



The Steeple

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"SOUPER BOWL" OF CARING FOOD COLLECTION

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7

SPONSORED BY OUR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Once again our Young Disciples will be participating in the "Souper" Bowl of Caring program on Sunday, February 7. They will be collecting food and money for the CONCERN Food Pantry. "Souper Bowl" of Caring is a nationwide program for youth organizations across the country. Young people collect non-perishable food and money for local food pantries. 100% of the food and money collected in our campaign will go to the CONCERN Center. Please plan to bring canned items, non-perishable food items and/or cash to support the YD's efforts.

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✓ Important Dates To Remember

Family Promise Families at St. Luke's, through Feb. 7 (see pg. 3)

"Souper" Bowl of Caring, Sun., Feb. 7 (see article this pg.)

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, Tues., Feb. 9, 5:30-7pm (see article this pg.)

Ash Wednesday, Feb. 10 Holy Eucharist celebrated 7am, 12noon, 7pm (see article this pg.)

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

Tuesday, February 9

5:30-7:00pm, Rodgers Hall



Our Young Disciples Youth Group are again hosting the Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper! They will be serving "all you can eat" pancakes, sausage, juice, milk & coffee from 5:30-7:00pm in Rodgers Hall. Donations taken at the door will be used to fund upcoming YD activities & projects. Everyone in the parish is invited to come enjoy pancakes and fellowship!



February 10 is Ash Wednesday which signals the beginning of Lent and preparation for the Easter experience. Three services will be offered on February 10 at 7:00 a.m., 12:00 Noon and 7:00 p.m. There is also a service at Green Country Village at 3:30 p.m. .

Wednesday Morning Holy Eucharist will be offered each Wednesday in Lent at 7:00am in the Chapel. This is a significant way to add to your spiritual disciplines for Lent. The service takes about thirty minutes and is followed by a light breakfast.



The Annual Meeting – What a joyous and affirming time in our parish life! Thanks to everyone who shared in the Annual Meeting and helped make it a celebration. I am grateful for Maureen Forsythe and her Nominating Committee who brought us an excellent slate of nominees who will serve the parish well. And of course there was Bob Wesneski who once again presented both the finance report for last year and the budget for this year – he has the ability to not only “do the numbers” but present them in a way that makes sense. Having a surplus in 2015 and balanced budget for 2016 helped.

I will miss having Walt Gasior, Robert Babcock and Bruce Ramzel on the Vestry – each brought unique contributions to that ministry. The last four years I have worked closely with Ellen Heald and Jim Liehr as our Senior and Junior Wardens. I love them and I am so grateful for the ministry we have shared.

One highlight for me in the meeting was the opportunity to announce that Erin Perry has agreed to be our next Children’s Education Coordinator. Her education background, creative and organizational skills and experiences as a young mother will serve her well as she joins the staff. She will begin soon with some training in Godly Play and will work with Lauri beginning in April. I am grateful for Lauri’s work with our children and young parents – what a difference she has made. Starting with June 1 she will be able to focus on being Deacon Lauri – her calling.

Another highlight was announcing that we will no longer refer to Fr. Sean as our Curate, but as an Associate to the Rector. Of course he will technically still be a Curate, but our experience of him in his first seven months shows us he is a good priest who will only get better. His salary and assignments stay the same, but he will enjoy a new status – even if it only on paper.

The Lenten Study of 2016 – It is hard to believe that Ash Wednesday is only a week away and the beginning of Lent. This happens as we are working to understand the results of our Natural Church Development survey (remember that was done in December). As a result, we have decided that The 3 Colors of Your Spirituality, by Christian Schwarz is a good choice for our Lenten Study. He is the founder of Natural Church Development and his perspective is fresh and insightful. Here is a brief description:

The 3 Colors of Your Spirituality portrays nine spiritual styles and helps every believer identify which one is the most natural way for them to connect with God; the sensory, rational, doctrinal, scripture-driven, sharing, ascetic, mystical, enthusiastic, or sacramental style. Based on this fundamental discovery, the book outlines a growth path resulting in passion, balance and maturity.

See the group offerings located in this “Steeple” (pg. 3) as well as on the bulletin board in the main hallway. It would be helpful if you signed up for one of the groups so we can anticipate how many people will attend. You may also send an email to Ann Bell (annbell@episcopalbartlesville.org) or me. We will add your name.

Lenten Daily Meditations: I have invited my clergy colleagues to join me in using God For Us for daily meditations during Lent. There are scripture readings and a brief reflection for each day. The reflections are written by Richard Rohr, Kathleen Norris and six other authors of spirituality materials. I invite you to join us. Copies are available in the St. Luke’s Bookstore.

Blessings,
Fr. Lee+



Weekly Activity Calendar

Family Promise Families here through Feb. 7

Sunday, February 7, 2016

“Souper” Bowl Sunday
8:00am Rite I
9:15am Sunday School Classes
10:30am Rite II

Monday, February 8, 2016

9:30am Church Staff Mtg.
5:30pm Holy Eucharist
6:30pm Ignatius Study, library

Tuesday, February 9, 2016

10:00am Spiritual Discipline Group,
Library
5:30-7:00pm Shrove Tuesday
Pancake Supper, RH

Wednesday, February 10, 2016

Ash Wednesday, Holy Eucharist @7am, 12pm,
7pm (& 3:30pm at Green Country Village)
6-8pm Young Disciples
7:30pm Choir

Thursday, February 11, 2016

6:45am Men’s Fellowship, MH
12:00pm Holy Eucharist
7:15pm Bible Study, Rm. 203

Friday, February 12, 2016

Saturday, February 13, 2016
New Beginnings Diocesan Youth Retreat,
Christ Church, Tulsa

Sunday, February 14, 2016

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

Monday, February 15, 2016

9:30am Church Staff Mtg.
5:30pm Holy Eucharist
6:30pm Ignatius Study, library



Due to problems with the church’s

email provider, I was unable to send the “Steeple” newsletter link to some of you last week. We are in hopes that all of this has been resolved! **HOWEVER, please remember** that the newsletter is always available on our website www.episcopalbartlesville.org by mid-day every Wednesday, and you may go to the website and click on the “newsletter” tab at the top of the homepage to view the latest issue of “The Steeple”. Ann Bell, Parish Secretary

CRAFTING OUR PRAYERS

All women of the church are invited to join the Lenten study being held on Mondays at 10:30. We will be using *The 3 Colors of Spirituality* to shape the study. Come enjoy the special fellowship of women and learn about your own spiritual journey. We will begin this Monday, February 8 at 10:30 a.m. and run through Lent (the last session will be March 14). The books are available in the Bookstore. Please call Deacon Lauri if you have any questions. 918-766-2473.

ST. LUKE'S PRAYER LIST

Please keep these persons
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.)

Ginny, Janae, Shelley, David, Sandy,
Linda, Koko, Doris, Rosie, Emma, Sharon,
Joseph, Amelia, Sue, Mark, Becky, Jim,
Scott, Cory, Janet, Ricky, Sherry, Roy,
Jean, D'Manuel, Matthew, Lisa 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 contact the church
office at 918-336-1212 or
anbell@episcopalbartlesville.org.

Lenten Study 2016

The 3 Colors of Your Spirituality

Five groups are being offered for the Lenten Study this year and are open to people within and beyond the parish. The study is a fresh perspective on how to enrich your spiritual life whether you are a beginner or further along in the journey. The study is based on Christian Schwarz' book The 3 Colors of Your Spirituality which is part of Natural Church Development. The books are available in St. Luke's Bookstore for \$9.00.

So we can anticipate the size of each group, please sign up on the sheets provided on the bulletin board or call the parish office. This is not absolutely necessary if you are not sure when you can attend, but would be helpful. If three or more people are interested in another group and time than scheduled, call Fr. Lee to discuss the possibilities. All groups will begin the week after Ash Wednesday.

- Sunday Morning Group – Facilitator: Fr. Lee Metcalf Hall, 9:15-10:15
- Monday Morning Group – Facilitator: Deacon Lauri Vestry Room, 10:30-11:45
- Tuesday Morning Group – Facilitator: Fr. Lee Library, 10:00-11:15
- Tuesday Evening Group – Facilitator: Fr. Sean Library, 7:00-8:15
- Wednesday Evening Group – Facilitator: Deacon Mike, 7:00-8:15

A ♪ from your Choir Director

For those of us “cradle” Episcopalians there may be memories of giving up something for Lent, something that would represent a sacrifice on our part. In my youth it was often candy (which I really, really liked) or sauerkraut (which was not in any way a sacrifice!)

Times and spiritual thinking have changed in the past many years. Now we are encouraged to add a discipline to our lives, a discipline that will deepen our faith and encourage us to consider more responsibly our commitment to live a Christ-centered life.

Yes, I'm going to suggest a new discipline, a new commitment for you to consider: singing with our choir. Although you might think adding another commitment of time to an already over-crowded schedule is more sacrifice than blessing, consider this: the less than two hours of time you will give to attend Wednesday evening choir rehearsals will be more than rewarded with these blessings:

- ♪ wonderful fellowship
- ♪ profound spiritual lessons in hymn and anthem texts
- ♪ enhanced mental focus as you perfect singing skills
- ♪ shared laughter

Yes, we laugh during Lent! And the preparation of music for the glorious Easter celebration helps us dance through Lent in joyful anticipation! I speak from years and years and still more years of experience! Come sing with us!
Dolores McCreary



The **METCALF HALL KITCHEN** is being cleaned, renewed, and upgraded a little. Proceeds from our cookbooks are going to purchase tablecloths and more goblets, among other things.

WE STAND IN NEED of a new **electric tea pot** with an automatic shut off feature and a set of **pots and pans (new)** that would include a 2-quart pan, a 3-quart pan, and a 5-quart stock pot with lids. If anyone would like to donate those, please call the office (918-336-1212) or Deacon Lauri (918-766-2473).

Thank YOU!

A BIG thank you to Jim Hess of 5th & Shawnee Liquor and his family for their continued donation of communion wine to St. Luke's. The family has been donating the wine to St. Luke's parish for many years.

FAMILY PROMISE- CONTINUING OUR JOURNEY IN SERVICE

We are now hosting the families this week through Feb 7 here at St. Luke's!

A huge thank you goes out to all of the volunteers who so generously stepped in to fill in the remaining gaps. You are the backbone of this program, and we couldn't succeed in this ministry without you!

We are still working to pull the Saturday day plan together. We would like to send the Moms out for a much needed break to pamper themselves. In order to make this happen, we need 2 more people willing to offer childcare for a 2-3 hour window in the nursery on Saturday, Feb 6th (exact time slot to be worked out). Activities for moms have already been sponsored. The 3 children are aged 2 and under. Please contact Jen Peterson if you are able to help.

Interested in becoming a volunteer? Contact Jen Peterson at 918-397-7779 or jenrpet1971@gmail.com for more information.

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LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE 2/7/15 through 2/14/16

Volunteers: Please make your own substitutions.

Acolytes
Sunday, February 7
Servers
Anneke Borg, Harald Borg
Torchbearers
Kimaya Kindred, Emma Boyle
Sunday, February 14
Servers
David Wiseman, Grace Mitchell
Torchbearers
Kimaya Kindred, Emma Boyle

Layreaders
Sunday, February 7
8:00am
Jeff Birk, Darian Kedy
10:30am
Lauren Green, Kate Carroll,
Carol Murphy
Sunday, February 14
8:00am
Scott Williams, Nick Conner
10:30am
Lynda Stephens, Judy Currey
Juanita Green, Lauren Green

Nursery Volunteers
February 7
Elizabeth Boyle
February 14
Natalie Conner
February 21
Barbara Todd

Scripture Lessons for
Sunday, February 7
Exodus 34:29-35; Psalm 99;
2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2;
Luke 9:28-36
Music for Sunday, February 7
#129 – "Christ Upon the
Mountain Peak"
#134 (text) – "O Light of Light"
#314 – "Humbly I Adore Thee"
#300 – "Glory, Love, and Praise,
and Honor"
#618 – "Ye Watchers and Ye
Holy Ones"

Sunday Plate Counters
February 7
Amy Borg
February 14
Jim Malone

Coffee Fellowship Hour
February 7
Mark & Cheryl Fregin
February 14
Borg Family
*To volunteer, contact Rita
Childers, 918-519-8470 or
puevey45@gmail.com*

Bereavement Committee
Team 3
Wendy Hall, Connie Freebern,
Glenda Garrison,
Gretchen Hoyt, Becky Liehr,
Carol Murphy

Greeters
Sunday, February 7
8:00am
Don Davidson
10:30am
Glenn & Thelma Blackburn
Jo Oertle
Sunday, February 14
8:00am
Don & Cheri Doty
10:30am
Volunteers needed
*(Volunteers needed for both
services. Contact Amy Borg,
713-206-1179)*

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, you may
contact Melinda Wesneski,
918-333-7758 or
mcwesne@gmail.com.**

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!

Ushers
Sunday, February 7
8:00am
Ace Gardner, Dean Zervas
10:30am
Jim Malone, Tim Simmons
Sunday, February 14
8:00am
Ace Gardner, Michael Kemp
10:30am
Glenn Blackburn, Brian
Ferguson

Children's Chapel
February 7
Heather Boyle, Bob Tedstrom
February 14
Erin & Travis Perry
February 21
Becky & Brian Olsen

Agape Mission
2nd Thursday,
February 11, 2016
9-11am
Jeanne Julstrom,
John McCollum
10:45am-1pm
Rita Childers, Becky Liehr,
Suzanne Read, Kathy Zervas,
Marcia Zervas
1-2:45pm
Melinda Droege
Miriam Petrovich