



The Steeple

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HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE, MARCH 20-26



Palm Sunday, March 20. Preceding both services, The Liturgy of the Palms will be observed at 7:50am and 10:20am and will begin in Metcalf Hall. Easter Egg Hunt, 12pm (*see article this pg.*)

Weekday Daily Noon Eucharist, Tuesday through Friday, March 22-25.

Seder Supper, Thursday, March 24, 6:00pm, Metcalf Hall. Nursery provided for infants – 3 yr. olds. (*See pg. 3*)

Maundy Thursday Service, 7:30pm, March 24. Holy Eucharist & Stripping of the Altar. Nursery provided for ages infants – 3 yr. olds.

Prayer Vigil 9:00pm Thursday March 24 through 12noon, Good Friday, March 25. There will be a sign-up poster for the Prayer Vigil in the narthex. You will have the opportunity sign up for a 60-minute slot to pray anytime between the listed times.

Good Friday, March 25, Stations of the Cross, 11am.

Good Friday, March 25, Liturgy & Holy Eucharist, 12noon.

Holy Saturday Liturgy, March 26, 8am. This is a brief reflective service of scripture and prayer.

Great Easter Vigil, Saturday, March 26, 8pm. The holiest and most celebrative service of the liturgical year. We 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, March 27 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.

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Important Dates To Remember

Monthly Vestry Mtg., Mon., March 7, 7:15pm

Daylight Savings Time Begins, Sun., March 13 ☀

Spring Break, Mon.-Fri., March 14-18

Holy Week, Mon.-Fri. March 21-25

**BIG COUNTRY
BREAKFAST BENEFITTING
"PACK THE BACKPACKS"**
Sat., March 5, Elks Lodge
7:30-10:30am
All You Can Eat, \$6



EASTER EGG HUNT & LUNCH!
12:00pm, Palm Sunday, March 20



Come one, come all! The children's annual Easter Egg Hunt has been moved (slightly) to AFTER the 10:30 service on Palm Sunday, March 20. In conjunction with that, the whole parish is invited to a light lunch in place of the coffee hour. Come enjoy a time of fellowship and good food. Enjoy watching the children hunt for eggs and participate in the many activities that the youth have planned. This is truly an intergenerational opportunity--fun for all ages from our babies to our senior members.



According to the liturgical calendar we are half way through Lent 2016. Our attention will turn more and more toward Holy Week and Easter – and then beyond.

By now we should have addressed the “Sin” of our lives – the distance/separation we have created in our relationship with God. We know the Divine One as a God of grace – unconditional love. So, God has not moved. We are the ones who have moved away in this relationship which not only includes God, but also involves each other and is manifested in our various “sins.”

Therefore much of Lent, especially the first half, is geared toward having a penitential heart, confessing our Sin, experiencing absolution and amending our lives. Have you done that spiritual work? Have you allowed the forgiveness and healing to happen? Have you experienced a renewal of faith – meaning your relationships? If so, great! If not, there is still time.

Personally, I am recovering from a breach in my physical health – a challenging sinus infection and attending symptoms. My relationship with my body was a mess. Plus, no one wanted to be around me. And yes, I probably waited too long to get an antibiotic – denying the realities within me. Things got out of control and I was miserable. Gratefully three doctors listened and helped me. Indeed, I listened to them and little by little I got better and my body responded. Life is good again.

Sin is like an illness that if not addressed will take over and make life less than we intend. The alienation creeps in and causes separation. If not addressed, life only gets worse.

Now, if you are well, spiritually and physically, you have only just begun. You still have half of Lent to invest in yourself in ways that matter. In some sense this is the most difficult and yet most important work for our health – development – transformation.

As my health has started to return, questions are being raised about what I am going to do beyond getting well – to becoming healthier. What about regular exercise? Losing weight? Time off? Questions like these call for altering how I go about my day – my weeks – my routine. This goes beyond being germ free and resistant. I am called to positive health changes.

Of course the same can be said about my spiritual life – my relationship with God and “neighbor.” The second half of Lent might be a time to explore disciplines/opportunities to go beyond amendment of life to actually growing in Christ – maybe transformation.

Like it must have been for Jesus’ followers, perhaps Holy Week and Easter will launch us into a new faith trajectory. There is still time to go beyond forgiveness and healing to strength and blossoming.

Believe me, when I was sick, I really wanted to be well again. Now what do I want? Need? Desire? I am going to be satisfied with the way I am physically and spiritually? Or, am I ready for that something “more?” What about you?

Blessings,
Fr. Lee+

Weekly Activity Calendar

Sunday, March 6, 2016

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

Monday, March 7, 2016

9:30am Church Staff Mtg.
10:30am Lenten Study, Vestry Rm.
5:30pm Holy Eucharist
6:30pm Ignatius Study, library
7:15pm Vestry Mtg.

Tuesday, March 8, 2016

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

Wednesday, March 9, 2016

7:00am Holy Eucharist
6-8pm Young Disciples
7:00pm Choir

Thursday, March 10, 2016

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

Friday, March 11, 2016

Saturday, March 12, 2016

Daylight Savings Time begins tomorrow. Turn your clock forward one hour before bedtime tonight. ⌚

Sunday, March 13, 2016

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

Monday, March 14, 2016

Spring Break March 14-18
9:30am Church Staff Mtg.
10:30am Lenten Study, Vestry Rm.
5:30pm Holy Eucharist
6:30pm Ignatius Study, library

LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES

Wednesday Morning Holy Eucharist is offered every Wednesday in Lent at 7:00am (through March 23) 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.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

will begin on
Sunday, March 13.
Don’t forget to set
your clocks
forward one hour
before bedtime
Sat., March 12.



ST. LUKE'S PRAYER LIST

Please keep the following 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.)

Amber, 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, 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.

HELP WANTED & NEEDED!

Scissors, Sergers, Sewing Machines and Seamstresses –

Come and help us make
white scapulars for the
Choir! Easy to follow
instructions for
cutting, assembling and finishing!
A special time of fellowship and
Spiritual reflection while doing a
very special good deed! Lunch,
too! Thursday, March 10th, 9
a.m. – 3 p.m. Metcalf Hall &
Vestry Room. Questions?
Contact Lauri Watkins
or Dolores McCreary.



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FAMILY PROMISE COMMUNITY FUNDRAISER TUESDAY, MARCH 8

Mark your calendars for a special
fundraiser coming up on Tuesday,
March 8th, 2016 from 4:00-9:30pm
at Hideaway Pizza. 15% of the
proceeds will go towards Family
Promise of Washington County.
Please notify your server that you
are participating in benefit night.
Spread the word with friends and
family so that we can help make the
fundraiser a success!

Are you interested in learning more
about Family Promise or becoming
a volunteer? Contact Jen Peterson at
918-397-7779 or email her at
jenrpet1971@gmail.com.

SEDER SUPPER

Maunder Thursday, March 24

6:00pm, Metcalf Hall

The Seder is a Jewish ritual performed each year which begins the seven or eight day celebration of Passover. Seder customs include telling the story of the Exodus – the liberation of the Israelites from slavery in Egypt. This also involves eating symbolic foods especially prepared for the meal. This is a wonderful family event with children participating in the festivities.

We are taking reservations after the 8:00 and 10:30 services with a \$5 per adult fee (children go free). You may also come by the church office during office hours, M-F, 8:30am-4pm. Reservations close Sunday, March 20. The Zervas family will provide the traditional roast lamb and those attending are asked to bring either a starch (potatoes, rice, etc.) or a green vegetable or salad. These side dishes should feed four or five and will be served during the dinner family style along with a platter of lamb. If you have not been to a Seder supper, you will enjoy the experience.

ST. LUKE'S OUTREACH SPRING FUNDRAISER

"Beer, Brats & Bingo!"

Sunday, April 17, 6:00pm, St. Luke's Metcalf Hall

St. Luke's Outreach Committee is planning another exciting fundraiser for Sunday, April 17 at 6:00 p.m. We are planning another Beer, Brats, & Bingo event that was so successful a few years ago here at St. Luke's. We are hoping that you will mark the date on your calendar now.



The prizes for bingo come from our Bookstore and generous folks like you. If you would like to donate an item, please call Melinda Wesneski at 918.333-7758 or email her at mcwesne@gmail.com as soon as possible.

SUMMER



It's Time to Make Plans for St. Crispin's Summer Camp!

It's March! The time is now to think about providing a special experience at St. Crispin's--the Episcopal summer camp--for your children. Summer camp at St. Crispin's is a time when children (third grade through High School) get to experience God's love with other young people, enjoy the many physical activities the camp offers, and enter into a relationship with God that lasts a lifetime. Informational brochures are available in the main hallway. Information and registration is also available at www.STCRISPINS.epiok.org/summer. For more information, you may contact Deacon Lauri Watkins at lwatkins@episcopalbartlesville.org.



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LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE 3/6/15 through 3/13/16

Volunteers: Please make your own substitutions.

Acolytes
March 6
Servers
 Anneke Borg, Robert Boyle
Torchbearers
 Kimaya Kindred, Emma Boyle
March 13
Servers
 David Wiseman, Grace Mitchell
Torchbearers
 Keaton Mitchell, Evan Mitchell

Scripture Lessons for
Sunday, March 6
 Joshua 5:9-12, Psalm 32;
 2 Corinthians 5:16-21;
 Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32
Music for Sunday, March 6
 I#470 – "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"
 GATHER #210 – "Praise to You, O Christ, Our Savior"
 #692 (text) – "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"
 GATHER #238 – "How Wondrous Are Your Gifts to Us"
 #438 – "Tell Out, My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord"

Greeters
Sunday, March 6
8:00am
 Don Davidson
10:30am
 Glenn & Thelma Blackburn
 Jo Oertle
Sunday, March 13
8:00am
 Don & Cheri Doty
10:30am
 Carolyn Lawrence
(Volunteers are needed for both services. Contact Amy Borg, 713-206-1179)

Ushers
Sunday, March 6
8:00am
 Ace Gardner, Dean Zervas
10:30am
 Jim Malone, Tim Simmons
Sunday, March 13
8:00am
 Ace Gardner, Michael Kemp
10:30am
 Glenn Blackburn, Brian Ferguson

Layreaders
Sunday, March 6
8:00am
 Darian Kedy, Judy Currey
10:30am
 Nick Conner, Lauren Green
 Bob Wesneski, Juanita Green
Sunday, March 13
8:00am
 Scott Williams, Nick Conner
10:30am
 Kate Carroll, Lynda Stephens
 Lauren Green, Kate Carroll

Coffee Fellowship Hour
March 6
 Jean Oliver
March 13
 Bob & Melinda Wesneski
March 20
 St. Luke's Deacons
 Easter Egg Hunt & Lunch Today
 To volunteer, contact Rita Childers, 918-519-8470 or puvey45@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,** you may contact Melinda Wesneski, 918-333-7758 or mcwesne@gmail.com.

Children's Chapel
March 6
 Heather Boyle, Bob Tedstrom
March 13
 Erin & Travis Perry
March 20
 Becky & Brian Olsen

Nursery Volunteers
March 6
 Elizabeth Boyle
March 13
 Natalie Conner
March 20
 Barbara Todd

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

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!

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

Sunday Plate Counters
March 6
 Amy Borg
March 13
 Jim Malone