



The Steeple

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FEBRUARY 10

February 10 is Ash Wednesday which signals the beginning of Lent and preparation for the Easter experience. Three services are 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.

Stations of the Cross will be incorporated into the regular 12pm Thursday Eucharist during Lent.

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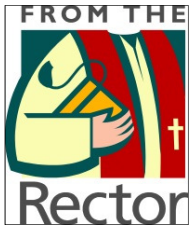
Important Dates To Remember

Ash Wednesday, Feb. 10 Holy Eucharist celebrated 7am, 12noon, 7pm (see article this pg.)
Canon José McLaughlin's visit to St. Luke's, Sun., Feb. 28 (see pg. 3)

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



Lent has begun. What does that mean to you? What will be different in your daily schedule and attention during these forty days? What can you do to position yourself for your best celebration of Easter than ever before?

Coming out of Ash Wednesday, here are some suggestions. Of course this requires a degree of interest, desire and commitment on your part. That is true for all of life, but especially our spiritual lives – and remember, Jesus taught us it is all spiritual. However, Lent gives us a “time specific” window for being purposeful. So, “**Pay Attention.**”

Pay Attention to the disharmony you have caused in your relationship with God. This is more than listing your “sins” though that can be helpful – the Litany of Penitence is a good starting point. However, this is more than our sins great and small. This is about “Sin” as the distance we have created between ourselves and God – and each other – and ourselves. This is the disharmony (distance, fracture, Sin) we have created in our relationship with God. Even so, God’s grace is persistent, constant and available. We are the variable in this relationship which calls for ownership, confession and amendment of life.

Having said that, Lent is more than confession and absolution. That is a good place to start, but Lent has so much more potential. Indeed, much more is possible and needed.

Pay Attention to your life wounds and be open to healing during Lent. All of us have been wounded time and again in the course of life. Sometimes it is our fault, but most often not – life happens and life isn’t always fair. There is such a variety of wounds – grief, losses, broken relationships, regrets, failures, disappointments, resentments, etc. These wounds can hold us back from experiencing the fullness of life. The gift of life can be distorted, abused and diminished in so many ways. Yet, God wants to love and heal us. Lent gives us an opportunity to open ourselves for this healing – to be set free – to be whole again.

Pay Attention to God as God, God in you and God in others. In Lent we can give extra time to just be with God – being aware of God’s presence – to be listening – to engage in quiet prayer where we say nothing. This can be nurtured by being in the Lenten Study on Spirituality. This way of knowing and experiencing God can open us to the deeper levels of ourselves and how we view others. As Marcus Borg puts it, we can experience more of what it means that we...

- are created by God
- are children of God
- are loved by God
- are accepted by God

Lent is a time for “**Paying Attention.**”

Blessings,
Fr. Lee+

Weekly Activity Calendar

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.
 10:30am Lenten Study, Vestry Rm.
 5:30pm Holy Eucharist
 6:30pm Ignatius Study, library

Tuesday, February 16, 2016
 10:00am Lenten Study, Library
 7:00pm Lenten Study, library

Wednesday, February 17, 2016
 7:00am Holy Eucharist
 6-8pm Young Disciples
 7:00pm Choir

Thursday, February 18, 2016
 6:45am Men’s Fellowship, MH
 12:00pm Holy Eucharist
 7:15pm Bible Study, Rm. 203

Friday, February 19, 2016

Saturday, February 20, 2016

Sunday, February 21, 2016
 8:00am Rite I
 9:15am Sunday School Classes
 10:30am Rite II

Monday, February 22, 2016
 9:30am Church Staff Mtg.
 10:30am Lenten Study, Vestry Rm.
 5:30pm Holy Eucharist
 6:30pm Ignatius Study, library

“SOUPER” BOWL FOOD COLLECTION A SUCCESS

Many thanks to all who contributed to the Young Disciples “Souper” Bowl food collection this past Sunday. Because of your generosity, 205 cans of food were collected along with \$427! ALL donations will go to the CONCERN food pantry.



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.)*

Mary Lou, 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
annbell@episcopalbartlesville.org.*

MONTHLY FINANCIAL SUMMARY 2016

January

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Variance (unfav.)
Income			
Pledge Payments	52,471	32,083	20,388
Non-Pledge Payments	1,060	2,250	(1,190)
Other Income	2,027	2,477	(450)
Total Income	55,558	36,810	18,748
Expenses	43,523	44,714	1,191
NET INCOME/LOSS	12,034	(7,904)	19,938

ST. LUKE'S PRISM OF CHRIST FOR FEBRUARY DON DOTY

St. Luke's Vestry voted to recognize and thank Don Doty for who he is and all he does for St. Luke's and our community. They see him as one of the "Prisms of Christ" and Christ's ministry in our midst. He was presented the Prism for February in the 8:00 service last Sunday.

For over thirty years Don served St. Luke's as a Layreader. His time goes back to the "Fr. Bob Evans era" in parish life. Indeed Don was the first layperson to offer the Prayers of the People on Sunday morning – a role provided only by the priest in those days. Don has also served on the Vestry and as Senior Warden. He was also on the Search Committee that brought Fr. Lee to St. Luke's.

Through Don's many years as a member of St. Luke's, he was also president of First National/Weststar Bank. In this capacity he was a leader in the community and served on many boards. His most significant contribution was his fifty-three years on the board of Jane Phillips Hospital – forty years as chairman of the board. He even has a street named for him!

Don continues serve as a reading mentor at Kane Elementary School. This touches the lives of children with love and encouragement as well as enhancing their reading skills.

There are other ways he has served St. Luke's and the community, but these are some of the highlights. Truly, the life of our parish family and the lives of many others have been enriched because of his personal ministries and leadership. We are grateful for all that he has done, but more importantly for who he is as a Prism of Christ.

ST. CRISPIN'S SUMMER CAMP

Join Us This Summer!

St. Crispin's Summer Camp is an Episcopal Christian camp that runs week-long sessions for 4th grade through high school graduates, plus a two-day/one-night experience for 1st-3rd graders accompanied by a parent or guardian. You are encouraged to register early to secure your spot in the session or sessions that best fit your family's summer schedule. Go to www.stcrispins.epiok.org/summer to register or for more information. Scholarships are available. St. Crispin's and the Episcopal Diocese of Oklahoma are committed to never turning away a child from camp due to an inability to pay. Camp Dates 2016 are as follows:

1st-3rd w/parent: June 10-11
Intermediate 1: June 19-25
Intermediate 2: July 10-16
4th-6th

Jr. High 1: June 26-July 2
Jr. High 2: July 17-23
7th-9th

Senior High: June 12-18
10th-Grad

All Ages: July 3-9
4th-Grad

*Grade based on 2016-2017
School Year*

SPECIAL GUEST FOR SUNDAY, February 28

**The Rev. Canon Jose' McLoughlin
Canon to the Ordinary**

Canon Jose' McLoughlin will be at St. Luke's on Sunday, February 28th, to help the parish prepare for the search for the next Rector. He will preach at both liturgies and then be available for conversation and questions after each service. Canon Jose' will then meet with the Vestry in the afternoon to share the details of the search process. This will be the first step in what will be at least a year-long adventure. Please prepare now for a continual prayer vigil that will lead us into the future.

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LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE 2/14/15 through 2/21/16

Volunteers: Please make your own substitutions.

Acolytes

Sunday, February 14

Servers

David Wiseman, Grace Mitchell

Torchbearers

Kimaya Kindred, Emma Boyle

Sunday, February 21

Servers

Nick Olsen, Greta Olsen

Torchbearers

Kyle Peterson, Charlie Olsen

Scripture Lessons for

Sunday, February 14

Deuteronomy 26:1-11;

Psalms 91:1-2, 9-16;

Romans 10:8b-13; Luke 4:1-13

Music for Sunday, February 14

#143 – "The Glory of These
Forty Days"

GATHER #159 – "Deep Within"

GATHER #335 – "Jesus, Wine of
Peace"

#346 (text) – "Completed, Lord,
the Holy Mysteries"

#449 – "O Love, How Deep,
How Broad, How High"

Sunday Plate Counters

February 14

Jim Malone

February 21

Steve Clark

Coffee Fellowship Hour

February 14

Borg Family

February 21

Molly Ferguson

February 28

Steve & Maureen Forsythe

To volunteer, contact Rita

Childers, 918-519-8470 or

puvev45@gmail.com

Bereavement Committee

Team 3

Wendy Hall, Connie Freebern,

Glenda Garrison,

Gretchen Hoyt, Becky Liehr,

Carol Murphy

Greeters

Sunday, February 14

8:00am

Don & Cheri Doty

10:30am

Volunteers needed

Sunday, February 21

8:00am

Volunteer needed

10:30am

Carol Murphy,

Steve & Maureen Forsythe

(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 14

8:00am

Ace Gardner, Michael Kemp

10:30am

Glenn Blackburn,

Brian Ferguson

Sunday, February 21

8:00am

Michael Kemp, Dean Zervas

10:30am

Glenn Bonner, Steve Clark

Children's Chapel

February 14

Erin & Travis Perry

February 21

Becky & Brian Olsen

February 28

Jeanne Julstrom, Travis Sutton

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