



Trinity Episcopal Church

The Corner

Trinity's e-newsletter for the week of March 10th, 2019



Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Here are the latest opportunities to strengthen your faith and connect with the community.



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS First Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 10th, 2019

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

Chalice Bearers: Gail Griffin
Donna Griffin

Lector: Ray Wilbur

Intercessor: Margaret Bearse

Usher: Greg Hazen

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

Chalice Bearers: Janine Cox,
Donna Olson

Lectors: Anne Patterson, Rachel Schwaller

Intercessor: Austin Turney

Verger: Glenna

Acolytes: Dylan and Max Eldridge;
Geme Ajekwu

Ushers: David Severance, Vashti Winterburg, Dave Griffin, Gail Griffin



It is that Spring Forward Weekend that we all enjoy. Most all time devices will auto adjust but if still have those old old clocks, make sure you set them forward to make it to Church on time. One of the fondest memories you can have is getting the kids dressed for Sunday service and walking up to the front doors just as others start walking out...



Adult Forum

This Sunday's Adult Forum will feature Trinitarian Brian Haupt talking about his ministry with the transgender community in Kansas City and beyond. Join us at 9:30 AM this Sunday. The Adult Forum

Altar Guild:
Katie Becker (Captain), Charlotte Mueller, Nora Clark, Cheryl Flessing, Nancy Haggart, Shirley Reese, Dru Sampson, Emalea Miller

READINGS

Sunday, March 10th, 2019

- Deuteronomy 26:1-11
- Romans 10:8b-13
- Luke 4:1-13
- Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

See the complete lectionary readings for Sunday, February 10th, at www.lectionarypage.net.

Upcoming Event: Friendship Circle Dinner

Date: Sunday, March 10th

Time: 12:00 p.m.

Location: Bishop Kemper Room

Description: Soup will be provided. Please bring a dish to share. Contact Susan Ralston (785-843-3920 or sralston@sunflower.com for further information.

Upcoming Event: Tea and Compline

Date: Tuesday, March 12th

Time: 6:00 p.m to 7:15 p.m.

Location: Canterbury House

Description: Join us for tea and quiet Prayers at the end of the day.

Upcoming Event: Family Play Time

Date: Wednesdays

Time: 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Location: Trinity Nursery

Description: All families are welcome, ages 0-3 years old. Older siblings also welcome. Stop by anytime to play and visit! Light refreshments provided. Hope to see you there!

Upcoming Event: Men's Holy-Stir It

Date: Thursday, March 14th

Time: 5:15 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Location: Crown Toyota of Lawrence, 3430 Iowa St,

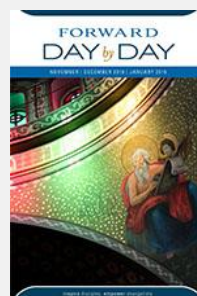
Description: Part II of new vehicle technology. Learn what is happening now and in the near future. Hors d'oeuvres will be served. Deacon Steve will have the sign up sheet at the 10 am service on the 10th and be collecting the \$5 fee.

Upcoming Event: Organ Recital by Liz Kundin

Date: Saturday March 16 Time: 3:00 p.m. **Location:** Trinity

Description: The Trinity Episcopal Church community is invited to an organ recital at the church at 3:00 on Saturday, March 16th. Works presented will include compositions by Bach, Buxtehude and Franck, as well as by several

takes place in the downstairs Jackson Kemper Room.



Forward Day by Day for February through April has arrived. Try using it as your companion through the Lent and Easter seasons. Read and reflect on each day's scripture and the meditation, then try the Moving Forward suggestion to go from reflection to action.



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:

DJ, Susan, Jill, Linde, Todd. Dave, John, Fritz, Rob, Dane, Dick, Julie, Talitha, Val, Alex, Debbie, Cindy, Glenn, Phoebe, Brian, Glenna, Bob, Desiree, Eleanora, Sam, Oliva

Prayer for those with special intentions:

Jody, Brian, the Barbee and Johnson families, Mike, Libby, Matthew, Allison, Patti, Catherine, Christian, the Adams family

Prayer for those in the hospital:

Josh, Chuck, Jill, Joanne, Linde, Diana, Sallie, Joanne, Paul, Nikki, Amya

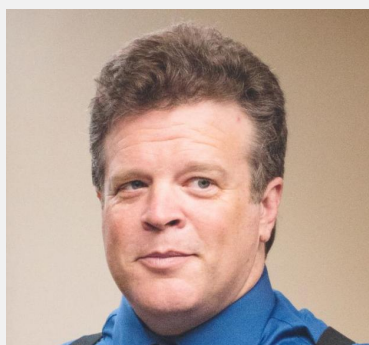
Pray for the departed:

Stephanie Mott

TEST TIDBITS—RESOURCES FOR LENT

Wednesday was the first day of lent, but it is not too late to sign up

modern composers. A reception will follow. Liz Kundin has been a student of organist Dr. Sharon Hettinger for the past four years.



From the Rector's Desk

Today in prayer, I asked God, "what was the most faithful, most Christlike thing I did over the past weekend? What did I do that was good in your sight?" The answer that came back? When I stopped by the church Saturday morning to grab my vestments before heading to Topeka for the bishop's consecration, I ran into our janitor. And I introduced myself.

Because the thing is, this guy has been working for us for months and I had no idea what his name was. He is the employee of a company with whom we have contracted to do the work, and this church is assigned to this guy. So here he is, mopping the floor listening to Tejano music and humming along, and I do not know this man's name. There was a time when church's listed their sextons (a much more dignified title) in their photo directories and websites. But not us.

It's Gonzalo, by the way. He seems like a nice guy. I forgot to invite him to church.

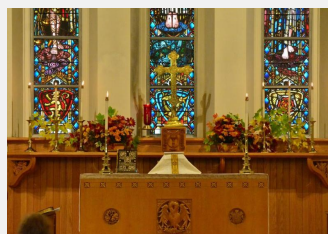
This got me thinking about why people in the service industry wear name tags: our grocers and waitstaff and the people who change our oil. And disturbingly, I came up with two possible solutions. One, it might be an attempt on their part to force us to recognize their humanity and treat them more nicely (e.g. "Hi, I'm Michelle, and I'll be your server tonight. Can we start with an appetizer?"). Second, and worse, it allows us to identify them and report them to their managers. It's a tag. And we get to keep our anonymity.

I used to work those jobs. As a youth I was a salesperson in the sporting goods section of a department store. I worked for a brief time doing random surveys by telephone for a company doing research for healthcare providers (where, by the way, I often used a false name because I thought

for a daily reminder that this is the season for study, contemplation, prayer and renewal of commitment to Christ. The following are some (there are many more) suggestions for your personal journey through Lent.

Last weekend, our Diocese of Kansas welcomed the Rev. Cathleen Bascom as our new Bishop. As a way of introducing herself as concerned with creation care, she had placed in the pews a beautiful picture of the Konza Prairie taken by Archdeacon Charles Pearce. The flip side had a "tear-away" pledge inviting everyone to learn about the Episcopal Church's commitment to Creation Care, to study related scriptures, and to become acquainted with the "Sustaining Earth, Our Island Home" carbon tracking system project (Stay tuned for more information about this project coming this spring). If you would like to follow these same suggestions, please go to <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/creation-care>, <https://www.sustainislandhome.org>, and <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/files/documents/scriptures-creation.pdf>

Visit the Trinity website for the full article... <http://www.trinitylawrence.org/trinity-environmental-stewardship-team/>



Searching for God's Helpers

The Altar Guild would like to invite volunteers to join us as we prepare the altar for the Sunday morning Eucharists.

We're looking for people that would like to contribute their time to the beautification and preparation of the altar, and getting to know other parishioners. Duties include setting up the altar, polishing brass, and the putting everything away afterwards. Training will be provided, and service is required for a month at a time, four times a year.

If you feel the call, please call Carl Edwards (550-6176) or Fr. Rob.

people would be less intimidated if I called myself “Stanley.”) And people treated me terribly sometimes and spoke to me in a way that would embarrass them if their pastor was standing next to them at the time.

Anyways, this in turn got me thinking about Lent and my Lenten discipline. During this season, any time I encounter someone in the service sector with a name tag, I’m going to introduce myself and thank them for serving me. No doubt I’ll come across as some sort of weirdo or creep sometimes, some person blithely crossing the social barriers we place between ourselves and the dozens of people who make our lives what they are on a day-to-day basis.

And maybe invite them to church, or at least ask them about their favorite music.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Rob+



The Friendship Circle

A social group at Trinity Episcopal Church that includes those who are widowed, divorced, single, or those who would like simply to seek friendship from parishioners. The group meets once a month for lunch at noon on the second Sunday of the month in the downstairs Bishop Kemper room. Occasional field trips and other social events occur throughout the year. Everyone is welcome.

The next gathering will be on Sunday, March 10. Soup will be provided. Please bring a dish to share. Contact Susan Ralston (785-843-3920 or sralston@sunflower.com for further information.

2019 Mission Plan (Budget) Update

Senior Warden Steve King made this announcement during the February 24th worship services, but in case you were not there, below is an update on Trinity’s 2019 Mission Plan (aka “budget”). The Vestry considered the 2019 Mission Plan during their Retreat on February 23rd, and approved a Revised 2019 Budget. The Revised 2019 Budget includes some changes to both projected income and expenses.



Every day members of our parish and the greater community take the opportunity to enjoy our green space outside the parish. Trinity Church is putting together a group of volunteers to regularly tend the garden spaces outside the church—the “Lay Weeders.” Do you have a green thumb, or perhaps would like to learn how? We would love to hear from you. Contact Fr. Rob Baldwin at rb@trinitylawrence.org and let him know you’re interested in being part of this new group at Trinity Church. We are having a organizational meeting shortly and would love to have you on the team.

The Bottom Line

The Vestry reviewed the January 2019 financial reports for Trinity at their Retreat/Meeting on February 23rd. Below are the highlights for Trinity’s January financial experience.

- Total Income:
- Budgeted: \$35,374.99
- Actual: \$44,358.54*
- Difference: \$8,9383.55

*Income was above budget in January due to the receipt of \$10,545.00 of income from the "Above & Beyond" Fundraiser. Pledge income was on budget for January, while Contributions & Offerings fell short of the budgeted amount.

- Total Expenses:
- Budgeted: \$34,799.01
- Actual: \$32,289.87*
- Difference: \$2,509.14

*Expenses were below budget in January primarily due to staff salary expense running below budget due to several open staff positions. Cash flow was positive in January, due to end of the year giving, the receipt of a large donation of marketable securities, and 2019 prepaid pledge income being moved into the operating account. Thank you for your financial support of Trinity!

With respect to income, the Vestry added the one time income from the "Above & Beyond" Fundraiser of \$16,700.00 to projected income. The \$16,700.00 includes \$11,700.00 of individual contributions, a \$1,000 contribution from the Ploughman's Lunch, and a \$4,000 transfer from the Ralston Music Fund. With these additions, projected total income for CY2019 is \$441,200.00.

With respect to expenses, the Vestry revised the Assistant Rector Salary expense to \$20,200.00 for 2019. The expense for Music Staff Salaries was revised to \$28,367.00. The expense for "Musicians 10:30" (paid singers for the 10:30 am service) was revised to \$5,100.00. With these changes, projected total expenses for CY2019 are \$430,741.00.

Projected net income for the approved revised 2019 budget is \$10,459.00, which provides a small buffer to handle financial contingencies (i.e., unexpected revenue shortfalls or higher than expected expenses).

Vestry Meetings

Vestry meetings are held the fourth Mondays of each month except for the months of January and February. The next scheduled meetings are:

March 25th
April 22nd
May 27th* may be moved to the 28th

All meetings are open to the congregation and start at 6:30 p.m.



Coffee Hour

Like to thank all the families that have provided fine foods for the Coffee Hours this last year. Sign up sheets for March and April are posted. If you would like to sign up to provide snacks and work the coffee pots, there are many openings to choose from.

News from Nepal

Sorry for the long time between updates! I was in the village for most of December and January, and then traveled to Thailand for a medical conference so I could get the needed continuing education hours to keep up my nursing license.



LINK Volunteers Needed

On Tuesday, March 19th, Trinity Episcopal Church and St. Margaret's Episcopal Church will serve with the Lawrence Interdenominational Nutrition Kitchen (LINK) at the First Christian Church (1000 Kentucky).

Please sign up in the parish hall to provide casseroles, milk, salads, fruit (especially bananas), and bread. Signup sheets will be available on Sunday, March 10 and 17.

We also need assistants! People to cook casseroles that will serve 10-12, people to bring food of other types, and really importantly, people to join us in the kitchen (down the stairs on 10th Street, just off the alley between Vermont and Kentucky) at noon on that Tuesday.

The gold standard for casseroles is a hot casserole in an aluminum foil pan delivered at noon. If you can't make that arrangement, we are happy to have food left in the kitchen at Trinity on Sunday and we will swoop in and take it to LINK on Tuesday. Orea Kent shops for LINK on Monday; if you would prefer to have her pick up your donation, you can get cash or a check to her before then.

Orea Kent (badger@sunflower.com) and Catherine Hale Robins (cathcu90@gmail.com) are co-chairs for LINK; you may contact either of them to let them know what you are bringing or if you have questions.

Trinity Church is creating a support group for parents of children with developmental, educational, or emotional challenges, such as ADHD, ODD, DMDD, autism, etc. The "Alphabet Soup Parents Group" will meet regularly to help parents build community, share experiences and strategies, and gain useful tools to help their child succeed.

If you would be interested in being a participant in this group, please contact Fr. Rob Baldwin at rb@trinitylawrence.org or call the Church office at 785-843-6166.

We will be collecting information from interested participants about

I am still in Thailand as we speak, but am now getting some much needed medical checkups. Please keep me and the testing in your prayers. They have already found 2 torn tendons and a torn ligament in my right wrist from injury (falling in the village more than once) and I need surgery to repair them. I am hoping that will be all they find, but I will spend the next week having multiple tests just to make sure all systems are fine. After I know the extent of what, if anything, is wrong with me I will make plans on how to move forward to fix it. This is definitely not a life/job I can do at less than optimum health and fitness levels.

In the meantime, the women's group and programs are marching forward with the help of the Nepali non-profit that manages my projects. The women's group will start a year-long micro business training program this month and are also scheduled to do another 3 sanitary pad productions before the end of the year. Thank you for lifting them (and me) up!

Reminder that articles for our newsletter should be sent to office@trinitylawrence.org by Wednesday noon each week.



New Beginnings

St. David's, Topeka
March 29-31
Grades 6-8
\$50 (\$65 after March 15)
<https://edokyouth.wordpress.com/new-beginnings/>

New Beginnings

A weekend retreat focusing on the two greatest commandments: loving God with all of our heart, mind, and strength, and loving our neighbors as ourselves. The retreat is led by a team of youth and adults from around the diocese.

Who: Students in grades 6-8 of the current school year are participants. Students in grades 9-12 can participate as staff and gain ministry and leadership experience.

Fee: \$50

Priority Deadline: Friday, March 15 (fee increases \$15 after this date)

Registration forms:

<https://edok.formstack.com/forms/newbeginnings2019>

Ministry Opportunities

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Sunday, March 10th
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
12:00 p.m., Friendship Circle Dinner
6:00 p.m., Youth Group
6:00 p.m., No Canterbury Service..Spring Break

Monday, March 11th
6:00 a.m., Pump 'n' Pray

Tuesday, March 12th
10:30 a.m., Staff Meeting
2:00 p.m., Food Pantry

Wednesday, March 13th
6:00 a.m., Pump 'n' Pray
6:00 p.m., Evening Service & Dinner

Thursday, March 14th
9:30 a.m., Brandon Woods Service
10:00 a.m., Trinity Treasures
1:30 p.m., Group one Women's Quest-ioning
5:15 p.m., Holy Stir-It

Friday, March 15th
6:00 a.m., Pump 'n' Pray
6:00 p.m., Taize Prayer Service at Westside Presbyterian

Saturday, March 16th
10:00 a.m., Organ Practice

10:00 a.m., Food Pantry
3:00 p.m., Organ Recital Liz Kundin
7:30 p.m., Board Games and Beer

Sunday, March 17th
Discretionary Sunday
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 with Baptismal Cake by Vashti
6:00 p.m., Youth Group
6:00 p.m., Canterbury Service

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