



# The Steeple

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## Lenten Activities



**WEEKLY WEDNESDAY EUCHARIST**  
will be celebrated at 9am every Wednesday,  
March 8 – April 12

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

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**  
during Thursday Eucharist at 12noon  
The Stations of the Cross will be incorporated in the  
Thursday noon Eucharist during Lent.

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### Important Dates To Remember

- Lenten Soup & Study, continues every Tuesday thru April 11, 6:30pm (see article this pg.)
- Monthly Vestry Mtg., Mon., March 13, 7:15pm
- Spring Break, Mon-Fri., March 13-17

### SAFEGUARDING GOD'S CHILDREN WORKSHOPS

have been canceled for this Thursday and Saturday, March 9 & 11. Watch later in April for a new date.



**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS**  
**SUNDAY, MARCH 12.**  
**TURN YOUR CLOCKS FORWARD**  
**1 HR. BEFORE BEDTIME**  
**SATURDAY NIGHT, MARCH 11.**

**CRAFTING OUR PRAYERS** will meet Thursday, March 9 at 10:00am in the Vestry Room. Feel free to bring your own colored pencils, markers, journals.

## Thoughts from Fr. Sean



Modern poet and philosopher Mick Jagger once said, “You can’t always get what you want, but you get what you need.” I’m reminded of his words nearly every Lenten season. We live a pretty good life in Bartlesville, America. We’re a small church with big hearts and we do a fairly good job taking care of our neighbors and people in need—because we can. Many others

cannot make this claim. There are multiple churches in numerous cities around the world that barely have enough money and volunteers to do one ministry in the church, let alone anything in the community. I remember being one of twenty five people at my hometown Episcopal Church in Nowhere, New Mexico, where I would’ve given anything to have a youth group on Wednesday nights like the one we have here. Potlucks? More like good luck...if we had a church function, it was most likely a few sandwiches and the four of us teenagers (yes, four kids total) would go outside and ‘get to play with the...field...of dirt...next to our church. I wanted so badly to be part of a bigger church, with tons of people my age that could entertain me and satisfy every church desire I wanted. But it simply wasn’t the case.

Now looking back, I’ve realized something: I didn’t have a mega church family with fifty teenagers and a mixed group of young/old adults, but I had a family. I didn’t get to proudly walk around in a T-shirt with my Church’s logo on it, but I held my head high because I understood why we worshiped like we do and what it meant to be an Episcopal Christian. I didn’t get what I wanted, but I realize I received exactly the amount of that which was needed. So I turn this to you, citizens of theopolis: Be intentional about that which you have given up for Lent, intentional in your penance for wrongs done and for wants not met. But above all these, be intentional about the amount of love, trust and devotion you have with one another—that’s all that really matters, here. You’re effecting the next generation of Christians, and one day, one of them might be sitting at a desk in a church office, labeled, “Rector”, because of the love you showed, because of what you did rather than what you wish you could’ve done, and because you taught them to be content with their surroundings. And you taught them to love God, and their neighbor, to the best of their ability. Much love to you all this Holy Season, I’m thankful to be walking the path to Calvary with you.

Faithfully,  
Fr. Sean+

## Weekly Activity Calendar

### 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.

### Tuesday, March 14, 2017

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

### Wednesday, March 15, 2017

9:00am Holy Eucharist  
3:30pm Green Country Eucharist  
7:00pm Choir

### Thursday, March 16, 2017

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

### Friday, March 17, 2017

### Saturday, March 18, 2017

### Sunday, March 19, 2017

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

### Monday, March 20, 2017

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

## CURSILLO WEEKEND

March 31 – April 2

St. Crispin’s Conference Center

If you would be interested in attending this weekend, contact Becky or Jim Liehr, 918-327-3126 or 918-327-5987, or Fr. Sean Ekberg.

The term “Cursillo” (coor-see'-oh) is a Spanish word meaning "a short course." Cursillo is intended to help Christians know God’s love and grace, and to help them discover and live out their personal vocations in the world.

Cursillo is open to any Episcopalian who is a Communicant in Good Standing and is 21 years of age or older. The weekend provides an opportunity to grow in faith and in spirituality; a deeper understanding of the teachings of Jesus, and how we can serve Him; an experience of living and sharing with others in a loving and caring Christian community, and realizing that this can be extended into our own environment; a continuing community that gives support and encouragement to help Christians carry out their Baptismal Vows.

### 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.*

Ted, Elizabeth, Jim, Mary, Diane,  
Sue, Tammy, Pam, Jack, Diana,  
Ann, Rose, Becky, Peggy, Lynette,  
Jenny, Karl, Lillie, Joseph, Kristen,  
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.



### THANK YOU FOR THE NEW EASY ACCESS DOOR!

The handicap access on the north  
doors is such a blessing. As witness to  
a few of our dear sisters and brothers  
in Christ with walkers and canes  
entering with such ease after pushing  
the access button on Sunday...tears  
filled my eyes and JOY filled my  
heart! Door wide open to all! We want  
to express gratitude and thanks to  
Steve Forsythe for his good work  
throughout this project! Steve gave his  
"all" to make sure it was done  
correctly and will last a long time. In  
fact, everything that Steve is put in his  
"charge" is taken on with much  
seeking of the knowledge of  
information that will enable him to go  
forth to complete the project with the  
right persons and equipment. Steve  
does all this with a caring and  
compassionate heart and with great  
patience. Sending  
GREAT appreciation and  
gratefulness for Steve!  
JOB WELL DONE!



--Susie Clark



**POWER TO THE DOORS!** To the North Entry Doors, that is.  
Many of you have no doubt tried them out and I hope found them to  
be a wonderful addition to our church! There are a couple of new  
(dare I say it!) things you need to know about the power doors.

1. Generally both of the powered doors are a little more "stiff" when opening manually. If that bothers you, use the power assist, but the opening situation can be adjusted if the "stiffness" becomes problematic. We shall see how that plays out.
2. If you come to the church when the outer door should be locked (you know, evenings and weekends) it would be best if you made sure the door was unlocked before you pushed the power door activator. The new door motor will not blow up or anything like that, but it will yell at you and take your picture for my files. Naw, it will just try to work, but cannot. The main thing to remember here is that the more times we try to get the opener to open a locked door, the more we increase the chances of the motor burning out. So, let's just not do that.
3. When you unlock the outer door, you then become responsible for keying the panic bars, and thus unlocking, both doors. This is simply done by using the chrome colored key hanging on the right inside of the right door. Currently it is attached to a fly swatter, but I am planning something with a bit more class. You will also be responsible for locking the doors when you leave the church, using the chrome colored key again. If you have not understood these crystal clear instructions please ask me or someone else for a demonstration.
4. Finally, the ability see where one is inserting the inside chrome key is challenged by the lack of proper lighting between the doors. I am working on a fix for that.

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**Family Promise at St. Luke's - just two and a half weeks  
away!**

**St. Luke's will be hosting families from Sunday, March 26 to  
Sunday, April 2.** Volunteer sign-ups are underway and will  
continue for the next 2 Sundays (March 12 & 19) after the  
10:30 service.

We still need volunteers for meal preparation, evening hosts,  
overnight hosts, set-up, take down, as well as food supply  
donations.

Please contact Jennifer Peterson if you are interested in  
volunteering or learning more about Family Promise. **918-397-  
7779, or [jenrp1971@gmail.com](mailto:jenrp1971@gmail.com).**

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**LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE 3/12/17 through 3/19/17**

*Volunteers: Please make your own substitutions.*

**Acolytes**

**March 12**

*Servers*

Ruth Todd, Grace Mitchell

*Torchbearers*

Keaton Mitchell, Evan Mitchell

**March 19**

*Servers*

Nick Olsen, Greta Olsen

*Torchbearers*

Kyle Peterson, Madelyn Stuart

**Scripture Lessons for**

**Sunday, March 12**

Genesis 12:1-4a; Psalm 121;  
Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17

**Music for Sunday, March 12**

#603 (text) – "When Christ Was  
Lifted From the Earth"

GATHER #270 – "God is Love"

GATHER #344 – "Behold the

Lamb of God"

GATHER #343 – "Look Beyond the  
Bread You Eat"

#637 – "How Firm a Foundation"

**Greeters**

**Sunday, March 12**

*8:00am*

Don Doty

*10:30am*

Debbie & Dennis

Mueggenborg

**Sunday, March 19**

*8:00am*

Monica Martin

*10:30am*

Carol Murphy,

Maureen & Steve Forsythe

**Ushers**

**Sunday, March 12**

*8:00am*

Don Davidson

*10:30am*

Brian Ferguson, Hugh Harrison

**Sunday, March 19**

*8:00am*

Dean Zervas

*10:30am*

Brian Ferguson, Hugh Harrison

**Layreaders**

**March 12**

*8:00am*

Kate Carroll, Jim Grillot

*10:30am*

Lauren Green, Nick Conner

Penny Williams, Juanita Green

**March 19**

*8:00am*

Judy Currey, Scott Williams

*10:30am*

Kate Carroll, Bob Wesneski

Nick Conner, Penny Williams

**Coffee Fellowship Hour**

**March 12**

*Volunteer needed*

**March 19**

Blair & Chad Ellis

**March 26**

*Volunteer needed*

*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, contact**

Melinda Wesneski,

918-333-7758 or

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

**Children's Chapel**

**March 12**

Nicki Ingram, Jeanne Julstrom

**March 19**

Blair & Chad Ellis

**March 26**

Erin & Travis Perry

**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 Droege, Miriam Petrovich

**Nursery Volunteers**

**March 12**

Natalie Conner

**March 19**

Barbara Todd

**March 26**

Diana Crawford

**Sunday Plate Counter**

**March 12**

Bruce Ramzel

**March 19**

Steve Clark

**March 26**

Jim Grillot, Jim Malone

**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**

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Becky Liehr, Carol Murphy