



The Steeple

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Important Dates To Remember

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

Happy Hour, Thursday, April 14, 5:30pm,
Sterling's Grille

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.*

BEER, BRATS, AND



SUNDAY, APRIL 17, 6:00 P.M.
St. Luke's Metcalf Hall

Admission: \$15 adults, \$5 children (12 & under)

**Tickets are on sale in the church office, M-F and on Sunday
morning before & after both services.**

**This is a family event featuring grilled brats, hot dogs, potato
salad, beer, non-alcoholic beverages, and Bingo games!**

**All proceeds from this event will benefit
St. Luke's Outreach Fund.**

FAMILY PROMISE

The three families in the program arrive at St. Luke's this coming Sunday, April 10. They will stay with us until Sunday April 17. A huge thank you to everyone who has signed up to serve in the coming week. We will be hosting three single moms with 7 children (aged newborn through teen): a total of 10 people.

At this time, we are looking to fill our last volunteer spots and ask that you check your calendars to see if you can help in the remaining roles:

Evening activity hosts 7-9 pm

*(2 volunteers needed on each night to
visit with families and play with the children)*
Wednesday, April 13
Friday, April 15
Saturday, April 16

Overnight hosts 9 pm-6:30 am

Saturday, April 16 (bed provided)

April 16 Saturday day hosts

*A couple or family to accompany our
guests to the Caney Zoo on a day trip
from approximately 11am-4pm*

Please contact Jen Peterson directly anytime this week if you are able to fill any of these spots. If you have any questions, or would like to become a volunteer, please contact Jen Peterson at [918-397-7779](tel:918-397-7779) or jenrpet1971@gmail.com.



Will the Easter Lilies make it another week or two?

Holy Week and Easter were again amazing – indeed all of Lent this year for me. Ann cranked out the necessary service leaflets for our many liturgies. Dolores and the choir were again faithful in providing music for the unfolding season – including the 8:00 Holy Eucharist on Easter morning! Becky and the Altar Guild were up to the most demanding and rewarding season of the year. Our Acolytes, Layreaders and Ushers were there and ready at every turn.

Weren't the Easter Lilies beautiful?

Our clergy did extra time all through Lent, but especially in Holy Week. I am grateful for the insightful and encouraging sermons as well as service at the Altar – each of them eager to be a part of the journey. This continued in the Easter Season with taking Holy Communion to those who could not be with us. This was extra ministry time for everyone.

The Easter Lilies around the Pascale Candle and Font graced the Chancel – agree?

The return of the Seder Supper to Maundy Thursday was again meaningful. The narrative reminded us that God has always been and always will be a God of Grace and redemption. We may not always “get it” in the moment but that does not change God’s intent and presence. The evening was also blessed by the generous donation of the lamb by Dean, Kathy and Marci Zervas in memory of Maria and Sperry. Thus the proceeds from the night went to Outreach.

The Easter arrangement in the Chapel from John and Cynthia was gorgeous! Did you see it?

The Lenten Study was especially meaningful this year with more people than usual engaging the material in The 3 Colors of Your Spirituality. This gave us a new perspective and language for talking about our personal spirituality and appreciating the perspective of others. I think this will be beneficial as we seek continual growth in our relationship with God, each other and ourselves.

But will the Easter Lilies last another week?

Those who were here on Sunday are aware that I was given explicit instructions in writing from one of the Altar Guild members regarding the Easter Lilies: “Fr. Lee, please announce that everyone is welcome to take lilies home after this service.” As I made the announcement, I could see members of the Altar Guild shaking their heads “No” and it dawned on me I was in a crossfire! Clearly the majority of the Guild believed the Easter Lilies had another week left in them.

Well, this is Monday morning and I am not so sure about the Easter Lilies. They are pretty wimpy – a few might make it.

What about the Easter “experience” for you – in you? Is it over? Or, is it still stirring in you and leading you somewhere in you spiritual life? The Easter Lilies must go away – that is what they do and more will be here next year. However, we are Easter People – what does that mean to you? What are you going to do with this spiritual/life reality? Don't let it go away.

Blessings,
Fr. Lee+

Weekly Activity Calendar

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.

Tuesday, April 12, 2016
10:00am Spiritual Discipline Group, Library

Wednesday, April 13, 2016
6-8pm Young Disciples, RH
7:00pm Choir

Thursday, April 14, 2016
6:45am Men's Fellowship, MH
12:00pm Holy Eucharist
5:30pm Happy Hour, Sterling's Grille

Friday, April 15, 2016

Saturday, April 16, 2016

Sunday, April 17, 2016
8:00am Rite I
9:15am Sunday School Classes
10:30am Rite II
6:00pm "Beer, Brats & Bingo" Outreach Fundraiser, MH

Monday, April 18, 2016
9:30am Church Staff Mtg.
10:30am Crafting Our Prayers
5:30pm Holy Eucharist
6:30pm Ignatius Study, library

CURSILLO

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**April 29 - May 1, 2016
St. Crispin's Retreat Ctr.**

Are you looking for renewal and growth in your Christian commitment? A Cursillo weekend may be of benefit to you! If interested please contact Fr. Lee Stephens, or Becky or Jim Liehr!



Many thanks to all who helped with the Seder Supper on Thursday, March 24: Kris & Glenn Bonner, Cheryl Fregin, Glenda Garrison, Lauren Green, Wendy Hall, Jeanne Julstrom, Karen Lewey, Becky & Jim Liehr, Monica Martin, and John McCollum. And to Kathy Zervas for her guidance on How a Seder Supper is done!
Rita Childers, Fellowship Committee Chair

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 or contact the church office at 918-336-1212 or annbell@episcopalbartlesville.org.



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. Registration Information is at www.stcrispins.epiok.org/summer or you may contact Deacon Lauri Watkins at lwatkins@episcopalbartlesville.org.

THE GREAT GROUT CLEANUP

You've probably noticed after last year's professional floor cleaning that the quarry tiles in the main hallway and kitchen looked great, but the grout still looked downright nasty. The pros could not budge the grout crud, which is suspected to be primarily soaked-in floor wax. So we tried several super-strength floor cleaners ourselves as well as paint remover, acids (really!) and wire brushes. But nothing we found could extract the unsightly black/brown gunk from between the tiles.

But there is a solution. Check out the improvement in this photo.

We made the improvement using grout paint. We've tested it for

durability over a period of several months and it works! But we need a few extra hands (and knees) to speed up the process of getting the job done.

If you'd like to help out from **9 a.m. - 12 noon on Saturday, April 30**, let Steve Forsythe know. A free lunch of pizza and beer or soda will be your reward.

If you can get down on your knees for St. Luke's (and we Episcopalians are used to kneeling), come join the effort. Dan Droege, our grout-painting guru, will provide both written and in-person instruction beforehand.



Really, no foolin', the NW door to Metcalf Hall has been replaced! The painter comes by later this week to begin making it all bright and shiny. Contractor promises he will take a look at other exterior doors to give an estimate on refurbishing them!

Clean out of 819 and 821 Osage garages begins tomorrow (April 5)! I sure could use some assistance with that task, especially if you think there is something in either space you think the church should keep.

Anne Kueteman, Disaster Recovery Coordinator for the Diocese, has sent us a reminder that we are in severe weather season once again. She is in hopes that you will take steps to prepare for disasters and put together an emergency kit as follows: 1. A large waterproof container or bag to store your emergency kit items. 2. Copies of important papers- you can keep paper copies of store them on a flash drive. 3. Contact information – the list should include phone numbers and emails of your family and friends, including one out of state contact. 4. A spare set of keys for your house and car. 5. A map of your area and any known evacuation routes. 6. Cash. I'll post part two of this list next week. Good Information!

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LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE 4/10/16 through 4/17/16

Volunteers: Please make your own substitutions.

Acolytes
April 10
Servers
 David Wiseman, Grace Mitchell
Torchbearers
 Keaton Mitchell, Evan Mitchell
April 17
Servers
 Nick Olsen, Greta Olsen
Torchbearers
 Kyle Peterson, Charlie Olsen

Scripture Lessons for Sunday, April 10
 Acts 9:1-6; Psalm 30;
 Revelation 7:9-17; John 10:22-30
Music for Sunday, April 10
 #417 – "This is the Feast of Victory for Our God"
 #256 (text) – "A Light from Heaven Shone Around"
 GATHER #339 – "Life-Giving Bread, Saving Cup"
 #316 – "This is the Hour of Banquet and of Song"
 #205 – "Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing"

Greeters
Sunday, April 10
8:00am
 Don & Cheri Doty
10:30am
 Volunteer needed*
Sunday, April 17
8:00am
 Volunteer needed*
10:30am
 Steve & Maureen Forsythe
 Carol Murphy
 (* Contact Amy Borg, 713-206-1179)

Ushers
Sunday, April 10
8:00am
 Ace Gardner, Michael Kemp
10:30am
 Glenn Blackburn,
 Brian Ferguson
Sunday, April 17
8:00am
 Michael Kemp, Dean Zervas
10:30am
 Glenn Bonner, Steve Clark

Layreaders
Sunday, April 10
8:00am
 Judy Currey, Scott Williams
10:30am
 Lynda Stephens, Nick Conner
 Bob Wesneski, Carol Murphy
Sunday, April 17
8:00am
 Jim Grillot, Kate Carroll
10:30am
 Lauren Green, Judy Currey
 Nick Conner, Juanita Green

Coffee Fellowship Hour
April 10
 Kris & Glenn Bonner
April 17
 Rita Childers
 To volunteer, contact Rita Childers, 918-519-8470 or 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.

Children's Chapel
April 10
 Erin & Travis Perry
April 17
 Becky & Brian Olsen
April 24
 Jeanne Julstrom, Travis Sutton

Nursery Volunteers
April 10
 Natalie Conner
April 17
 Barbara Todd
April 24
 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, 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 10
 Jim Malone
April 17
 Steve Clark