



The Steeple

St. Luke's Episcopal Church
 210 SE Ninth St., Bartlesville, Oklahoma 74003
www.episcopalbartlesville.org

Volume XX, Number 7

February 24, 2016

SPECIAL GUEST FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28 The Rev. Canon José McLoughlin, Canon to the Ordinary



Canon José McLoughlin will be at St. Luke's on Sunday, February 28th, to help the parish prepare for the search for the next Rector. He will preach at both the 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. liturgies. He will then be available for conversation and questions after each service. Canon Jose' will meet with the Vestry in the afternoon to share the details of the search process. This will be the first step in what will be at least a year-long adventure. Please prepare now for a continual prayer vigil that will lead us into the future.

INSIDE THIS ISSUE...

Weekly Calendar	2
From the Rector	2
Lenten Opportunities	2
CWU World Day of Prayer	2
Pack the Backpacks Fundraiser	2
Steve's Stuff	3
Outreach Spring Fundraiser	3
Palm Sunday Easter Egg Hunt!	3
With Sympathy	3
Summer Camp at St. Crispin's	3
St. Luke's Prayer List	3
Lay Ministry Schedules	4

Important Dates To Remember

- ✓ Canon José McLoughlin's visit to St. Luke's, Sun., Feb. 28 (see article this pg.)
- Monthly Vestry Mtg., Mon., March 7, 7:15pm
- Daylight Savings Time Begins, Sun., March 13 ☀
- Spring Break, Mon.-Fri., March 14-18
- Holy Week, Mon.-Fri. March 21-25

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE, MARCH 20-26



Palm Sunday, March 20. Preceding both services, The Liturgy of the Palms will be observed at 7:50am and 10:20am and will begin in Metcalf Hall.

Weekday Daily Noon Eucharist, Tuesday through Friday, March 22-25.

Seder Supper, Thursday, March 24, 6:00pm, Metcalf Hall. Nursery provided for infants – 3 yr. olds. (See pg. 3)

Maundy Thursday, March 24. Holy Eucharist & Stripping of the Altar, 7:30pm. Nursery provided for ages infants – 3 yr. olds.

Prayer Vigil 8:30pm Thursday March 24 through 12noon, Good Friday, March 25. There will be a sign-up poster for the Prayer Vigil in the narthex. You will have the opportunity sign up for a 60-minute slot to pray anytime between the listed times.

Good Friday, March 25, Stations of the Cross, 11am.

Good Friday, March 25, Liturgy & Holy Eucharist, 12noon.

Holy Saturday Liturgy, March 26, 8am. This is a brief reflective service of scripture and prayer.

Great Easter Vigil, Saturday, March 26, 8pm. This is the holiest and most celebrative service of the liturgical year. We will listen by candlelight to readings of God's saving deeds in history. We will celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ and the First Eucharist of Easter. Nursery provided.

Easter Sunday, March 27 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.



An Interesting Adventure Things certainly turned in an anticipated yet surprising way in January when I meet with Bishop Ed. What I thought would be a minimum of eighteen months before my retirement turned into twelve months with no choice. That set us/me on “triple” tracks for 2016. First, life goes on in the parish from season to season as usual – the calendar is always full. Second, I have to get

everything arranged personally for next January – some of the paperwork has already begun. Third, the process for finding my successor is beginning – in some ways has already started. What follows illustrates the first and third tracks.

This Sunday is huge! Canon José McLoughlin will be at St. Luke’s on behalf of the Bishop this Sunday. Normally this would happen when the current Rector had left town. However, the Bishop believes we can start the search process now because we are a healthy and happy parish (his words). That is quite a compliment for our church.

Canon José will preach in both services. While this is the Second Sunday of Lent, I am sure he will be sharing something of the search process with the church as a whole. He will be available informally after each service for questions and conversation. Then he will have lunch with the Vestry and spend a couple of hours going over the process in detail. This will set everything in motion for selecting a chairperson and Search Committee in the coming weeks.

And just so you will know, the Vestry and Canon José will meet without any of the clergy being present (though we are providing lunch for them). In particular, I will have nothing to do with track three – the search process. I will have no input at any point nor will I know any more than the parish in general about what is happening – odd but necessary. Tracks one and two will keep me busy enough.

Seder Supper – Meanwhile Lent is happening and we will soon focus our attention on Holy Week – some of the most meaningful days of the year. This year we will experience again the Seder Supper on Thursday evening just before the Maundy Thursday Service. The last time we did the Seder was in 2010. This will add yet another dimension to our Holy Week.

The Seder is a Jewish ritual performed each year which begins the seven or eight day celebration of Passover. Seder customs include telling the story of the Exodus – the liberation of the Israelites from slavery in Egypt. This also involves eating symbolic foods especially prepared for the meal. This is a wonderful family event with children participating in the festivities. We will experience the Seder much like our Jewish friends and share in the celebration of God’s salvation then and now. In addition, we will remember this is the night of the Last Supper for Jesus and his disciples.

Tickets for adults will be available starting this Sunday for five dollars – children are free. In fact, I will buy the parents’ tickets if they are bringing their children. This is a wonderful family educational and celebrative occasion. This is also a good time to invite friends to share in the experience and then stay for the Maundy Thursday service – a profoundly meaningful experience on its own. I hope to see you there.

Blessings,
Fr. Lee+



Weekly Activity Calendar

Sunday, February 28, 2016

Canon José McLoughlin preaching at both services

8:00am Rite I
9:15am Sunday School Classes
10:30am Rite II
12:30pm Vestry meets with Canon José McLoughlin

Monday, February 29, 2016

9:30am Church Staff Mtg.
10:30am Lenten Study, Vestry Rm.
5:30pm Holy Eucharist
6:30pm Ignatius Study, library

Tuesday, March 1, 2016

10:00am Lenten Study, Library
7:00pm Lenten Study, library

Wednesday, March 2, 2016

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

Thursday, March 3, 2016

6:45am Men’s Fellowship, MH
12:00pm Holy Eucharist
7:15pm Bible Study, Rm. 203

Friday, March 4, 2016

Saturday, March 5, 2016

Sunday, March 6, 2016

8:00am Rite I
9:15am Sunday School Classes
10:30am Rite II

Monday, March 7, 2016

9:30am Church Staff Mtg.
10:30am Lenten Study, Vestry Rm.
5:30pm Holy Eucharist
6:30pm Ignatius Study, library
7:15pm Vestry Mtg.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2016

You are invited to attend the Church Women United celebration of **World Day of Prayer held at 10am on March 4 at First Christian Church, 520 SE Osage.** The women of Cuba planned the 2016 program around the theme, “Receive children, receive me” from Mark 10:14-15.

World Day of Prayer is a worldwide ecumenical movement of Christian women of many traditions who come together to observe a common day of prayer each year on the first Friday in March. World Day of Prayer was founded on the idea that prayer and action are inseparable in the service of God. Services begin at sunrise in the Pacific and follow the sun across the globe on the day of celebration.

LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES

Wednesday Morning Holy

Eucharist is offered every Wednesday in Lent at 7:00am (through March 23) in the Chapel. This is a significant way to add to your spiritual disciplines for Lent. The service takes about thirty minutes and is followed by a light breakfast.

Stations of the Cross are observed during the regular 12pm Thursday Eucharist during Lent.

BIG COUNTRY BREAKFAST BENEFITTING “PACK THE BACKPACKS”

Sat., March 5, Elks Lodge 7:30-10:30am

All You Can Eat, \$6

ST. LUKE'S PRAYER LIST

Please keep the following 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.)

Amber, Dortha, Helen, Mary Lou, Sarah,
Max, Ginny, Janae, Shelley, David, Sandy,
Linda, Koko, Emma, Joseph, Sue, Mark,
Becky, Jim, Cory, Ricky, Sherry, Roy, Jean,
D'Manuel, Matthew, Lisa, 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 contact the church
office at 918-336-1212 or
annbell@episcopalbartlesville.org.



With Sympathy

Sincere sympathy and prayers to
Mrs. Bernie Chamberlain, (5316 SW 23rd
St., Topeka, KS 66614) former member
of St. Luke's, on the death of her
husband, *Richard Chamberlain*, on
February 16. Funeral services for Mr.
Chamberlain were Friday, Feb. 19 in
Topeka, KS.

Prayers also for the family &
friends of former member, *Betty Hitzman*,
who passed away on Thursday, Feb. 18
in Tulsa. Services are pending and will
be at St. Simeon's Retirement Center
Chapel in Tulsa.

SEDER SUPPER

**Maunder Thursday, March 24
6:00pm, Metcalf Hall**

The Seder is a Jewish ritual performed
each year which begins the seven or
eight day celebration of Passover. Seder
customs include telling the story of the
Exodus – the liberation of the Israelites
from slavery in Egypt. This also
involves eating symbolic foods
especially prepared for the meal. This is
a wonderful family event with children
participating in the festivities.

We will begin taking reservations after
the 8:00 and 10:30 services on February
28 with a \$5 per adult fee (children go
free). Reservations close Sunday, March
20. The Zervas family will provide the
traditional roast lamb and those attending
are asked to bring either a starch
(potatoes, rice, etc.) or a green vegetable
or salad. These side dishes should feed
four or five and will be served during the
dinner family style along with a platter of
lamb. If you have not been to a Seder
supper, you will enjoy the experience.

ST. LUKE'S OUTREACH SPRING FUNDRAISER

"Beer, Brats & Bingo!"

Sunday, April 17, 6:00pm, St. Luke's Metcalf Hall

St. Luke's Outreach Committee is planning another exciting fundraiser
for Sunday, April 17 at 6:00 p.m. We are planning another Beer, Brats,
& Bingo event that was so successful a few years ago here at St. Luke's.
We are hoping that you will mark the date on your calendar now.



The prizes for bingo come from our Bookstore and generous folks like
you. If you would like to donate an item, please call Melinda
Wesneski at 918.333-7758 or email her at mcwesne@gmail.com as
soon as possible.

FAMILY PROMISE COMMUNITY FUNDRAISER

Tuesday, March 8

Mark your calendars for a special fundraiser coming up on Tuesday, March
8th, 2016 from 4-9:30pm at Hideaway Pizza. 15% of the proceeds will go towards
Family Promise of Washington County. Please notify your server that you are
participating in benefit night. Spread the word with friends and family so that we
can help make the fundraiser a success!

Are you interested in learning more about Family Promise or becoming a
volunteer? Contact Jen Peterson at 918-397-7779 jenrpet1971@gmail.com.



Spring Clean-up for the 819 and 821 garages is going to begin
as the weather gets warmer. Thus, if you have anything in those
garages that you want to keep, you must let me know otherwise
it will be hauled away. We need room in those garages for
"Twice Blessed" Sale donations.

The new door for the northwest side of Metcalf Hall should be here this week and
installed soon after that. It will be painted bright yellow to commemorate my
accomplishment of getting it done! Hah, just wanted to see if you were paying
attention. It will be painted Episcopal Door Red, of course. If anyone has a paint
swatch (you know, that little sample with the exotic names) for that, I would like
to see it.

Steve Forsythe, Parish Administrator, forsythe@episcopalbartlesville.org



EASTER EGG HUNT and LUNCH!!

Palm Sunday, March 20



Come one, come all! The children's annual Easter Egg Hunt has been moved (slightly) to
AFTER the 10:30 service on Palm Sunday, March 20. In conjunction with that, the whole
parish is invited to a light lunch in place of the coffee hour. Come enjoy a time of
fellowship and good food. Enjoy watching the children hunt for eggs and participate in
the many activities that the youth have planned. This is truly an intergenerational
opportunity--fun for all ages from our babies to our senior members. Watch for more
details in the next two weeks.

☀ SUMMER'S COMING! ☀

Yes it is! Summer is right around the corner. Camp brochures for St. Crispin's are here!
The new camp buildings are almost ready! Camp counselors are being hired. True signs
of summer are everywhere. Be sure that your child has the opportunity to participate in
this formative experience at least once. She/he will meet new friends, experience the love
that is special at St. Crispin's, enjoy a comfortable and safe week away from her/his usual
boundaries. Some scholarships are available. For more information or a brochure, please
contact Deacon Lauri, 918-766-2473 or lwatkins@episcopalbartlesville.org.



St. Luke's Episcopal Church
210 East 9th Street
Bartlesville, Oklahoma 74003
 (Return Service Requested)
<http://www.episcopalbartlesville.org/>

The Rev. Dr. T. Lee Stephens, Rector (leestephens@episcopalbartlesville.org)
 The Rev. Sean Ekberg, Assoc. to the Rector (seanekberg@episcopalbartlesville.org)
 The Rev. Douglas Freebern, Deacon (dfreebern@yahoo.com)
 The Rev. Lauri Watkins, Deacon/Christian Educ. Director (lwatkins@episcopalbartlesville.org)
 The Rev. Mike Watkins, Deacon (mike.watkins@sbcglobal.net)
 In an Emergency, call 918-397-3683, 580-977-4969, 918-766-2473 or 918-914-0525
 Ann Bell, Parish Secretary (annbell@episcopalbartlesville.org)
 Steve Forsythe, Parish Administrator (sforsythe@episcopalbartlesville.org)
 Dolores McCreary, Organist/Choir Director (dolores@episcopalbartlesville.org)
 Kathy Zervas, Sr. Warden (kzerv@aol.com)
 Amy Borg, Jr. Warden (amy.a.borg@p66.com)
 Office Phone: 918-336-1212 Office Fax: 918-336-2557
 Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 8:30am-4:00pm, Fridays 8:30am-3:00pm
 Holy Eucharist: Sunday 8am & 10:30am; Monday 5:30pm, Thursday 12pm

"The Steeple" is a weekly publication of St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 210 SE 9th St., Bartlesville, OK 74003

LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE 2/28/15 through 3/6/16

Volunteers: Please make your own substitutions.

Acolytes
Sunday, February 28
Servers
 Spencer Heald, Ruth Todd

Layreaders
Sunday, February 28
8:00am
 Judy Currey, Kate Carroll
10:30am
 Penny Williams, Bob Wesneski
 Nick Conner, Carol Murphy
Sunday, March 6
8:00am
 Darian Kedy, Judy Currey
10:30am
 Nick Conner, Lauren Green
 Bob Wesneski, Juanita Green

Nursery Volunteers
February 28
 Anneke Borg
March 6
 Elizabeth Boyle
March 13
 Natalie Conner

Bereavement Committee
Team 3
 Wendy Hall, Connie Freebern,
 Glenda Garrison,
 Gretchen Hoyt, Becky Liehr,
 Carol Murphy

Scripture Lessons for
Sunday, February 28
 Isaiah 55:1-9; Psalm 63:1-8;
 1 Corinthians 10:1-13;
 Luke 13:1-9
Music for Sunday, February 21
 WLP #753 (text) – "When From
 Bondage We Are Summoned"
 #589 – "Almighty God, Your
 Word is Cast"
 #467 – "Sing, My Soul, His
 Wondrous Love"
 #401 – "The God of Abraham
 Praise"

Sunday Plate Counters
February 28
 Jim Grillot, Jim Malone
March 6
 Amy Borg

Coffee Fellowship Hour
February 28
 Steve & Maureen Forsythe
March 6
 Jean Oliver
March 13
 Bob & Melinda Wesneski
 To volunteer, contact Rita
 Childers, 918-519-8470 or
puevey45@gmail.com

Greeters
Sunday, February 28
8:00am
 Sally Canfield
10:30am
 D. J. & Jerry Nezam
Sunday, March 6
8:00am
 Don Davidson
10:30am
 Glenn & Thelma Blackburn
 Jo Oertle
*(Volunteers are needed for
 both services. Contact Amy
 Borg, 713-206-1179)*

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, you may
 contact Melinda Wesneski,
 918-333-7758 or
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, February 28
8:00am
 Robert Babcock, Dean Zervas
10:30am
 Jim Grillot, Max McCreary
Sunday, March 6
8:00am
 Ace Gardner, Dean Zervas
10:30am
 Jim Malone, Tim Simmons

Children's Chapel
February 28
 Jeanne Julstrom, Travis Sutton
March 6
 Heather Boyle, Bob Tedstrom
March 13
 Erin & Travis Perry

Agape Mission
4th Thursday,
February 25, 2016
9-11am
 Fr. Lee Stephens, Jim Liehr
10:45am-1pm
 Jeff Birk, Molly Ferguson,
 Glenda Garrison, Darian Kedy,
 Jen Peterson
1-2:45pm
 Carol Murphy,
 Radomir Petrovich