



# The Corner

Newsletter of Trinity Episcopal Church, Lawrence, KS



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## **This Week at Trinity**

### **Worship Assistants for Sunday, August 13, 2017**

8:00 a.m. - Rite II, Holy Eucharist  
Chalice Bearer: Gail Griffin, Patricia Henshall  
Lector: Margaret Bearse  
Intercessor: John Bullock  
Usher: Greg Hazen

10:30 a.m. - Rite II, Holy Eucharist  
Chalice Bearers: Mary Donovan, Carl Edwards  
Lectors: Dean Bevin, Janine Cox  
Intercessor: Carol Hatton  
Ushers: Garth Burns, Jerry Hanson, Nancy Hanson, Chuck Olcese  
Verger: Donna Griffin  
Acolytes: Caroline Schmidt, Claire Schmidt, Liam Nutt, Ari Myers-Arenth

### **Readings**

1 Kings 19:9-18  
Psalm 85:8-13  
Romans 10:5-15  
Matthew 14:22-33

The complete lectionary readings for Sunday, August 13, can be found at [www.lectionarypage.net](http://www.lectionarypage.net).

### **Hymns**

Opening: #1, "Father, we praise thee" (*Christe sanctorum*)  
Sequence: #608, "Eternal Father, strong to save" (*Melita*)  
Communion: #306, "Come, risen Lord, and deign to be our guest" (*Sursum Corda*)  
Closing: #533, "How wondrous and great thy works" (*Lyons*)  
Hymns can be accessed at [hymnary.org](http://hymnary.org).

### **Collect of the Day**

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### **Altar Flowers**

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

### **Sunday School**

Sunday School returns this fall on Sunday, September 10, at the 10:30 a.m. service for grades 3-5.

## **Announcements**

### **Welcome Susan Hires**

Father Rob is pleased to announce that Susan Hires will be our new Choristers director. Choristers is our children's choir here at Trinity Church. Susan comes to Trinity with many years of experience as a private voice teacher and church musician, having served Lutheran, Presbyterian, and Methodist churches in Austin, TX and Topeka. She is very involved at Theatre Lawrence, mostly playing cranky old women while on stage, as well as music directing ("The Rocky Horror Show" again this October) and house managing. This past June she music directed "The Lion King" at the Lawrence Arts Center and had a ball with all 88 cast members. (Whew!) She also is the choir teacher at Century School. She is very happy to be at Trinity and is looking forward to meeting her new church family. If you would like to contact her, Susan's email is [sh@trinitylawrence.org](mailto:sh@trinitylawrence.org).

### **Blessing of the Backpacks**

On August 13 during the 10:30 a.m. service, students of all ages, teachers, and school staff are invited to bring backpacks to be blessed as we begin another academic year.

### **School Supplies for Willow**

In addition to blessing backpacks for the children of Trinity on Sunday, August 13, we will be blessing donated backpacks and school supplies for the children at the Willow Domestic Violence Shelter. As you buy backpacks and supplies for the coming school year, please buy extras to give to the children at Willow. We received a note last year from a mother who thanked us for our generous donations that gave her child the opportunity to choose her backpack, folders, and other school supplies. There's nothing like starting the school year with a new backpack and new supplies. We can make this happen for the children of Willow! Please Bring your donations to the church office or place them in the green container in the parish hall.

### **Lay Eucharistic Visitor Training**

On Saturday, August 19, at 10 a.m., there will be a training session for new Lay Eucharistic Visitors (LEVs) in the parish hall. Are you interested in helping the sick, the elderly, or those who are unable to leave their homes participate in the sacramental life of the Church? Would you like to visit those who are lonely and need a connection with their parish family? The LEV ministry brings the shared Communion of Jesus Christ to those who can not be with us on Sundays. LEVs generally visit one person each month, bringing them Communion. This simple visit is incredibly meaningful to those who receive, and is a wonderful way to live out your own faith. Please contact the parish office (785-843-6166) if you would like to attend.

## **Upcoming Events**

### **Ministry Expo -- Sunday, August 27**

We are often reminded that Christian Stewardship is about the grateful use of all the gifts God has given us: our Time and Talent as well as our Treasure. That means *everything* we have:

- work time and play time
- skills and talents
- health and energy
- thoughts and ideas
- family and friends
- neighbors and community
- money and possessions
- the world we live in and the church we attend.

All these gifts are granted to us to use wisely and carefully.

To celebrate our gifts and to prepare for another year of service, Trinity will have a Ministry Expo on Sunday, August 27. All group leaders and chairpersons are asked to be at Trinity before and after the 10:30 a.m. service to share information about their ministries and sign up new volunteers.

Leaders are being contacted by the Stewardship Committee this week, so be prepared to tell us whether you need a table, space for a poster, or whatever else we can provide. We are using the leadership list as provided in the January 2017 Annual Reports booklet, and we do not want to leave anyone or any group out! If you do not receive an inquiry about your needs from a member of the Stewardship Committee by August 13, please email or call Terry Mandle, Ann Elizabeth Bishop or Sandy Jacquot.

## **Words of Inspiration**

### **From the Desk of Father Rob**



This Sunday we will be having our blessings of the backpacks. Two things to remember:

First, we are taking up a collection of school supplies for the Willow Domestic Violence Shelter. Notebooks, paper, pencils, and, yes, backpacks are needed. Please drop by them the church office or bring them on Sunday.

Also, for everyone heading off to school, we invite you to bring your own backpack, satchel, briefcase, or whatever you use, to receive its own blessing. This isn't just for students, it's for teachers and other educators as well. Start the school year off right with a special celebration and blessing this Sunday at Trinity Church.

Yours in Christ,  
Fr. Rob

### **Stewardship Message: A Glimpse of Heaven**

There are times when we get to see a glimpse of heaven through the love of another person. Such events give us hope and strength. As we walk the steward's path, we will experience moments of grace in which we see the tiniest seeds we have planted grow into something amazing, reminding us that our stewardship is God's plan for us.

Giving of our abilities and talents is more than a response to God's calling: our giving is a way for God to break through into the lives of others. As we use what God has given us, God uses us as his instruments of grace.

The greatest example of this occurs at the Eucharist, when God is present with us in the gifts of bread and wine. When we take Christ into our own bodies, we accept the offer to take him into the world to others. The world cannot see Jesus in us with human eyes, but through our works of stewardship, Jesus can be seen in us. One could say that our stewardship may give someone a glimpse of heaven.

--- excerpted from Tracy Earl Welliver's ["The Main Thing Blog"](#)

### **TEST Tidbits: A Ute Prayer**

The following prayer-poem, "Earth Teach Me," was composed by Nancy Wood, author of numerous works on Native American life and culture. It appears in Wood's 1976 musical work, "[War Cry on a Prayer Feather.](#)" honoring the Utes Native American peoples who lost most of their ancient homeland to the gold rush in the mid nineteenth century. The Utes now make their home on reservations in northeastern Utah and southwestern Colorado. The poem is quoted here from page 8 of the book [Of Earth and Sky: Spiritual Lessons From Nature](#) (Augsburg 2001), compiled by Thomas Becknell.

As Jesus taught lessons drawn from his knowledge of creatures and elements of nature, this prayer-poem inspires us to observe and learn character and wisdom from aspects of God's creation.

Earth teach me stillness  
As the grasses are stilled with light.  
Earth teach me suffering  
As old stones suffer with memory.  
Earth teach me humility  
As blossoms are humble with beginning.  
Earth teach me caring  
As the mother who secures her young.  
Earth teach me courage  
As the tree which stands all alone.  
Earth teach me limitation  
As the ant which crawls on the ground.  
Earth teach me freedom  
As the eagle which soars in the sky.  
Earth teach me resignation  
As the leaves which die in the fall.  
Earth teach me regeneration  
As the seed which rises in the spring.  
Earth teach me to forget myself  
As melted snow forgets its life.  
Earth teach me to remember kindness  
As dry fields weep with rain.

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

## **Ministry Opportunities**

### **Forward Day by Day**

[Forward Day by Day](#) for August through October is here. The author for August is Scott Claassen, a priest who, for one year, minimized his carbon footprint and bicycled 11,500 miles engaging people in discussion about climate change and care for God and neighbor. In September the author is Sophronia Scott, a writer and teacher of creative writing who is a member of Austin Turney's former church in Newtown, CT. In October the author is Eileen O'Brien, who is campus missionary for the University of Houston. For those who prefer a large-print version of Forward, they are on the desk in the parish library

### **Trinity Interfaith Food Pantry**

The food pantry was open nine days in July 2017 and served 264 families requesting food assistance. Each bag of food given to a family has a retail value of \$19.76. In May, the total expense for food purchased locally and through Harvesters was \$2,118.04, and the total retail value of all food provided (both donated and purchased) was \$5,216.64. We are grateful for all donations of money and the donation of food to provide food assistance to many people in Douglas County and Lawrence. The Harvesters Mobile Food Distribution is scheduled for Saturday, August 26, at 1 p.m. 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](mailto:prayers@trinitylawrence.org); 785-843-6166) or Carol Hatton, Prayer Chain coordinator ([caroldonhatton@gmail.com](mailto: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, Julia, Jan, Mary Ann, Beryl, Vernon, Jane, Lorraine, Barbara

Prayer for those with special intentions:

Roy, Rob, Peggy, the Saddler family, Bill Becky, Bev, Theodore, Tommy

Pray for those in the hospital:  
Fred, Barbara, Loraine, John

Pray for those who are departed:  
Richard Dudman, Bruce Scoular

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### Sunday, August 13

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

### Monday, August 14

6:00 a.m., Pump 'n' Pray, Kansas Union parking garage, top level  
9:00 a.m., Morning Prayer

### Tuesday, August 15

10:30 a.m., Staff Meeting  
2:00 p.m., Food Pantry

### Wednesday, August 16

6:00 a.m., Pump 'n' Pray, Kansas Union parking garage, top level  
4:00 p.m., Endowment Committee Meeting  
6:30 p.m., Evening Service & Dinner

### Thursday, August 17

9:30 a.m., Brandon Woods Eucharist  
10:00 a.m., Trinity Treasures

### Friday, August 18

6:00 a.m., Pump 'n' Pray, Kansas Union parking garage, top level  
6:30 p.m., Trinity Supper Club

### Saturday, August 19

10:00 a.m., Food Pantry  
10:00 a.m., Organ Practice  
11:00 a.m., Lay Eucharistic Visitor Training  
7:00 p.m., Board Games & Beer

## 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](mailto:sp@trinitylawrence.org)).

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