



# The Steeple

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## SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER Tuesday, February 28 5:30-7:00pm, Rodgers Hall



Our Young Disciples Youth Group is hosting **The Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper!** They will be serving "all you can eat" pancakes, sausage, juice, milk & coffee from 5:30-7:00pm in Rodgers Hall.

Donations will be taken at the door and will be used to fund Young Disciples activities and projects. Everyone in the parish is invited to come and enjoy pancakes and fellowship and to support our youth.

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### Important Dates To Remember

- Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper,** Tuesday, Feb. 28, 5:30-7:00pm, RH
- Ash Wednesday,** March 1. Holy Eucharist celebrated at 7am, 12noon, & 7pm.
- Family Promise Mtg./Training** Sunday, March 5, 12pm, Rodgers Hall (see pg. 3)
- Lenten Soup & Study,** begins Tuesday, March 7, 6:30pm (see article this pg.)

## Lent BEGINS

*Following is a list of opportunities to make your Lenten experience more meaningful:*

### ASH WEDNESDAY IS MARCH 1

The Holy Eucharist with imposition of ashes will be celebrated at 7am, 12pm and 7pm.

### LENTEN STUDY

Tuesday evenings at 6:30 (March 7 – April 11). We'll share soup & bread at 6:30, followed by a discussion on "What is Lent?" at 7:00pm led by Fr. Sean Ekberg. Metcalf Hall.

### WEEKLY EUCHARIST

will be celebrated at 9am every Wednesday, March 8 – April 12

### HOLY WEEK

is April 9-15

### EASTER SUNDAY

is April 16

## Thoughts from Fr. Sean



I had the pleasure of spending time with most of our Altar Guild, last night. Many of us worshiped together and then proceeded upstairs where we met about the coming months of 'duties' and responsibilities of the guild. I sat back at one point and looked on the faithful faces staring back at Becky and

thought, "What a team." The Altar Guild provides a ministry within this parish that is vital to the way in which we worship; they keep the liturgical items/linens maintained and setup for services but they also provide invaluable experience to a young priest. Seeing this wisdom in action, I have asked that Becky Liehr remain Altar Guild directress for six months after the calling of your next Rector. I feel like keeping this team intact and not changing the rotation will add to the upcoming transition. But it's important to note that I benefit from their experience in the here and now, as well. I want to publicly thank all of the ladies who are part of our blessed Altar Guild for their hearts, their time and their service to God's table and house.

Speaking of service, did you hear that the Treasure Sale brought in more than \$8,400 in proceeds? All of that money will be sent to Outreach of St. Luke's and many lives will be made a bit better because of the work done here. I'd like to give a special 'thank you' to Becky, Kris and Dolores for their work, which began in October, and all the people that helped to staff, setup and tear down throughout the event. Well done, good and faithful, well done.

As our focus shifts toward the next thing, let us stop and 'be' in the present. Let's be thankful for the work this parish does, let's be proud of the community we have here, let's be mindful that—although the work is never done—we are embodying Christ's mission to serve others, and let's be encouraged by the love and faith that permeates every facet of our lives. Like a family, we may have our disagreements, but we always find ourselves returning together to the altar, returning together to the work of God, and turning to one another in times of joy and sorrow, seeking to better ourselves and the world around us. To that, I say thanks be to God.

Faithfully,  
Sean+

## Weekly Activity Calendar

### **Sunday, February 26, 2017**

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

### **Monday, February 27, 2017**

9:30am Church Staff Mtg.  
5:30pm Holy Eucharist

### **Tuesday, February 28, 2017**

10:00am Spiritual Discipline Group,  
Library  
5:30-7pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake  
Supper, RH

### **Wednesday, March 1, 2017**

*Ash Wednesday*  
*Holy Eucharist celebrated at*  
*7am, 12pm, 7pm*  
6-8pm Young Disciples, RH  
7:30pm Choir

### **Thursday, March 2, 2017**

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

### **Friday, March 3, 2017**

7:00pm B Sterling in Concert, MH

### **Saturday, March 4, 2017**

### **Sunday, March 5, 2017**

8:00am Rite I  
9:15am Sunday School Classes  
10:30am Rite II  
12:00pm Family Promise Mtg., RH

### **Monday, March 6, 2017**

9:30am Church Staff Mtg.  
5:30pm Holy Eucharist

## CRAFTING OUR PRAYERS

Calling all women! Crafting our Prayers will meet on Thursday, March 2. We will gather in the Vestry room at 10:00. We will begin our Lenten devotion with a look at how we go deeper into prayer and spirituality. We will be exploring color this week. Please feel free to bring any handwork that you are currently enjoying. If you have any questions, please email Deacon Lauri Watkins, [Lauri-watkins@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Lauri-watkins@sbcglobal.net).



## ST. LUKE'S PRAYER LIST

Please keep them 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.)*

Richard, Jim, Diane, Sue, Tammy, Pam, Jack, Diana, Ann, Rose, Becky, Peggy, Lynette, Jenny, Karl, Lillie, Joseph, Kristen, Elizabeth, Mary, Max, Emma, Cory and 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 the church  
office at 918-336-1212 or  
[annbell@episcopalbartlesville.org](mailto:annbell@episcopalbartlesville.org).*

## PRAYER FOR THE NEW RECTOR SEARCH PROCESS

*We ask you to pray for the rector candidates, Search Committee, and Vestry during our mutual discernment process for our next 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. All this we ask through our savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

## FAMILY PROMISE UPDATE

Family Promise is once again ready to start up. **Mark your calendars! St. Luke's will host families from March 26 to April 2.** We will be commencing sign-ups for the various volunteer roles this Sunday, February 26 and every Sunday thereafter. There will be a number of roles where you can help - Meal preparation, evening hosts, overnight hosts, set-up and take down, and food supply donations.

If you are interested in learning more about Family Promise and their approach to addressing family homelessness in Washington County or would like to serve as a volunteer or are already a volunteer and need a refresher, we will be hosting a training session on Sunday, March 5 at St Luke's from 12 noon to 2 PM. Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP to Jen Peterson if you will attend the training at 918-397-7779, or [jenrpet@gmail.com](mailto:jenrpet@gmail.com).

## ◆◆St. Luke's Treasure Sale◆◆

One more opportunity to purchase a very special *treasure!* *Long John Bench or Coffee Table with drawer* by Edward Wormley for Dunbar furniture company. Classic *Long John* bench with drawer in excellent condition. The dimensions are 72" (6') L x 18" D x 11.5" H. Mid-Century Modern. Manufacture Date – 1950s.

As the longtime director of design for the Dunbar furniture company, Edward Wormley was, along with such peers as George Nelson at Herman Miller Inc., and Florence Knoll of Knoll Inc., one of the leading forces in bringing modern design into American homes in the mid-20th century. Not an axiomatic modernist, Wormley deeply appreciated traditional design, and consequently his work has an understated warmth and a timeless quality that sets it apart from other furnishings of the era. Dunbar furniture company was an unusual firm: it did not use automated production systems; its pieces were mostly hand-constructed.

The *Long John* bench with drawer can be found listed in the \$3,000 price range at several major dealers who specialize in high quality furniture pieces.

This very special Treasure is being offered for \$1,000 this week only. If there is no interested buyer by Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> the *Long John* bench will be taken to a consignment store where the asking price will be increased by a substantial amount.

On-line information about this piece of fine furniture is easily available: "Dunbar furniture, *Long John bench with drawer*". Interested buyers please contact Becky Liehr – 918.327.5987; or the church office 918.336.1212.



## WHAT'S HAPPENING UPSTAIRS

(CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL)



Happy New Year! I can't believe it has been that long since I have updated everyone on our little disciples. We have been busy! Before I talk about upstairs, I should mention the nursery, too. Kassie Reynolds has been a huge blessing while Amalie Sutton is on maternity leave. We are so grateful to have her while we miss Amalie. We are also thankful for the volunteers that help in their one Sunday a month....Barbara, Natalie and Diana! We can always use more volunteers, so if rocking sweet babies or playing Legos is your thing...let me know!

Upstairs....We have our two Godly Play classes and they amaze me every week. I love telling a story and hearing the "wondering questions" or when they pick that same story to retell during their "work time!" In GP1, Becky has been telling the class Parables.... The Great Pearl, The Sower, & The Mustard Seed!

Godly Play 2 is the more advanced class which is composed of 3<sup>rd-5<sup>th</sup></sup> graders. They enjoy more enriched stories. Jeanne graciously took on the big task of learning The Parable of Parables! It's big work!! This lesson will take the rest of February and into March. We appreciate Jeanne for learning this story and Lauri for teaching it to us!

Junior/Senior High: We have decided to combine these classes. We have a pretty smart Junior High group of kids and they are fitting in nicely with the senior high. Brad and Amy Borg have been our main volunteers. I knew it was time to give them a break and change things up a bit! Natalie Connor and myself took the challenge! We provide warm food. Sausage rolls, breakfast casserole, fruit, juice and they chose soda over coffee. ☺ I have to admit, I am learning right with them! You should come check the room out, Father Sean moved out and they moved right in! You might not want to leave.

In closure....our Sunday School classes are blooming right along, we can always use extra help! If this sounds like something you might enjoy (I really think you will be surprised) then just let myself or Father Sean know. "Children are great imitators, so give them something great to imitate."

*Erin Perry, Christian Education Coordinator*

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**LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE 2/26/17 through 3/5/17**

*Volunteers: Please make your own substitutions.*

**Acolytes**

**Sunday, Feb. 26**

*No Acolytes scheduled today*

**Sunday, March 5**

*No Schedule Available*

**Layreaders**

**Sunday, Feb 26**

8:00am

Nick Conner, Darian Kedy

10:30am

Bob Wesneski, Penny Williams

Kate Carroll, Lauren Green

**Sunday, March 5**

8:00am

Jim Grillot, Jeff Birk

10:30am

Judy Currey, Juanita Green

Kate Carroll

**Nursery Volunteers**

**Feb. 26**

Diana Crawford

**March 5**

Erin Perry

**March 12**

Natalie Conner

**Scripture Lessons for**

**Sunday, Feb. 26**

Exodus 24:12-18; Psalm 2; 2

Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9

**Music for Sunday, Feb. 26**

#527 – "When Morning Gilds the Skies

#314 – "Humbly I Adore Thee"

#300 – "Glory, Love, and Praise and Honor"

#618 – "Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones"

**Coffee Fellowship Hour**

**Feb. 26**

**Volunteers needed**

**March 5**

Carol Murphy

To volunteer, contact Rita

Childers, 918-519-8470 or

[puvey45@gmail.com](mailto:puvey45@gmail.com)

**Sunday Plate Counter**

**Feb. 26**

Jim Grillot, Jim Malone

**March 5**

Amy Borg

**March 12**

Bruce Ramzel

**Greeters**

**Sunday, Feb. 26**

8:00am

Sally Canfield

10:30am

D. J. & Jerry Nezam

Jim & Nancy Warring

**Sunday, March 5**

8:00am

Don Davidson

10:30am

Glenn & Thelma Blackburn

**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, contact

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918-333-7758 or

[mcwesne@gmail.com](mailto:mcwesne@gmail.com).

**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!

**Ushers**

**Sunday, Feb. 26**

8:00am

Robert Babcock, Dean Zervas

10:30am

Jim Grillot, Max McCreary

**Sunday, March 5**

8:00am

Steve Forsythe, Dean Zervas

10:30am

Hugh Harrison, Tim Simmons

**Children's Chapel**

**Feb. 26**

Erin & Travis Perry

**March 5**

Heather Boyle, Bob Tedstrom

**March 12**

Nicki Ingram, Jeanne Julstrom

**Agape Mission**

**4th Thursday, Feb. 23**

9-11am

Jim Liehr

10:45am-1pm

Jeff Birk, Molly Ferguson,

Glenda Garrison, Darian Kedy,

Jen Peterson

1:00-2:45pm

Carol Murphy, Radomir Petrovich

**Bereavement Committee**

**Team 3**

Wendy Hall, Connie Freebern,

Glenda Garrison, Gretchen Hoyt,

Becky Liehr, Carol Murphy