



# The Steeple

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## HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**Palm Sunday April 9.** Preceding both services, the Liturgy of the Palms will be observed 10 min. before both services in Metcalf Hall (7:50am & 10:20am).

**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. Nursery provided for ages infants – 3 yr. olds.

**Prayer Vigil 8:30pm Thursday April 13 through 12noon, Good Friday, April 14** There will be a sign-up poster 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

- ✓ Monthly Vestry Mtg., Mon., April 10, 7:15pm
- 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 pg. 3)

## EASTER EGG HUNT

Palm Sunday, April 9, 9:15am, Rodgers Hall

All children ages 3-5<sup>th</sup> grade meet in Rodgers Hall. Our Young Disciples will send you off on a great Easter Egg Hunt! Parents are encouraged to attend!



## Thoughts from Fr. Sean



I attended Cursillo #132 at St. Crispin's this past weekend. I was invited to serve as part of the music team; Nicole was also asked to serve in another capacity. One of the most memorable moments from this experience came in terms of being able to witness Nicole Ekberg shine brighter than normal. True, she always has a sense of joy and faith about her, but this was different. I watched as she served others and also allowed them to serve her, as she stepped

out front and allowed herself to be seen for what she is—a faithful child of God. Now before you go thinking that this is a love letter from a doting husband to his wife (which it sort of is) I have a reason. I watched an introverted, shy woman use her gifts in a way that impacted the lives of virtually everyone around her. And it was something to behold.

I started thinking about our own shy people, here at St. Luke's. You know them—the ones that sit in the back, that don't want to be seen but who aren't afraid to talk about their faith when approached. The difference between our two groups is this—one has no fear of public speech and discourse, the other hides anytime a microphone gets turned on. We need both in our family. As such, I want to provide an opportunity, publicly, to those who may not feel comfortable taking the first step toward volunteering or leading in the church. Some—like Nicole—are just quiet, yet have a desire to serve. Are you one of them? Shy takes many forms: it could be someone who doesn't feel like they've been here long enough to contribute; it could be that they don't know who to ask; or it could be that they haven't been approached, even though they have the fire of the Holy Spirit racing through their veins.

We need everyone here to volunteer, to take leading roles in different places, and to have the ability to offer themselves up to various ministries in the Church. This is my outstretched hand to those of you who may not know who to talk to about opportunities to serve, about groups to help with, or about potential leadership roles. I promise I won't ask you to get up in front of the congregation and give a sermon on what you do, but I want you to know that this place is a wonderful opportunity—like Cursillo—to feel safe in putting yourself out there to serve and to be served. If you want to engage in any way, whether it be at a community outreach place or a committee/group here, please let me know. I've witnessed the power of Christ in God's shy people, just as I've witnessed it in those who aren't so shy. Either way, God's call to serve is for all, and I want to encourage you to answer it.

Faithfully,  
Sean.



### FAMILY PROMISE WRAPS UP ANOTHER WEEK

This past Sunday marked the end of another successful week of St. Luke's hosting families in the Family Promise program. With the efforts of our set up team, Rodgers Hall was transformed into bedrooms, dining and sitting areas to accommodate our 2 moms and their children. For 7 consecutive days, hot meals were prepared and served, children were playful and entertained, and adults shared in meaningful conversation. An enormous thank you to all of the volunteers who made this possible! The gift of your effort and time, as well as your generous encouragement and support are of so much value to these families as they move through this transition. Thank you all again.

*Jen Peterson, on behalf of the St. Luke's lead team for Family Promise*

## Weekly Activity Calendar

### Sunday, April 9, 2017

#### Palm Sunday

7:50am Liturgy of the Palms, MH  
8:00am Rite I  
9:15am Easter Egg Hunt, RH  
9:15am Sunday School Classes  
10:20am Liturgy of the Palms, MH  
10:30am Rite II

### Holy Monday, April 10, 2017

5:30pm Holy Eucharist  
7:15pm Vestry Mtg.

### Holy Tuesday, April 11, 2017

10:00am Spiritual Discipline Group,  
Library

10:30am Church Staff Mtg.

12:00pm Holy Eucharist

### Wednesday, April 12, 2017

12:00pm Holy Eucharist  
6-8pm Young Disciples  
7:00pm Choir

### Maundy Thursday, April 13, 2017

6:45am Men's Fellowship, MH  
12:00pm Healing Service  
7:00pm Holy Eucharist  
8:30pm Prayer Vigil begins

### Good Friday, April 14, 2017

#### Office Closed

11:00am Stations of the Cross  
12:00pm Good Friday Liturgy

### Saturday, April 15, 2017

#### Holy Saturday

8:00pm Great Easter Vigil

### Sunday, April 16, 2017

#### Easter Sunday

8:00am Rite I  
NO Sunday School  
10:30am Rite II

### Monday-Friday April 17-21, 2017

*Church Bldg. closed all week while  
new flooring installed on 1<sup>st</sup> floor.*

## CONCERN Food Pantry Needs This Month



The CONCERN Food Pantry is currently short on canned meats, canned vegetables, mac and cheese, and peanut

butter. Let's make an effort to bring donations of these items this Sunday, April 9. Place your donations under the coatrack outside of Metcalf Hall. Thank you!!

### CRAFTING OUR PRAYERS

Meets on Thursday, April 6 at 10am in the Vestry Room. All women of the church are invited to attend.

Questions? Call Lauri Watkins,  
918-766-2473.

## 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.*

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).*

## NEW RECTOR SEARCH PROCESS PARISH UPDATE

The Search Committee is very pleased to report that our rector search process has begun a long anticipated next phase – reviewing rector candidate applications.

We received our first batch of applicant cover letters, resumes and profiles. This batch of applicants has been reviewed, vetted and released by the OK diocesan office for our consideration. We have been promised that more applicant packages are in process at the diocesan office.

The Search Committee is reviewing these materials and discussing the merits of these applicants and their fit with the needs and requirements of St. Luke's. Our plan is to start doing online video interviews with the applicants later this month.

The coming weeks are a busy time for the clergy applicants. To be respectful of their time and attention, we pushed out the interview schedule until after the Lent and Easter services and celebrations.

Please continue praying for the Vestry, our committee and the rector applicants as we continue our respective discernment processes.

## DEEP ROOTS: GROWING IN GOD



Episcopal Church Women's  
80<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference and Bishop's Day  
Fri. & Sat., April 28-29, 2017  
Christ Church Episcopal  
10901 S. Yale Ave., Tulsa, OK 74137  
Keynote Speaker:

**The Rev. Susan Snook, Episcopal Church Planter**

Register Online: <https://2017-oklahoma-ecw.eventbrite.com>  
Hotel Accommodations are at Hampton Inn, 8220 E. Regal Pl.,  
Tulsa, 918-394-2000.

Group rate deadline is April 13 (Group Name: ECW Oklahoma Conference).  
You are responsible for your own hotel reservations.



**FLOOR "FUN" Tuesday, April 18**, the floor project actually begins. It entails removing the quarry tile everywhere it exists in the church, with the exception of the kitchen storage room to the left of the refrigerator. This means "treating" floors in the hallway, kitchen, bookstore, nursery, two women's bathroom outer rooms, sitting room, and the vestibule at the foot of the middle stairs. The work will be done by Browncrete,

Inc., from Ramona. They will remove the old tile from the slab and deposit it in a dump trailer. Then they will use large grinding machines to remove the remaining grout, mastik, etc. from the slab. These two actions will generate some degree of dust and may take several days. Then the floor will be appropriately stained a color selected by the Vestry Color Selection Committee and a top seal applied. These latter steps will take a bit longer due to the necessity for the materials to dry. Thus, those attending church on **April 23** need to be prepared to **enter from the South Doors!** The small bathrooms off the vestibule, the middle stairs, the vesting room and the elevator will be available that day, but the floor might just be the bare concrete slab. It is extremely unlikely that the hallway and rooms off it will be accessible, so please do not plan on it. The contractor has assured me he will have the entire project completed not later than Friday, April 28.

**The church offices will be closed** the week of April 17 through April 21 and all other services and activities should be cancelled, save anything that can be conducted in Rogers Hall, or upstairs. Progress on the project will dictate if the office will reopen on April 24. It is best to not plan on coming in the North Doors. Also, the kitchen will be greatly "disassembled" with the ovens, refrigerator, island, and dish washers all removed on April 17. Further, all cabinets, shelves, counters and so forth everywhere tile will be removed will be covered with a drop cloth or otherwise protected. Many of you have been contacted to move furniture or other items and this needs to be done on Monday, April 17. Some more help would be appreciated, so let me know if you can do so.

**KEY THOUGHTS** If you have a church key that gives difficulty with opening things, please let me know and I will order a new replacement.

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**LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE 4/9/17 through 4/16/17**

*Volunteers: Please make your own substitutions.*

**Acolytes**

**April 9**

Servers

Ruth Todd, Grace Mitchell

Torchbearers

Keaton Mitchell, Evan Mitchell

**April 16**

Servers

Nick Olsen, Greta Olsen

Torchbearers

Madelyn Stuart, Charlie Olsen

**Scripture Lessons for**

**Sunday, April 9**

Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16;

Philippians 2:5-11;

Matthew 26:14-27:66

**Music for Sunday, April 9**

#154 – "All Glory, Laud and Honor"

#439 – "What Wondrous Love is This"

**Greeters**

**Sunday, April 9**

8:00am

Don Doty

10:30am

Debbie & Dennis

Mueggenborg

**Sunday, April 16**

8:00am

Monica Martin

10:30am

Carol Murphy

**Ushers**

**Sunday, April 9**

8:00am

Don Davidson

10:30am

Brian Ferguson, Hugh Harrison

**Sunday, April 16**

8:00am

Dean Zervas

10:30am

Glenn Bonner, Jim Warring

**Layreaders**

**April 9**

8:00am

Nick Conner, Kate Carroll

10:30am

Penny Williams, Kyle Peterson

**April 16**

8:00am

Darian Kedy, Scott Williams

10:30am

Lauren Green, Nick Conner

**Coffee Fellowship Hour**

**April 9**

Simmons

**April 16**

Easter Sunday, no coffee hour

**April 23**

Steve & Susie Clark

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**

**April 9**

Nicki Ingram, Jeanne Julstrom

**April 16**

*Easter Sunday, no Chapel*

**April 23**

Erin & Travis Perry

**Agape Mission**

**4th 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

**Nursery Volunteers**

**April 9**

Natalie Conner

**April 16**

Barbara Todd

**April 23**

Diana Crawford

**Sunday Plate Counter**

**April 9**

Bruce Ramzel

**April 16**

Steve Clark

**April 23**

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**

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