

# 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

**Easter Egg Hunt**, Sun., March 20, 12pm  
(*see article this pg.*)

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

**Easter Sunday**, March 27

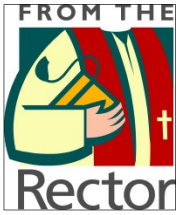
### EASTER EGG HUNT & LUNCH! 12:00pm, Palm Sunday, March 20



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.



St. Luke's will again be hosting Family Promise families here at St. Luke's the week of **April 10-17**. You will have an opportunity to sign up to be a volunteer after both services this Sunday, March 20. If you have any questions, need more information, please contact Jen Peterson at [jenrpet1971@gmail.com](mailto:jenrpet1971@gmail.com), or call/text her at 918-397-7779.



**The Search Committee Chair** – Kathy Zervas, our Senior Warden, called me late Saturday afternoon to tell Jim Liehr had agreed to chair St. Luke’s Search Committee. I had not a clue who was being asked – and of course had not made any suggestions. That was the Vestry’s responsibility. I am delighted with the choice and Jim’s willingness – and gladly told Kathy how I felt.

Inside I was laughing – and told her the story. Jim had a perfect start with our non-communication about the Search Committee. He and Becky came by our house on Friday afternoon to drop something off for me. We invited them in for a glass of wine and talked for about thirty minutes. Jim said not a word about his new assignment – that was Kathy’s responsibility to tell me that Jim Liehr had accepted and he played it perfectly.

It is common knowledge that Jim and I are friends. We serve at Agape together, attend the Thursday Men’s Group, participate in an Agape Spiritual Growth Group and play golf. These activities will continue. However, we will not cross the line in talking about the work of the Search Committee. This may seem odd at times, but we are both committed to respecting the boundaries. Perhaps I didn’t need to say this, but now I feel better. (Jim and Kathy have approved this message)

**The Post-Lenten Study Extension** – Our Lenten Study of The 3 Colors of Your Spirituality has been wonderful – at least in my view – and the feedback has been good. We have had four groups involving forty-four people. Christian Schwarz’s book has been informative, enlightening and affirming. He provides a unique way of understanding nine different spirituality styles for approaching our relationship with God and growing spiritually. His language, imagery and typology give us very useful ways for talking about ourselves and understanding others.

Thus, I believe the study has been very helpful – but what now? I think we need to take this to the next level and apply what we have learned to our personal lives. This can be done through what is called “28 Days of Discipline.” By signing up online at [www.3colorsofyourspirituality.org](http://www.3colorsofyourspirituality.org), you can receive six daily disciplines each week regarding your “native style” plus one day each week receive a more challenging discipline. Participants are encouraged to keep a journal which will help in tracking their personal growth.

Anyone can do this on his or her own (and it is free). However, starting the Sunday after Easter and during the Easter Season, I am planning to use this method in Sunday’s Discipleship Forum and the Tuesday Spiritual Discipline Group. Everyone is welcome to join either of these groups and be a part of the process. If there is an interest in yet another group being formed, I will help make those arrangements. If you are just starting to read The 3 Colors of Your Spirituality, give me a call and let me help – there is plenty of time to get on board.

I am delighted with what we have experienced thus far and want to see where it will lead each of us in our spiritual growth. As Richard Rohr likes to say, “This is good stuff!”

Blessings,  
Fr. Lee+

## Weekly Activity Calendar

### 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

### Tuesday, March 22, 2016

*Holy Tuesday*

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

### Wednesday, March 23, 2016

*Holy Wednesday*

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

### Thursday, March 24, 2016

*Maundy Thursday*

6:45am Men’s Fellowship, MH  
12:00pm Holy Eucharist  
6:00pm Seder Supper, MH  
7:30pm Holy Eucharist  
9:00pm Prayer Vigil Begins

### Friday, March 25, 2016

*Good Friday, church office closed*

11:00am Stations of the Cross  
12:00pm Holy Eucharist

### Saturday, March 26, 2016

8:00am Holy Saturday Liturgy  
8:00pm Great Easter Vigil

### Sunday, March 27, 2016

*Easter Sunday*

8:00am Rite I  
NO Sunday School Classes today  
10:30am Rite II

### Monday, March 28, 2016

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

## SEARCH COMMITTEE REPORT

It was an honor to be asked by the Vestry to be the chairman of the Search Committee. The Vestry provided me with a list of names for me to contact and it has been a Christ filled process for me.

Everyone I have contacted so far has said yes and also that it was an honor for them to be asked. I will let the parish know who the Search Committee members are when it has been completed. We said the following prayer together during Sunday services:

*Almighty God, giver of every good gift:  
Look graciously on your Church, and so  
guide the minds of those who shall choose  
a rector for this parish, that we may  
receive a faithful pastor, who will care for  
your people and equip us for our  
ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

*Amen.*

Jim Liehr, Chairman

## 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.)*

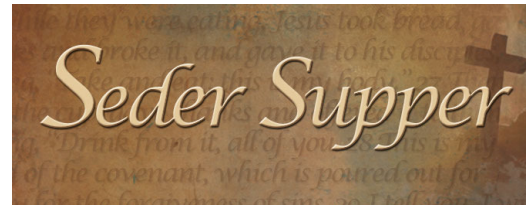
Jacob, Charlie K., Ann, Amber, Dortha, Helen, Mary Lou, Sarah, Max, Ginny, Shelley, David, Sandy, Linda, Emma, Joseph, Sue, Mark, Becky, Cory, Roy, Jean, D'Manuel, Matthew, Lisa, all members of our armed forces and their families.

*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).*

## EASTER FLOWER REMEMBRANCES & THANKSGIVINGS



Last week, letters and envelopes were mailed requesting donations to our Easter Flower Fund. If you plan to submit a remembrance or thanksgiving for loved ones for the Easter Season, please have your envelope to the church office no later than Tuesday, March 22 so that they may be included in the Easter bulletins. You may place your envelope in the offering on Sunday morning, bring it to the church office, or mail to 210 SE 9th St., Bartlesville, OK 74003. Extra envelopes are available in the church office or narthex. Checks should be made out to St. Luke's Episcopal Church with "Flower Fund" in the memo. Thank you!



## COME TO THE SEDER SUPPER

**Mauudy 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 this Sunday 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 THIS 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).



Our sexton, Lana, is doing the care and feeding of the plants in Metcalf Hall, following up on the fine work of Sally Canfield—thanks Sally! In the past it may have been a useful effort for someone to occasionally water the plants, but now we need to leave it to Lana—thanks Lana!

The first week of April I will be conducting an old arrangement of "Clean Out the Garage", a song made popular by the same guy that wrote "Dead Skunk in the Middle of the Road" (or maybe it was another song). Anyway, I need some help with that task in both the 819 and 821 garages, planned now for April 5, 6, and 7. Just let me know please.

*Steve Forsythe, Parish Administrator*  
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**LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE 3/20/15 through 3/27/16**

*Volunteers: Please make your own substitutions.*

**Acolytes**  
**March 20**  
Servers  
 Nick Olsen, Greta Olsen  
Torchbearers  
 Kyle Peterson, Charlie Olsen  
**March 27**  
Servers  
 Michael McElyea, Ruth Todd

**Scripture Lessons for**  
**Sunday, March 20**  
 Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16;  
 Philippians 2:5-11;  
 Luke 22:14-23:56  
**Music for Sunday, March 20**  
 #154 – "All Glory Laud and Honor"  
 #342 – "O Bread of Life, for Sinners Broken"  
 #439 – "What Wondrous Love is This"

**Greeters**  
**Sunday, March 20**  
8:00am  
*Volunteer needed*  
10:30am  
 Carol Murphy  
 Maureen & Steve Forsythe  
**Sunday, March 27**  
8:00am  
 Sally Canfield  
10:30am  
 D. J. & Jerry Nezam  
*(Volunteers are needed for both services. Contact Amy Borg, 713-206-1179)*

**Ushers**  
**Sunday, March 20**  
8:00am  
 Michael Kemp, Dean Zervas  
10:30am  
 Glenn Bonner, Steve Clark  
**Sunday, March 27**  
8:00am  
 Robert Babcock, Dean Zervas  
10:30am  
 Jim Grillot, Max McCreary

**Layreaders**  
**Sunday, March 20**  
8:00am  
 Jim Grillot, Darian Kedy  
10:30am  
 Judy Currey, Carol Murphy  
 Kate Carroll  
**Sunday, March 27**  
8:00am  
 Jeff Birk, Kate Carroll  
10:30am  
 Juanita Green, Penny Williams  
 Judy Currey

**Coffee Fellowship Hour**  
**March 20**  
 St. Luke's Deacons  
*Easter Egg Hunt & Lunch Today*  
**March 27**  
 Easter Sunday, no coffee hour  
**April 3**  
 Juanita & Lauren Green  
*To volunteer, contact Rita Childers, 918-519-8470 or [puevey45@gmail.com](mailto:puevey45@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 20**  
 Becky & Brian Olsen  
**March 27**  
 Jeanne Julstrom, Travis Sutton  
**April 3**  
 Heather Boyle, Bob Tedstrom

**Nursery Volunteers**  
**March 20**  
 Barbara Todd  
**March 27**  
 Anneke Borg  
**April 3**  
 Elizabeth Boyle

**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**  
**4th Thursday, March 24, 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

**Sunday Plate Counters**  
**March 20**  
 Steve Clark  
**March 27**  
 Jim Grillot, Jim Malone