



# The Steeple

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## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE MARCH 23-26



**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.

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

**Prayer Vigil 9:00pm 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.** The holiest and most celebrative service of the liturgical year. We 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.

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### Important Dates To Remember

Easter Sunday, March 27  
Family Promise Families at St. Luke's, Sun. 4/10 through Sun. 4/17 (see pg. 3)  
Monthly Vestry Mtg., Monday, April 11, 7:15pm

### Prayer for the Selection of our New 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; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## 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.





With Palm Sunday, Holy Week has begun and I could not ask for a better beginning – especially in that moment when my breath was taken away in the early service.

First, let me say how meaningful this Lent has been for me. When we engaged the Natural Church Development assessment and program, who would have thought the

resulting “minimum factor” for our parish would be “passionate spirituality”? That led to the Lenten study of NCD’s 3 Colors of Your Spirituality. What a timely gift that turned out to be!

We had four study groups involving forty-six people. I was very impressed with the way people gave themselves to the study and the rather challenging material from Christian Schwarz. There was an eagerness to learn which of the nine native spirituality styles was our own – plus learning to appreciate the styles of others. The concepts and language are going to serve us well as we continue to grow in our relationship with God.

Meanwhile, the time after the service today was delightful. Many people enjoyed the lunch in Metcalf Hall. Conversations and laughter were happening everywhere and included some visitors. Of course, the highlight was the Easter egg hunt – smiles and joy were on the children’s faces as they ran with their baskets and the parents ran with their cameras. Well done Young Disciples and all who put the event together.

Now back to Palm/Passion Sunday – the services were so meaningful. The Parade of Palms is always fun even though we know the mood will shift dramatically with the narrative of the Crucifixion. Our Deacons presented the story well and the responses from the congregation added to the experience. Fr. Sean’s sermon was spot on and tied it all together. The Great Thanksgiving led us to the sacrament that was all the more special.

Yes, everything went as planned – great liturgy – but then it happened at the 8:00 Holy Eucharist. No one could have planned it. The Altar was set as per usual and my hands were washed. I walked behind the Altar and looked up – Oh my. The rose window high up in the back of the church was glowing beyond words. The sunlight coming through the stained glass was a stunningly bright gold. For a moment I could not speak.


Originally this window as over the Altar in our original white-framed church and was moved to its current place when the new church was built. It has to be at least a hundred years old. This morning I felt like I was not only seeing the glory of God but felt the heavenly presence of all the saints who have called St. Luke’s home over the generations. What a moment – truly a God moment for me and I suspect for all who turned to see for themselves. Thanks be to God!

So, Holy Week has begun – and what a beginning. I plan to take in every moment knowing that God will bless us with each step we take with our Lord. I can hardly wait for the Great Easter Vigil on Saturday evening, but I don’t miss anything along the way.

Come let us journey together and be ready for the fullness of Easter Joy.

Blessings,  
Fr. Lee+

**ORGAN CONCERT:** There will be a free organ and trumpet concert on Friday, April 1 at St. John’s Catholic Church, 8<sup>th</sup> & Johnstone. It will feature Hungarian musicians Mr. Zoltan Varga, St. John’s organist, and Mr. Norbert Lakner playing the trumpet. The concert will last about an hour and will have a wide variety of Easter themed music, traditional and modern. The concert starts at 7pm, all are welcome!



## Weekly Activity Calendar

**Easter Sunday, March 27, 2016**  
8:00am Rite I  
NO Sunday School Classes  
10:30am Rite II

**Monday, March 28, 2016**  
9:30am Church Staff Mtg.  
5:30pm Holy Eucharist  
6:30pm Ignatius Study, library

**Tuesday, March 29, 2016**  
10:00am Spiritual Discipline Group, Library

**Wednesday, March 30, 2016**  
6-8pm Young Disciples, RH  
7:00pm Choir

**Thursday, March 31, 2016**  
6:45am Men’s Fellowship, MH  
12:00pm Holy Eucharist

**Friday, April 1, 2016**

**Saturday, April 2, 2016**

**Sunday, April 3, 2016**  
8:00am Rite I  
9:15am Sunday School Classes  
10:30am Rite II

**Monday, April 4, 2016**  
9:30am Church Staff Mtg.  
5:30pm Holy Eucharist  
6:30pm Ignatius Study, library

### Bring Us Your Talents *Serve One Another With Whatever Gift You Have Received*



You are invited to attend the **EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN'S ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND BISHOP'S DAY** April 29 – 30 at St. Paul's Cathedral 127 NW 7<sup>th</sup> St.

in Oklahoma City. We will give thanks for all that has been accomplished by the ECW and by our churches. ECW Diocesan President Bebe Dotter is excited to welcome all who gather for worship and fellowship. This Conference offers many opportunities to share your experiences as well as time to meet with friends across the Diocese. We are pleased to welcome our Keynote Speaker, The Rev. Dr. Lisa M. Wolfe. Professor of the Endowed Chair of Hebrew Bible at Oklahoma City University, and affiliate faculty for Saint Paul School of Theology at OCU. To register or for more information, go to [http://www.epiok.org/digital\\_faith/events/3169131](http://www.epiok.org/digital_faith/events/3169131). Registration forms are also available in the parish office. Registration deadline is April 7.

## 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.)

Millie, Jacob, Charlie K., Ann, Amber,  
Dortha, Helen, Mary Lou, Sarah, Max,  
Ginny, Shelley, David, Sandy, Linda,  
Emma, Joseph, Sue, Mark, Becky, Cory,  
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](mailto:TPBGEN@aol.com) or contact the church  
office at 918-336-1212 or  
[anbell@episcopalbartlesville.org](mailto:anbell@episcopalbartlesville.org).

## KAIROS PRISON MINISTRY

*"Changing Hearts,  
Transforming Lives,  
Impacting the World"*

The purpose of the Kairos program is to establish a Christian community inside prisons by the transforming love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ. Our sexton, Lana Lookout, will be participating as a volunteer on a Kairos Weekend team at the Mabel Bassett Correctional Center for women on April 14-17. We are very excited for her to have this opportunity and would like to support her. **One of the ways to support a Kairos Weekend is with cookies!** 5,000 dozen to be exact! These cookies are distributed to everyone at the prison as tangible evidence of unconditional love for the residents. **IMPORTANT:** You must use ONLY the approved cookie recipes provided. **Specific recipes and directions are available on the church bulletin board** or you may go to <http://kairosoklahoma.org/youcan.html> to download the recipes. Cookies may be brought to the church and placed in the upright freezer on the NW end of Metcalf Hall. Cookies must be brought to the church **no later than Tuesday, April 12.** We also ask that you please keep Lana and the weekend in your prayers. Thank you!

## DISCIPLESHIP FORUM and TUESDAY SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINE GROUP to begin new study

Our Lenten Study of The 3 Colors of Your Spirituality has been wonderful and the response from our four groups very positive. Christian Schwarz's book has been informative, enlightening and affirming. He provides a unique way of understanding nine different spirituality styles for approaching our relationship with God and growing spiritually. His language, imagery and typology give us very useful ways for talking about ourselves and understanding others.

Thus, the study has been very helpful – but what now? We need to take this to the next level and apply what we have learned to our personal lives. This can be done through what is called "28 Days of Discipline." By signing up online at [www.3colorsofyourspirituality.org](http://www.3colorsofyourspirituality.org), participants can receive six daily disciplines each week regarding your "native style" plus one day each week receive a more challenging discipline. Participants are encouraged to keep a journal which will help in tracking their personal growth.

Anyone can do this on his or her own (and it is free). However, starting the Sunday after Easter and during the Easter Season, we are planning to use this method in Sunday's Discipleship Forum and the Tuesday Spiritual Discipline Group. Everyone is welcome to join either of these groups and be a part of the process. If there is an interest in yet another group being formed, Fr. Lee will help make those arrangements. If you are just starting to read The 3 Colors of Your Spirituality, give him a call and let him help – there is plenty of time to get on board.

## 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](mailto:mcwesne@gmail.com) as soon as possible. **Tickets** for the event will go on sale on Sunday, April 3 before the 8am service, between services, and after the 10:30am service, \$15/adults and \$5/children. They will also be available in the church office M-F beginning April 4.



St. Luke's will again be hosting families during the week of **April 10-17**. There are currently two single moms with 3 children; a total of 5 people in the program. We still have many volunteer spots left to fill. Check your calendars and please sign up to be a volunteer after both services this Sunday, March 27. If you have any questions, or would like to become a volunteer, please contact Jen Peterson at 918-397-7779 or [jenrpet1971@gmail.com](mailto:jenrpet1971@gmail.com).

## SEARCH COMMITTEE REPORT

I am so pleased to report that our Search Committee is now complete! The committee includes Monica Martin, Walt Gasior, Darian Kedy, Diana Farris, Kris Bonner, Steve Clark and me. Steve Clark is a Vestry member and will be the Vestry Liaison for the committee. The committee members all felt honored to serve and I am looking forward to working with them as we begin the search process. Our next step is meet with Canon José McLaughlin who will guide us as we go forward. Parish members said the Search Committee Prayer at both Sunday services as well as the Monday evening service.

*Jim Liehr, Search Committee Chair*



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**LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE 3/27/15 through 4/3/16**

*Volunteers: Please make your own substitutions.*

**Acolytes**  
**March 27**  
Servers  
 Michael McElyea, Ruth Todd  
**April 3**  
Servers  
 Harald Borg, Robert Boyle  
Torchbearers  
 Kimaya Kindred, Emma Boyle

**Scripture Lessons for**  
**Sunday, March 27**  
 Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2,  
 14-24; 1 Corinthians 15:19-26;  
 John 20:1-18  
**Music for Sunday, March 27**  
 #180 – "He Is Risen"  
 "Lift Your Voice Rejoicing"  
 #306 – "Come, Risen Lord, and  
 Deign to be Our Guest"  
 #178 – "Alleluia! Give Thanks to  
 the Risen Lord"

**Greeters**  
**Sunday, March 27**  
8:00am  
 Sally Canfield  
10:30am  
 D. J. & Jerry Nezam  
**Sunday, April 3**  
8:00am  
 Don Davidson  
10:30am  
 Glenn & Thelma Blackburn  
 Jo Oertle  
*(Volunteers are needed for  
 both services. Contact Amy  
 Borg, 713-206-1179)*

**Ushers**  
**Sunday, March 27**  
8:00am  
 Robert Babcock, Dean Zervas  
10:30am  
 Jim Grillot, Max McCreary  
**Sunday, April 3**  
8:00am  
 Ace Gardner, Dean Zervas  
10:30am  
 Jim Malone, Tim Simmons

**Layreaders**  
**Sunday, March 27**  
8:00am  
 Jeff Birk, Kate Carroll  
10:30am  
 Juanita Green, Penny Williams  
 Judy Currey  
**Sunday, April 3**  
8:00am  
 Jeff Birk, Darian Kedy  
10:30am  
 Bob Wesneski, Kate Carroll  
 Penny Williams, Lauren Green

**Coffee Fellowship Hour**  
**March 27**  
 Easter Sunday, no coffee hour  
**April 3**  
 Juanita & Lauren Green  
**April 10**  
 Kris & Glenn Bonner  
*To volunteer, contact Rita  
 Childers, 918-519-8470 or  
[puvev45@gmail.com](mailto:puvev45@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, you may  
 contact Melinda Wesneski,  
 918-333-7758 or  
[mcwesne@gmail.com](mailto:mcwesne@gmail.com).**

**Children's Chapel**  
**March 27**  
 Jeanne Julstrom, Travis Sutton  
**April 3**  
 Heather Boyle, Bob Tedstrom  
**April 10**  
 Erin & Travis Perry

**Nursery Volunteers**  
**March 27**  
 Anneke Borg  
**April 3**  
 Elizabeth Boyle  
**April 10**  
 Natalie Conner

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

**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!*

**Agape Mission**  
**4th Thursday,**  
**March 24, 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

**Sunday Plate Counters**  
**March 27**  
 Jim Grillot, Jim Malone  
**April 3**  
 Amy Borg