



# The Steeple

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## LENTEN SOUP SESSIONS CONTINUE

You are invited to join us on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 (through April 11). We share soup & bread at 6:30pm, followed by a discussion on "What is Lent?" at 7:00pm led by Fr. Sean Ekberg in Metcalf Hall.

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### Important Dates To Remember

 **Lenten Soup & Study**, continues every Tuesday thru April 11, 6:30pm (see article this pg.)

**Family Promise Families** at St. Luke's, March 26 – April 2 (see pg. 3)

**Cursillo Weekend** March 31-April 2 (see pg. 2)

## RETREAT IDEAS FOR LENT

Lent is a good time to do some deep introspection about our relationship to God. It is wise to do this in prayer and without distractions. Do you need a place to go to be in retreat? The following are some suggestions not too far from home:

### OUTDOORS:

- ✦ **Osage State Park** 12 miles west of Bartlesville on Hwy 60. The park offers many spots for sitting and reflecting, walking, and just being. It is far enough out of town to leave obligations behind for the day. Should you wish to be there overnight, contact the Ranger station about cabins. 918-336-4141.
- ✦ **Hulah Dam**, southwest end. There is a lovely, newish sitting and viewing area with multiple benches. The restrooms are new and clean. Approach on Hwy 10 from the west. Cell service is spotty, which is a plus for a retreat. Day-long or overnight:
- ✦ **St. Joseph's Monastery** in Tulsa, run by Benedictine sisters. Small rooms for overnight, some spiritual direction, meals, and some prayer times are available. The charge is minimal. Call 918-746-4223 for additional information. The monastery is located at 21st and Harvard.
- ✦ **Osage Forest of Peace**, 5 miles west of Sand Springs. This is truly a retreat center, with individual cabins available. Meals are also available, trained spiritual directors are on site. Call 918-245-2734.
- ✦ **St. Crispin's**, the Episcopal Conference and Retreat Center does individual retreats. St. Crispin's is located in Wewoka, about 2½ hours southwest of Bartlesville. There are no spiritual directors on site. 405-382-1619.

### INDOOR SHORT RETREATS:

- ✦ This church has multiple rooms available during the weekdays and in the evenings until 10:30 p. m. Call the church office to check on any room availability. The library and the deacon's den are recommended for getting away from the daily noise of the church. Your priest is available by appointment for guidance and/or confession. 918-336-1212.

CRAFTING OUR PRAYERS  
Meets on Thursday, March 16  
at 10am in the Vestry Room.  
All women of the church are  
invited to attend. Questions?  
Call Lauri Watkins,  
918-766-2473.

## Thoughts from Fr. Sean



Recently I was invited to attend The Episcopal Church's Preaching for Excellence Program, to be held in New Jersey in June. They have asked that the thirty of us—all Episcopal priests from around the nation—submit a written sermon on the topic of 'forgiveness' to be analyzed, critiqued and commented upon. As I was writing that sermon, my thoughts started wandering to another thought: Does everyone critique sermons, and do you have to be a

preacher to give a sermon? It turns out that what we say—all of us Christians—and how we say it, matters. I was grateful to be reminded of this just the other day when someone gently reminded me that in town, on Facebook and everywhere I go, I represent part of the face of St. Luke's Episcopal Church. Therefore, everything said and every conversation is considered one that represents the Christian faith.

How am I doing? But even bigger still, how are YOU doing? In our everyday lives, how are people receiving the words and stories we tell, the thoughts and memes we post? I wonder if everyone 'gets' our humor or agrees with our opinions? I also wonder whether or not our 'humor' is really funny, at all. It may be time for all of us to be reminded gently that we are not only the hands and feet of Christ, but also the mouths that have been given the responsibility of speaking God's love to everyone in the world. Are we doing that? In the daily sermonettes of our lives, the coffee talk banter and Facebook posting, can we see Christ in our words and writing? I hope that you, too, can be willing to look into the mirror when someone holds it up to your face and see that there is always room for growth and barely any, if at all, room for humor or judgment at the expense of others. I hope that you (as I hope that I) can be intentional in the way we speak to each other, in the way we discuss the difficult things, so that we can all stand firm in our calling to spread the good news of Jesus Christ. Let's keep one another accountable to that as we sojourn on through Lent.

Faithfully,  
Sean,



We are in need of volunteers to care for our little ones in the nursery (ages 0-3yrs) on Sunday mornings! If you would like to spend time with the littlest members of the parish once a month (or less), please contact the church office, 918-336-1212. Thank you!

## Weekly Activity Calendar

### 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

### Tuesday, March 21, 2017

10:00am Spiritual Discipline Group,  
Library  
6:30-8:00pm Lent Soup Session, MH

### Wednesday, March 22, 2017

9:00am Holy Eucharist  
10:00am Regional Clericus Mtg., MH  
7:00pm Choir

### Thursday, March 23, 2017

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

### Friday, March 24, 2017

### Saturday, March 25, 2017

### Sunday, March 26, 2017

8:00am Rite I  
9:15am Sunday School Classes  
10:30am Rite II  
Family Promise families at St. Luke's,  
March 26—April 2

### Monday, March 27, 2017

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

## 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.

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.*

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.

**Still Needed**

Women who love to sing the melody (mostly!) with a promise that you won't be asked to sing so high that it hurts!

Our Choir is almost desperately in need of a few more Sopranos! Choir rehearsals are a great way to spend Wednesday evenings in Lent (7 – 8:30 p.m.)

Altos, Tenors, Baritones, and Basses are also welcomed!

**MONTHLY FINANCIAL SUMMARY**

	February			February Year to Date		
	MTD Actual	MTD Budget	Variance (unfav.)	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Variance (unfav.)
<b>Income</b>						
Pledge Payments	27,865	33,333	(5,468)	64,015	66,667	(2,652)
Non-Pledge Payments	4,595	1,750	2,845	9,060	3,500	5,560
Other Income	741	317	424	4,373	3,633	740
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>33,201</b>	<b>35,400</b>	<b>(2,199)</b>	<b>77,448</b>	<b>73,800</b>	<b>3,648</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>29,451</b>	<b>25,830</b>	<b>(3,620)</b>	<b>84,779</b>	<b>71,790</b>	<b>(12,989)</b>
<b>NET INCOME/LOSS</b>	<b>3,751</b>	<b>9,570</b>	<b>(5,819)</b>	<b>(7,331)</b>	<b>2,010</b>	<b>(9,341)</b>

**FAMILY PROMISE AT ST. LUKE'S**

**FINAL CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS!!** We will be hosting at St. Luke's starting on March 26th through April 2nd. At this time, there is one single Mom with 18 month old in the program, however there are more families engaged in the intake process, so there could be additional families. We are still looking for volunteers to fill the following slots:

**Dinner Prep 5:30-7pm**

Monday, March 27  
 Thursday March 30

**Evening/activity hosts 7-9pm**

Tuesday March 28  
 Thursday March 30  
 Friday March 31  
 Saturday April 1

**Overnight hosts 9pm-6:40am**

Tuesday March 28  
 Friday March 31  
 Saturday April 1

**Plus**

Setup volunteers for Sunday March 26 and take down volunteers for Sunday April 2

We also need 2-4 people to sign up for supply donations (for breakfasts and lunches). If you are able to serve in any of these capacities, please contact Jen Peterson ASAP at [918-397-7779](tel:918-397-7779), or [jenrpet1971@gmail.com](mailto:jenrpet1971@gmail.com).

**☀ It's time to sign up for Summer Camp at St. Crispin's! ☀**

**Here is the schedule of 2017 camps:**

**Grade based on 2017-2018 school year:**

- June 9th - 10th:** ABC Camp (1st – 3rd graders, with parents)
- June 11th - 17th:** Senior High (10th grade - high school graduates)
- June 18th - 24th:** Intermediate Session 1 (4th - 6th graders)
- June 25th - July 1st:** Junior High Session 1 (7th - 9th graders)
- July 2nd - 8th:** All Ages (4th grade - high school graduates)
- July 9th - 15th:** Intermediate Session 2 (4th - 6th graders)
- July 16th - 22nd:** Junior High Session 2 (7th - 9th graders)

**For more information and/or to register go to**

<http://www.epiok.org/Diocesan%20Organizations/stcrispins.html>



Hayes, the Heat and Air guys, recently replaced five air handlers (one in the Sacristy, two in the Chapel, and one each on the left and right side of the Nave)! This means that we are making significant progress in replacing all the old air handlers in the in the Nave/Narthex area! According to my notes we have now replaced 12 of the 23 air handlers in that area. At least two of the remaining old units are inoperable, so they are next on the replacement list. Thanks to the Vestry for getting the funds to do this in our budget!

Thanks to Jim Grillot and Danny Hayes for working on the old building chiller to hopefully make it less sensitive to temperature variations in the spring and summer. I will appreciate not getting up on the roof to do the restarts!

*Steve Forsythe, Parish Administrator*  
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**LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE 3/19/17 through 3/26/17**

*Volunteers: Please make your own substitutions.*

**Acolytes**  
**March 19**

Servers  
Nick Olsen, Greta Olsen  
Torchbearers  
Kyle Peterson, Madelyn Stuart  
**March 26**  
*No Acolytes Scheduled Today*

**Layreaders**  
**March 19**

8:00am  
Judy Currey, Scott Williams  
10:30am  
Kate Carroll, Bob Wesneski  
Nick Conner, Penny Williams  
**March 26**  
8:00am  
Scott Williams, Kate Carroll  
10:30am  
Juanita Green, Judy Currey  
Bob Wesneski, Nick Conner

**Nursery Volunteers**  
**March 19**

Barbara Todd  
**March 26**  
Diana Crawford  
**April 2**  
Erin Perry

**Scripture Lessons for**  
**Sunday, March 19**

Exodus 17:1-17; Psalm 95;  
Romans 5:1-11; John 4:5-42  
**Music for Sunday, March 19**  
#699 – "Jesus, Lover of My Soul"  
#670 (text) – "Lord, For Ever At Thy Side"  
#649 – "O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts"  
#341 – "For the Breach Which You Have Broken"  
#401 – "The God of Abraham Praise"

**Coffee Fellowship Hour**  
**March 19**

Blair & Chad Ellis  
**March 26 & April 2**  
**Volunteers needed**  
To volunteer, contact Rita Childers, 918-519-8470 or [puvey45@gmail.com](mailto:puvey45@gmail.com)

**Sunday Plate Counter**  
**March 19**

Steve Clark  
**March 26**  
Jim Grillot, Jim Malone  
**April 2**  
Amy Borg

**Greeters**  
**Sunday, March 19**

8:00am  
Monica Martin  
10:30am  
Carol Murphy  
**Sunday, March 26**  
8:00am  
Sally Canfield  
10:30am  
D. J. & Jerry Nezam  
Jim & Nancy Warring

**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).

**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, March 19**  
8:00am  
Dean Zervas  
10:30am  
Brian Ferguson, Hugh Harrison  
**Sunday, March 26**  
8:00am  
Robert Babcock, Dean Zervas  
10:30am  
Jim Grillot, Max McCreary

**Children's Chapel**

**March 19**  
Blair & Chad Ellis  
**March 26**  
Erin & Travis Perry  
**April 2**  
Heather Boyle, Bob Tedstrom

**Agape Mission**  
**4th Thursday, March 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