

## Serving at Trinity

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## This Week at Trinity

### **Worship Assistants for Sunday, March 12, 2017 (Daylight Saving Time Begins)**

8:00 a.m. - Rite II, Holy Eucharist  
Chalice Bearers: Patricia Henshall, Donna Griffin  
Lector: Diana Dyal  
Intercessor: Margaret Bearse  
Usher: Brian Christiansen

10:30 a.m. - Rite II, Holy Eucharist  
Chalice Bearers: Glenna Kleinkauf, Ryan Zavacky  
Lectors: Karen Keim, Dru Sampson  
Intercessor: Carl Edwards  
Ushers: John Broholm, DuWayne Kramer, Alison Myers-Arenth, Craig Myers-Arenth  
Vergers: David Severance  
Acolytes: Caroline Schmidt, Claire Schmidt, Liam Nutt, Ari Myers-Arenth

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.

## Upcoming Events

### **Upcoming Lenten Taizé Services**

On Friday, March 12, the next Taizé Lenten service will be held at 6 p.m. at First Baptist Church (1330n Kasold). On March 17, the 6 p.m. service will be held at Immanuel Lutheran Church (2104 Bob Billings Pkwy); on March 24, the service will be at First United Methodist (946 Vermont); On March 31, the service will be at St. Paul's United Church of Christ, Eudora (738 Church St.); and the Lenten services will conclude on April 7 with the always-popular Stations of the Cross Taizé at St. John the Evangelist Church (1234 Kentucky). For more information or to be put on the Taizé email notification list, please contact Judith Galas ([judithcgalas@gmail.com](mailto:judithcgalas@gmail.com)).

### **Climate Change Miniseries**

On Monday, March 13, the Lawrence Ecological Teams in Sustainability (LET-US), along with the Wakarusa Chapter of the Sierra Club, will be presenting "Before the Flood" (2016), a documentary produced by Leonardo DiCaprio about the consequences and our responses to climate change. The film will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Lawrence Public Library (707 Vermont). On Sunday, April 2, 4 p.m., also at the Lawrence Public Library, Dr. Chris King, retired Brigadier General and Chief Academic Officer at the U.S. Army Command General Staff College, will present a talk called, "Climate Change and Environmental Security in a Trump Whitehouse." Join the Trinity Environmental Stewardship Team (TEST) in attending these timely presentations.

### **Canterbury House Beams Cats to Jupiter**

(Fake.) On Tuesday, March 14, Trinity's rector, the Very Rev. Rob Baldwin, will lead a program at KU's Canterbury House (1116 Louisiana) about fake news and the Bible. The program will look at articles and prophesies about the Bible, and how to tell if they are creditable. The night will begin with a free dinner at 6:30 p.m., and program will follow shortly after. As always, all are welcome.

### **Refugee and Immigrant Ministry Meeting**

On Wednesday, March 15, the Lawrence Interfaith Refugee and Immigrant Ministry will meet at 7:15 p.m. in the parish hall. This month's presenter will be the director of Centro Hispano, Lydia Diebolt, who will speak about the immigrant experience locally and what assistance can be offered. The recent experience of detention and deportation of members of our local immigrant community has created an urgent situation for us to consider our care for the "Stranger among us." Please plan to attend this very important meeting. For further information or questions, contact Chuck Olcese ([chuckolcese@gmail.com](mailto:chuckolcese@gmail.com)).

## Words of Inspiration

### From the Desk of Father Rob

Every season of Lent I like to remind people that one of the opportunities available as part of not only their personal reflection but also preparation for Easter is the sacrament of reconciliation. This sacrament is present in every Sunday service as part of the "General Confession of Sins" that occurs after the Prayers of the People and before the passing of the Peace as part of a community-wide confession of sin and receiving of absolution, but can also be done in a more intentional and personal way using the "Reconciliation of the Penitent" liturgy found in the Book of Common Prayer.

This service is often connected to images from popular media of people entering dark booths and murmuring wrongdoings through a screen to a priest who, more often than not, appears to recognize people based on their voices. Trinity possesses no such booth so that liturgy is done face-to-face with the understanding that everything said would be kept in the highest confidence.

There are also no set times for this to happen. People wishing to partake in the sacrament need to contact me directly via email, phone, or just coming up and talking to me about scheduling a time. The service takes about half an hour to an hour, depending on the length of the conversation.

Speaking of which, it is often a good idea to spend some time before the service considering what you, as the participant, want to talk about. I often encourage participants to write down in advance those sins which are on their minds, doing a bit of "triaging" to determine what are the most important points, and put them first. This helps people get to the heart of what is really affecting them, rather than lose our way on minor issues.

The Reconciliation of the Penitent is intended by the Church to offer a pastoral response to the suffering caused by a person's history of sin and to remind everyone of God's forgiveness and grace. While not required, it can be a meaningful part of a person's spiritual journey, and is offered without reservation by myself and this church.

Yours in Christ,  
Fr. Rob+

### Stewardship Message: Likewise

We tend to think of generosity as a spontaneous thing. Off the cuff. A quick cup of coffee for a homeless person on the way to work. A gift of money when a relative falls into difficulty. But if spontaneity is our only mode of generosity, we shut ourselves off from some powerful displays of kindness. Planning ahead removes those limits and unlocks something extraordinary. You prepare yourself to be the solution to problems you haven't even encountered yet.

When I arrived at the car accident, others were already tending the injured. A young man approached, handed me a hi-vis jacket, torch, and walkie-talkie, and said, "Go down to the corner, stop all traffic, and then we'll direct the flow safely together."

So that's what we did for 40 minutes. When ambulances had gone and police had taken over, I returned the jacket, torch, and walkie-talkie to the man who, it turned out, worked in a call centre.

"So why do you carry this stuff in your car?" I asked.

"To be ready to deal with situations like this," he replied.

Wanting to share the Gospel somehow, I added, "You've been a Good Samaritan tonight."

His response with a wink was, "Well, go and do thou likewise!"

I did. I bought these items and others for about £50, put them in the car boot, and in two years used them six times on the road. Sometimes helping means being willing AND having the right gear. On one occasion I was called a "Good Samaritan," so you know how I responded.

--- The Rev. Andy Campbell, Church of Scotland, in 40acts from Stewardship

### News From Nepal

*(Karin Feltman is a member of St. Margaret's Episcopal Church, Lawrence, KS, who is currently living in Nepal as a full-time missionary, fighting human trafficking.)*

Hi, everyone! Wow -- it has been a busy season here. I spent two weeks in the village, followed by nearly a week at our team's annual planning meeting (and fellowship retreat), and the last week playing catchup and working on the Kathmandu part of my duties.

There is a lot on the horizon in terms of projects -- new and old -- and I am excited to see where all of this leads.

At the annual meeting, I pitched some project proposals for my village and was thrilled when every one of them was approved. As a result, my village will get a new water system to replace the one destroyed in the earthquakes; the village church will get an addition to be used as a "care home" for the elderly in the village with no one to take care of them; and a menstruation hygiene project to educate about women's health and menstruation issues to make the school "girl friendly" so that they can attend school all month long, without missing days (up to two months each year) because they aren't allowed to attend during their menstrual cycle.

I am also in the process of writing a grant proposal to get some laptops for the schools in the villages where I work, as well as the safe houses that I frequent. This project will come with IT and computer-skills training for the kids to enable them to get better jobs in the future.

So much is opening up here -- I am excited to see what God does with it. Thank you for your support!!

### **TEST Tidbits: Water Protections**

It is no secret that President Trump would like to rein in what some people might call "needed environmental protections" and others might refer to as "overreaching regulations." This past February, the president was able to eliminate one rule under the Clean Water Act and call for a review and possible elimination or severe reduction of another rule under the same act.

The rule that was eliminated was President Obama's Stream Protection Rule. This rule had been finalized in December of 2016 after years of work to clarify vague regulations under the Clean Water Act dealing with the debris left from the mining process called "mountain-top removal." Tons of this debris often filled valleys below the mining operation, burying and/or polluting streams. Appalachian Voice, an environmental advocacy group, stated that around 2,000 miles of streams have been buried in this region of coal mining since the 1990s. Although environmentalists were annoyed that President Obama's Stream Protection Rule did not address mountain-top removal practices, it did offer better protections for streams.

As soon as President Trump was elected, Congress swiftly passed a bill to eliminate the Stream Protection Rule, and in February, the President signed the bill. Congress was able to eliminate this rule under the 1996 Congressional Review Act, which allows Congress to review, change, or eliminate recently enacted legislation of the previous president (only those additions made after June 2016). Regulating of the debris from mountain-top removal mining now returns to the vague rules in place in the 1980s.

Later in February, President Trump signed an Executive Order, instructing the EPA and the Army Corp of Engineers to review and reconsider the Waters of the U.S. Rule under the Clean Water Act. This rule did not meet the requirements under the Congressional Review Act and might require years to review and would need public input as well.

However, the story of this Waters of the U.S. Rule is complicated. It began with a Michigan landowner's desire in 2006 to drain and fill a wetland to develop a shopping center. There were objections from conservationists, and the Clean Water Act was vague on the wetland issues. It went to the U.S. Supreme Court. The justices agreed that there should be some protection, but could not agree on the extent of protection. (Should it include what was then thought to be an isolated body of water under the Clean Water Act?) Thus, it was sent back to the lower courts.

In 2011, President Obama, wanting to clarify this part of the Clean Water Act, proposed a draft to his EPA. After four years of work, over 400 public meetings, and thousands of scientific articles on the topic of wetlands, streams, watershed areas, and the importance of the inter-connections (even of smaller streams and wetlands) to the health of our water supply, the EPA, in 2015, presented the final Waters of the U.S. Rule. It would still protect large bodies of water, but now included 2 million miles of streams and 20 million acres of wetlands. Loud protests were heard from landowners, developers, golf-course owners, sand and gravel dredgers, etc.

Legally, the Waters of the U.S. Rule still remains under a stay in the lower courts. President Trump's Executive Order keeps the stay in effect until his EPA finishes its new review. In the meantime, the Environmental Working Group, an environmental educational entity, warns that, "undermining any part of the Clean Water Act (including this Waters of the U.S. Rule) is a gift to polluters and Big Ag, and a threat to public health and the environment." Our nation's aquatic species, bird species, wildlife health and habitat, healthy watersheds, drinking water supplies, and recreational activities all depend upon good water protections that affect everyone. It remains to be seen what President Trump's EPA will do during the review process.

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

## **Ministry Opportunities**

### **Forward Day by Day**

Forward Day by Day for February through April is now in the tract racks. March and April will begin with Ash Wednesday and cover Lent and Easter.

### **Trinity Interfaith Food Pantry**

Trinity Interfaith Food Pantry (TIFP) was open eight days in January 2017 and served 266 families (275 children, 472 adults, and 24 senior adults) with 32 new families requesting food assistance. Food purchased locally and through Harvesters in January totaled \$1,437.46, and the total retail value of all food provided (both donated and purchased) was \$5,256.16.

The Harvester's Mobile Food Distribution, a partnering program with volunteers from First Baptist Church, Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas, Trinity Interfaith Food Pantry, and the Salvation Army, is held on the fourth Saturday of each month, 1-2 pm at First Baptist Church (1330 Kasold).

We are grateful for the donation of the proceeds from the 42 players who registered for the 2017 Ice Bow (Disc Gold Competitive Event) held on Saturday, February 25, at Centennial Park in Lawrence. The event was highly successful, with the donation of over 300 cans of food and a total of \$550 collected for the event -- all donated to TIFP. We thank Isaac Heinen, a KU Senior and intern in Sports Management; and Dustin Reed, Aquatics programmer with City of Lawrence Parks and Recreation who coordinated the event.

### **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:

John, Vashti, Peter, Tom, Don, Janet, Roxanne, Ryan, Alex, Sally

Prayer for those with special intentions:

Tally, Dennis, Kaye, Margaret, Mary, Terry, Carole, Nick, Andrew, Matt, Ian, Roy, Lisa, Linda, Kendra, Terry, Amanda, Sam, Warren and Hunter, John and Becky, the Bishop Seabury students on their trip to Cuba

Pray for those in the hospital:

Steve, George, Ginny, Terry, Mabel, Gavin, Dominador, Kari, Jack, Linda, Ellen

Pray for those who are departed:

Betty Paxson, Kimberly Peters, Paul Kangas, Myron King, E. Dorssom, Rachel Dyal, Mabel Stoneback, Bill Houghland, Jim Onken, Jane Gates, M. Kellom

## **This Week at Trinity**

### **Sunday, March 12**

#### **Daylight Saving Time**

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 & Supper

6:00 p.m., Lenten Taizé Services, First Baptist Church

### **Monday, March 13**

6:00 a.m., Pump 'n' Pray, Rock Chalk Park

9:00 a.m., Morning Prayer

### **Tuesday, March 14**

10:30 a.m., Staff Meeting

2:00 p.m., Food Pantry

6:30 p.m. Canterbury House

### **Wednesday, March 15**

6:00 a.m., Pump 'n' Pray, Rock Chalk Park

6:00 p.m., Evening Service & Dinner

7:15 p.m., Refugee and Immigrant Ministry, Jackson Kemper Room

### **Thursday, March 16**

10:00 a.m., Trinity Treasures

7:30 p.m., Trinity Choir Rehearsal

### **Friday, March 17**

6:00 a.m., Pump 'n' Pray, Rock Chalk Park  
6:00 p.m., Lenten Taizé Service, Immanuel Lutheran Church

**Saturday, March 18**

10:00 a.m., Organ Practice  
10:00 a.m., Food Pantry  
7:00 p.m., Board Games

**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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