



# The Steeple

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## SPECIAL GUEST FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28 The Rev. Canon José McLoughlin Canon to the Ordinary



Canon José McLoughlin will be at St. Luke's on Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, to help the parish prepare for the search for the next Rector. He will preach at both the 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. liturgies and will then be available for conversation and questions after each service. Canon Jose' will 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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### Important Dates To Remember

- Canon José McLaughlin's visit to St. Luke's, Sun., Feb. 28 (see article this pg.)
- Monthly Vestry Mtg., Mon., March 7, 7:15pm
- Daylight Savings Time Begins, Sun., March 13
- Spring Break, Mon.-Fri., March 14-18

## Lenten Study 2016 The 3 Colors of Your Spirituality

*There is still time for you to join a class...!*

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 began the week after Ash Wednesday.

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

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Going into the “wilderness” can be a good and intentional adventure. Sunday’s Gospel about Jesus’ temptations was actually a good thing. Remember, he was led by the Spirit into the wilderness for what appears to be a necessary experience for Jesus. The story also makes it clear that Jesus’ responses were not a given. Otherwise the time would have been meaningless. This was a clarifying and willful time as he began his public ministry. And, notice the reference to a more “opportune time.” This was not the only time Jesus went to the wilderness of his soul seeking God and God’s will.

If that was true for Jesus, how much more for you and me. Going to the wilderness is an important part of the journey. I am beginning to see how important and positive this is for our spiritual health and growth. Even the name of the experience, Temptations, need not be seen as a negative unless we in fact turn away from God to live on our own – against God – the people around us – and ourselves. Conversely, being in the wilderness of our souls can be very positive, empowering and even transforming.

Most often we think of the many temptations to sin that are a part of living. That is especially helpful if we draw strength from not yielding, as well as seeking forgiveness and absolution when we do yield and sin – that is sin with the lower case “s.” The larger picture is Sin with a capital “S” – the distance/direction we take in our relationship with God. So it is with the difference between “temptations” and “Temptation.”

To go into the wilderness of our lives/souls is to face Temptation – the desire, devotion and dedication of our lives at the very core of who we are and our life orientation – or not – and just live life our way. This is not something one does every day, but in certain seasons or turning points in life.

The Season of Lent gives us an opportunity for this time in the wilderness. This can be a time to consider our Sin as well as our Harmony in our relationship with God. We can also pay attention to our life hurts, new and old, and be open to healing. Most importantly, going into the wilderness away from everything and everyone is to know God better – personally – more intimately – to see and love as God sees and loves. In the process the same thing happens to our relationship with our self – and with other people.

How does one go into the “wilderness,” like Jesus for a time of Temptation? Well, going on retreat to a monastery would be helpful, though not practical for most people. You might try carving out time each day for contemplative prayer – quiet prayer of being with God. Use a devotional resource to lead into a time of prayer. Join in the Lenten Study on the 3 Colors of Your Spirituality along application in prayer. Find a Soul Friend or a clergy person to talk about your spiritual journey.

Actually, there are many ways to engage in this adventure – this discipline – special time with God. What is needed to start the process is desire, devotion and dedication. Then you will find a way. If you want a little help, give me a call.

Blessings,

Fr. Lee+

## Weekly Activity Calendar

### 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

### Tuesday, February 23, 2016

10:00am Lenten Study, Library  
7:00pm Lenten Study, library

### Wednesday, February 24, 2016

7:00am Holy Eucharist  
10:00am Regional Cleric Mtg., MH  
6-8pm Young Disciples  
7:00pm Choir

### Thursday, February 25, 2016

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

### Friday, February 26, 2016

### Saturday, February 27, 2016

### Sunday, February 28, 2016

*Canon José McLoughlin to preach at both services today*

8:00am Rite I  
9:15am Sunday School Classes  
10:30am Rite II  
12:30pm Vestry meets w/Canon José McLoughlin

### Monday, February 29, 2016

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

## DIOCESAN WIDE SPRING BREAK MISSION CAMP FOR 6<sup>TH</sup>- 12<sup>TH</sup> GRADES



Mission Camp is a service and mission based camp that brings kids (6th - 12th graders) together in community to serve the world in a camp-like atmosphere. This year’s event will be held at St. Crispin’s Conference Center and will begin at 4:00 p.m. on **Sunday, March 13th and will end at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 16th.**

St. Crispin’s Conference Center  
36302 State Highway 9  
Wewoka, OK 74884

**Mission Camp costs \$150, and registration is not complete until payment is received.**

For more information visit this link:

[http://www.epiok.org/digital\\_faith/event/s/3168499](http://www.epiok.org/digital_faith/event/s/3168499)

## 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.)*

Dortha, Helen, Mary Lou, Sarah, Max,  
Ginny, Janae, Shelley, David, Sandy, Linda,  
Koko, Emma, Joseph, Sue, Mark, Becky,  
Jim, Cory, 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](mailto:TPBGEN@aol.com) or contact the church  
office at 918-336-1212 or  
[annbell@episcopalbartlesville.org](mailto:annbell@episcopalbartlesville.org).*

*The Rt. Rev. Dr. Edward J. Konieczny  
Bishop of Oklahoma  
will ordain  
Bryan Beard*

*and  
Larry Samuel Rogers  
to the Sacred Order of Priests  
Wednesday, March 2, 2016, 6:00pm  
St. Paul's Episcopal Church  
1310 N. Sioux Ave.  
Claremore, OK 74017*

*Your Prayers and Presence are Requested*

## LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES

**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** are observed during the regular 12pm Thursday Eucharist during Lent.

**Holy Week** is March 21-25. The Eucharist will be celebrated Tues.-Fri. at 12noon.



**UP ON THE ROOF** is the name of a classic Drifter's song, but it is also where a crew of folks were last week. I even heard some concerns that the squirrels were back, but with heavier feet than before! What was really happening was the TREMCO crew going over all the flat roof surfaces of the church. They spent a couple of days inspecting and repairing. Now we (all of us interested in non-leaking roofs) are awaiting a good rain to see how they did. Then, depending on what happens, they will take appropriate measures. The objective is to get the roofs in good shape and then inspect them annually.

Dan Droege continues to make progress in his quest to brighten up the grout between the quarry tile in the hallways and other areas. It seems likely that he is about to a point of announcing he has figured out what needs to be done and how to go about doing it. We may be requesting volunteers for a "**QUARRY TILE GROUT PAINTING PARTY**" which is, I am sure, something you have all been eagerly anticipating. Hold on—it's coming! It will be here soon!

*Steve Forsythe, Parish Administrator*  
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## LOST & FOUND

*Please check the coatrack outside  
of Metcalf Hall. There are a  
variety of coats & jackets that have  
been left, including a man's navy  
blazer and four women's coats &  
jackets. If they are not claimed  
within the next few weeks, they will  
be donated to a local charity.  
Thank you!*



## UPDATE ON FAMILY PROMISE

It is just over a week since we hosted our 2 families. It was a great week and once again, St. Luke's more than rose to the challenge by providing meals and childcare, friendship and conversation, as well as the gift of your time. Thank you to everyone who served. It is truly your volunteerism that make this program such a success.

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Our next week to host is April 10 – 17. Sign-ups will begin on Sunday, March 13.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer or have any questions, you may contact Jen Peterson [918-397-7779jenrpet1971@gmail.com](mailto:918-397-7779jenrpet1971@gmail.com) for more information.

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

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## LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE 2/21/15 through 2/28/16

*Volunteers: Please make your own substitutions.*

### Acolytes

**Sunday, February 21**

Servers

Nick Olsen, Greta Olsen

Torchbearers

Kyle Peterson, Charlie Olsen

**Sunday, February 28**

Servers

Spencer Heald, Ruth Todd

### Layreaders

**Sunday, February 21**

8:00am

Jim Grillot, Jeff Birk

10:30am

Carol Murphy, Juanita Green

Penny Williams, Bob Wesneski

**Sunday, February 28**

8:00am

Judy Currey, Kate Carroll

10:30am

Penny Williams, Bob Wesneski

Nick Conner, Carol Murphy

### Nursery Volunteers

**February 21**

Barbara Todd

**February 28**

Anne Borg

**March 6**

Elizabeth Boyle

### Scripture Lessons for

**Sunday, February 21**

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Psalm

27; Philippians 3:17-4:1;

Luke 13:31-35

**Music for Sunday, February 21**

#149 – "Eternal Lord of Love,  
Behold Your Church"

GATHER #212 – "Lord, to  
Whom Shall We Go?"

GATHER #296 – "We Have Been  
Told"

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

#495 – "Hail, Thou Once  
Despised Jesus"

### Sunday Plate Counters

**February 21**

Steve Clark

**February 28**

Jim Grillot, Jim Malone

### Coffee Fellowship Hour

**February 21**

Molly Ferguson

**February 28**

Steve & Maureen Forsythe

**March 6**

Jean Oliver

To volunteer, contact Rita  
Childers, 918-519-8470 or  
[puvey45@gmail.com](mailto:puvey45@gmail.com)

### Bereavement Committee

**Team 3**

Wendy Hall, Connie Freebern,  
Glenda Garrison,  
Gretchen Hoyt, Becky Liehr,  
Carol Murphy

### Greeters

**Sunday, February 21**

8:00am

**Volunteer needed**

10:30am

Carol Murphy,

Steve & Maureen Forsythe

**Sunday, February 28**

8:00am

Sally Canfield

10:30am

D. J. & Jerry Nezam

(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](mailto: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 21**

8:00am

Michael Kemp, Dean Zervas

10:30am

Glenn Bonner, Steve Clark

**Sunday, February 28**

8:00am

Robert Babcock, Dean Zervas

10:30am

Jim Grillot, Max McCreary

### Children's Chapel

**February 21**

Becky & Brian Olsen

**February 28**

Jeanne Julstrom, Travis Sutton

**March 6**

Heather Boyle, Bob Tedstrom

### Agape Mission

**4th Thursday,**

**February 25, 2016**

9-11am

Fr. Lee Stephens, Jim Liehr

10:45am-1pm

Jeff Birk, Molly Ferguson,

Glenda Garrison, Darian Kedy,

Jen Peterson

1-2:45pm

Carol Murphy,

Radomir Petrovich