



The Steeple

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Lenten Activities

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Important Dates To Remember

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper,
March 8, 5:30-7pm, Rodgers Hall

Ash Wednesday, March 9, Holy
Eucharist at 7am, 12pm, 7pm

Co-Ed Cursillo, March 24-27, St.
Crispin's Conference Ctr.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, March 8, 5:30-7:00pm

Come say goodbye to Epiphany with a good helping of pancakes, sausage, milk, coffee and juice. The Young Disciples will be serving an all-you-can-eat "breakfast for dinner" on Tuesday, March 8 in Rogers Hall. Doors open at 5:30 and we'll stay until around until 7:00 or until the last person leaves, whichever comes last. Donations will be accepted at the door.



Ash Wednesday, March 9

The Liturgy for Ash Wednesday and the Holy Eucharist will be celebrated at 7:00 a.m., 12:00 noon, and 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday Morning Eucharist during Lent (March 9 through April 20) The Holy Eucharist will be celebrated at 7am every Wednesday in Lent, followed by a continental breakfast in Metcalf Hall.

Lenten Study 2011: THE PRAXIS OF FAITH Case Studies in Real Life

The Lenten Study this year will be based life situations based on the "Journals of a Priest" – a compilation of life experiences. Participants will be invited to reflect, share and learn more about our faith in ways that matter and shape us. Scripture, Tradition, Reason and Experience centered in Christ will guide to a deeper spirituality and application of our faith. Three identical sessions will be offered for four weeks in the Library beginning the week of March 11th: Sunday, March 11th, 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 13th, 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 14th, 7:00 p.m.

Adult Discipleship Forum Sundays, 9:15am, Metcalf Hall "God the What?" Continued

This incredible discussion will continue for the next two weeks with the final chapters: "God Wants What" – God's will and "God Interacts How? – Our Relationship with God. Our metaphors and beliefs about God and ourselves matter. Come share the experience. (Starting March 13th, The Proposed Anglican Covenant – what does it mean and does it matter for our life in Christ and the Church?)



Turn your clocks
**forward one
hour before
bedtime Sat.,
March 12.**

Daylight Savings
Time Begins March 13



This Epiphany Season is the longest possible in the Liturgical Calendar. Next week is the concluding ninth week as we celebrate the Transfiguration of our Lord. The date for Easter determines how many weeks we have in Epiphany. Then the Propers for the Transfiguration are moved up for the last week of the season. Thus, for the last few Sundays we have had Propers (scriptures and prayers) we often do not see. I was especially blessed by the Collect of the Day last Sunday:

Most loving Father, whose will it is for us to give thanks for all things, to fear nothing but the loss of you, and to cast all our care on you who cares for us: Preserve us from faithless fears and worldly anxieties, that no clouds of this mortal life may hide from us the light of that love which is immortal, and which you have manifested to us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

This prayer is in harmony with the Gospel of the day – especially the last portion: “Strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.”

I often laugh at myself when I hear that last sentence – “Today’s trouble is enough for today.” I have wasted a lot of time and energy over the years fretting over what might happen (and probably won’t) in the future. Of course, we are to live expectantly and even plan for the future, but not with fear and anxiety. Paul Young, author of The Shack, is right when he says we often live like the concerns and fears of the future are already a reality – and that’s no way to live.

In the process we can miss what is today – God’s gifts and grace for the moment. Saying “today’s trouble is enough for today” is negative way of saying “live now!” Seek God in every moment of the day with confidence that you are loved. Granted, we won’t always “feel” that way, but that does not change the reality of God’s steadfast love.

I think Sister Macrina is right when she says “crumbs of grace” are scattered all along the path day after day. She suggests we can even go back in our memories and retrieve the crumbs we have missed even years later – which is a good spiritual exercise. However, what if we believed the “crumbs of grace” are always before us each day waiting to be discovered and enjoyed? What if we believed that God is ever with us on a great day and on an intolerable day? What if we were aware that we had a constant partnership in Christ as we live into each moment?

Do I live this way all day every day? Well...no. I am better at it some days than others. I do have times when I have to trust beyond my knowing that God “carries” me until I am once again able live and breathe on my own – but always with God. I have found over the years that maintaining my spiritual disciplines can make a huge difference. These disciplines can help me stay aware of God’s presence throughout the day and focused in living into God’s love.

One of the best spiritual disciplines for this purpose is Praying the Hours. This is a wonderful way to be reminded throughout the day and in each moment that the “Divine Dimension” is ever present – Crumbs of Grace are everywhere – I am never alone in my fears and concerns – I have every reason to live with expectancy and gratitude in the day God has given me.

Blessings,

Fr. Lee +

Calendar of Events

Sunday, March 6, 2011

8:00am Rite I
9:15am Church School
10:30am Rite II
12:15pm Children’s Summer Activity Mtg., Vestry Rm.

Monday, March 7, 2011

8:45am Morning Prayer
9:15am Church Staff Mtg.
5:30pm Holy Eucharist

Tuesday, March 8, 2011

10:00am Spiritual Disciplines Group, library
4-7pm Yoga Classes, Rm. 217
5:30-7:00pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, RH
7:00pm CONCERN Board Mtg., Vestry Rm.

Wednesday, March 9, 2011

Ash Wednesday
Holy Eucharist @7am, 12noon, 7pm
10:00am Yoga Class, Rm. 217
6-8pm Young Disciples, RH
7:00pm Choir

Thursday, March 10, 2011

6:45am Men’s Fellowship
9:30am Bible Study, library
12:00pm Holy Eucharist
4-7pm Yoga Classes, Rm. 217
5:30pm Bible Study, library

Friday, March 11, 2011

Saturday, March 12, 2011
Daylight Savings time begins Sunday, March 13. Turn your clocks forward one hour before bedtime tonight.

Sunday, March 13, 2011

8:00am Rite I
9:15am Church School
10:30am Rite II
7:00pm Lenten Study, library

Monday, March 14, 2011

8:45am Morning Prayer
9:15am Church Staff Mtg.
5:30pm Holy Eucharist
7:15pm Vestry Mtg.

Episcopal Church Women’s SEMI-ANNUAL

Rummage Sale

Thursday, March 31, 9am-5pm

Friday, April 1, 9am-3pm

Rodgers Hall

St. Luke’s ECW’s big fundraiser Rummage Sale is coming up later this month. We are requesting donations of clothes (clean and in good repair), household items, furniture, books, etc., for our Spring Rummage Sale. Bring your tax deductible donations to the church anytime M-F, 8am-4pm. If you have any questions or would like to help with set-up, sales and/or clean up, please contact Sharon Schilling at 337-2107 or rscschil@aol.com.

ST. LUKE'S PRAYER LIST

Please keep the following persons
in your prayers...

(Names on the Prayer List will be
rotated off every 4 weeks.

If there is a need for continued
prayers, please let us know.)

Joyce, Bobby, Isaac, Maggie
Mae, Mike, Jessica, Ethan, Julie,
Phil, Martin, Marty, Jeff, Dianne,
John, Earl, Mary, Lindsay, Steve,
Charles, Judie, Loise, Chad,
Edress, Shelby, Marjean, Nathan,
Jean, Elizabeth, Will, Moon,
Laurel, Joseph, Brandon, Greg,
Jeremy

If you have a prayer request, please call
or e-mail our Prayer Ministry

Coordinators:

Thelma Blackburn (333-7902,
TPBGEN@aol.com) or

Richard Chamberlain (333-5591,
Deaconrc@sbcglobal.net)

A New Baby Boy !

Congratulations and blessings to
Brent & Michaela Bonner on the
birth of their son, *Fletcher Patrick*



Bonner, on Tuesday,
February 22 in
Bartlesville. He
weighed in at 8lbs.
7oz. Fletcher is
welcomed home by
big brother, Daxton.

Proud grandparents are Glenn &
Kris Bonner.

NURSERY NEEDS

The church nursery is still in
need of donations of snacks & drinks
for our little ones. Snack crackers &
small boxes of 100% fruit juice (NO
Kool-Aid, please) are requested.

Donations are always needed
for the Agape Mission's Food-4-Kids
Program which provides healthy
weekend snacks for needy children in
our community. A donation box is
located outside the nursery door.

Mardi Gras Fundraiser To Benefit Martha's Task Friday, March 4

A New Orleans-style dance
Bartlesville Community Center
Reservations required.
Call 918-336-8275
for registration details.

St. Luke's – Transforming Hearts & Lives

What Saint Luke's Episcopal Church Means to Me

I like St. Luke's because of how nice the people are and
the fellowship times in our church. I like singing in the
choir. I want to be a member of St. Luke's because our
church means a lot to me. I talked to Father Lee this past
Sunday to find out what I need to do to become a member
of St. Luke's and he is going to help me to become a member.



I think that if you haven't become a member of St. Luke's Episcopal
Church you should!

Diana Crawford (*sister of Juanita Green*)

The Transfiguration A Mountain-top Experience



This is my Son, my Chosen. Listen to Him!

Our children will share this wondrous story through drama, singing, and
with handbells at the 10:30 Eucharist this coming Sunday, March 6th.

Take a few minutes to read this amazing story.

See: Matthew 17:1-9; Mark 9:2-8; Luke 9:28-36.

We look forward to having YOU see our
special presentation of the Gospel.

CONCERN FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

Toilet paper, diapers (sizes 3, 5, & 6), jelly, stew, muffin mix, tomato sauce,
pudding, peanut butter, chili, ravioli, bread, Jell-O. Donations of non-
perishable food items & toiletries may be placed in the tub under the coat rack
by Metcalf Hall or taken to CONCERN Center, 333, SW Penn. Thank you!

A LENTEN DISCIPLINE SUGGESTION

Choir Rehearsals are more than learning the music for each Sunday and other special
services. Choir Rehearsals are also a time to consider the messages and teachings of the
texts of hymns and anthems. The Choir is a small family within our
larger St. Luke's family and, as families should do, the choir members
care about and for one another. We laugh together, weep together,
rejoice together and make incredibly lovely music together.



Adding the discipline of regular attendance at rehearsals on
Wednesday evenings and singing on a regular basis on Sunday mornings
promises more than responsibility. You can be assured of loving fellowship with caring
friends in Christ. An added plus: we get to sing no-guilt "Alleluia" during Lent because
we'll be practicing music for that great ALLELUIA SUNDAY - EASTER!

Come sing with us! No auditions necessary. Rehearsals: Wednesdays, 7:00 - 8:30ish p.m.

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LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE 3/6/11 through 3/13/11

Acolytes
Sunday, March 6, 2011
10:30 a.m.

Servers

Nicole Simmons
Lauren Heald
Crucifer
Lauren Heald
Torchbearers
Spencer Heald
Grace Dixon

Sunday, March 13, 2011
10:30 a.m.

Servers

Jack Wiseman
Tom Wiseman
Crucifer
Tom Wiseman
Torchbearers
Dave Wiseman
Hayden Harlow

Layreaders
Sunday, March 6, 2011
8:00am

M. Watkins, Grillot
10:30am

Sparks, P. Williams
Johnson, Green

Sunday, March 13, 2011
8:00am

Kedy, S. Williams
10:30am

Stephens, M. Watkins
P. Williams, L. Watkins

Scripture Lessons for
Sunday, 3/6/11

Exodus 24:12-18; Psalm 2; 2
Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9

Music for 3/6/11

#460 – "Alleluia! Sing to
Jesus"
#129 – "Christ Upon the
Mountain Peak"
#314 – "Humbly I Adore Thee"
#700 (text) – "O Love That
Cast Out Fear"
#618 – "Ye Watchers and Ye
Holy Ones"

Plate Counters

Sunday, March 6, 2011
*Vacant, please contact Bob
Wesneski, 333-7758 or the
church office, 336-1212 to
volunteer.*

Sunday, March 13, 2011
Jim Malone

*Volunteers: Please make your
own substitutions.*

Sunday Coffee Hour Treats

March 6 – Rukovena
March 13 – Blackburn
March 20 - Green

*Call Maureen Forsythe,
914-3320, to volunteer*

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please have articles that you would
like printed in *The Steeple* to the
church office no later than
Tuesdays, 12 noon. Thank you!

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 call
Melinda Wesneski,
333-7758 or
Barbara Martin, 336-8445.*

Greeters

Sunday, March 6, 2011

8:00am

Don Davidson
10:30am
Glenn & Thelma
Blackburn
Jo Oertle

Sunday, March 13, 2010

8:00am

Don & Cheri Doty
10:30am
Truly Johnson
Carolyn Lawrence

Church Nursery
Volunteers

March 6 – Zella Simmons
March 13 – Barbara Todd
March 20 – Natalie Conner
*Volunteers: Please make your
own substitutions. To Volunteer,
or to be a sub, you may call
Tammy Baughman, 440-8088.*

Ushers
Sunday, March 6

8:00 a.m.

Zervas, Gardner
10:30am

Malone, Simmons
Sunday, March 13, 2011
8:00am

Kemp, Gardner
10:30am
Blackburn, Ferguson

Children's Chapel

March 6 – Rosy Zuklic

March 13 – Amy Borg

March 20 – Tracy Harlow

*Volunteers: Please make your
own substitutions. To Volunteer,
or to be a substitute, call Mthr.
Stephanie Mitchell, 336-1212 or
405-850-3321.*

ECW Bereavement Committee
March 2011

Sydney Beasley, Sue Glass,
Rusty Hoff

April 2011

Kris Bonner, Millie Harrison,
Gretchen Hoyt

Agape Mission

2nd Thursday (3/10/11)

9am-11am

Cheri Doty, John McCollum
10:45am-1pm
Becky Liehr, Rita Childers,
Marcia Zervas, Kathy Zervas,
Rusty Hoff
1-2:45pm
Sharon Schilling,
Melinda Droege