

# The Steeple

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## Important Dates To Remember

- Daylight Savings Time Begins, Sun.,  
March 13 ☀
- Spring Break, Mon.-Fri., March 14-18
- Holy Week, Mon.-Fri. March 21-25
- Easter Sunday, March 27



**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME** begins Sunday, March 13. Don't forget to set your clocks forward one hour before bedtime Saturday, March 12.

## 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.

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



Come one, come all! The children's annual Easter Egg Hunt has been moved to **AFTER** the 10:30 service on Palm Sunday, March 20. The whole parish is invited to a light lunch (to be provided) in place of the coffee hour. Come enjoy a time of fellowship, food, and enjoy watching the children hunt for eggs and having fun with activities planned by the Young Disciples.

## JOIN US FOR CUTTING, SEWING, SERGING & FELLOWSHIP! Thursday, March 10, 9am-3pm Vestry Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor

Help us make new scapulars for the Choir. There will be easy to follow instructions for assembling & finishing and a time of fellowship and spiritual reflection while we sew. Lunch is provided. Questions? Contact Lauri Watkins, 918-766-2473 or Dolores McCreary, 918-336-2197.





We are now halfway through Lent. The Fourth Sunday of Lent in come churches is called “Laetare” Sunday. This is from “Rejoice, O Jerusalem” and suggests a foretaste of Easter joy, which is what Lent is preparing us to celebrate. We are reminded that the disciplines of Lent are worth the effort and our joy on Resurrection Day will be complete.

Yet, we still have time for preparation – even transformation – at least spiritual growth. As I mentioned Sunday, we have had plenty of opportunities to do our penitential work. Confession and Absolution should be a part of our Lenten discipline, but there is more. Now is the time to start moving from the “negative” side to the “growth” side.

As Scott Cairns puts in *God for Us*, *Actual repentance – a turning that serves – is seldom obtained by simply “turning away.” Instead, we find our strength and our victory in turning “toward” – most specifically in “turning toward and leaning into” a very loving, very much present Christ.*

I find that quote wonderfully descriptive and helpful as I personally make the mid-Lenten turn. The next few weeks will be the most intense, exciting, saddening, reflective and joyous of this season – descriptive words that do not readily go together. Still that is what I have experienced every Holy Week and Easter celebration. I am ready to move forward and am still open to what the experience may mean for me this time.

I am pleased the Seder Supper will be part of the journey to Easter again. The link between the original Passover and Easter tells us a lot about God and the human experience. In the broadest terms, this links the Exodus and the Incarnation – God’s Salvation History – and us. The Seder will be a delightful and meaningful time followed by the Maundy Thursday Service.

So, pay attention to the Holy Week schedule. First, for yourself, as we journey with Jesus in the last week before this death and resurrection. Second, to others, who simply need an invitation to experience the journey with us. This is a great opportunity to invite friends, co-workers and neighbors for the special services of Holy Week – and of course, Easter.

This year I am especially grateful for Christian Schwarz’s book, *The 3 Colors of Your Spirituality*. This was especially timely for our Lenten Study and a fresh way of looking at our personal spirituality and how to best grow in our relationship with Christ. This has implications for our path forward growing in Christ.

Blessings,  
Fr. Lee+

**Kathy Zervas, our Senior Warden, made the following report on Sunday morning March 6 regarding the Search Process:**

*Last Sunday Canon José met with the Vestry for about two hours to go over the process for finding our next priest. He was very helpful in giving us the details and directions we need to move forward. Tomorrow evening (Monday, 3/7) the Vestry will meet and do our regular business. Then Fr. Lee will leave and we select the chairman for the Search Committee, prospective members for the committee and a member of the Vestry as a liaison on the committee. When those people are in place, they will be responsible for the search process and the Vestry will not be involved again until the end and the election of a new Rector. The chairman of the Search Committee will make periodic reports to the parish regarding the committee’s progress which will take months to complete. Please keep the Vestry in your prayers as we form the Search Committee.*

**Weekly Activity Calendar**

**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

**Tuesday, March 15, 2016**  
10:00am Lenten Study, Library  
7:00pm Lenten Study, library

**Wednesday, March 16, 2016**  
7:00am Holy Eucharist  
3:30pm Green Country Eucharist  
7:00pm Choir

**Thursday, March 17, 2016**  
6:45am Men’s Fellowship, MH  
12:00pm Holy Eucharist  
7:15pm Bible Study, Rm. 203

**Friday, March 18, 2016**

**Saturday, March 19, 2016**

**Sunday, March 20, 2016**  
*Palm Sunday*  
7:45am Liturgy of the Palms, MH  
8:00am Rite I  
9:15am Sunday School Classes  
10:15am Liturgy of the Palms, MH  
10:30am Rite II  
12:00pm Easter Egg Hunt & Lunch, MH

**Monday, March 21, 2016**  
*Holy Monday*  
5:30pm Holy Eucharist  
6:30pm Ignatius Study, library

**The Bishop’s Cup**



*The Episcopal Diocese of Oklahoma*

**Saturday, April 23, 8:00 a.m.**  
**Coffee Creek Gold Club,**  
**4000 N. Kelly Ave., Edmond, OK 73003**  
**Foursome: \$250**  
**Sponsorships also available**

The new facilities at St. Crispin’s are nearly finished and will be ready by this summer! Still needed are mattresses, dining room furniture, etc.

The Bishop’s Cup will serve as a fun way to join and play together while raising funds to support the vital ministry of St. Crispin’s!

Whether you are a golfer or spectator, you are invited to come out to support the ministry and life of St. Crispin’s.

To learn more & to register go to:  
[www.BirdEasePro.com/TheBishopsCup](http://www.BirdEasePro.com/TheBishopsCup)  
or contact Fr. Sean Ekberg.

## 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.)

Charlie K., Ann, 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](mailto:TPBGEN@aol.com) or contact the church office at 918-336-1212 or [annbell@episcopalbartlesville.org](mailto:annbell@episcopalbartlesville.org).



I will hazard a guess that most of you gentle people did not know I have been working on St. Luke's Disaster Preparedness Plan. It

was a project generated by the Diocese, and as I got into it, I discovered certain aspects of disaster planning really needed attention for our church. So, the Plan is ten pages long and gives some thought to what we need to be prepared for in case of tornadoes, fires, ice storms, and threatening behavior. I would be glad to provide a copy to anyone who is interested. Autographed copies will be available at the Plan signing at a time and location to be determined.

Last week we almost had the NE door in Metcalf Hall replaced, but the wrong sized door was delivered. So, hopefully this week, ordering and weather will cooperate and that door will be installed.

There have been some new arrangements in use of rooms on the second floor of the old building. Room 215 is the "Twice Blessed" storage room for smaller items—large "TB" donations belong in the 819 and 821 garages. Room 211 is the Archive Room. Please do not pile things on the stairs outside that room, or anywhere else for that matter. Your help will be much appreciated because things that are not in their designated place look like junk to me!

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## MONTHLY FINANCIAL SUMMARY

	February			February Year to Date		
	MTD Actual	MTD Budget	Variance (unfav.)	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Variance (unfav.)
<b>Income</b>						
Pledge Payments	34,165	32,083	2,082	86,636	64,167	22,469
Non-Pledge Payments	2,950	2,250	700	4,010	4,500	(490)
Other Income	1,640	942	698	3,667	3,418	248
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>38,755</b>	<b>35,275</b>	<b>3,480</b>	<b>94,313</b>	<b>72,085</b>	<b>22,228</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>22,936</b>	<b>36,223</b>	<b>13,287</b>	<b>66,458</b>	<b>80,935</b>	<b>14,477</b>
<b>NET INCOME/LOSS</b>	<b>15,819</b>	<b>(948)</b>	<b>16,767</b>	<b>27,855</b>	<b>(8,850)</b>	<b>36,704</b>

## COME TO THE 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.



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

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](http://www.stcrispins.epiok.org/summer). For more information, you may contact Deacon Lauri Watkins at [lwatkins@episcopalbartlesville.org](mailto:lwatkins@episcopalbartlesville.org).

## ST. LUKE'S PRISM OF CHRIST FOR MARCH

### JIM LIEHR

St. Luke's Vestry voted to recognize and thank Jim Liehr 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 March last Sunday.

Soon after coming to St. Luke's Jim demonstrated his concern for people less fortunate than himself – especially families in poverty. This was seen in his involvement with our Katrina families, the Circle of Friends and Bridges Out of Poverty. He also became St. Luke's representative on the board at CONCERN which led him to become the president of the board. But there is more. When he retired from his professional work, he went to work as the volunteer executive director of CONCERN. He led that organization through some very challenging times and put CONCERN on a stable and forward-moving track.

The last four years Jim has served as Senior Warden and then as Junior Warden for the parish. In the Cursillo Movement he has served on several teams and has been the Lay Rector for a Cursillo weekend. He continues to serve on our Church Development Team. He also continues to be a champion for the poor in his work at the Agape Mission and with Family Promise. In the last two years he has become a mediator for the court system in helping couples and families work through difficult issues.

There are other ways Jim 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 people in the community have been enriched because of his personal ministries and leadership. We are grateful for all that he has done, but more importantly, for who Jim is as a Prism of Christ.



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**LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE 3/13/15 through 3/20/16**

*Volunteers: Please make your own substitutions.*

**Acolytes**  
**March 13**  
*Servers*  
 David Wiseman, Grace Mitchell  
*Torchbearers*  
 Keaton Mitchell, Evan Mitchell  
**March 20**  
*Servers*  
 Nick Olsen, Greta Olsen  
*Torchbearers*  
 Kyle Peterson, Charlie Olsen

**Scripture Lessons for**  
**Sunday, March 13**  
 Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126;  
 Philippians 3:4b-14; John 12:1-8  
**Music for Sunday, March 13**  
 #474 – "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"  
 #457 – "Thou Art the Way"  
 #318 – "Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face"  
 #312 – "Strengthen for Service, Lord"  
 #675 – "Take Up Your Cross"

**Greeters**  
**Sunday, March 13**  
*8:00am*  
 Don & Cheri Doty  
*10:30am*  
 Carolyn Lawrence  
**Sunday, March 20**  
*8:00am*  
*Volunteer needed*  
*10:30am*  
 Carol Murphy  
 Maureen & Steve Forsythe  
*(Volunteers are needed for both services. Contact Amy Borg, 713-206-1179)*

**Ushers**  
**Sunday, March 13**  
*8:00am*  
 Ace Gardner, Michael Kemp  
*10:30am*  
 Glenn Blackburn,  
 Brian Ferguson  
**Sunday, March 20**  
*8:00am*  
 Michael Kemp, Dean Zervas  
*10:30am*  
 Glenn Bonner, Steve Clark

**Layreaders**  
**Sunday, March 13**  
*8:00am*  
 Scott Williams, Nick Conner  
*10:30am*  
 Kate Carroll, Lynda Stephens  
 Lauren Green, Kate Carroll  
**Sunday, March 20**  
*8:00am*  
 Jim Grillot, Darian Kedy  
*10:30am*  
 Judy Currey, Carol Murphy  
 Kate Carroll

**Coffee Fellowship Hour**  
**March 13**  
 Bob & Melinda Wesneski  
**March 20**  
 St. Luke's Deacons  
*Easter Egg Hunt & Lunch Today*  
**March 27**  
 Easter Sunday, no coffee hour  
*To volunteer, contact Rita Childers, 918-519-8470 or [puevy45@gmail.com](mailto:puevy45@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](mailto:mcwesne@gmail.com).

**Children's Chapel**  
**March 13**  
 Erin & Travis Perry  
**March 20**  
 Becky & Brian Olsen  
**March 27**  
 Jeanne Julstrom, Travis Sutton

**Nursery Volunteers**  
**March 13**  
 Natalie Conner  
**March 20**  
 Barbara Todd  
**March 27**  
 Anneke Borg

**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 13**  
 Jim Malone  
**March 20**  
 Steve Clark