



# The Steeple

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## HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**Weekday Noon Eucharist** Tuesday & Wednesday, April 11 & 12. On Thursday, April 13 there will be a Healing Service at 12noon.

**Maundy Thursday Service, 7:00pm, April 13** Holy Eucharist & Stripping of the Altar.

**Prayer Vigil 8:30pm Thursday April 13 through 12noon, Good Friday, April 14** There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex for the Prayer Vigil in the narthex. Take the opportunity sign up for a 60-minute slot to pray anytime between the listed times.

**Good Friday, April 14** Stations of the Cross, 11am. Good Friday Liturgy, 12noon. *Church Office closed.*

**Great Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 15, 8pm** Listen by candlelight to readings of God's saving deeds in history. We celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ and the First Eucharist of Easter. Nursery provided.

**Easter Sunday, April 16** Holy Eucharist will be celebrated at **8am & 10:30am**. The Choir will sing at both services. No Sunday School today, but nursery is provided for children age 3 and under.

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### Important Dates To Remember

**Holy Week, April 9-14** Church office closed Fri., April 14 (See article this pg.)

**Church Bldg. closed for Floor Project,** Mon. April 17 thru 24 (see article this pg.)

THERE WILL BE NO "STEEPLE" NEWSLETTER SENT OUT THE WEEK OF APRIL 17. THE OFFICE & CHURCH BUILDING WILL BE CLOSED FOR THE FLOOR REMODEL. THE NEXT ISSUE WILL BE SENT OUT ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26.

### CHURCH BUILDING WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY-FRIDAY APRIL 17-21

New flooring is being installed in the main hallway, kitchen, bookstore, vestibule & nursery during this time. There will be no services or other activities scheduled this week. On Sunday April 23 there is a possibility that we will only be able to use the south entrance. The small bathrooms off the vestibule, the middle stairs, the vesting room and the elevator will be available that day. Please plan on not using the north parking lot entrance that day.



## Thoughts from Fr. Sean



As I walked through the halls of the hospital, I nodded a smile to passersby and spoke a gentle, “How you doin’?” As I walked on by, I realized that I, and many of us, do this as an automatic response to people we don’t even know. It’s not that we’re uncaring, or even that we’re that disconnected; I believe that we actually do care for the well-being of

those around us, even those people we don’t know. Yet we speak words without expectation of hearing the response. What if, by saying ‘How you doin?’ and not waiting for the response, we’re disallowing an open ear to the response? Or, better yet, what if by saying the line we are just repeating a pleasantry without meaning?

This has me thinking of the words, “Happy Holy Week.” What does that even mean? I’ve run into multiple people these last few days and I’ve said those words to virtually everyone with whom I’ve come into contact. But now, midweek, I’m stopping to listen to the response. Happy Holy Week means more to me than just a simple pleasantry; it means, “Hey, the celebration of our risen Lord is coming up, isn’t that GREAT?” This week can be busy. It can wrap us up in the ‘doings’ and extensive work and planning of what is undoubtedly the highest liturgical week of the year. As I said last Sunday, I don’t want that to take the place of the insurmountable joy within me when I think about Holy Week and all that it actually means.

So to you I say this: Happy Holy Week; I hope your days have been a constant reminder that Jesus Christ loves you, and proved it through the ultimate sacrifice, through the breaking of the bread, and through sending you His Spirit that you may share it with all around you. And not just as a pleasantry, but as a way to share the life-giving love of God. Happy Holy Week to you all.

I’m looking forward to celebrating the conqueror of death, the giver of life, and the risen Lord Jesus Christ with you, now, and in the weeks and months to come.

Faithfully,

Fr. Sean,

## Weekly Activity Calendar

### Sunday, April 16, 2017

*Easter Sunday*

8:00am Rite I

NO Sunday School Classes

10:30am Rite II

**Mon., April 17 – Sat., April 22  
Church Building Closed all week  
for installation of new flooring on  
1<sup>st</sup> floor of church. No activities  
or services will take place this  
week.**

### Sunday, April 23, 2017

8:00am Rite I

9:15 Sunday School Classes

10:30am Rite II

### Monday April 24, 2017

9:30am Church Staff Mtg.

5:30pm Holy Eucharist

### Tuesday, April 26, 2017

10:00am Spiritual Discipline Group,  
library

## An Easter Message from Bishop Ed

My Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

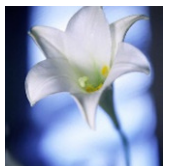
As we approach the great glory of Easter, I invite us to take a moment and reflect on where our journey began and where it is going. Some in our world would tell us to be afraid of our neighbor, to fear the unknown, and to trust no one.

Thankfully, by the Grace of God, that is not our true world. Our true world is the Kingdom of our Heavenly Father, Blessed Savior, and Healing Holy Spirit.

As people of faith, we are called to choose love over hate, hope over fear, belief over doubt, and trust in the goodness of our neighbors. We are to follow our Savior, Jesus Christ, as He leads us in the ways of forgiveness, healing, and reconciliation. We must strive to embody God’s peace, love, and grace with each other. And, it is imperative that we remind the world that we can do better, and we must do better.

Let us join together this Easter and show the world a new way, a better way, the good and true way of being in community with one another. Let us show the world the power of the Light and Life of our Savior Jesus Christ. Let us proclaim the Good News of life in the Risen Christ!

I pray that you, your loved ones, and your community will have a glorious, and blessed, and joyful Easter. God bless you!



### 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.)

Jamie, Marcia, Sally, Sherrilyn,  
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](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.

### DEEP ROOTS:

### GROWING IN GOD

Episcopal Church Women's  
80<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference &  
Bishop's Day

Fri. & Sat., April 28-29  
Christ Episcopal Church  
Tulsa, OK

For information or to register go to:

<https://2017-oklahoma-ecw.eventbrite.com>

## MONTHLY FINANCIAL SUMMARY

	March			March Year to Date		
	MTD Actual	MTD Budget	Variance (unfav.)	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Variance (unfav.)
<b>Income</b>						
Pledge Payments	57,059	33,333	23,726	121,074	100,000	21,074
Non-Pledge Payments	2,200	1,750	450	11,260	5,250	6,010
Other Income	492	317	175	4,864	3,950	914
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>59,751</b>	<b>35,400</b>	<b>24,351</b>	<b>137,199</b>	<b>109,200</b>	<b>27,999</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>30,843</b>	<b>33,599</b>	<b>2,756</b>	<b>115,618</b>	<b>110,264</b>	<b>(5,354)</b>
<b>NET INCOME/LOSS</b>	<b>28,908</b>	<b>1,801</b>	<b>27,107</b>	<b>21,581</b>	<b>(1,064)</b>	<b>22,644</b>



ADOOR Project I am going over my records of who  
contributed to the various door restoration projects. I have  
that information correct for most of the doors, but for the  
doors with multiple donors I want to make sure I am right  
as the project comes to closure (and before I leave).

Of interest are Sacristy, North Entry, Handicap Accessible,  
and Rogers Hall doors. Also, I need to know what, if  
anything, each contributor desires on a plaque that will be placed on  
the inside of each restored door (this includes all doors--only names--  
no amounts). For examples, see the completed Chapel and South  
Entrance Doors. So, if you contributed to the project, please let me  
know which door and/or your desire relative to information on a plaque.  
Thank you again for helping with this project and don't hesitate to  
contact me if this is confusing.

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### St. Crispin's Seeking Medical Volunteer

St. Crispin's Summer Camp is seeking licensed Registered  
Nurses, Physician Assistants, Nurse Practitioners, and/or MDs to  
have a fun-filled week at summer camp serving as the medical  
volunteer. The ideal person would be energetic, be patient with  
campers, and love to laugh. This is an unpaid position, but we  
are able to offer a week of summer camp for your child or a  
relative in exchange for help, as well as your meals and lodging  
at Camp for the week. We are looking to find someone to spend  
1 or more of the following weeks at Camp: June 7th-13th and  
July 5th-11th. We promise a fun time! Those interested can  
contact Summer Camp Director Daniel Chapman for more  
details. Phone: (405) 382-1619, Email: [daniel@stcrispins.org](mailto:daniel@stcrispins.org).



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

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**LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE 4/16/17 through 4/23/17**

*Volunteers: Please make your own substitutions.*

**Acolytes**

**April 16**

*Servers*

Nick Olsen, Greta Olsen

*Torchbearers*

Madelyn Stuart, Charlie Olsen

**April 23 & 30**

*No Acolytes Scheduled*

**Layreaders**

**April 16**

*8:00am*

Darian Kedy, Scott Williams

*10:30am*

Lauren Green, Nick Conner

**April 23**

*8:00am*

Judy Currey, Jeff Birk

*10:30am*

Juanita Green, Katherine Powell

**Nursery Volunteers**

**April 16**

Barbara Todd

**April 23**

Diana Crawford

**April 30**

TBA

**Scripture Lessons for**

**Sunday, April 16**

Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-

24; Colossians 3:1-4;

John 20:1-18

**Music for Sunday, April 16**

#180 – "He is Risen"

#204 – "Now the Green Blade

Riseth"

#178 – "Alleluia! Give Thanks to

the Risen Lord"

"Alleluia: I Am the Resurrection"

#207 – "Jesus Christ is Risen

Today"

**Coffee Fellowship Hour**

**April 16**

Easter Sunday, no coffee hour

**April 23**

Steve & Susie Clark

**April 30**

Lauren & Juanita Green

To volunteer, contact Rita

Childers, 918-519-8470 or

[puevey45@gmail.com](mailto:puevey45@gmail.com)

**Sunday Plate Counter**

**April 16**

Steve Clark

**April 23**

Jim Grillot, Jim Malone

**April 30**

Jim Grillot

**Greeters**

**Sunday, April 16**

*8:00am*

Monica Martin

*10:30am*

Carol Murphy

**Sunday, April 23**

*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, April 16**

*8:00am*

Dean Zervas

*10:30am*

Glenn Bonner, Jim Warring

**Sunday, April 23**

*8:00am*

Robert Babcock, Dean Zervas

*10:30am*

Jim Grillot, Max McCreary

**Children's Chapel**

**April 16**

*Easter Sunday, no Chapel*

**April 23**

Erin & Travis Perry

**April 30**

Erin & Travis Perry

**Agape Mission**

**2nd Thursday, April 13**

*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

**Bereavement Committee**

**Team 3**

Wendy Hall, Connie Freebern,

Glenda Garrison, Gretchen Hoyt,

Becky Liehr, Carol Murphy