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Pam Paden,
Mary Stauffer,
Terry Mandel

This Week at Trinity

Worship Assistants for Sunday, May 28, 2017

8:00 a.m. - Rite II, Holy Eucharist
Chalice Bearers: Donna Griffin, Gail Griffin
Lector: Diana Dyal
Intercessor: Austin Turney
Usher: Greg Hazen

10:30 a.m. - Rite II, Holy Eucharist
Chalice Bearers: Sara Woods, David Marker
Lectors: Sandra Wiechert, Dru Sampson
Intercessor: Janine Cox
Ushers: Maria Thompson, Katie Becker, Terry Tracy
Vergers: David Severance
Acolytes: Geme Ajekwu, Ozi Ajekwu, JJ Siquah

6:00 p.m. - Rite I, Solemn High Mass
Chalice Bearers: Carl Edwards, Bianca Elliott
Lector: Nathan Roser
Greeter and Usher: Dave Eddington

Altar Flowers

This week's altar flowers are given to the glory of God.

Adult Forum

There will be no Adult Forum this coming Sunday, May 28.

Announcements

Parish Office Closing

The parish office will be closed Monday, May 29, for Memorial Day.

Bianca Elliott Ordination

By the Grace of God, the Right Reverend George Wayne Smith, bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri, will ordain Bianca Lynn Shindley Elliott to the Sacred Order of Deacons in Christ's One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church at half past ten o'clock in the morning Saturday, the seventeenth of June in the year of our Lord two thousand seventeen at Grace Episcopal Cathedral, 701 South West Eighth Avenue, Topeka, Kansas. All are welcome to attend.

Words of Inspiration

Stewardship Message: Stewarding Our Time

I am a lists person! I have lists of birthdays, lists of paint colors on the walls of my house, lists of vaccinations my girls have received, lists of exercises to do in the gym. And of course "to do" lists, home lists, work lists, immediate lists, and long-term lists. I am queen of lists, and one of my joys is ticking off my lists.

But what I am really saying is that I have agendas: agendas that revolve around me in order to get stuff done in the time allowed. With four daughters, a part-time job, a home, a dog, a husband, a church and some hobbies, this is not much time at all.

Like a lot of people, I am extremely time poor. Time runs ahead of me each day as I try to get stuff done and tick off my never ending lists. So time -- the sharing and giving of it -- is probably my most precious commodity. Over the years, as my children have grown, I have also learned an important lesson: sometimes I need to dump the lists (they will always be there and new ones created) and spend time with other people doing what they want.

On the surface, these times don't appear to be anything special, but they become special as I purposefully, fully engage with what someone else wants to do. I watch pre-teen movies with my youngest daughter, walk around art galleries with another daughter, watch sports with my husband, and take my older two girls out for lunch at their universities. And actually, I have found that by putting others first and me second, these occasions have been some of the best and most enriching times: sharing in new experiences, learning new things, creating memories, and cementing relationships.

No, I don't have a "time" list. Children and teenagers in particular don't ever pick a good time to need to talk or have a crisis, so being interrupted, changing plans, canceling evenings out or sessions in the gym are all things that happen regularly. I also plan to make time for others, am happy to be interrupted, change my plans, and ditch my agenda.

Today I challenge you, as stewards of your time, to be second: to put someone else first, to spend time doing what they would like to do. So go to a football game, watch something you wouldn't choose, share the experience. You never know, you may even learn something!

--- Debbie Wright, 40 Acts of Stewardship (2014)

TEST Tidbits: Proposed Federal Budget

Sometime this week, the proposed federal budget for 2018 is to be presented to the Congress. There will most likely be intense discussion over

the proposed cuts and proposed increases in spending. Of course, any resulting budget will not end up being the same as the one presented. Now, however, is our opportunity and civic duty to inform our elected representatives of our views on the proposed budget. Most representatives will pay attention if enough folks show concern. There are good reasons to be especially engaged this year. There are numerous social "safety-net" proposed cuts to Medicaid, food stamp programs, etc. To find out about these proposals, please go to www.cnn.com. If you are interested in increases in military spending, please go to www.nytimes.com.

TEST is focusing on a few of the proposals that would affect the environment. A few examples are listed below:

1. The Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) budget is to be cut by 1/3 and much of its work on climate-change-related research would be eliminated. At the same time, there will be an increase (two times the amount spent on this in the last budget) for an around-the-clock security detail for EPA director, Scott Pruitt. Environmental organizations like the Union of Concerned Scientists are afraid that such cuts and changes in emphasis will allow polluters to go unchecked. They have reason to be worried, as the proposed budget will eliminate the EPA's Greenhouse Gas Reporting Program and the Environmental Justice Program. Also eliminated is the Assistance for Alaskan Villages Program (mitigating the effects of climate change). If this budget were approved, the EPA would lose 3,800 jobs and around 50 programs. Two regional EPA offices would be closed and funding and grants to state EPA offices would be cut by 45%.
2. Almost all of the funding that would have been used for President Obama's Clean Power Plan will be eliminated. The plan was to limit the carbon pollution from coal-fired plants. Getting rid of this check on carbon emissions adds to climate change and may increase the number of asthma cases in areas close to coal plant operations. Many of these same areas are home to people who are less likely to deal with added illness in their families.
3. Programs to restore or clean up some areas, such as the Great Lakes, Chesapeake Bay, Puget Sound, Gulf of Mexico, and San Francisco Bay, would be eliminated and "superfund site" funding (cleaning up the worst pollution) would be slashed by 57%.
4. Radon detection programs will be eliminated. Also eliminated would be the Energy Star program that helps consumers choose appliances and electronics that use the least amount of energy to run.
5. A research program that was looking into possible endocrine disrupters presence in pesticides, cosmetics, receipts from registers, and food-can linings would be eliminated. Endocrine disrupters may effect or are linked to breast cancer, diabetes, prostate cancer, genital deformities, and infertility.
6. Crop insurance for the nation's farmers would be cut by 36%. This comes at a time when frequent storms and uncertain climate are affecting crops. This cut will adversely affect smaller farm operations. The National Institutes of Food and Agriculture would lose \$100 million, and various conservation programs in the Department of Agriculture would be cut or eliminated.
7. The proposed budget for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) will be \$90 million below the current budget. Most of these cuts would be in climate research and grants to regional climate centers. NASA's funding would be cut by \$50 million. This cut would mainly affect the agency's satellites that help scientists track and understand climate change data.
8. The energy Department's Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy would be cut by 70%. This cut would greatly restrict research in renewable energy.

This proposed budget is not a surprise, but it is disheartening to those who believe that climate change is a very real threat to the health of the environment and to our own health. Please, keep informed and let your representatives know your wishes.

Information for this article was gathered from www.huffingtonpost.com; www.grist.org; and www.insideclimatenews.org.

"Caring for the environment -- it's a Christian thing to do!"

Ministry Opportunities

Trinity Connections

The relationships we develop with each other are important aspects of our parish life, providing an opportunity for conversation, a physical "check in"

and a greater sense of security. We are in the process of organizing potential participants willing to communicate with others by phone, email, text, or in person to build a robust network of communicators in the church family. If you are interested in learning more, or if you would like to participate, please contact Tudy Youngberg (785-218-2283), Nora Clark (785 491-8445), Clenece Hills (785-842-6313) or Grace Cooper (785-842-2874).

Forward Day by Day

Forward Day by Day for May through July is now available. This edition emphasizes the Holy Spirit and courage and strength the Spirit will give us in our lives. The Spirit brings creative ways to express love in our lives and the lives of those around us. One phrase is "More Love, Less Hustle." Another emphasis is on thankfulness, especially for what we can do for others.

Trinity Interfaith Food Pantry

The food pantry was open nine days in April 2017 and served 271 families (185 children, 436 adults, 30 senior adults, and 34 new patrons) requesting food assistance. In April, the total expense for food purchased locally and through Harvesters was \$1,874.45, and the total retail value of all food provided in April (both donated and purchased) was \$5,354.96. The food pantry is grateful for all donations of money and food to provide food assistance to many people in Lawrence and in Douglas County. NOTE: The Harvesters Mobile Food Distribution for May has been canceled. The next Mobile Food Distribution is scheduled for Saturday, June 24, at First Baptist Church (1330 Kasold).

GIFT Cards: A Good Deal

Grocery Income for Trinity (GIFT) cards for all the Lawrence grocery stores are always available for sale in the parish hall between church services. A GIFT card you buy at church is treated like cash at the store: a \$50 card buys \$50 worth of groceries. And it results in a contribution to the church, because these grocers have agreed to give back to Trinity between 4% and 6% of the total amount that you spend with that store's GIFT card. It is an easy way to contribute to Trinity.

Prayer Chain

To add a person's name to the prayer list or to become a prayer chain member, please contact the parish office (prayers@trinitylawrence.org; 785-843-6166) or Carol Hatton, Prayer Chain coordinator (caroldonhatton@gmail.com).

The Prayer Chain prays daily for those who are ill, suffering, troubled, have died, or wish to offer praise and thanksgivings. Prayer Chain members find that their own private prayer life with God also deepens during this daily practice.

Pray for those who are ill:

Vashti, Diana, Stephanie, Allison, Emily, Brycen, Sam, Steve, Wayne, Jo, Denise

Prayer for those with special intentions:

Ray, Roy, Beverly, Tara, Logan, Peyton, Ben, Matthew, Nicholas, Patti, Linda

Pray for those in the hospital:

Barbara, Sara, Bob, Liz, Anne, Tom, David

Pray for those who are departed:

Donald Muhr, David Baker, Alison Bauer, Dr. Charles Neuringer, Luida Abrahamson

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Sunday, May 28

8:00 a.m., Holy Eucharist, Rite I

9:30 a.m., Adult Forum

10:30 a.m., Holy Eucharist, Rite II

10:30 a.m., Sunday School

11:30 a.m., Coffee Hour

6:00 p.m., Holy Eucharist, Solemn High Mass

Monday, May 29 - Memorial Day

Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, May 30

2:00 p.m., Food Pantry

Wednesday, May 31

6:00 a.m., Pump 'n' Pray, Kansas Union parking garage, top level

6:30 p.m., Evening Service & Dinner

&:30 p.m., Christian Classics

Thursday, June 1

10:00 a.m., Trinity Treasures

Friday, June 2

6:00 a.m., Pump 'n' Pray, Kansas Union parking garage, top level

Saturday, June 3

10:00 a.m., Food Pantry

10:00 a.m., Organ Practice

Newsletter Information

The deadline for placing items in this newsletter is every Wednesday at 12 p.m. If you have any questions or would like to start receiving this newsletter each week, please contact Sheryl Poole (sp@trinitylawrence.org).

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