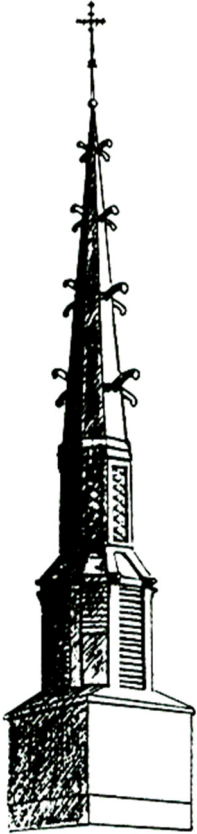


The Steeple

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March 7, 2018



Happy 80th Birthday Celebration!!

A come-and-go reception will be held on March 11, 2018 immediately following second service lasting until 2:00 P.M. in Metcalf Hall to

celebrate **Jean Mason's 80th Birthday**. Anyone wishing to help her celebrate is welcome to attend.



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✓ **Important Dates
To Remember**

"THE DOOR" AKA ST. LUKE'S BOOKSTORE

Come See!!

"The Door" now has Easter Cards.

Also, a large selection of greetings cards,
5 for \$1.





A few years ago, I was very interested in icons. I attended several workshops in Omaha and studied under the Icon Master, Vladislav Andrejev, from the School of Porspon in New York City. He taught pre-17th century icon writing in the Byzantine style with egg tempera. "Icon writing" is like painting with a brush, not pencil. His instructions were spoken in his native Russian and his

son translated to English for us. He taught a lot of theory about the Russian Orthodox theology and I think I learned a few Russian words as well. The workshop lasted for 6 long days. We were to not speak but be in contemplative prayer all the while we worked. The room was filled with incense and celestial music. The mood was there. My hands had been blessed as an iconographer. I was ready to start.

We mixed our paints with egg yolk and pigments. We started with a birch board covered with pure white gesso, symbolizing that God created the earth from nothing. I was very apprehensive about even picking up a brush. How could I bring this chaos into something beautiful? I wanted it to be perfect (an opportunity to pray to Archangel Michael, whom I was writing, for help in this area of my life). After tracing the pattern on the board with pencil, we began etching the pattern with a stylus. Easy enough. Then we were asked to erase out pencil marks. Oops! The analogy was that if we didn't etch God deep enough into our hearts we would not see Him. A few of my lines were not deep enough. Vladislav said my problem was that I didn't listen well enough. Imagine that!!

Preceding each step Vladislav lectured (in Russian) about the Orthodox meaning of what we were doing. We applied red clay that had been mixed with rabbit glue to Michael's halo portion. Later this area would be overlaid with a very thin gold leaf. It required several layers of clay, drying in between, and then burnishing, (*burnishing, another keyword in my spiritual growth*) with a small stone until it was absolutely smooth. Not even a ripple should be detected even in sunlight. The clay represented Gods creation of man, Adam, or Adom. After several hours, it was ready for the gold leaf. In order to apply the gold leaf, you lean over the icon about an inch from the surface. After taking a deep breath, with your mouth wide open, you breathe the moist air from your lungs, forcing out as much air as possible. This wasn't a pretty sound. Then I immediately applied a small piece of gold leaf. The warm moisture created on the clay by your breath softened the rabbit glue in the clay and the gold leaf was then adhered. This represented God breathing life into man.

Suddenly, I experienced the very moment God breathed life into me as a newborn. It was pretty dramatic and humbled me to tears. It was so very real. God had revealed himself to me; I am his own. Now I *know*, God is written, etched in my heart! I felt it, I experienced it!

This is but a small part of several experiences of the week-long meditation, praying and writing. It was as if I sat at the feet of God.

Connie Freebern

WEEKLY ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Sunday, March 11, 2018

8:00am Rite I
9:15am Sunday School
9:15am Clergy Forum
9:45am Choir Rehearsal
10:30am Rite II

Monday, March 12, 2018

5:30pm Holy Eucharist

Tuesday, March 13, 2018

10:00am Spiritual Discipline
Group, Library
5:00pm Give Back America,
RH

5:30pm Soup Supper, MH

Wednesday, March 14, 2018

6:00pm Young Disciples
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 15, 2018

12:00pm Stations of The Cross
followed by Holy Eucharist

Friday, March 16, 2018

Saturday, March 17, 2018

Sunday, March 18, 2018

8:00am Rite I
9:15am Sunday School
9:15am Clergy Forum
9:45am Choir Rehearsal
10:30am Rite II

Monday, March 19, 2018

5:30pm Holy Eucharist

Tuesday, March 20, 2018

10:00am Spiritual Discipline
Group, Library
5:00pm Give Back America,
RH

5:30pm Soup Supper, MH

ST. LUKE'S PRAYER LIST

Please keep the following persons in your prayers: Elizabeth, Jenny, Sue, Kris, Max, John, Samantha, Hugh, Raymond, Dale, Charles, Isaac, Maida, Joseph, Thelma, Tammy, Sybil, Joseph, Georgia, Diana, Mary, Jim, Millie, Bryson, Suzanne, Tracy, Ethan, Brian, Lee, Lisa, Jean, Patty, Sam, Lawrence, Carol Sue, Claire, Elaine, John, Charli, Debbie 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

office@episcopalbartlesville.org.

(Names on the Prayer List are rotated off every 4 weeks. If there is need for continued prayers, please let us know.)

Lenten Services

Ash Wednesday Feb. 14th
Services-12:00pm & 5:30pm

**Thursdays, Feb. 15th-
March 22nd** –
Stations of the Cross followed by Holy Eucharist-12:00pm

Mondays, Feb. 19th-March 19th –
Holy Communion-5:30pm

Palm Sunday, March 25th–
Holy Communion-8:00am
Holy Communion-10:30am

Monday, March 26th–
Evening Prayer-5:30pm

Wednesday, March 28th –
Stations of the Cross-6:00pm

Thursday, March 29th–
Holy Communion-7:00pm

Good Friday, March 30th–
Good Friday Liturgy-12:00pm

**Easter Vigil, Saturday,
March 31st** –
Holy Communion-7:30pm

Easter, Sunday, April 1st–
Holy Communion-8:00am
Holy Communion-10:30am

A Gift of Music

A *Gift of Music* featuring musicians of the Bartlesville Symphony Orchestra in small ensemble groups continues with mini-concert #3 this Sunday at 5:00 p.m. The first two musical events have been received with enthusiasm and great appreciation by those who have attended.

Musicians for March 11th include: a trombone quartet – Jim Davis, Greg Carr, Stephen Goforth and Lind Wickersham; a cello quartet – Pam Almack, Lauren Green, Gulya Holopeter, and Amber Vargas.

This is an excellent opportunity to hear gifted musicians in small ensembles in the beautiful and acoustically fine setting of St. Luke's sanctuary. These mini-concerts are no more than 1 hour long and are offered as a free gift to all who enjoy a time of quiet, reflective music.

Tuesday Night Soup Supper

Our speakers this coming week:
March 13th – Rev. Kelley Becker,
Senior Minister at Disciples
Christian Church



So, come on Tuesday night. We will gather at 5:30 to enjoy a simple supper of soup and bread.

Then we will hear what our speaker has to say. There will be opportunity to respond in small groups and in a whole group.

The evening will end with Compline.

St. Luke's Twice Blessed Sale

Friday, April 13th and Saturday, April 14th



Volunteers are needed to help with the set-up for St. Luke's upcoming Twice Blessed Sale and to help work the days of the sale. Set-up will begin on Sunday afternoon, April 8 and will go through Thursday, April 12. The sale days will be April 13 and April 14. If you are interested in volunteering, please sign-up on the sheets posted on the bulletin board or contact either Becky Liehr at 918-327-5987 or Kris Bonner at 918-914-9228.

Come join the fun as we work to raise money for St. Luke's Outreach projects!!

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LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE March 11, 2018 through March 25, 2018

Volunteers: Please make your own substitutions

Acolytes

March 11

Ruth Todd, Emma Perry,
Annabelle Droege

March 18

Nick Olsen, Charlie Olsen, Claire
Hood, Madelyn Stuart

March 25

Kyle Peterson, Evan Mitchell,
Ethan Peterson, Keaton Mitchell

Scripture Lessons for

March 11

Numbers (21:4-9), Psalm (107:1-3, 17-22), Ephesian (2:1-10),
John (3:14-21)

March 18

Jeremiah (31:31-34), Psalm
(51:1-13), Hebrews (5:5-10),
John (12:20-33)

Ushers

March 11

8:00am: Don Davidson
10:30am: Brian Ferguson, Mark
Fregin

March 18

8:00am: Dean Zervas
10:30am: Glenn Bonner, Jim
Warring

March 25

8:00am: Dean Zervas, Robert
Babcock
10:30am: Jim Grillot, Nancy
Megee

Greeters

March 11

8:00am: Don Doty
10:30am: Debbie & Dennis
Mueggenborg

March 18

8:00am: Monica Martin
10:30am: Carol Murphy

March 25

8:00am: Sally Canfield
10:30am: D.J. & Jerry Nezam, Jim
& Nancy Warring

Layreaders

March 11

8:00am: Darian Kedy, Judy
Currey
10:30am: Juanita Green, Kate
Carroll

March 18

8:00am: Scott Williams, Darian
Kedy
10:30am: Judy Currey, Juanita
Green

March 25

8:00am: Judy Currey, Ellen Heald
10:30am: Lauren Green, Jim
Warring

Music

March 11

The Hymnal 1982
#143 – *The Glory of These Forty
Days*

#686 – *Come, Thou Fount of
Every Blessing*

#301(text) – *Bread of the World*
#490 – *I Want to Walk as a Child
of the Light*

#671 – *Amazing Grace*

Sunday Plate Counter

March 11

Bruce Ramzel

March 18

Steve Clark

March 25

Jim Grillot

Sunday Coffee Fellowship

Hour

March 11

Jean Mason's 80th Birthday
Celebration!

March 18

Available

March 25

Available

*To volunteer see the sign-up
sheet in the Metcalf Hall kitchen
or contact Rita Childers, 918-519-
8470 or puevy45@gmail.com*

Children's Chapel

March 11

Bob Tedstrom

March 18

Nicki Ingram

March 25

Karl Franks

St. Luke's Bookstore

*The Bookstore hours: Tuesday:
10-12: Sunday: 9:30-10:30 &
11:30-12:30. All proceeds from
sales go to St. Luke's Outreach
Projects.*

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918-914-1155

Agape Mission

Thursday, March 8

9-11am: Jeanne Julstrom, John
McCollum
10:45am-1pm: Kris Bonner, Rita
Childers, Becky Liehr, Kathy
Zervas,

Marcia Zervas

1:00-2:45pm: Peter Julstrom,
Miriam Petrovich

Thursday, March 22

9-11am: Jim Leibr
10:45am-1pm: Jeff Birk, Molly
Ferguson, Glenda Garrison,
Darian Kedy, Jen Peterson
1:00-2:45pm: Carol Murphy,
Radomir Petrovich

Bereavement Committee

Team 2

Barbara Martin, Laura Birk,
Thelma Blackburn, Sally Canfield,
Rita Childers,
Debbie Mueggenborg