



The Steeple

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Important Dates To Remember

- ✓ **Lenten Soup & Study**, continues every Tuesday thru April 11, 6:30pm (see article this pg.)
- Family Promise Families** at St. Luke's, March 26 – April 2
- Monthly Vestry Mtg.**, Mon., April 10, 7:15pm
- Holy Week, April 9-14** (See article this pg.)

EASTER EGG HUNT

**Palm Sunday, April 9
9:15am**

All children meet in Rodgers Hall and our Young Disciples will send you off on a Great Easter Egg Hunt!



HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday April 9. Preceding both services, the Liturgy of the Palms will be observed 10 min. before both services in Metcalf Hall (7:50am & 10:20am).

Weekday Daily Noon Eucharist Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday, April 11, 12 & 14. On Thursday, April 13 there will be a Healing Service at 12noon.

Maundy Thursday Service, 7:00pm, April 13 Holy Eucharist & Stripping of the Altar. Nursery provided for ages infants – 3 yr. olds.

Prayer Vigil 9:00pm Thursday April 13 through 12noon, Good Friday, April 14 There will be a sign-up poster for the Prayer Vigil in the narthex. Take the opportunity sign up for a 60-minute slot to pray anytime between the listed times.

Good Friday, April 14 Stations of the Cross, 11am. Liturgy & Holy Eucharist, 12noon.

Great Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 15, 8pm Listen by candlelight to readings of God's saving deeds in history. We celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ and the First Eucharist of Easter. Nursery provided.

Easter Sunday, April 16 Holy Eucharist will be celebrated at **8am & 10:30am.** The Choir will sing at both services. No Sunday School today, but nursery is provided for children age 3 and under.

Thoughts from Fr. Sean



One of my favorite songs of all time is, "Beyond the Sea," by Bobby Darin. Its opening line is, "Somewhere, beyond the sea somewhere, waiting for me..." I think this speaks to us both as Christians awaiting to celebrate the memorial of Christ's resurrection, AND as a church in transition.

For the latter, we face many departures and arrivals. With understanding grief we watch those we love move on to the next stages of life. It began with Fr. Lee, a beloved pastor and friend who, after over four decades of ministry, retired. Next, we say goodbye to our friends, Steve and Maureen Forsythe, who have decided to move to Seattle in May. Also, Erin Perry has also asked to step back as Christian Education Director, as she looks to support and arrange her local shops move to a different facility; and to spend more time with family. Thankfully, the Perry family will still remain as faithful members of St. Luke's and continue to volunteer and serve in other areas. Lastly, we say goodbye to Ann Bell, the veritable backbone and front line of this Church's daily goings on; after 21 years of service, she will be missed in ways we cannot even imagine.

Yet there's hope. We welcome the new Christian Education Director, Karl Franks—a St. Lucan for over three years and a devoted husband and father. Karl lends his talents to St. Luke's in terms of organization, excitement and desire to serve; our children will continue to be cared for at the highest level. Next, Lana Barnes will begin as our new Parish Secretary, effective August 1st. She brings with her seven years' experience and a joyful presence; we are blessed to have found someone so easily. While the search continues for a Rector and a Parish Administrator, we find ourselves in a unique position of being a vibrant community that attracts fellow believers to the cause of Christ. I have little anxiety about these changes—all of them—and instead look forward to the other transition we eagerly anticipate.

Christ's resurrection is, for this Christian, the pinnacle of the year. There is no other day better than Easter. The road to get there may be wrought with penance and study, with givings up and takings on, yet we will see each other on that glorious day and know that our God smiles on us and the time we've committed to creating better versions of ourselves in His name. So as we grieve the departures of many people and things, let us also welcome with open arms the arrival of new and exciting times.

Faithfully,
Fr. Sean+

Weekly Activity Calendar

Sunday, April 2, 2017

8:00am Rite I
9:15am Sunday School Classes
10:30am Rite II

Monday, April 3, 2017

9:30am Church Staff Mtg.
5:30pm Holy Eucharist

Tuesday, April 4, 2017

10:00am Spiritual Discipline Group,
Library
6:30-8:00pm Lent Soup Session, MH

Wednesday, April 5, 2017

9:00am Holy Eucharist
10:00am Regional Clericus Mtg., MH
7:00pm Choir

Thursday, April 6, 2017

6:45am Men's Fellowship, MH
12:00pm Holy Eucharist

Friday, April 7, 2017

Saturday, April 8, 2017

Sunday, April 9, 2017

Palm Sunday

7:50am Liturgy of the Palms, MH
8:00am Rite I
9:15am Sunday School Classes
10:20am Liturgy of the Palms, MH
10:30am Rite II

Holy Monday, April 10, 2017

9:30am Church Staff Mtg.
NO Eucharist this evening
7:15pm Vestry Mtg.

LENTEN SOUP SESSIONS CONTINUE

You are invited to join us on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 (through April 11). We share soup & bread at 6:30, followed by a discussion on "What is Lent?" at 7:00 in Metcalf Hall.



CRAFTING OUR PRAYERS
Meets on Thursday, March 30
at 10am in the Vestry Room.
All women of the church are
invited to attend. Questions?
Call Lauri Watkins,
918-766-2473.

ST. LUKE'S PRAYER LIST

Please keep them in your prayers
Names on the Prayer List are rotated off every 4 weeks. If there is need for continued prayers, please let us know.)

Sally, Sherrilyn, Madelyn, Ted, Elizabeth, Jim, Mary, Diane, Sue, Tammy, Pam, Jack, Diana, Ann, Rose, Becky, Peggy, Lynette, Jenny, Joseph, Kristen, Mary, Max, Emma, Cory and all members of our armed forces and their families.

If you have a prayer request, contact our Prayer Ministry Coordinator
Thelma Blackburn 918-333-7902 or TPBGEN@aol.com or the church office at 918-336-1212 or annbell@episcopalbartlesville.org.

PRAYER FOR THE NEW RECTOR SEARCH PROCESS

We ask you to pray for the rector candidates, Search Committee, and Vestry during our mutual discernment process for our next rector.

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries. All this we ask through our savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

FAMILY PROMISE FAMILIES ARE HERE!

The families are here! Drapes are up, room partitions are set, and spaces for our guests have lovingly been prepared in Rodgers Hall. A huge thank you goes to the set up crew for their efforts this past Sunday. Where St. Luke's might otherwise be silent in these evening hours, there is now the echoing sound of laughter and the stomping feet of busy little boys. There is hospitality and love, and undeniably, grace flows down the halls and fills Rodgers Hall. Lives are touched and changed for guests and volunteers alike. What a joy to make new friends and open our hearts to new possibilities and hope. We ask that you continue to pray for Family Promise and specifically for the families we are currently serving! Thank you in advance to the wonderful volunteers that make it all happen! If you have any questions, you may contact Jen Peterson, 918-397-7779 or jenrpet1971@gmail.com.

DEEP ROOTS: GROWING IN GOD

Episcopal Church Women's
80th Annual Conference and Bishop's Day
Fri. & Sat., April 28-29, 2017



Christ Church Episcopal
10901 S. Yale Ave., Tulsa, OK 74137
Keynote Speaker

The Rev. Susan Snook, Episcopal Church Planter
Register Online:

<https://2017-oklahoma-ecw.eventbrite.com>

Hotel Accommodations are at Hampton Inn
8220 E. Regal Pl., Tulsa, 918-394-2000.

Group rate deadline is April 13

(Group Name: ECW Oklahoma Conference).

You are responsible for your own hotel reservations.

OFFICE HOURS

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS are changing! New hours are
Mon.-Thurs., 8:30am-4:00pm,
Fridays, 8:30am – 12:30pm.



Completion of the Adoor St. Luke's Project will become reality soon, I promise. The Recording Room Door will be replaced this week, and then all the new doors will be painted, hopefully before Easter, or soon thereafter. Then work will start on the Rogers Hall Doors. I regret this took longer than anticipated and appreciate your patience.

Look for more about the Great Floor Project next week. We have decided to stain the concrete in the Bookstore and Women's Bathroom, rather than carpeting these areas. We still intend to completely carpet the Nursery. Overall this project will be a major disruption to church operation, so flexibility will be needed by all of us.

Steve Forsythe, Parish Admin.

Dear Old Friend St. Luke's,

Well, it has certainly been interesting getting to know you and your air handlers, boiler, chiller, leaking roofs, floors, plumbing, alarm system, door locks, pews, Rummage/Treasure sales, lawns, shrubs, dishwashers, coffee pots, doors, lock box, Disaster Plan, sprinkler/fountain system, rental properties, Backpack Project, and other aspects/projects that escape me at the moment. Then there are your people--those faithful folks that keep your doors wide open and welcoming--what a blessing for me to get to know them better!

As much fun as it has been, I am retiring again, this time as your Parish Administrator on May 18, 2017. You have offered me many challenges, old fella--some I have conquered and some not so much. I hope the church people find someone soon to carry the Parish Administrator baton because although I am moving from Bartlesville, I hate for you to suffer because you have no "keeper".

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Holy Eucharist: Sunday 8am & 10:30am; Monday 5:30pm, Thursday 12pm

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LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE 4/2/17 through 4/9/17

Volunteers: Please make your own substitutions.

Acolytes

April 2

Servers

Harald Borg, Makayla Lein

Torchbearers

Emma Perry, Emma Boyle

April 9

Servers

Ruth Todd, Grace Mitchell

Torchbearers

Keaton Mitchell, Evan Mitchell

**Scripture Lessons for
Sunday, April 2**

Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 130;

Romans 8:6-11; John 11:1-45

Music for Sunday, April 2

#149 – "Eternal Lord of Love"

#635 – "If Thou But Trust in God
to Guide Thee"

#487 – "Come, My Way, My

Truth, My Life"

#455 – "O Love of God, How
Strong and True"

#495 – "Hail, Thou Once Despised
Jesus"

Greeters

Sunday, April 2

8:00am

Don Davidson

10:30am

Glenn & Thelma Blackburn

Sunday, April 9

8:00am

Don Doty

10:30am

Debbie & Dennis

Mueggenborg

Ushers

Sunday, April 2

8:00am

Steve Forsythe, Dean Zervas

10:30am

Hugh Harrison, Tim Simmons

Sunday, April 9

8:00am

Don Davidson

10:30am

Brian Ferguson, Hugh Harrison

Layreaders

April 2

8:00am

Scott Williams, Darian Kedy

10:30am

Kate Carroll, Juanita Green

April 9

8:00am

Nick Conner, Kate Carroll

10:30am

Penny Williams, Kyle Peterson

Coffee Fellowship Hour

April 2

Tibbits

April 9

Simmons

To volunteer, contact Rita

Childers, 918-519-8470 or

puvev45@gmail.com

St. Luke's Bookstore

The Bookstore is open

Sundays between the two

services and after the

10:30 service. All proceeds

from sales go to St. Luke's

Outreach Projects.

***To volunteer, contact**

Melinda Wesneski,

918-333-7758 or

mcwesne@gmail.com.

Children's Chapel

April 2

Heather Boyle, Bob Tedstrom

April 9

Nicki Ingram, Jeanne Julstrom

April 16

Easter Sunday, no Chapel

Agape Mission

4th Thursday, April 13

9-11am

Jeanne Julstrom, John McCollum

10:45am-1pm

Kris Bonner, Rita Childers, Becky

Liehr, Kathy Zervas, Marcia Zervas

1:00-2:45pm

Melinda Droege, Miriam Petrovich

Nursery Volunteers

April 2

Erin Perry

April 9

Natalie Conner

April 16

Barbara Todd

Sunday Plate Counter

April 2

Amy Borg

April 9

Bruce Ramzel

April 16

Steve Clark

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please have articles that you

would like printed in

The Steeple to the church

office no later than Tuesdays

at 10am.

Thank you!

Bereavement Committee

Team 3

Wendy Hall, Connie Freebern,

Glenda Garrison, Gretchen Hoyt,

Becky Liehr, Carol Murphy