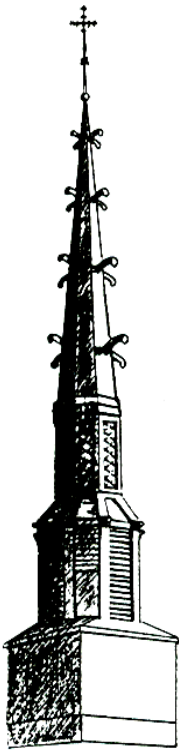


# The Steeple

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## Lenten Activities

### Wednesday Morning Eucharist during Lent

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

### 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 20: Sunday, March 20, 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 22, 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 23, 7:00 p.m.

Holy Week  
April 17 – 23

Easter Sunday  
April 24

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### **Important Dates To Remember**

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

**Monthly Vestry Mtg.**, Monday, March 14, 7:15pm

**ECW Luncheon & Program**, Monday, March 21, 11:30am, Metcalf Hall

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



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

Daylight Savings  
Time Begins March 13

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

This incredible discussion will conclude this Sunday, March 13 with the final chapter: "God Interacts How? – Our Relationship with God". Our metaphors and beliefs about God and ourselves matter. Come share the experience. **Starting Sunday, March 20**, we will begin our study & discussion on **The Proposed Anglican Covenant** – what does it mean and does it matter for our life in Christ and the Church?



Lent 2011 has begun. What will you make of this Lent in terms of your spiritual health and growth? This edition of "The Steeple" has a list of options. I want to comment and expand on them.

**Lenten Study 2011: The Praxis of Faith** – The idea for this study comes from conversations about metaphors for God and what we believe about God. We will use case studies from "real life situations" based on the "Journals of a Priest." The discussion will work toward a deeper spirituality and application of our faith. The three identical classes will begin a week from Sunday on March 20.

**The Proposed Anglican Covenant** – This Sunday March 13 in the Discipleship Forum (9:15am, Metcalf Hall) we will finish the study of God the What? and our search for meaningful metaphors for God (an ongoing challenge). This has been one of our best studies and will continue in other forms.

A week from Sunday (March 20) we will begin the study of the Anglican Covenant which has been proposed by the Archbishop and Primates of the Anglican Communion. Our Bishop has asked each parish to study the covenant and give feedback on the regional level and then on to the diocesan convention. I have been asked to serve on a committee of five that will present a resolution on the covenant at the next convention. The resolution will then be used as our response at the next General Convention.

**Add a Eucharist to your Lent** – Each year a Eucharist is added on Wednesdays at 7:00 a.m.. This service takes about thirty minutes and is followed by a light breakfast. We meet in the Chapel for this quiet and reflective service – a good way to live into the season of Lent. If the early morning time is too much for you, try the Thursday Noon Eucharist. This service includes special prayers for healing. Either of these Eucharists would be a good Lenten discipline.

**Stations of the Cross** – If you would like a good spiritual discipline which can fit your schedule, try praying the Stations of the Cross. Come to the church anytime during the day. The booklets will be available in the Narthex. Depending on your pace, this can be done in about twenty minutes or so but take as much time as you need. This is a good discipline to share with a friend.

**Praying the Hours** – Each week a different prayer card for Praying the Hours will be available on Sundays. Many of the prayers were written by members of the Spiritual Discipline Groups. The inspiration has come from their readings from Sister Macrina, Frank Laubach and Brother Lawrence and their personal spiritual disciplines. Praying the Hours will take you deeper in your spiritual journey in Lent.

**Give Up and Add On** – There is a tradition of giving up something for Lent to help you become more focused in your spiritual life. If this works for you, fine – go for it. Often we give up something we should be giving up anyway. So, whatever it may be that is good for you, give it up and don't plan to start again post Easter. Better yet, add something to your Lenten discipline that is not only good for you, but will continue beyond Easter. Be intentional with the changes you need to make and use Lent to keep you focused and work toward meaningful changes that will last.

The possibilities are endless – like losing weight or stop smoking. Or, how about becoming a volunteer at CONCERN, the Agape Mission or Bridges? You could even join the choir or work with our children. People are always needed to visit our homebound friends or someone in a nursing home who doesn't have family. Actually, I know someone who needs a ride from Tallgrass Estates on Sundays.

**Make this a meaningful Lent. Grow in Christ as we make the journey to Jerusalem.**

Blessings,  
Fr. Lee +

## Calendar of Events

### Sunday, March 13, 2011

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

### Monday, March 14, 2011

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

### Tuesday, March 15, 2011

4-7pm Yoga Classes, Rm. 217

### Wednesday, March 16, 2011

7:00am Holy Eucharist  
10:00am Yoga Class, Rm. 217  
7:00pm Choir

### Thursday, March 17, 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 18, 2011

### Saturday, March 19, 2011

### Sunday, March 20, 2011

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

### Monday, March 21, 2011

8:45am Morning Prayer  
9:15am Church Staff Mtg.  
11:30am ECW Luncheon & Program, MH  
5:30pm Holy Eucharist

### Episcopal Church Women's SEMI-ANNUAL

## Rummage Sale

Thursday, March 31, 9am-2pm

Friday, April 1, 9am-1pm

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](mailto:rscschil@aol.com).



### Episcopal Church Women's Luncheon & Program

Monday, March 21

11:30 a.m., Metcalf Hall

Catered Lunch - \$8/person

Becky Wallace will present the program on antique Victorian dolls. All women of the church and their guests are invited to attend. Contact Deborah Cooper for reservations: 918-766-5135 or [deborahjcooper@yahoo.com](mailto:deborahjcooper@yahoo.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.)

Joe, Zac, Gene, Mike, Jessica, Isaac, Mary Jane, Bobby, Maggie Mae, Ethan, Martin, Marty, Julie, Jeff, Dianne, Lindsay, Steve, Charles, Judie, Loise, Chad, Edress, Jonathon, Shelby, Marjean, Nathan, Jean, Will, 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](mailto:TPBGEN@aol.com)) or

Richard Chamberlain (333-5591, [Deaconrc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Deaconrc@sbcglobal.net))

## 2011 COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES

All services are held at  
First Presbyterian Church,  
5<sup>th</sup> & Dewey  
Theme: "Lessons In Living"

### March 9

The Rev. Connie Taylor  
First United Methodist Church

### March 16

The Rev. Dale Scott  
Good Shepherd Presbyterian

### March 23

The Rev. Bill English  
Disciples Christian Church

### March 30

Dr. Everett Piper  
Oklahoma Wesleyan University

### April 6

The Rev. Dr. Timothy Jackson  
Greater First Baptist Church

### April 13

The Rev. Jason Elmore  
Friday Nite Church

### April 20

Kristy Rodgers, CLP  
1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian

Services are held every Wednesday during the seven weeks of Lent prior to Easter Sunday. Pre-service music begins at noon; worship service is from 12:15-12:45 p.m. This is an interdenominational community-wide event. Each week a different speaker will deliver the message. Musicians in the community will provide music. A light lunch is available beginning at 11:30 a.m. each Wednesday and will be served after the service as well.

A nursery will be provided.

Everyone is welcome!

## St. Luke's – Transforming Hearts & Lives

### What Saint Luke's Episcopal Church Means to Me

There are many reasons that I like St Luke's. Many of them are obvious and have already been documented well. It is a wonderful place to strengthen mine and my family's relationship with God; the fellowship is terrific; and Fr. Lee continues to amaze me, he is so very good at what he does. But the thing that I would like to share about what I like about St. Luke's is something that only a few of us have the privilege of experiencing up close.



Bob, Stephanie, Miriam, Debbie and I get to meet with our Young Disciples every week. It is an amazing experience to watch their relationships with God, with each other, and with us develop, strengthen, and mature through the years. We have a very broad range of ages and personalities, from 6th graders to 12th graders, from athletes, to band members, to nerds. It is very unlikely that many of these youth would have the opportunity to socialize with each other without coming together at St Luke's. Yet, they have become a very close knit group that truly cares about each other. They love to discuss where they see God each week in their lives. They enjoy doing service work as a team. And they have a lot of fun. It is a wonderful thing to watch the transformation in their lives as their relationships deepen with God and with each other, and I am blessed to be a part of it.

Tim Simmons

## Thanks to our Children for a Mountaintop Experience this last Sunday!



*Peter, James, John:* Gretta Olsen, Katie Todd, Anneke Borg

*The Voice of Jesus:* Hayden Harlow

*The Voice of God & Bell Ringers:* Harold Borg, Grace Dixon, Josie Harlow, Kimaya Kindred, Kirah Lockman, Mary & Genevieve Miller, Grace Mitchell, Charlie, Luke & Nick Olsen, Ruth Todd.

## DIOCESAN SUMMER CAMPS

Summer Camp, held at St. Crispin's just a few miles east of Seminole, begins in early June. Graduates of grades 3-12 are eligible for the camping program. All camp sessions are coeducational.

Emphasis is placed on individual growth in a context of Christian community through relationships with other youth and adults, through religious education and worship, and through a variety of well-planned and supervised creative and recreational programs.

**June 5 – 11**

**Senior High Camp**

**June 12 – 18**

**8th and 9th Grade Camp**

**June 19 - 25**

**3rd, 4th, and 5th Grade Camp**

**June 26 – July 2**

**6th and 7th Grade Camp**

**July 3 – 6**

**Family Camp**

**July 8-9**

**ABC Camp for children 5 years of age through entering 3rd grade - overnight with a parent**

**July 10 - 16**

**3rd, 4th, and 5th Grade Camp**

**July 17 – 23**

**6th and 7th Grade Camp**

The cost for the entire week is \$275, and scholarships are available if needed. For general more information or to register,

visit <http://www.episcopaloklahoma.org/camps/stcrispins.html>.

Give the experience of camp a thought for your loved ones - be it a child, children, grandchild, grandchildren, or your family.

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Monday 5:30pm, Thursday 12pm

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## LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE 3/13/11 through 3/20/11

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

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

**Sunday, March 20, 2011**  
**10:30 a.m.**

**Servers**  
Jack Wiseman  
Katie Todd  
**Crucifer**  
Katie Todd  
**Torchbearers**  
Grace Mitchell  
Max Mitchell

**Layreaders**  
**Sunday, March 13, 2011**  
**8:00am**

Kedy, S. Williams  
**10:30am**

Stephens, M. Watkins  
P. Williams, L. Watkins  
**Sunday, March 20, 2011**  
**8:00am**

Birk, Kedy  
**10:30am**

P. Williams, Grillot  
M. Watkins, Wesneski

**Scripture Lessons for**  
**Sunday, 3/13/11**

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7;  
Psalm 32; Romans 5:12-19;  
Matthew 4:1-11

**Music for 3/13/11**  
#142 – "Lord, who Throughout  
These Forty Days"

GATHER #159 – "Deep within"  
#312 – "Strengthen for  
Service, Lord"

GATHER #210 – "Praise to  
You, O Christ, Our Savior"

Service music will include the  
Schubert settings of the Kyrie,  
Sanctus and Agnus Dei

**Plate Counters**

**Sunday, March 13, 2011**

Jim Malone

**Sunday, March 20, 2011**

Steve Clark

**Volunteers:** Please make your  
own substitutions.

**Sunday Coffee Hour Treats**

**March 13** – Blackburn

**March 20** – Green

**March 27** – Watkins

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 13, 2011**

**8:00am**

Don & Cheri Doty

**10:30am**

Truly Johnson

Carolyn Lawrence

**Sunday, March 20, 2010**

**8:00am**

Sue Glass

**10:30am**

Betty Hardin

Maureen & Steve

Forsythe

**Church Nursery**

**Volunteers**

**March 13** – Barbara Todd

**March 20** – Natalie Conner

**March 27** – Cordy Liggett

**Volunteers:** Please make your  
own substitutions. To Volunteer,  
or to be a sub, you may call  
Tammy Baughman, 440-8088.

**Ushers**

**Sunday, March 13**

**8:00 a.m.**

Kemp, Gardner

**10:30am**

Blackburn, Ferguson

**Sunday, March 20, 2011**

**8:00am**

Kemp, Zervas

**10:30am**

Bonner, Clark

**Children's Chapel**

**March 13** – Amy Borg

**March 20** – Tracy Harlow

**March 27** – Tim & Zella Simmons

*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**

Millie Harrison, Gretchen Hoyt,  
Sharon Schilling

**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 Droeger