



The Steeple

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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. We are set to host 2 single Mothers and their 2 children (18 months and 2 years). A huge thank you to all that signed up to help out this past Sunday! We are still looking for volunteers to fill the following few slots:

Evening/activity hosts 7-9pm on Friday March 31

Overnight hosts 9pm-6:40am on Saturday April 1


Plus Setup volunteers for **Sunday March 26 AND**
Takedown volunteers for **Sunday April 2.**

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.

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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 article *this pg.*)

Holy Week, April 9-14



LENTEN SOUP SESSIONS CONTINUE

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

CRAFTING OUR PRAYERS
Meets on Thursday, March 23
at 10am in the Vestry Room.
All women of the church are
invited to attend. Questions?
Call Lauri Watkins,
918-766-2473.



CHURCH OFFICE HOURS are changing! Effective this week, March 20, regular church office business hours will remain Mon.-Thurs., 8:30am-4:00pm but on Fridays the office hours will be from 8:30am – 12:30pm.

Thoughts from Fr. Sean



"How's Lent going?" This was the question we reflected upon during our Sunday forum last weekend. The small but mighty group of seven all took a deep breath, exhaled and spoke to the effect Lent was having in their lives at this point. While I won't quote anyone specifically, I wanted to share some of their responses. One person started by saying, "Not very well. I

want immediate change; I want things to happen quickly, but then I'm reminded that God works on God time, not my time. So...maybe it's not going too poorly, after all." It's interesting when we come to realizations mid-sentence, when epiphany still tugs at our hearts and minds, long after the season has come and gone. The art of doing and receiving is, indeed, of God's time. It's up to us to allow those moments to grow at an organic pace and not live too much into an expectation of immediate gratification.

Another person talked about what they had given up, and—as a result—what they had taken on: They felt called to practice patience and kindness in moments of frustration rather than allowing bad thoughts to surface and remain. This person offered the prayer they use when these times became apparent, sharing, "God make me more like you, and less like me." I think I needed to hear that, at that moment, and I'm sharing it with you all just in case it helps you, too. I think God created us as beta versions of what God hopes will grow into the next generation of Grace technology—adaptable, loving souls that see nothing in the 'other' but the face of Jesus Christ. So, as the fourth Sunday of Lent approaches, "How's Lent going?" If you find that it isn't 'doing' anything yet, breathe deeply and continue praying patiently...our hope will soon be resurrected.

Faithfully,
Sean+



Coming to a neighborhood near you, an opportunity to brush off the old...well...brushes! We are going to come together, en masse, and paint the interior of 821 Osage—a house owned by the Church. By doing so, we are saving close to \$2,000 and get to have fun while doing it. Contact Fr. Sean if you're interested, and please consider helping out—you don't want him to be the only painter, unless you're a Jackson Pollock fan.

Weekly Activity Calendar	
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
Tuesday, March 28, 2017	
10:00am	Spiritual Discipline Group, Library
6:30-8:00pm	Lent Soup Session, MH
Wednesday, March 29, 2017	
9:00am	Holy Eucharist
10:00am	Regional Clericus Mtg., MH
7:00pm	Choir
Thursday, March 30, 2017	
6:45am	Men's Fellowship, MH
12:00pm	Holy Eucharist
Friday, March 31, 2017	
3/31 - 4/2 Cursillo, St. Crispin's	
Saturday, April 1, 2017	
Sunday, April 2, 2017	
8:00am	Rite I
9:15am	Sunday School Classes
10:30am	Rite II
Monday, April 3, 2017	
9:30am	Church Staff Mtg.
5:30pm	Holy Eucharist

FRIENDS, FAMILIES AND CITIZENS OF ALL AGES— WELL, AGES OVER 18...

We are in need of nursery volunteers for the next couple of months while we take a look at re-imagining Sunday morning childcare. If you or someone you know feels called to help take care of our precious children during service, contact Fr. Sean (seanekberg@gmail.com) or call the Church, 918-336-1212 and let Ann Bell know; we need your help!

Thank you for all you do, and for who you are.



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.)

Madelyn, Ted, Elizabeth, Jim, Mary, Diane, Sue, Tammy, Pam, Jack, Diana, Ann, Rose, Becky, Peggy, Lynette, Jenny, 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 or the church office at 918-336-1212 or 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.

Dear Friends,

As you may have already heard, I will be retiring as your Parish Secretary effective July 31, 2017 after 21 years at St. Luke's! It's time to begin a new chapter in my life – and retirement sounds like a great choice!

It has been a pleasure serving Our Lord alongside you for these many years. I have been blessed beyond measure getting to know so many of you and I am grateful to call you my friends.

I know that you will be welcoming and helpful to the new Parish Secretary and I will do my best to teach her the details of the job in order to make it a smooth transition for everyone.

Blessings,
Ann Bell



THE GREAT FLOOR PROJECT will begin on April 18! What is this, you may wonder. Well, we are having all the reddish quarry tile removed from the northern hall and adjacent areas, including the kitchen, bookstore, nursery, outer Women's bathroom area, sitting area, hallway and steps to the alley, and the area at the bottom of the stairs outside the Narthex. The bookstore, nursery, and Women's bathroom area will be carpeted after the tile is removed. The remaining currently tiled areas will be "finished" with a concrete stain, similar to that in Metcalf Hall, but of a lighter color and without the "joint" lines. This project will take quite a bit of time and be fairly disruptive to our normal church operations (the church office will be closed that week) because once the tile is removed, the floor has to be smoothed in preparation for either staining or carpeting. This will likely mean some "grinding" of the remaining tile grout and some likely imperfections in the concrete. This process will cause dust of the kind that tends to get everywhere possible. I am working on getting drop cloth material to hang in front of kitchen cabinets, bookstore shelves, doors, and other areas, to minimize dust accumulation. Plus the concrete stain will need to dry for a couple of days before being walked upon. We think the staining will be complete and ready for walking before Sunday, April 23, but that remains to be seen. If necessary we can attend church by entering through the south doors, and get access to upstairs by coming up the stairs at the south end of Rogers Hall (the Vesting Room might be off limits). We will know more as the project proceeds. I ask for your understanding and assistance with this major improvement in our church floors.

Steve Forsythe, Parish Administrator
sforsythe@episcopalbartlesville.org, 918-336-1212

LOOK FOR YOUR NEW MAGNETIC NAMETAG!

Beginning this Sunday, March 26, we will have new nametags available in the narthex. These are magnetic and will not damage your clothing and are guaranteed to stay in place! Hopefully, also by this Sunday we will have a magnetic whiteboard installed in the narthex which will be a handy place to display/keep your nametag from Sunday to Sunday. You will simply look for your nametag (they will be in general alphabetical order), wear it, and remember to take it off after church and put it back on the whiteboard for the following Sunday.



We hope that everyone will be pleased with these new nametags. Please wear yours so that others may get to know your name and you in turn get to know theirs—this is why we wear nametags. If you find that you don't have a nametag, please leave a note in the office or call 918-336-1212 or email annbell@episcopalbartlesville.org and we'll make sure to have one for you the following Sunday. Thank you!

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Holy Eucharist: Sunday 8am & 10:30am; Monday 5:30pm, Thursday 12pm

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LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE 3/26/17 through 4/2/17

Volunteers: Please make your own substitutions.

**Acolytes
March 26**

No Acolytes Scheduled Today

April 2

Servers

Harald Borg, Makayla Lein

Torchbearers

Emma Perry, Emma Boyle

**Scripture Lessons for
Sunday, March 26**

1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 23;

Ephesians 5:8-14' John 9:1-41

Music for Sunday, March 26

#144 (text) "Lord Jesus, Sun of
Righteousness"

#465 – "Eternal Light, Shine in My
Heart"

#318 – "Here, O My Lord, I See
Thee Face to Face"

#490 – "I Want to Walk As A Child
of the Light"

#646 – "The King of Love My
Shepherd Is"

Greeters

Sunday, March 26

8:00am

Sally Canfield

10:30am

D. J. & Jerry Nezam

Jim & Nancy Warring

Sunday, April 2

8:00am

Don Davidson

10:30am

Glenn & Thelma Blackburn

Ushers

Sunday, March 26

8:00am

Robert Babcock, Dean Zervas

10:30am

Jim Grillot, Max McCreary

Sunday, April 2

8:00am

Steve Forsythe, Dean Zervas

10:30am

Hugh Harrison, Tim Simmons

Layreaders

March 26

8:00am

Scott Williams, Kate Carroll

10:30am

Juanita Green, Judy Currey

Bob Wesneski, Nick Conner

April 2

8:00am

Scott Williams, Darian Kedy

10:30am

Kate Carroll, Juanita Green

Coffee Fellowship Hour

March 26 & April 2

Volunteers needed

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 26

Erin & Travis Perry

April 2

Heather Boyle, Bob Tedstrom

April 9

Nicki Ingram, Jeanne Julstrom

Nursery Volunteers

March 26

Diana Crawford

April 2

Erin Perry

April 9

Natalie Conner

Sunday Plate Counter

March 26

Jim Grillot, Jim Malone

April 2

Amy Borg

April 9

Bruce Ramzel

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,
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