report January 2016

Financially for 2015 we were able to stay within our budget including fully funding the diocesan apportionment. As always there were times the Vestry had to make hard decisions to make ends meet. I am pleased to say that all your Vestry members have worked with each other positively for the needs of our church. Doug Elcock has taken over the Treasurer's position. Cliff Robb has additional duties at his job (he will continue to be on the Vestry). Doug luckily is willing to take over his position; while continuing to fulfill his duties as Junior Warden. My personal thanks go to Doug and Cliff for working this out.

In 2016 the Vestry and Father Matt have four major focuses for us at St Luke's. a) Develop a Celebration Plan and Action Group for our 150<sup>th</sup> in 2017. Doug Elcock has been proactive and has found some more of the original hinges from the front door. Claudia McKinsey has been researching other craftsmen to bid for the restoration of the large stained glass window in the west wall of the sanctuary. b) Father Matt would like us to expand our outreach to the poor. (I think it is extremely important for us to develop mechanisms under which the cash and effort expended directly reach the poor themselves.) c) Father Matt would also like to see church attendance increasing. d) Develop and follow a budget for 2016. The Vestry will have a proposed budget for 2016 that will be presented for approval at the Annual Meeting on Jan. 24, 2016.

For your information, Father Matt will be going back to India in February for two weeks.

I wish you all a Happy New Year!!

*Jay Hildreth J*

**TTEM:** Our next breakfast will be Thursday January 21<sup>st</sup>. Please contribute time, food, or money toward this outreach. Look for the new sign-up sheet in Guild Hall. We would like someone to sign up to make the special of the day too.

**Prayers:**

*We pray for those who are currently ill:* David, Doreen, Alice, Kay, Kent, Koko 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**

CHM can't function without volunteers and we need YOUR help! We have a variety of jobs that volunteers can help with including things like copying, shredding, organizing donations, filling food baskets, picking up donations and helping with fundraising projects. Please consider using your talents, gifts or interests to help CHM continue to serve those in need.

Contact Angel Hecht at [angel@heartforhim.org](mailto:angel@heartforhim.org) or (785)294-1129 to volunteer.

**Guild:**

Cookies by the Pound was very successful. Thank you to everyone who baked cookies. It was suggested that we each make a craft or baked product to sell at a St. Luke's vendor table and we should start our craft early so it doesn't interfere with cookie baking next year.

The Guild approved purchasing a new travel Communion Kit for the church with the memorial monies from Jan Hoag's Guild Memorial. Officers next year are: Pat Frey-President; Susan Dillinger- Vice President; Joyce Elcock-secretary; and Cinnie Hill-treasurer.

**BIRTHDAYS IN JANUARY:**

Jan. 22-Erica Cobb  
Jan. 26-Myrline Winkler

**ANNIVERSARIES:**

Jan. 24-Dave & Cinnie Hill  
Jan 26-Scott & Jamie Balderson

**Diocesan News:**

To receive the Diocesan News twice a month, send an email with the subject "Dialog" to the Diocese Publications. [mwoerman@episcopal-ks.org](mailto:mwoerman@episcopal-ks.org) . In January, we will be eliminating this portion of our newsletter except for an event's date and time or a headline only. Details will not be given in our newsletter.

**Sunday School:**

Pat will teach the younger students and Claudia will be teaching the older students.

**Junior Warden:**

150th Celebration: St. Luke's 150th year will be in 2020. If you find any old or recent documents or things of interest that I could use to begin preparation for this event, please let me know. Thank you.

Scheduling of the Guild Hall: Those wishing to use the Guild Hall for events should fill out a facilities use form and let me have a copy. You can place it my box slot (Junior Warden). The Guild Hall is used for many groups on a continuous bases each month. A new schedule for 2016 is being prepared and will be posted on the bulletin board.

General Maintenance. If you notice any maintenance issues, please let me know. Anyone interested in helping with snow removal please let me know and we can prepare a listing of those that can help as not everyone can get to the church during major snow fall. Thanks to everyone who helps.

*Doug Elcock*

**JANUARY SCHEDULE:**

Saturday, January 3: Guild meeting - 11 am

Sunday, January 10: 8:15 am – Vestry meeting

5 pm – Ultreya at St. Paul's, Manhattan with at tribute to Fr Frank Holtz

Thursday, January 14: 7:30-9 am: - TTEM Community Breakfast

Sunday, January 24: **Annual Meeting** after 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.

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### Treasurer's Report:

The following summary reflects the results of the operating fund, income and expense for the month of November 2015, with a budget comparison. (The Year-to-date includes the beginning balance on January 1st)

	Current month	Year-to-date	Budget
Income	\$ 7,583.95	\$ 61,622.63	\$ 63,645.24
Expense	\$ <u>5,008.75</u>	\$ <u>59,047.43</u>	\$ <u>70,864.01</u>
Difference	\$ 2,575.20	\$ 2,575.20	\$ - 7,218.77

Discretionary Fund Sundays in January: Rector's is the first Sunday, January 3. 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.

### February 7, 2016 Service Duties

Altar Guild: Linda Chmiel and Joyce Elcock

Lay Reader: Ebba Robb

Chalice Bearer: Ed Dillinger

Greeter/ Usher: Judy Hildreth

Coffee Host: Winklers

### January, 2016

	January 3	January 10	January 17	January 24	January 31
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Pat Frey, Cinnie Hill	Linda Chmiel, Joyce Elcock	Martha Miller, Emily Benson	Laura Hannan, Myrline Winkler	Pat Frey, Cinnie Hill
<b>Lay Reader</b>	Ed Dillinger	Cliff Robb	Larry Hannan	Pat Frey	Judy Hildreth
<b>Chalice Bearer</b>	Ed Dillinger	Myrline Winkler	Larry Hannan	Ebba Robb	Joyce Elcock
<b>Greeter/ Usher</b>	John Chmiel	Martha Miller	Doug Elcock	Larry Hannan	Erica Cobb
<b>Coffee Host</b>	Chmiels	Claudia McKinsey	Elcocks	Pat Frey	Hannans