



# The Steeple

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## FAMILY PROMISE

St. Luke's is just under 2 weeks away from hosting families during the week of **April 10-17**. There are currently three single moms with 7 children (aged newborn through teen): a total of 10 people in the program. **We still have several volunteer spots left to fill, and we need your help with the following:**

### Throughout the week

Dinner preparation 5:30-7pm

Evening activity hosts 7-9 pm

(to visit with families and play with the children)

Overnight hosts 9 pm-6:30 am

(to stay overnight in beds provided at the church)

### Saturday, April 16

Hot breakfast

Saturday day hosts

This Sunday, April 3rd will be the final Sunday to sign up after both services. But please contact Jen Peterson directly anytime this week if you are able to serve as a volunteer in this important ministry. If you have any questions, or would like to become a volunteer, please contact Jen Peterson at 918-397-7779 or [jenrpet1971@gmail.com](mailto:jenrpet1971@gmail.com).

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### Important Dates To Remember

**Kane Elementary Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon**, Thurs., March 31, 11am-1pm

**Family Promise Families at St. Luke's**, Sun. 4/10 through Sun. 4/17 (see article this pg.)

**Monthly Vestry Mtg.**, Monday, April 11, 7:15pm



## 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 in the main hallway. Information and registration is also at [www.stcrispins.epiok.org/summer](http://www.stcrispins.epiok.org/summer) or you may contact Deacon Lauri Watkins at [lwatkins@episcopalbartlesville.org](mailto:lwatkins@episcopalbartlesville.org).

## CRAFTING OUR PRAYERS

Are you looking for a new way to express your faith? Would you like to be in a group of women who worship and work with their hands together? Are you a person who likes to sew or draw or create? The women of "Crafting our Prayers" invite you to join them as they begin, again, to pray, create, and serve the world with their hands. We will be meeting on the first and third Mondays of every month. Please come join us on April 4 at 10:30. We are going to decide on a new project as we pray together. We meet in the Vestry room. If you have questions, please contact Deacon Lauri [lwatkins@episcopalbartlesville.org](mailto:lwatkins@episcopalbartlesville.org).

### Prayer for the Selection of our New Rector

*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.*



**KANE ELEMENTARY VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION LUNCHEON** is Thursday, March 31, 11am-1pm. This is a come and go lunch for all of those who have helped with the Kane Kids Reading Mentor Program this year.

# ... DEACON DAYDREAMS ...

Easter Monday. I guess that is what this day is. Monday after Easter sounds too mundane for this day. Easter Monday--a day for reflecting and gathering thoughts and emotions from the week before. I wonder what your moments were this last week?

Maundy Thursday was memorable from start to finish. The Seder Supper was especially moving, but my perspective was enhanced by watching three adorable little boys really enjoy the whole feast, from start to finish. Their furtive nibbles on the matzah and the egg, the irresistible drinks of the grape juice, the hiding and revealing of the leavened cracker, and their joy when dinner really started--it was all to be watched and enjoyed. The service, washing of the feet and all, left me feeling that a very dark night had come, but with the assurance that love would light the way. Sean's sermon on departures touched my heart, and made me think about departures in my own life, and the ones that would come soon enough. Jesus shows us how to manage the grief in our life.

Good Friday brought many people to walk the Stations of the Cross. How can Jesus still call us friend? And yet he does, and we are. Good Friday brought quiet prayers into the chapel, people slipping in and out of the church silently, and a muted service in a bare and strange nave. I wonder how our services would look if we took away the lovely worship icons? What if there were no linen, no banners, no cross, no cushions for our old knees? Would we draw closer? Would we pray less?

The Great Easter Vigil on Saturday night was all that was promised, and more. From the moment Fr. Sean began to chant, through Kate's and Carol's lovely readings, formed by the musical interludes--the Holy Spirit came and settled in for the evening. I was sitting quietly on the deacon's bench when a sudden thought hit me--I was totally at peace, totally immersed in the love emanating from this place. What a joy!

Easter morning brought with it the unique chill of a March morning in Oklahoma and the promise of rain most of the day. The weather could not dampen the Easter mood inside this church, and people came whom we had not seen in a long time, or had never seen. Fr. Lee spoke movingly about Judas and us, about being in God's grace no matter the wine spills or the messy lives that we live. I could hear Jesus calling and forgiving Judas and me in the same breath, letting us see his risen self. The lilies, the incense, the music (oh the music!!!), the words, the whole morning exuded joy and grace! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia.

Easter continues. Life continues. Poverty continues. We, the Easter people, now have the chance to step out in our grace-filled life and give back to our brothers and sisters in need. Family Promise is two weeks away and we are, each one of us, needed. Please step forward and be a part of this small way to make life a little more manageable for those who struggle so much. If you can contribute food, do so. If you can spend an hour or so, do so. If you can give up a night in your own bed, do so. If you have extra dollars, please give them. If you have any extra hours, they are needed. We will support you and help you do what is out of your comfort zone. We need you--all of you.

May this wonderful Easter season be a time of joy and grace, love and inclusion, healing and inspiration for you. May you see Jesus in a new way. May God's blessings rest abundantly on you and yours.

*Deacon Lauri*

## Weekly Activity Calendar

### Sunday, April 3, 2016

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

### Monday, April 4, 2016

9:30am Church Staff Mtg.  
10:30am Crafting Our Prayers  
5:30pm Holy Eucharist  
6:30pm Ignatius Study, library

### Tuesday, April 5, 2016

10:00am Spiritual Discipline Group,  
Library

### Wednesday, April 6, 2016

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

### Thursday, April 7, 2016

6:45am Men's Fellowship, MH  
12:00pm Holy Eucharist

### Friday, April 8, 2016

### Saturday, April 9, 2016

### Sunday, April 10, 2016

8:00am Rite I  
9:15am Sunday School Classes  
10:30am Rite II  
*Family Promise Families at St. Luke's  
April 10-17*

### Monday, April 11, 2016

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

**Bring Us Your Talents**  
**Serve One Another With Whatever**  
**Gift You Have Received**



**EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
WOMEN'S ANNUAL  
CONFERENCE AND  
BISHOP'S DAY** April 29 –  
30 at St. Paul's Cathedral  
127 NW 7<sup>th</sup> St. in  
Oklahoma City. We will

give thanks for all that has been accomplished by the ECW and by our churches. ECW Diocesan President Bebe Dotter is excited to welcome all who gather for worship and fellowship. This Conference offers many opportunities to share your experiences as well as time to meet with friends across the Diocese. We are pleased to welcome our Keynote Speaker, The Rev. Dr. Lisa M. Wolfe, Professor of the Endowed Chair of Hebrew Bible at Oklahoma City University, and affiliate faculty for Saint Paul School of Theology at OCU. To register or for more information, go to [http://www.epiok.org/digital\\_faith/event/s/3169131](http://www.epiok.org/digital_faith/event/s/3169131). Registration forms are also available in the parish office. Registration deadline is April 7.

### 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.)

Millie, 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).

## KAIROS PRISON MINISTRY

*"Changing Hearts,  
Transforming Lives,  
Impacting the World"*

The purpose of the Kairos program is to establish a Christian community inside prisons by the transforming love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ. Our sexton, Lana Lookout, will be participating as a volunteer on a Kairos Weekend team at the Mabel Bassett Correctional Center for women on April 14-17. We are very excited for her to have this opportunity and would like to support her. **One of the ways to support a Kairos Weekend is with cookies!** 5,000 dozen to be exact! These cookies are distributed to everyone at the prison as tangible evidence of unconditional love for the residents. **IMPORTANT:** You must use ONLY the approved cookie recipes provided. Specific recipes and directions are available on the church bulletin board or you may go to <http://kairosoklahoma.org/youcan.html> to download the recipes. Cookies may be brought to the church and placed in the upright freezer on the NW end of Metcalf Hall. Cookies must be brought to the church no later than Tuesday, April 12. We also ask that you please keep Lana and the weekend in your prayers. Thank you!



One of the signs of spring can be when the ants come marching 2X2 into the kitchen. The church kitchens are no stranger to this occurrence and staff make considerable effort to keep the kitchens clean, thus less attractive to the little critters. When you use the kitchens, you can and should help with the cleanliness situation, by not leaving unwashed items in the sink and on the counters, and by removing food and drink items, including empty bottles. Your assistance is much appreciated.

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## DISCIPLESHIP FORUM and TUESDAY SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINE GROUP New Study Begins Sun., April 3 & Tues., April 5

Our Lenten Study of The 3 Colors of Your Spirituality was wonderful and the response from our four groups very positive. 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, the study has been very helpful – but what now? 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), participants 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, we are 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, Fr. Lee will help make those arrangements. If you are just starting to read The 3 Colors of Your Spirituality, give him a call and let him help – there is plenty of time to get on board.

## 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. 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](mailto:mcwesne@gmail.com) as soon as possible. **Tickets** for the event will go on sale on Sunday, April 3 before the 8am service, between services, and after the 10:30am service, \$15/adults and \$5/children. They will also be available in the church office M-F beginning April 4.

### The Public is invited to an ORGAN & TRUMPET CONCERT

Friday April 1, 7:00 p.m.

St. John's Catholic Church, 715 S. Johnstone, Bartlesville

Featuring:

Zoltan Varga, Music Director & Organist

Norbert Lakner, Trumpet Player

**This Easter-themed concert will last around an hour and will have a variety of traditional & modern music. Free Admission.**



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**LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE 4/3/16 through 4/10/16**

*Volunteers: Please make your own substitutions.*

**Acolytes**  
**April 3**  
*Servers*  
 Harald Borg, Robert Boyle  
*Torchbearers*  
 Kimaya Kindred, Emma Boyle  
**April 10**  
*Servers*  
 David Wiseman, Grace Mitchell  
*Torchbearers*  
 Keaton Mitchell, Evan Mitchell

**Scripture Lessons for**  
**Sunday, April 3**  
 Acts 5:27-32; Psalm 118:14-29;  
 Revelation 1:4-8; John 20:19-31  
**Music for Sunday, April 3**  
 #203 – "O Sons and Daughters,  
 Let Us Sing"  
 #193 – "That Easter Day With  
 Joy Was Bright"  
 #204 – "Now the Green Blade  
 Riseth"  
 #300 – "Glory, Love, and Praise  
 and Honor"  
 #210 – "The Day of  
 Resurrection"

**Greeters**  
**Sunday, April 3**  
*8:00am*  
 Don Davidson  
*10:30am*  
 Glenn & Thelma Blackburn  
 Jo Oertle  
**Sunday, April 10**  
*8:00am*  
 Don & Cheri Doty  
*10:30am*  
 Carolyn Lawrence  
*(Volunteers are needed for both services. Contact Amy Borg, 713-206-1179)*

**Ushers**  
**Sunday, April 3**  
*8:00am*  
 Ace Gardner, Dean Zervas  
*10:30am*  
 Jim Malone, Tim Simmons  
**Sunday, April 10**  
*8:00am*  
 Ace Gardner, Michael Kemp  
*10:30am*  
 Glenn Blackburn,  
 Brian Ferguson

**Layreaders**  
**Sunday, April 3**  
*8:00am*  
 Jeff Birk, Darian Kedy  
*10:30am*  
 Bob Wesneski, Kate Carroll  
 Penny Williams, Lauren Green  
**Sunday, April 10**  
*8:00am*  
 Judy Currey, Scott Williams  
*10:30am*  
 Lynda Stephens, Nick Conner  
 Bob Wesneski, Carol Murphy

**Coffee Fellowship Hour**  
**April 3**  
 Juanita & Lauren Green  
**April 10**  
 Kris & Glenn Bonner  
*To volunteer, contact Rita Childers, 918-519-8470 or [puvey45@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:mcwesne@gmail.com).**

**Children's Chapel**  
**April 3**  
 Heather Boyle, Bob Tedstrom  
**April 10**  
 Erin & Travis Perry  
**April 17**  
 Becky & Brian Olsen

**Nursery Volunteers**  
**April 3**  
 Elizabeth Boyle  
**April 10**  
 Natalie Conner  
**April 17**  
 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, April 14, 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**  
**April 3**  
 Amy Borg  
**April 10**  
 Jim Malone