



The Steeple

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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

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Important Dates To Remember

Ash Wednesday, March 1. Holy Eucharist celebrated at 7am, 12noon, & 7pm.

Family Promise Mtg./Training Sunday, March 5, 12pm, Rodgers Hall (see article this pg.)

Lenten Soup & Study, begins Tuesday, March 7, 6:30pm (see article this pg.)

FAMILY PROMISE MEETING & TRAINING Sunday, March 5, 12pm, Rodgers Hall

Family Promise Coming soon! St. Luke's will be hosting families from March 26 to April 2. Volunteer sign-ups began this past Sunday and will continue for the next 3 Sundays after the 10:30 service. We need volunteers for meal preparation, evening hosts, overnight hosts, set-up, take down, and food supply donations.

Interested in learning more about Family Promise and their approach to addressing family homelessness in Washington County? Would you like to serve as a volunteer at St. Luke's? 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 jenrpet1971@gmail.com.**

**CRAFTING OUR PRAYERS--
Lenten devotions begin
Thursday, March 2. 10:30
in the Vestry Room.**

Thoughts from Fr. Sean



As Lent approaches, many of us are searching for that moment of clarity, that light bulb above our heads that illuminates and leads us to the behavior or habit that we believe God wants us to give up or change. It's not always a process that's as easy as flipping the proverbial switch. Epiphany is supposed to give us that time to reflect, time to ponder, and with eight weeks of it this year, one would think that we have had ample time to

hear God's voice and discern our Lenten discipline. But if you haven't yet received your epiphany, don't worry. As Deacon Doug so eloquently stated last week, the liturgical period of Epiphany is just a microcosm of the ongoing spiritual epiphanies in our everyday lives. The truth is, we're always looking for the light to shine on us in all moments; we're always searching for ways in which we can become better versions of ourselves; we're always attempting to seek God in the thin places as well as the thick ones. So if you haven't yet decided what form your Lenten journey will take, then take heart: Let God lead you and don't worry about a perceived missed grand plan. Take on a discipline that is practical, seek more understanding in the Soup Sessions on Tuesday nights, come and worship with your fellow searchers on Sunday, attend a class on Sunday mornings, or simply let yourselves 'be still and know that God is God.'

While this is a penitential time and many perceive it as a time of action, we would do well to remember something else that Lent is: A time of joyful waiting to celebrate the risen Christ. The Rev. Mike Watkins and I had a conversation the other day about this very notion of waiting vs. doing. We can do both. Wait for your soul to hear the footsteps of God leading you ahead, and keep doing the 'small things' which aren't really small, in the least—serve God, serve each other, serve our unknown neighbors in the community. We don't need 'aha' moments to achieve spiritual greatness—whatever that means. We just need to keep our eyes on the path that is set before us and continue seeking deeper understanding of the living God through whom we live, and move, and have our being. I wish for all of us to have a meaningful Lenten journey and I look forward to doing that, together, in whatever form it takes.

Faithfully,
Sean+

B. STERLING IN CONCERT

St. Luke's Metcalf Hall

Friday, March 3 7:00pm

B. Sterling is coming! My award-winning friend is driving all the way from Austin, TX to share his story through his music with all of you. Please come; it's free and well worth the two hours. The show starts at 7pm and will end around 9pm with a small break in the middle. B is a talented storyteller who uses personal experiences full of joy, heartache and faith to narrate his melodic and well-crafted songs. Again, please come and be with us this Friday night at 7pm in Metcalf Hall, you won't be disappointed! For more information on B., visit his website, <http://bsterlingmusic.com/>.



Fr. Sean+

Weekly Activity Calendar

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

Tuesday, March 7, 2017

10:00am Spiritual Discipline Group,
Library
6:30-8:00pm Soup Supper &
Lenten Study, MH

Wednesday, March 8, 2017

9:00am Holy Eucharist
6-8pm Young Disciples, RH
7:00pm Choir

Thursday, March 9, 2017

6:45am Men's Fellowship, MH
12:00pm Holy Eucharist
6:30-9:00pm Safeguarding God's
Children Training, Vestry Rm.

Friday, March 10, 2017

Saturday, March 11, 2017

9am-12pm Safeguarding God's
Children Training, Vestry Rm.

Sunday, March 12, 2017

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

Monday, March 13, 2017

9:30am Church Staff Mtg.
5:30pm Holy Eucharist
7:15pm Vestry Mtg.

SAFEGUARDING GOD'S CHILDREN WORKSHOP

Thurs., March 9 OR Sat., March 11

Safeguarding God's Children is being offered for those who are new in the church or new in any ministry. It is a one-time workshop required by our Diocese for those in ministry. If you have just started working with our children or youth, with our young adults; if you are a parent with children in our programs; if you have just begun tutoring, or if you are newly employed at the church, you need to take this important course. There are two chances this Spring-- **March 9 (Thursday) from 6:30-9:00 p.m. OR March 11 (Saturday) 9:30-12:00.** The classes are held here and lead by Deacon Lauri Watkins. Other classes are offered around the diocese if you can't make these times.

Please contact Lauri, 918-766-2473, or the church office, 918-336-1212' to register for one of these classes. For those of you who need to renew, Deacon Lauri will be contacting you about the electronic renewal process.

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.

Mary, Carol, Bill, 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 or the church office at 918-336-1212 or annbell@episcopalbartlesville.org.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday, March 3, 10a.m.

St. John's Catholic Church's
Fr. Lynch Hall, 8th & Keeler

All women of the community are invited to attend. The program has been prepared by the women of the Philippines.

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 Father, it is time to find a new spiritual leader to guide us. We pray individually and together to further this search process. We know that you have already chosen a path for St Luke's. We pray earnestly for your guidance in seeking out Your plan for us. We ask You to send the Holy Spirit to fill each of our hearts and minds, keep our arms wide open, and guide us to find the new Rector who will lead us on this path. Father, we ask that You bless the hearts of our Rector candidates and each member of our parish family to ease this transition for them. All this we ask through our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS

Sunday, March 12.

Turn your clocks back
1 hr. before bedtime

Saturday night, March 11.



LOTTA HOTTA WATTA. There is a saying something like "Things happen in Threes". I hope that is incorrect in the instance of water heaters at the church. Last week we replaced the w. heater in the older building and hardly had the plumber left the building than we noticed the water wasn't hot in the Metcalf kitchen. Turns out the original w. heater (1982) in the newer building had problems and will be replaced this week. The remaining w. heater is much newer and should have many years of life left—no rule of threes please! Hotter water in both kitchens should improve the dishwashing!

Really, no fooling, the ADOOR project, will be finished by April 1, if not sooner! This includes all doors except those for Rogers Hall. The north door should be powered by the end of the week. When I say "finished", this may include the painting and finishing, but the painter is not yet scheduled, so we shall see about that. Thanks to all for your participation and patience.

Steve Forsythe, Parish Administrator

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SUPPER CLUBS

St. Luke's Supper Clubs are now complete! Six groups have been formed, and some are meeting already! If you would be interested in being in a Supper Club, more groups can be started. Please contact Rita Childers, 918-519-8470 or email her at puevey45@gmail.com. The Supper Clubs are limited to 8 people. Groups can meet in each other's homes or in a restaurant – their choice! It's a great way to meet new people and renew old friendships.



Of course we will! How can we keep from singing? Do we hope you will come sing with us this Lenten season as we prepare for and eagerly anticipate the glorious celebration of Easter?

Of course we do! Come sing with us!

Is it okay to add another discipline for Lenten growth?

Of course it is! We hope you will consider singing with our Choir as your special Lenten discipline!

Are we all somber and long-faced as we rehearse and learn new music as well as remember old favorites?

Of course not! Our Choir is a wonderful, happy, supportive, caring group of people who know the amazing effects music has on us spiritually as well as the wonderful benefits to our physical well-being!

Rehearsals are necessary and important! Ash Wednesday rehearsal will begin at 7:30, or as soon as you can be here following the 7:00 p.m. Eucharist. Regular rehearsal time is 7:00 p.m. each Wednesday. Looking forward to seeing you!

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

Volunteers: Please make your own substitutions.

Acolytes

March 5

Servers

Harald Borg, Makayla Lein

Torchbearers

Kimaya Kindred, Emma Boyle

March 12

Servers

Ruth Todd, Grace Mitchell

Torchbearers

Keaton Mitchell, Evan Mitchell

Scripture Lessons for

Sunday, March 5

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7; Psalm 32;

Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11

Music for Sunday, March 5

#147 – "Now Let Us All With One Accord"

#628 – "Help Us, O Lord, to Learn"

#343 – "Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless"

#641 (text) – "Lord Jesus, Think on Me"

Greeters

Sunday, March 5

8:00am

Don Davidson

10:30am

Glenn & Thelma Blackburn

Sunday, March 12

8:00am

Don Doty

10:30am

Debbie & Dennis

Mueggenborg

Ushers

Sunday, March 5

8:00am

Steve Forsythe, Dean Zervas

10:30am

Hugh Harrison, Tim Simmons

Sunday, March 12

8:00am

Don Davidson

10:30am

Brian Ferguson, Hugh Harrison

Layreaders

March 5

8:00am

Jim Grillot, Jeff Birk

10:30am

Judy Currey, Juanita Green

Kate Carroll

March 12

8:00am

Kate Carroll, Jim Grillot

10:30am

Lauren Green, Nick Conner

Penny Williams, Juanita Green

Coffee Fellowship Hour

March 5

Carol Murphy

March 12

Volunteer needed

March 19

Blair & Chad Ellis

To volunteer, contact Rita

Childers, 918-519-8470 or

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, contact**

Melinda Wesneski,

918-333-7758 or

mcwesne@gmail.com.

Children's Chapel

March 5

Heather Boyle, Bob Tedstrom

March 12

Nicki Ingram, Jeanne Julstrom

March 19

Blair & Chad Ellis

Agape Mission

2nd Thursday, March 9

9-11am

Jeanne Julstrom, John McCollum

10:45am-1pm

Kris Bonner, Rita Childers, Becky

Liehr, Kathy Zervas, Marcia Zervas

1:00-2:45pm

Melinda Droegge, Miriam Petrovich

Nursery Volunteers

March 5

Erin Perry

March 12

Natalie Conner

March 19

Barbara Todd

Sunday Plate Counter

March 5

Amy Borg

March 12

Bruce Ramzel

March 19

Steve Clark

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!

Bereavement Committee

Team 3

Wendy Hall, Connie Freebern,

Glenda Garrison, Gretchen Hoyt,

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